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NOTICE.

Tuesday, August 19th, having been declared a public holiday in honor of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, there will be no publication of the Guardian on Wednesday, Aug. 20th.

BEAUTIFY THE CITY.

The Floral Association has again come forward with tangible inducements for the beautifying of the City in the shape of prizes for the best kept lawns and back gardens. For this and similar inducements as well as valuable advice and suggestion in the past the City is indebted to this organization which is doing its work for the love of it and for the benefit of the City.

It is possible that some good souls will get the idea that these prizes are available only to those who are fortunate enough to own roomy lawns, spacious back yards, and rich enough to purchase expensive flowers and shrubbery. This is not so. Lawns and back yards are just like men and women. This is said without any disrespect either to the lawns and back yards or to the men and women. A woman, for example, may be clothed in the most expensive "purple and fine linen" and decorated with the most expensive Parisian creation in hats—and be most unbecomingly dressed, may be what the ladies might legitimately class as a "fright." A man may be similarly clothed and similarly a "fright," and some of them are.

It is good taste that tells in dress, whether of man or woman, and it is good taste in the fixing up of lawns and back yards the Floral Association is looking for and hoping to give prizes for. There is not a lawn or a back yard in Charlottetown that could not with the necessary application of good taste and a modest outlay in flower seeds, suitable plants and other fixings, be made a prizewinner. In any case the exercise of aiming at prize-worthiness brings its own reward.

There are two main purposes in promoting this competition, apart altogether from the prizes offered, which is the smallest consideration. These two are sanitation and beauty. Cleanliness and tidiness with healthy, growing plants are the prime factors in healthfulness. There are back yards in the city in which disease germs are waiting for a breath of wind or other disturbance to scatter sickness and death throughout the neighborhood. It is to reduce the number of these, to show the benefit of cleanliness that the Floral Association is undertaking this campaign.

The other purpose is the cultivation of a taste for beauty, for beautiful surroundings, for a beautiful city. Love of the beautiful is a virtue and one cannot go far astray in morals, in religion, in patriotism who looks for the beautiful in nature, in art and in man or woman. Behind the movement for the beautifying of the City lies the great missionary spirit whose aim is to redeem the world from the last vestige of spiritual, moral and material ugliness.

CUTTING THE PRICES.

There is at present in the United States a great scampering among the wholesalers and retailers, consequent upon the recent enquiry into the high cost of living and the threat to punish the profiteers. Each group is anxious to have it thoroughly understood that the fault for the high prices is someone's else. No one is to blame but the other fellow. All the same the prices have come down very materially. Recent quotations show a cut of ten, fifteen, twenty and even higher per cent in the prices of different commodities—chiefly foodstuffs. The following extracts from recent reports will be of interest: "Potatoes have been cut from 50 cents to \$1.40 per barrel since July 28." "Slashes in the price of dressed meats range up to five cents a pound for pork loins." "The cutting has been extended to beef." "Big drops are noticeable in quotations for Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago." "The figures indicate the downward trend is general," etc.

It is significant and somewhat curious to find that the reductions so far quoted are confined to farm products; significant also that the reductions are in the retailers' and wholesalers' quotations. It would be much more interesting to know what the margin is between the price received by the farmer and that quoted by the wholesaler and the retailer. There is no doubt that the larger proportion of the exorbitant price is tacked on after the produce has left the farmer's hands. Nor is there any doubt that any reductions made by the wholesaler and retailer will be made by them in the price paid to the farmer.

There is no indication of a drop in boots and clothing although, according to our recent despatches, enormous quantities of wool from Australia and Argentine have been purchased by the British Government and the excuse of scarcity of wool can no longer be used as the cause of the exorbitant price of clothing. In Canada there is an embargo on the export of hides so that within a reasonable time there should be a perceptible reduction in the available supply of leather. The proportion of the cost of leather in a pair of boots to the cost of the boots is very small, however, and adjustments must be made elsewhere, for the larger part of the cost is in the labor and that, like the leather, is controlled by a union.

The only parties concerned in the cost of living who are not so united as to control prices are the farmers. They are obliged to take what they can get for their produce. They are at present receiving exorbitant prices, it is true, but they can save their consciences in taking

the highest price they can get by the thought that if they do not take it the middleman will and it will make no difference to the consumer.

There is much yet to be adjusted before there is any perceptible reduction in the cost of living. In the meantime such items as the following are not uncommon:

"NEWARK, N.J., Aug. 12.—Despondent over the losing struggle against the high cost of living, which kept her five children in ill health, Mrs. Catherine Wohlford committed suicide by taking poison. Neighbors told the police Mrs. Wohlford recently repeated that owing to high prices, she could 'hardly keep the children alive'."

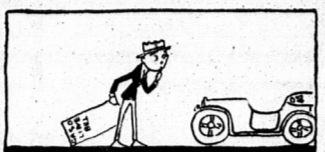
the movement, which the Government is using every means to suppress.

"The discovery was made just when Germany believed itself quieting down, while the rest of the world rioted and struck," the official statement says. "The object of the Communist strike leaders is to promote power, the first necessity of which is the stoppage of transportation to prevent the distribution of food and coal. The movement, which is already widespread, began at Erfurt, where a huge meeting controlled by Communists was held last night, the strike being decided upon. This action is, no undeniably, because the Government has not only carried out promises made at the time the last railroad dispute was settled, but has introduced other reforms."

HINTS FOR The Motorist

BY ALBERT L. CLOUGH

LOW GASOLINE ECONOMY OF SMALL CAR



H. T. writes: Not long ago I bought, to use in my professional work, a small four cylinder car, thinking that it would operate much more economically as to gasoline than the larger six, which I have been driving. Although this small car weighs nearly 1,000 pounds less than the larger one and has a much smaller engine, it consumes just as much gasoline. This is quite a disappointment to me. Can you tell me why the small car should not do better than this?

Answer: Perhaps your small car is not worn in or tuned up to give its best economy and that you may expect better results later, but many cars of this class are wasteful of fuel for the following reason: In order to make a small engine give its utmost maximum output it must be capable of extremely high speed and to secure the required speed, its exhaust valves must be opened long before the end of the power stroke or the cylinders will not fill properly. This extremely early exhaust opening releases the expanding gases before they have by any means completed the useful work upon the piston, which they are capable of performing and a large part of the fuel energy is thrown away. In other words, fuel economy is sacrificed to maximum speed performance—some people think mistakenly.

NOISE IN STEERING GEAR

P. B. writes. When driving fast over stony roads, there is a noise as if sharp blows were struck upon the lower end of the steering column. The car steers all right, but I don't like this noise. What causes it?

Answer: We cannot be sure, but most likely it is due to the presence of end play in the steering column so that, when one of the wheels striking an obstruction, it gives the steering connection a jerk that tends to give the column an endwise motion. Somewhere in the steering device (at the lower end of the column), there is a thrust bearing, designed to prevent any up and down motion of the column and we believe that you will find that this needs tightening, as it probably the looseness at this point which, when suddenly taken up, that accounts for the blow like noise. Your instruction book should give detailed directions as to how to tighten this bearing.



LANNED BIG STRIKE ON GERMAN RAILWAYS.

BERLIN, Aug. 13.—The Government announces the discovery of an extensive secret strike movement, which, if successful, will lead to a general railroad strike in central, and perhaps all of Germany, on September 1. Spartacist and Communist agitators are charged with being the leaders of

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GOD UNDERSTANDS

It is sweet to know, When we are tired, and when the hand of pain Lies on our hearts, and when we look in vain For human comfort, that the Heart Divine Still understands these cares of yours and mine.

Not only understands, but day by day Lives with us while we tread the earth, Bears with us all our weariness, and feels The shadow of the faintest cloud that steals Across our sunshine, ever learns again The depth and bitterness of human pain.

There is no sorrow that He will not share, No cross, no burden, for our hearts to bear Without His help, no care of ours too small To cast on Jesus; let us tell Him all— Lay at His feet the story of our woes, And in His sympathy find sweet repose.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

The coming visit of the Prince of Wales is the one absorbing topic of interest just now. The Prince will travel nearly nine thousand miles in his tour of Canada, and it is safe to say that in no place in the Dominion will he be more heartily welcomed than in Prince Edward Island. The Prince, though only a slip of a boy in appearance, has proved himself a real man. As heir to the British throne, this province is highly honored by his presence, and therefore all should contribute their share to the great popular reception that awaits him.

Major General Sir Henry Burstall, who comes on the staff of the Prince of Wales, when he was preparing for his matriculation at the Royal Military College, received some of his tuition from Canon Simpson, of this city, who was then a master in Trinity College School, Port Hope.

With His Majesty's approval two verses have been tentatively substituted in the National Anthem to give it an Empire character. These were sung with the original first verse outside St. Paul's Cathedral at the recent Thanksgiving Service: God save our gracious King, Long live our noble King, God save our King! Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save the King!

Our realm of races four, Bless more and ever more, God save our land; Home of the brave and free, Set in the silver sea, True nurse of chivalry, God save our land!

Kinsfolk in love and birth, From almost ends of earth, God save us all, Bid strife and hatred cease, Bid hope and joy increase, Spread universal peace, God save us all!

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O. Morson, Mrs. G. W. Hodgson, Miss DesBrisay and Miss E. B. Haviland leave this morning for St. Andrew's, N.B., to spend a couple of weeks at that charming summer resort.

Sir Thomas White

Canadian Minister of Finance in his Budget Speech said:—

"Our ability to meet and retire our war obligations will depend upon our power to increase our production and to economize individually so as to bring each year substantial increase in domestic wealth and savings."

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Press correspondents representing the London Times, Express, Chronicle, Morning Post, and Daily Telegraph, are on H. M. S. Dauntless, which is accompanying the Prince on his tour. They are Messrs. Gerald Campbell, Percival Phillips, Douglas Newton Warner and W. T. Massey. Every one of the journalists has been throughout the war, representing his paper.—Mr. Campbell with the French, Mr. Phillips with the British, Mr. Newton in London, Mr. Allen the French, and Mr. Massey with General Allenby's forces in Palestine. The latter "scooped" the capture of Jerusalem.

Rev. Guy Miner of Franklin, Mass., who is spending his vacation in this province, the guest of Mrs. Easton, of East Royalty, has a large missionary district in Massachusetts, comprising some 400 miles in extent. He has charge of five churches and several other outstations. For sixteen months he travelled twenty thousand miles in the car which brought him to Prince Edward Island. He preached in Christ church, Cherry Valley, last Sunday afternoon, and will preach in St. Peter's Cathedral tomorrow evening. Rev. Mr. Miner is accompanied by his wife and son. They are charmed with their visit to P. E. Island, and it is hoped that they will see their way clear to make many future visits.

Lieut. Godefroy, a French aviator, Friday performed the feat of passing under the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, in an airplane flight. The aviator had been training several months in preparation for the feat. His practice work was done at Villa Conlay, where the frame of an arch of the same dimensions as the Arc de Triomphe had been erected for the purpose. Godefroy flew a machine with a wing spread of eight yards, which left him a margin of about seven yards to get through the arch. He cleared the opening cleanly, gliding through with his motor stopped. After clearing the arch he turned on the power again and flew over the Champs Elysee.

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