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Monday, Sept. 2d, being Labor Day and a statutory holiday, the Morning Guardian will not be issued on Tuesday. The Evening Guardian will not be issued on Monday, but will be published as usual on Tuesday. Advertisers please note these changes.

### IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER?

With three-fourths of the civilized world in a war the fierceness and destructiveness of which have no parallel in history one may well stagger at the question, "Is the world growing better?" When we remember, however, what the civilized nations are fighting for, are expending the flower of their manhood for, are sacrificing their substance for, the question assumes a different complexion. When we remember that millions have taken their lives in their hands to prevent one nation from tyrannizing over others, to right the wrongs of weaker nations, to teach the world that national wickedness shall not be tolerated, then we know that although the earth is deluged in blood national righteousness has not departed. The fact that there is a colossal war raging by no means argues that the world is not growing better. If this were the only evidence to guide us then the inevitable conclusion would be that never before have such sacrifices been made in the cause of humanity by individuals or by nations.

In the matter of mitigating the horrors of war, caring for the wounded, maintaining the health of the soldiers on the field and in camp, caring for them when they return wounded and broken and making provision for them on their return to civil life, there is no comparison with former conditions. The camp and the battlefield are today, so far as sanitation is concerned, as healthy as the fields and the homes in civil life, whereas in wars of a half-century ago there were more deaths from disease than from bullets. Science, spurred on by a kindlier regard for human welfare by a broader sympathy, by a more practical and more enlightened Christianity must be credited with this betterment.

Never in the history of the world have women in such numbers taken their lives in their hands, gone into the very jaws of death, gone in thousands, to undergo the horrors and the privations of the battlefields, for the sole purpose of giving what aid they could to the wounded and the sick. It is not necessary to dwell upon this upon the self-sacrificing devotion, not of the women alone who have gone to care for the wounded and the sick, but of the women throughout Canada, the United States, England, France, who have literally abandoned all and followed the Christ of charity, of altruism, of good works; these are abundantly evident.

In everything touched by the war—and the war touches every feeling of justice, of humanity, of philanthropy, of charity, of self-sacrifice, evidences are multiplied daily to show that the heart of humanity is stirred by the sorrows and the claims of others, and this argues in favor of a general betterment.

There is less religious demonstration perhaps than ever before, less of profession and confession but every act by which others are helped is tinged with the virtues of Christianity receives its impulse from the precepts taught by the Christ over two thousand years ago, is in itself the expression of Christianity.

We live in a commercial age and commercialism is aggressive, unsentimental, self-seeking if you will, otherwise it would not be progressive. Its charity is distributed on business rather than on sentimental grounds, carefully allotted on a percentage of profits basis, but always distributed and doing its part in the furthering of the country's best interests. Commercial prosperity is founded upon commercial integrity, otherwise it would fail. Honesty and integrity pervade all successful human undertakings, perforce if you will, but they are outstanding features of world progress today. There are of course the exceptions, exceptions which by contrast stand out as targets for general condemnation. The villain, commercial or social or political, has but a slim chance in the world drama today. The great majority of the audience is respectable and will not tolerate him. The world is growing better.

### SUGAR SHORTAGE

The amount of sugar normally available this summer is very short and to meet the requirements of our Allies and ourselves the Canada Food Board urges every home in Canada to adopt the voluntary rationing scale of one and a half pounds per person per month, this to include all sugar required for cooking purposes as well as for table use. According to this scale the allotment for each person should not average more than four-fifths of a level teaspoonful. By the adoption of this scale it is believed that the present supply will hold out until the new sugar crop is available in December. If the scale is not adopted then the selfish ones will probably have all the sugar they want while the others must go without—the Food Board may be obliged to resort to measures similar to those adopted with reference to flour, enact regulations and impose heavy fines for infringement. Necessity for this would be a reflection upon Canadian patriotism.

Scarcity of sugar is not going to affect the price the crop having been bought by the Commission and no room left for the profiteer. The cause of the scarcity here is the shortage in Great Britain and other European countries. Northern France, which heretofore provided a very large proportion of the sugar consumed in Europe is now cut off entirely, its factories demolished, its land devastated. A significant coincidence of the present demand upon Canadians to economize in sugar is the fact that thousands of Canadians today lie buried in the fields which formerly produced the greater part of Europe's sugar.

At an international sugar conference held in New York last spring an amount was pledged which would take care of the overseas minimum requirements on the basis of one and one-tenth pound for the people of France. The United States and Canada pledged the required amount.

Upon the amount allotted to Canada there have been other drains. Much has been exported to Europe in the form of manufactured articles, condensed milk, oats to the soldiers in the form of cake, etc. Besides these much sugar has been lost through the sinkings by submarines and, to make a long story short, there is not enough to go round and supply our Allies. The Food Board calls for a saving, a voluntary rationing. Every patriotic Canadian will do his best to comply with the request; the others may be compelled, but the opportunity to avoid compulsion and to show genuine patriotism is now open.

### THE CHANGE

Within six weeks the Allies have transformed the whole face of the war, have beaten the German armies four successive times, and have won back almost everything that Germany conquered in her gigantic offensive last spring.

Does the world fully realize what these victories mean? They mean that democracy and freedom and Christianity have definitely triumphed over autocracy and lawlessness and barbarism. They mean, that the spirit of Prussia has failed to crush out of existence the spirit of Galilee. They mean that the world has been made safe for democracy and decency and human brotherhood. And because of these great things, let us today lift up our hearts; not in a spirit of boasting or of mere revenge, but in thanksgiving to the God of battles, to Him Who two thousand years ago told that he had reared Christianity upon a rock and that the Gates of Hell would never prevail against it.

### NOTES

An aviation expert, writing in a recent magazine, says that the time is near at hand when an airplane will travel from London to Newfoundland in a single day. How delightful it will be to be able to run over to London for the week-end and back again in a day!

On its way from Petrograd to Moscow the German Embassy had to be guarded by eight hundred soldiers. The German diplomats don't seem to be as sure of Russian love for Germany as they sometimes profess to be.

We do not suppose that any peace negotiations under present circumstances could have useful results, but we do not see why responsible people in this country should talk about peace, and about those in enemy countries who desire peace, in such language as makes the way smooth for our worst enemies, the German war leaders, in their most difficult task—that of persuading their countrymen to go on following them blindly after four years of suffering—Manchester Guardian.

### OUR OTTAWA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

OTTAWA, August 21.—The official statement made by the Government a day or two ago with reference to the Military Service Act is creating considerable interest in military and political circles. The effect of the statement is that the powers of the Act will not be exhausted until one hundred thousand men are ready to leave the shores of Canada. The popular impression was that powers conferred under the Act would be exhausted as soon as one hundred thousand men were called to the colors, and that the limit of one hundred thousand men applied to the number who enlisted or recruited. The text of the Order-in-Council just issued, however, expressly declares that the number of these reinforcements shall be computed by reference only to the men ultimately selected and actually despatched for overseas service. In other words only those who have actually gone or who have been ordered to go, overseas shall be counted as reinforcements. Upon the number of men to be called out there is absolutely no limit. The military authorities, should they deem it necessary, may call out one hundred and fifty thousand men, or two hundred thousand men, but they would not be reinforcements under the terms of the Military Service Act until despatched overseas or they are immediately to proceed overseas. An expected result of this interpretation of the Act is that Parliament will not likely be summoned until the new year.

News of the death by drowning recently of N. Bruce MacKellie, of New York, a native son of Prince Edward Island, was heard here with genuine regret by those members of the Island colony who enjoyed his acquaintance. "Bruce," as he was called by those who knew him intimately, was one of the most successful of the younger business men of his adopted home: Twenty years or more ago he left Summerside for the United States entering the Boston office of Hayden, Stone Company, as a clerk. Here he quickly showed his class, and after a series of successful promotions was admitted a member of the firm. Removing to New York he was given charge of the firm's office on Broad street, where he added to his reputation as an able business man. He was especially fortunate in mining enterprises, and at the time of his death was president of one of the best producers of gold in the neighboring republic. Incidentally he amassed considerable wealth, but with it all he never became purse-proud. He paid several visits to his Island home in recent years, and always had a pleasant smile and hearty hand shake for the friends of his boyhood, irrespective of their financial standing. In

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IN THE MORNING

Who that has watched anxiously through the long and trying hours of the night has not felt the thrill of hope that comes with the breaking of the day

With the sun now-risen and the birds in every tree, the dark shadows of the night seem to flit away and the bright expectancy of hope thrills and comforts the soul. Joy cometh in the morning.

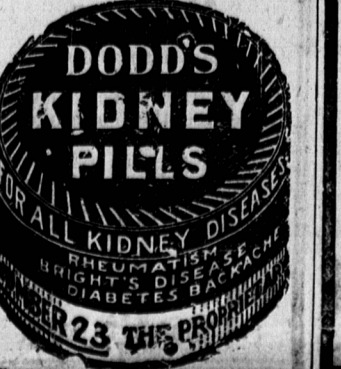
And how comforting that morning is and how good is the God of all our mercies who grants it to us.

Can we hope that every dark night that visits us with sable fears and sore trials of our faith and trust will break into glorious dawn and that eyes that shed bitter tears will greet the sun shining with joy and hope?

As God is God and love and light are the habitation of His throne, we may so hope, no matter how dark or fearsome the night may be, or how long the sun may delay his coming.

There is no man anywhere in all the universe that God has made but may say, the morning cometh and morning brings its joy.

Weeping may endure for a night. But joy cometh in the morning, Psalm 30:5.



short, Bruce MacKellie was a man among men. There were few like him—and more's the pity.

The other evening a man named Daoust, employed in the railway freight sheds here, noticed a small pool on the floor of the shed near what was apparently an empty cask. It looked like gasoline and smelled like gasoline, but Daoust was not quite sure. He lighted a match and proceeded to investigate. Then something happened. The explosion which his action started could be heard for miles. Men in the neighborhood were blown a considerable distance and severely bruised and burned. The fire spread with the rapidity of lightning, and before it could be stopped destroyed something like \$100,000 worth of property which included the freight

shed and a number of freight cars loaded and unloaded. The fire was of a most spectacular character, and its progress was watched by thousands. Several explosions, more or less serious, featured the blaze, burning oil casks being hurled through the air causing much unrest among those of the onlookers who were in their wake. Fortunately, however, no one was hurt in this way. It was only by the most active exertions that the fire was kept from spreading in the Sandy Hill direction. Indeed, several houses on Nich-

olas Street caught fire more than once, and in at least one case the inmates had a rather close call.

The Labor Department again reports upward movements in wholesale and retail food prices during the month of July. In wholesale prices the increases were chiefly in dairy products, fresh and canned vegetables, textiles and lumber. There were decreases in fodder, live stock and meats. In retail prices there were increases

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### YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

BY REV. T. SLINSCOTT, D. D.  
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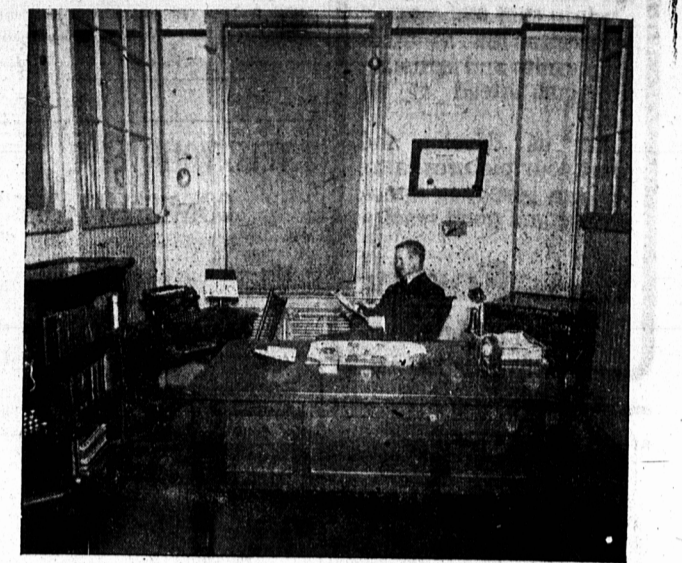
Steam and Electricity: In answer to a "Business Manager" I am frank to say that advertising and publicity are to business success what steam and electricity are to motion and power. The world got along before these forces were discovered, but no manufacturer or no community can exist today without them. The business man who does not advertise with the same persistence as he struggles for happiness and to make money will struggle in vain for both. Poor business and depressed conditions nearly always yield to persistent advertising. It is very rarely that there are any exceptions to this rule.

"How Can One Ward Off Old Age?" asks "Serlex." Discard the thought of old age. Adopt the current California style of speech, and if you have to refer in speech to your own or another's age say: "Mr. Brown is 84 years young." Bid farewell to worry, fear, hate, trouble and fill the mind with optimism, cheer, gratitude and aspiration on going to rest. Live as much as possible in the open, and keep in sympathy with childhood, music and flowers. Be temperate and keep an even mind.

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