

A GERMAN CONCEPTION OF LORD KITCHENER

The Cologne Gazette prints a short article on Lord Kitchener in which the journal remarks that the man who is commanding the British armies against Germany deserves all the more attention because nothing much is known about his personality.

"Kitchener," the Cologne Gazette continues, "is taciturn, even for an Englishman. Moreover, he does not pay over-frequent visits to the British troops in France, but prefers to remain in Whitehall at the War Office, whence he controls the enormous war machine which he is hurling against us from all corners of the globe and which he has, in the first place, to piece together."

"It is the historic experience in all British wars that their organization is never ready at the beginning of the operations and that the real preparations have always to be begun after the outbreak of hostilities. Field Marshal Horatio Herbert Kitchener is the embodiment of British will power, British toughness and British concentration. We do not know whether he has accepted the task of fighting the German nation in arms with pleasure. . . . He is in no way equal to the undertaking because he lacks the first quality of the great general, namely the psychological sense."

"Kitchener does not possess the slightest understanding of the souls of the people he is fighting or controlling. He is the personification of the soulless British Imperial machine which waxes war by means of bargains and intrigues. It is for that very reason that his compatriots believe in him. Personally, Kitchener is said to have one ruling passion—the collecting of old china, and this ceramic love is perhaps the only close bond which connects him with humanity."

Fire from an unknown cause destroyed several buildings at Delhi.

Signor Marconi, the famous wireless inventor, is on his way to America.

Women have been given the privilege of voting in all civil elections in Edmonton.

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PROVINCIAL LICENSE BOARD APPOINTED

The Provincial Board of License Commissioners has been appointed by the Ontario Government. It is comprised of the following:

J. D. Flavelle, of Lindsay, chairman; W. S. Dingman, of Stratford, vice-chairman; Frederick Dane, Toronto, George T. Smith, Haileybury, and John A. Aycarst, Toronto. The appointments take effect on May 5, and a proclamation has been issued bringing the new Act into effect at once.

This means that all the local boards in the province will, after issuing the licenses for the ensuing license year, pass out of existence, and the administration of the license system will be taken over by the provincial board.

The members of the board are the selection of the prime minister himself. All are well-known men, and not one was an applicant for a place on the board, or the nominee of any member of the House or any political association. In each case they were picked for their qualifications, their experience and their public standing. The chairman will receive a salary of \$6,500, the vice-chairman \$4,000 each.

The Board thus constituted will have absolute control over the administration of the laws and over the existence of every license in the province. The board is given absolute power to cancel or suspend any license. It has also the right to declare "dry" any district, large or small, for any specified time, where circumstances make such action desirable. The board is given control over the hours of sale, but its powers, while allowing the reduction, do not allow of any increase. It has the power to restrict the sale to any class of persons where special circumstances make it advisable, and under this provision may consider the case of the soldiers.

The members of the board are representative men. Mr. Flavelle is a brother of J. W. Flavelle of Toronto, and has been in commercial life for nearly half a century. Mr. Dingman is a journalist of long standing, and a man of strong temperance sympathies. He was born in 1853 in the township of Sarnia, and published the Strathroy Despatch, and later the Port Arthur Daily Sentinel, and is now owner of the Stratford Herald. Frederick Dane was a former member of the Temiscaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, to which position he was appointed in 1906. He is a past president of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and was born in Belfast in 1861. Mr. Smith, of Haileybury, is mining recorder there, and recognized as a man of ability. His appointment will give the board the benefit of his knowledge and experience in the northern country, which he knows thoroughly. Mr. Aycarst has been connected with the law enforcement branch of the provincial service for many years, and is well and favorably known amongst temperance people throughout the length and breadth of the province.

Speakers' League Organized

The first step in the organization of the Speakers' Patriotic League for Central Ontario was taken at a meeting held at Government House on March 2 at which an organizing committee was named with instructions to complete the organization as speedily as possible. A public meeting was held on March 23, at which the league was formally organized, with the following officers:

President, His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; vice-presidents, Sir John Gibson, Sir Edmund Osler, Col. Sweny, Col. Logie, Col. Elliott; chairman of executive committee, C. A. Masten, K.C.; chairman of finance committee, G. P. Scholfield; chairman of publicity committee, J.R. Starr, K.C.; chairman of campaign and statistics committee, A.H. Campbell. The purpose of the league is to educate public opinion throughout the country as to the pressing needs of the empire for men and money, and as far as possible to coordinate and stimulate all the various activities now working to this end, and to augment the various patriotic funds without, however, establishing any new fund

The campaign will be carried on as the needs of the military and relief situations dictate, it being understood that whenever the recruiting of men for overseas service or the raising of funds for relief purposes appears to be lagging in any particular district, those enrolled in the Speakers' Patriotic League shall be available to address meetings for the purpose of arousing the people of such districts, and for securing an adequate response, by promoting the organization of local committees, to carry this work to a practical conclusion.

In reply to the call for speakers some fifty qualified persons have already expressed their willingness to act in this capacity. The president of the University of Toronto offered free offices in the university buildings, and Dr. A. H. Abbott, who has acted as secretary of the university extension work and has had experience in arranging lectures throughout the province for some time, offered his services as honorary secretary of the league. Both of these offers were accepted by the executive committee. To complete the organization, M. C. N. Cochran, a lieutenant in the Canadian Officers' Training Corps and a member of the university staff, has been appointed organizing secretary.

OBITUARY

TIMOTHY MORAN

The late Timothy Moran, to whose death we referred a couple of weeks ago, was born in the county of Carlow, Ireland, on the 27th of March, 1835. After coming to this country he lived for some years in Hamilton, and then moved to Ayrton, where he conducted a blacksmithing business for a number of years.

In 1899 he came to Durham, where he remained until 1911, when he moved to Winnipeg where he remained to the time of his death.

From November 1914, he had been ill, and his trouble, after some time, was diagnosed as cancer of the stomach, from which he died on the 4th of April.

He was a member of Durham Lodge, Canadian Order of Foresters, and was also President of Fort Rouge branch of the C. M. B. A. society of Winnipeg.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his widow and four daughters at home, also two daughters, Mrs. Thos. Farrelly and Mrs. Frank Jobin, both of Winnipeg. One son, William, resides in Winona, Minn.

During the residence of the deceased here he proved himself a good citizen, and always took a deep interest in public affairs. He was a member of the council for some time, and ran for the mayoralty on one occasion. He was a man of sterling character and highly esteemed in the community.

We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing widow and members of the family.

WILLIAM McMURDO

William McMurdo, a pioneer of Proton, near Hopeville, where he resided for the past half century, died on Saturday, April 17, at the age of about 75 years. He leaves a widow and a family of eight sons and two daughters, as follows: James, William and Stephen, in the west; John, a blacksmith, at Dromore; Samuel, a farmer, at Sackett's Corners; Watt, David and Peter, at home; Mrs. McLean, near the homestead, and Mrs. Geo. Campbell, on the fourth concession of Glenelg. Interment took place Monday to the Latter Day Saints cemetery near the old homestead.

John Jackson, a member of the Fergus council, died recently.

The dead body of a male infant was found in a coal car at Earrie

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A NAUTICAL KNOT

An interesting and much appreciated musical operetta was presented on Thursday and Friday evenings last by the Durham Choral Society.

The operetta was entitled "A Nautical Knot, or The Belle of Earnstapoole." Julia, the haughty belle, was ably taken by Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder. She was proud and beautiful, and the sailors all fell in love with her, but to no purpose. The "Bouncing Billow" was due to leave on a year's voyage and on the eve of her departure, Barnabus Lee (John Stedman), a wandering artist, comes to town and at once falls in love with Julia who returns his affections. The jilted sailors kidnap Earnabus and carry him to sea, in a jealous revenge over his success in winning the affections of the handsome belle.

Nance (Miss Zeta Black), a pretty maiden, is loved by Joe Stout (J.H. Harding), but Joe can scarcely muster up courage enough to pop the question, and turns the job over to old Bill Salt (J. A. Cook), to propose in his name. Bill didn't seem particularly interested in other people's matrimonial affairs, and without knowledge of the identity of the object of Joe's affections, makes a bad mix-up and proposes to Julia instead. Julia then tells Bill to advise Joe to try his luck a year hence, and with delight he proceeds to do so, but to discover his sad blunder in proposing to the wrong girl, and with no chance to remedy the error. Julia then tells Nance of Joe's affection for her, and Nance is rendered heart-broken and despondent.

On the return of the Bouncing Billow a year later the sailors have recovered from their love for Julia and are apparently annoyed at the indifference of the girls. The unpleasant task of explaining his mistake to Julia falls to Bill Salt, and he offers to marry her himself to make amends for his error, but is first refused, and afterwards accepted. Just then Barnabus Lee appears on the scene and Bill is released. Joe finds Nance and explains matters: the sailors make it up with the girls and general reconciliation follows. The scene ends happily, and of course a number of marriages result.

Other characters who appeared under appropriate stage names were: Peter Ramage, Dan McGrath, J. N. McKim, John McLaughlin, Earl McDonald, Misses Margaret Hunter, Vaddie Caldwell, and Lily Walker.

The choristers were: Mrs. A. Gun, Mrs. T. McGrath, Mrs. D. McAuliffe, Mrs. A. McPhee, Mrs. J. H. Harding, Mrs. G. McKechnie, Miss N. Lennox, Miss Georgina Lawson, Miss Amy Kelly, Miss Bessie Telford, Miss Alice Ramage, Miss S. McAuliffe.

Those taking part in the Sailors' Hornpipe were: Florabel Nichol, Katie Upward, Margaret Ewen, Jean Morlock, Frankie Burnett, J. D. McPhee, Martin Lauder, M. D. McPhee, A. D. McAuliffe.

Miss Rita Irwin acted as accompanist.

The play went off very nicely, and without a hitch from beginning to end. Mrs. Lauder and Miss Black were splendid characters, and took leading parts. Miss Margaret Hunter, Miss Vaddie Caldwell and Miss Lily Walker added their quota to the play with very pleasing effect. J. H. Harding, and John Stedman proved themselves skilful in their respective roles, and J. A. Cook, who took the part of Bill Salt, would be hard to surpass. Everybody did well, but we are forced to make special mention of the work of Martin Lauder, who made his debut as a stage artist and discharged his part most efficiently in the Sailors' Hornpipe.

Something over \$50 were realized, but the expenses were considerable, and the society will not bank much of the proceeds. It took two hours to give the performance, and there wasn't a dull or uninteresting moment.

Fire at St. Catharines destroyed a frame apartment building known as "Little Italy." The building contained not only eight living apartments, but as many places of business for foreigners, including a pool room.

George and William Field, who operated a sawmill up near Huntsville, and which was owned by their father, were instantly killed on Saturday by the explosion of the boiler. They had hardly started operations when the accident occurred.

Egremont Pathmasters, 1915

W. Mountain, J. Barber, J. Wilton, P. Wetz, R. Robertson, C. Lewis, O. Haney, A. P. Moyer, D. Halliday, J. Robertson, S. Cowan, J. Mack, R. McMeeken, T. Johnston, W. Gordon, J. Queen, J. Stevenson, A. Hunter, S. Seaman, J. Dowling, B. F. Sharp, E. E. Gardiner, W. Tyndall, E. McDiarmid, R. Cantelon, J. Furlong, A. Donald A. McIntyre, P. Bolger, J. McLaughlin, M. Burke, A. Hopkins, F. Forrester, J. McPhee, R. Lamont, D. McQueen, D. Hewitt, R. Patterson, J. Lamont, P. Hattle, A. Buchanan, S. Shier, W. McDougall, J. McDougall, W. Horsburgh, C. Yake, A. Yake, J. Hunter, Walter Horsburgh, W. P. Horsburgh, N. McArthur, M. Campbell, A. Strand, W. Fairbairn, G. Aitkin, W. Sim, A. Drimie, C. McInnes, A. McGillivray, J. Gardiner, G. Alles, H. Reid, A. Henderson, D. Long, W. Nelson, J. Plester, D. Campbell, J. Ferguson, W. Hastie, G. Bunston, W. J. Eccles, W. Hay (street com'r, Dromore), W. Parris, E. V. Matthews, J. Wilson, J. Tucker, I. Hooper, W. J. Wilson, D. McCannel, G. Lawrence, J. Patterson, F. Lawrence, W. R. Watson, T. Harrison, C. Harrison, G. Hargrave, C. Ferguson.

Short Bits of Live News

The Orangeville council has asked the chief of the fire brigade to resign.

Miss Thompson of Brampton fell over a pup and broke her right arm.

James Ashdown of Markdale, for 45 years in the service of the C. P. R., has retired.

D. Ketchum, son of Mrs. Ketchum, Cobourg, is interned in a German prison camp.

Rev. A. J. Langford, pastor of Kincardine Methodist church, will move to Mitchell in June.

The dead body of a 7-months' old child, wrapped in a newspaper, was found in the Allandale roundhouse.

The seven-year-old son of Andrew Miller, who lives near Beaverton, was run over and cut in two by a C.P.R. train on his way home from school.

A letter mailed in Berlin, Germany, on July 28, or five days before the war, arrived in Port Arthur on Monday, being more than eight months en route.

A clergyman who comes from Ottawa to preach to Germans in Fort Henry, may have his permit cancelled, it is reported, owing to his rather strong German sympathies. He had been conducting service every week, but now he is allowed to officiate only once a month.

The Eryan Manufacturing Company's factory at Collingwood was destroyed by fire last week and about 60 men have been thrown out of employment. The loss is estimated at \$80,000. The company has not yet decided whether to rebuild or not, but the town will use every effort to induce them to do so.

Baron Auguste Julius Clemens Herbert de Reuter, managing director of Reuter's Telegram Co., committed suicide at Reigate, Surrey, England, on Monday, by shooting. Grief over the death of his wife, who died last week, is believed to have been the cause. Baron de Reuter was born March 10, 1852, and succeeded his father as head of the Reuter Telegram Co. in 1899. He was educated at Harrow and in Paris University.

The Nerlich high treason case which is being tried at Toronto will be traversed from the present session. The application of I.F. Helmuth, counsel for Nerlich, that the charge of high treason against Mr. Nerlich be held over until the Court of Appeal has given a decision in the reserve case, has already been received by the attorney-general, who stated on Friday that after due consideration of the case he had come to the conclusion that the crown would not press the pending charges until the Court of Appeal has given its decision on the former charge.

DIED.

ALEXANDER.—In Bentinck, on Tuesday, April 20, Ann Sarah Alexander, aged 37 years.

JACKSON.—In Clinton, on April 8, Thomas Jackson, Sr., in his 82nd year.

McMURDO.—In Proton, near Hopeville, on Saturday, April 17, William McMurdo, aged about 75 years.

EUGENIA POWER PROGRESS

Mr. J. H. Hogg, of the Hydro-Electric Commission, was at Eugenia on a tour of inspection during the past week. He pronounces the big dam at Eugenia as the best piece of contract work he has ever seen. It certainly is a magnificent structure, as The Advance saw it on Saturday. It will be ready for filling in a few days, in fact, it could have the gates shut now if other things were ready. The head gates to the north are also about ready for operation, although a small gang of men is still working on them, filling in and slicking things up.

The pipe line is completed to the brow of the mountain, where the huge 75-foot serge tank is now under construction. The steel pipe line is laid in position from the top to the power house below, although it is not riveted. Two gangs of men are on the riveting work this week and this work is being rushed. To give some idea of the magnitude of this portion of the work we might say that 65 tons of rivets are being used in this 600-foot length of steel. This work will occupy from four to five weeks yet.

The power house itself is yet a long way from completion. Last week the eight-ton dynamo was brought down from Markdale on a sleigh. When going down the mountain, it upset, rolling sleigh and horses over. Only a couple of bolts were broken, and the horses were not injured.

The work of erecting the power line will commence as soon as the frost is out of the ground, which will be some days yet.

The statement that power will be ready for delivery about June 1 does not look to us as capable of fulfillment, says The Flesherton Advance. The middle of July, or first of August would appear to be nearer the mark.

HAMPDEN

Mrs. Wm. Hunter is spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Gilmour.

We were very sorry to hear of the illness of Rev. McLean's little baby, who has been very sick with congestion of the lungs, but understand at time of writing, that there was a vast improvement in her condition. We hope she may soon be her cheery little self again.

The W. M. S. intend gathering in the basement of the church on the last Wednesday in April for the purpose of cutting and sewing cloth to make an outfit for a little Indian boy. What a pleasure it is to be able to aid in this needful work in some way, even if we cannot personally help them. May our work and society prosper and be the means of helping to spread the gospel to every creature.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Cooper is very poorly. We understand that it is rheumatism that ails her.

Mr. John Kerr, who has for the past four months been attending college in Toronto, returned home at Easter to help his father with the spring crop.

Miss Effie Milligan, one of the Durham high school girls, was detained from school all last week on account of tonsillitis and grip.

Miss Pollock, our school teacher, spent her Easter vacation at her home in Cockshutt.

We understand that Mr. David Robinson, after a prolonged illness, is able to be out in the open air again, on the bright days. We believe, however, that he is not entirely rid of rheumatism yet.

MUSIC FOR THE 48TH

Inspector Campbell of this place has received the following letter from Pte. J. Wilson, of the 48th Highlanders:

"We got some mouth organs yesterday, and have had lots of music (?) since. The Germans called across last night, 'Where is the British navy?' and the chaps sang 'Rule Britannia' as a reply. Behind our barricade of earth and sand-bags we move about in comparative safety, provided we keep our heads down. Of course we have loopholes, and watch the trenches—400 yards away—very carefully all the time. Yesterday afternoon the Germans shelled our trenches for a time, but no one was injured. Just as I write they are shelling some place in the rear, and we can hear the shells whistling over our heads. There goes the answer."

News was received at Orillia that John Turnbull, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Turnbull, of that town, had been killed in Action.