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VERY COSTLY WAR OUTFITS.

The naval scare in the United States, the feeling which some of its public men expressed, that the country was inadequately equipped for naval service, has had the desired result. The naval appropriation is of the most liberal kind. The programme of the secretary of war calls for an expenditure of \$62,000,000, and this sum covers the building of two colossal battle-ships, with triple gun turrets, at \$12,800,000 each.

There will be also two colliers, eight torpedo-boat destroyers, and four submarine boats. Pretty nearly everything the secretary asked for was granted by the committee. Hobson, of Santiago fame, the man who scuttled the collier and sunk her in the entrance to the harbour, now a member of congress, moved that three big ships be built in place of two, and was voted down. This was a surprise, as the committee seemed to be in voting humour and not inclined to balk at any extravagance.

The boast of the American press is that the United States aims at having the biggest battleships in the world. It would be better if the boast were that the ships of Uncle Sam were the safest in the world, for if they keep blowing up in time of peace what would be the catastrophe in times of war?

GIVING THE PARTY COUNSEL.

There could be nothing more definite than the repudiation of the referendum by the Toronto Mail and Empire, and it is significant for the reasons which follow. The unionist party hit upon it, on the eve of a great battle, as a happy expedient. It became evident that many conservatives would not vote for tariff reform on any account, and it meant disaster to stake the fortunes of the party upon it. Mr. Balfour took up tariff reform very reluctantly. Mr. Chamberlain, the strong-minded man, dragged him into it. Or before Mr. Chamberlain was laid aside by illness he committed the conservative party to it, and Mr. Balfour fell into the movement because he could not help himself.

It was apparently a huge blunder which the leader of the party committed when he accepted the suggestion that the tariff question be referred to the people as a separate issue. At the time the party press applauded the proposition. Since the election it has been gradually withdrawing its support, and now the Mail pronounces it a weak and un-British thing. "The referendum idea," says our contemporary, "makes the leader of a government and the representatives who support him no more than trimmers and triers who refrain from taking a line of action until they are assured it has the approval of the people."

The warning is to Canadian parliamentarians. The Bourassa party would have the people of Quebec vote specifically upon the naval question. The Borden party, outside of Quebec, would favour the same view. Anything for a divergence from the policy of the government. Perhaps the party will take the hint of the Mail and get back into line again upon the subject. Prudence warrants a change of plan, but the opposition is not burdened with too much of this article as its performance in the last session of parliament and this clearly shows.

THE OUTLOOK VERY GOOD.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement received a stimulus from the meeting which occurred in the Y.M.C.A. last evening. This meeting was preceded by a banquet, a real good one, and it is remarkable how well men feel for mental activities when they have dined well. They can then give themselves up to the expression of large and vigorous thoughts.

The laymen's movement suffered here, as it has suffered elsewhere, for lack of a central organization. This organization disappeared when the committee lost its respected head, the late Mr. Pense. He was a man of remarkable attainments, he had a helping hand for every local and worthy enterprise, and he put into every task which was assigned to him a great deal of energy and spirit, and a great deal of himself. Some one has said that the work that one does profusely is surely deceptive but the work into which he puts some or all of his will is bound to succeed.

When the leader of the movement fell, in the midst of his work, and with his hands full, the loss was very great, but the intensity of it is but slowly becoming apparent. The lay-

men will get another. He may not be easily found, but without him—a man of large heart and generous disposition, of sympathetic nature, of forceful character—the movement will lack its chief incentive. He leads the committee. Mr. Caskey put the situation generally when he said that the want of the day is leaders, and the laymen's missionary association can use as many as it can find to the best advantage. The reports from other cities are really inspiring. They show what men can do when banded together and influenced by the highest and best of motives. Kingston's record for missions can, and will be, improved.

DISTURBANCE OF THE WATERS.

The report of the board of health—the first meeting of the year—was very interesting, and, among other important things discussed, was the laying of the new intake pipe, or rather the connection between the outer link and the wharf link. It is said there is no help for it but to use the water in the vicinity of the wharf while the connection is made, and the Medical Health Officer has expressed the opinion that with the chlorine treatment there will be no danger of typhoid.

Here is a point which the board of health and the water committee do not seem to have discussed. There will have to be some excavating for the new pipe, and this excavating cannot be done without stirring up the mud, silt, and the filth, for two or three hundred feet out and on either side of the cut. The water so stirred up, and defiled, may not be made healthy by the addition of any chemicals.

Now the Whig is not desiring to cause any alarm, but it insists that before the pipe laying is undertaken, all the contingencies shall be considered. The excavating, and the disturbance of the water, is a feature of the case that does not seem to have been debated by any one, unless it be the mayor, for he has expressed himself as opposed to any plan which will make the use of the water pumped from near the shore a necessity.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When one hears what other places are doing for missions—and the church was created to push the cause—he wonders whether he has grasped the idea of his duty towards the cause.

The Edmonton Bulletin is right in saying that the want of the hour is some kind of a court which will make marriage harder and not divorce easier. The thing is to prevent a lot of fool weddings that take place, but how can this be done?

The local government contemplates amending the license law so that it will get fees in accordance with the amount of business done. In other words the government will profit by the success of the liquor dealers. The man's sleeping partner, as it were.

The labour party of England, in parliament, desire an indemnity of \$2,000 per annum per member. Nothing wrong about that. The labour members must have a living, and if they serve the people in parliament, should be given a reasonable indemnity.

A conservative sees a sign of an election in the appropriation of three millions of dollars for preliminary work upon the Georgian Bay canal. The sign is that the Laurier government is one that does something, and it is the kind of government that takes with the people.

An Ottawa woman brought her husband before the magistrate, charged with non-support. And the magistrate committed the offender to jail for a week. Which simply added to the woman's trials, as the man could not earn any money in jail. By attaching the man's wages some good would be done.

AUSTRIA'S NAVAL OUTLAY.

Building Programme Calls for an Expenditure of \$11,000,000.

Vienna, Jan. 25.—An extraordinary credit of \$11,000,000 as a first instalment toward the construction of new warships, appears in the Austro-Hungarian budget which was presented to the delegations by Baron Burian Von Rajcsa, minister of finance, yesterday.

The navy building programme for the next six years provides for four Dreadnoughts of 20,000 tons each, three cruisers, twelve torpedo boats, and six submarines at a total cost of \$62,400,000.

Obtains Illcillewaet Ice.

New York, Jan. 25.—A special to the Times from Ithaca, N.Y., says: "The geological department at Cornell University has received a consignment of several hundred pounds of ice from the Illcillewaet glacier in the Canadian Selkirk. Prof. Ralph S. Tarr had been making a study of glaciers, for years; and the ice is to be used by him and his assistants in determining the nature and flow of glacial ice."

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ONTARIO INTEREST INTEND TO STRONGLY OPPOSE

The Starting of the Georgian Bay Canal Before the New Welland is Built—Toronto is Active.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Toronto Board of Trade will take some course of action in the near future to co-operate with other interests in the city and in Western Ontario to advise the Dominion government against starting work on the proposed Georgian Bay canal before improvements have been made on the Welland canal.

It is thought by leading business men in the city that the government appropriation for the preliminary plans of the Georgian Bay canal will not interfere in any way with the deepening of the Welland canal.

Nevertheless, a protest likely will be filed by the Toronto Board of Trade, in conjunction with similar organizations from other municipalities, against other moves that would neglect the waterway between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

LAYMEN'S BIG BANQUET

At Gananoque to be Attended by Kingston Men.

Gananoque, Jan. 25.—Reeve C. E. Britton and Deputy Reeve John A. Webster, are in Brockville, attending the session of the council for the united counties of Leeds and Grenville.

Word was received here, yesterday, that Arthur Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rogers, for some time past manager of the Boreham branch of the Bank of Toronto, has been promoted to a branch in British Columbia.

Court Cambria, S.O.E.B.S., held its annual installation of officers last evening. John Munden, D.D.G.P., conducted the ceremony. Quite a large contingent from the Kingston lodge was present, and after the business session a banquet was tendered to the visiting brethren.

Rev. T. W. Neal, of Sydenham Street Methodist church, Kingston, and Messrs. T. F. Harrison and Elmer Davis, will be guests at the big Laymen's Missionary banquet, in Grace church, on Friday evening next.

C. C. Skinner has been confined to his home, quite seriously ill, for the past few days. F. Lamson, who has been lying on the G.T.R. for the past month, has returned to town. H. Ralph, spending the past few days with local relatives, has returned to his home in Kingston. James Beattie, Philadelphia, Pa., has arrived to spend the balance of the winter with local relatives.

Miss Gussie Deimpster left, for the part of the week, for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Frederick Campbell, Guelph. Mrs. A. Boyd, Merrickville, spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Sheets, has returned home.

TO-NIGHT AT THE GRAND.

"When Sweet Sixteen" Will be the Attraction.

An atmosphere of youth and melody is the theme of the new song play, "When Sweet Sixteen," by the renowned composer and librettist, Victor Herbert and George V. Hobart, which was recently produced, and which has scored one of the greatest triumphs known in theatrical seasons in many years. George V. Hobart has evolved a story for "When Sweet Sixteen," which is both amusing and interesting. His love deals with the girl who seeks foreign matrimonial alliances, and he treats the subject with keen satire. Of course there is a charming love interest in "When Sweet Sixteen," and the story is told in a dainty and captivating manner. A distinct novelty is the introduction of scenes from "As You Like It" into the play, affording a delightful combination of Shakespeare's comedy with the modern situations of the songplay.

A production of this order necessarily requires a cast of both singers and actors of pronounced artistic worth, and the owners of "When Sweet Sixteen" have secured a notable array of players to interpret the songplay, at the Grand, to-night.

IN MARINE CIRCLES.

Sales of Vessels Have Been Reported.

The schooner Freeman, formerly owned by Frank Dewitty, and well-known in local marine circles, has been purchased by William Savage, of Picton. The vessel is laid up at Belleville.

Capt. Farrington, of Belleville, has purchased the schooner Dominion, which is laid up at Belleville, and owned by parties there.

James McGowan, of the M.T. Co., was in Belleville, yesterday, purchasing chairs and anchors off the schooner Suffel.

Some repair work is being carried out on the steamer Navajo.

Repair work is also being made on the Keystone, the Keywest and the Keystone.

FOUND BLOOMING.

Moses Waters is Happy and Contented.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 25.—Moses Waters, of Kalispell, Mont., after fifteen years' absence from his home, which he had heard nothing of him since he left his home at Lethbridge, Alberta, and supposed if he were found he would be in pinched circumstances, has been located through the police department. Surrounded by an orchard of a decade's standing, where he raises peaches, plums, apples and pears, for his own use, and nesting beside the bank of the Kootenai river in the dense forests of Lincoln county, Waters, now sixty-five years of age, has been found by persons who have visited him at his hermit's haunt while on hunting expeditions. On the unsettled northern bank of the Kootenai river Waters took up his home several years ago, but he now keeps up communication with Troy, Mont., his nearest post office and railway station, by means of a gasoline launch and a "railway" bicycle attachment, by means of which he goes to town to purchase his supplies. In his home he is surrounded with every comfort, taking special delight in musical instruments, some of which are largely his own handiwork.

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Rescue by a Lighthouse Keeper, Who Stuck to His Duty on a Barren Isle, and Fought Death and Raging Sea.

Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 24.—Through the rescue, yesterday, of Captain James Burke, keeper of the White Island Light, Isle of Shoals, comes a tale that for devotion to duty and matter of fact heroism is unparalleled in the annals of the lighthouse service.

Shut off from rescue by warring seas and ill of pneumonia, his wife helpless and his assistant gone, Captain Burke for six days overcame obstacles to heart and mind which would have broken a weaker man, and faithfully kept his light shining as a beacon for storm tossed sailors.

Several times nightly, while the white-capped waves threatened to wrench him from the barren rocks, Captain Burke crawled on his hands and knees from his wife's bedside to the light tower to keep the beacon bright. On the afternoon of the fifth day, when so weak he hardly could work his signals, he tried to attract the attention of the revenue cutter Gresham as she steamed by.

But the Gresham lookout failed to see the captain, and his last hope gone, he returned to his hard work and lonely vigil. On Friday he succeeded in signalling the Wood Island Life Saving Station. But when the hardy life savers attempted to rescue him and his wife the relentless waves kept them from landing.

Over on the banks of the Piscataque the story of the keeper's plight reached the ears of Captain Thomas B. Hoyt, of the tug Mitchell Davis. He is one of the youngest navigators on the coast and one of the bravest.

"I'll get Burke and his woman off or my tub will go to the bottom," he told his life savers.

And he did, but not before he had jockeyed with the waves that wear smooth the rocks on White Island and came several times near being swamped and dashed upon the jutting rocks.

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