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NICKLE'S POLITICAL FUTURE.

The local government is likely to undergo a serious change as a result of the late premier's death. There are within the cabinet men who may be competent to assume the responsibility of forming a government, but the choice of a leader is distinctly embarrassing. Mr. Nickle has been referred to as possessing ministerial qualifications. Had he remained in the legislature he would now be regarded, if he had not been regarded before, as eligible for promotion. But having been transferred to the federal house, or having selected a wider arena of usefulness, it is not to be expected that he will change even to accept a departmental position. The men who can select their own time and methods of advancement, in public life, are few. Mr. Nickle is one of them. He has the ability and the means of serving the people. He is not harassed with business cares. Practically he has devoted himself to the study of politics and all that politics imply, and he may, as well aim high. If ambitious to occupy a place in the federal government, it will be for him to labour and to wait. In returning to the legislature, which some people may suggest, he is disturbing certain relationships unnecessarily.

AUDACIOUS YOUNG MEN.

The training of the young men, first in the national gymnasium, and later in the army, suggests that Germans in war regard themselves as superior persons. The son of Admiral Von Hirtitz is a prisoner of war in England, having been taken off one of the cruisers which went down in the initial collision between the British and German navies. And he is restless and desperate. A couple of times he has been caught in attempts to escape, and when last heard of had been removed to fortifications out of which there is absolutely no chance of breaking. A nephew of the Kaiser, Count Von Schwiebin, has been a prisoner of war in France, and has essayed to escape a couple of times. In his last bid attempt to get his freedom he is alleged to have been fatally shot. The spirit of contempt for French and English authority is a result of the education of the young men. The average German officer pines and frets when he falls into the hands of the enemy. He has expressed a preference for death rather than arrest, and the higher-ups of course are the more reckless. Perhaps a dead German is better than an imprisoned one. It is all a matter of training.

AFRAID OF THE WOMEN.

The writer of this article, a Methodist, is disappointed in the action of the general conference in rejecting the report of a committee which recommended an amendment of the constitution in favour of woman's suffrage. Eight years ago, in this same conference, the right to give women places and votes in the church governments and courts, was moved for. The men who voted were about equally divided on the subject. Four years later there was a very decided majority in favour of the proposal. This year, two-thirds of the members of conference supported the question, and yet it was lost because the law affecting changes in the constitution required a three-fourths vote. The arguments, we are told, for and against, were of the stock kind, and such as have been heard again and again. Women are designed to grace the home. And they do. But women can manage and legislate quite as well, and some of them better, than the men. They

are more faithful in their services. The women never tire. Without them the church would be in a very sorry condition. Without them the congregations would be light. Without them some of the church's classes would be signal failures. There were not, it is true, any women among the disciples of Christ. They were among His followers, and if He lived in our days or visited this world and the church, He would be inclined to favour them, to invite them to sit in His councils, and preach in His church. The defeat of the woman's enfranchisement in the Methodist church reflects seriously on the men who voted nay. They must be afraid of the women replacing them, or pushing them aside, and it would not be a bad thing if the women succeeded.

GOING TO THE SCRAP HEAP.

Dr. Von Dyke, of Rutgers' College, just returned from the seat of war, says that the people of Germany and Austro-Hungary, join with the rest of the world in protesting against the colossal and crazy war of the day and in predicting that "the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns will have to go to the scrap heap, with the Bourbons." Granted that the Kaiser has been in some respects a model monarch, that he has been aggressive, progressive and the supporter of science and art, that he has been eager to make his people a most remarkable nation, in many respects; the fact remains that he has been building up a great war machine which sooner or later had to be put to the test. The resistance of the German army, its willingness to make any sacrifices at the command of the generals, and its magnificent equipment, shows how much time and money were spent upon it. Sooner or later it had to be tried out. That was the inevitable tendency. The sacrifice of life, "unnecessarily, and beyond all previous records, is the consequence. The conclusion follows, or the conviction, resistably born in one, that there must never be a repetition of the experience. Dr. Van Dyke expresses the feeling of the masses in Europe when he says that "even the peasantry are crying out that no half dozen men, at the head of the governments, should have the right to send millions of people to their death." The result of the carnage should be a deep and abiding understanding as to the armaments of Europe, Germany, now a whipped power—sending out feelers from Berlin for peace and wishing she were out of the scrape—may never again be in a position to create a holocaust like that of the present, she will be put out of the war business forever. But some other power, with a head like unto the Kaiser's, may be disposed to dominate over the other powers, and this must be made impossible by the decision of the present war. Men and dynasties going to the scrap heap? That is the place for them when they lust for blood rather than usefulness.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

How many unemployed men are there in Kingston? Cannot a registration be opened somewhere?

The German navy, in Kiel harbour, is receiving new Krupp guns. It's not guns the ships need, but new gunners. The men they have cannot shoot straight.

Miss Ida Farbell demands that the women patronize and buy only the goods made in their own country. Good advice. Would that every woman in Kingston acted on it.

Kingston has a very personal and direct interest in the government house, Toronto. The wife of the lieutenant-governor hails from this city and is represented here by many relatives and friends.

Sir John Gibson, on retiring from office, is lauded to the skies. The experience differs from that which he had when he accepted office six years ago. He has been an ideal lieutenant-governor.

Whitman, New York's district attorney, and the best it has ever had, is the republican choice for governor of the state. He deserves the honour and in office will be another Hughes, as high-minded as he is great.

Galt has had a ruling of the Railway Commission which is hurtful to the municipality. It is to the effect that the C.P.R. may run a line through the city's park in place of around it. That may be law, but it is not equity.

The Wall Street Journal (New York) lies about the people of Canada when it says there is heart-burning among them over the war and the part Canada should take in it. Hansard's record of the last session of parliament shows how baseless is the insinuation.

Hearst, of the New York American, some years ago telegraphed to an artist in Cuba: "You furnish the pictures. I'll furnish the war." And this is the man who is holding demonstrations in New York in favour of peace. The people know him.

Mr. Flavelle's advice to Canadians, to business men and manufacturers, to push things, to keep the men employ-

ed, and play the game, is sound. Would that he could take the bank managers aside and give them a talk. They are doing their best to tie up business by refusing credit and discounts to a reasonable extent.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Why Should You? Montreal Mail. Even when we hinted that Britain might be decadent we didn't believe it. And we don't believe it now.

So Say We All. Brantford Courier. The Mormons of Alberta are sending forty thousand pounds of flour to the Belgians. There is a plurality about that which has the right ring.

A Good Answer. Ottawa Journal. French-Canadians are giving a splendid answer to Mr. Bourassa by their demand to form a French-Canadian brigade for service in the war.

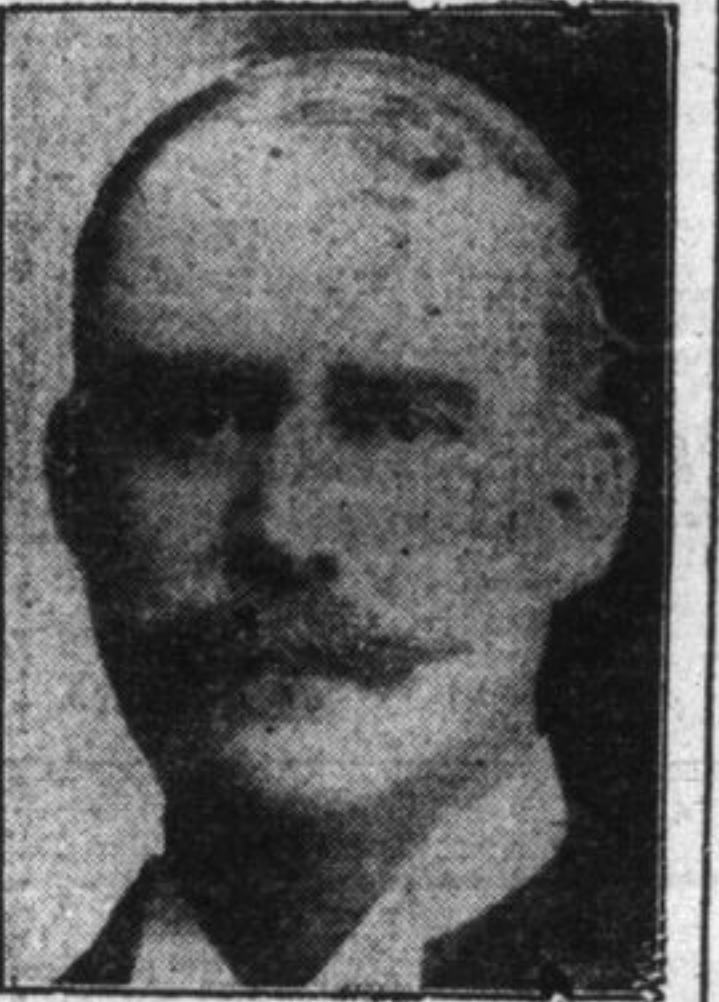
Jaw Breakers. London Advertiser. How would you like the job of calling the stations on the Austria International railway, which passes through Cryschoy, Przemysl, Mowiska, Chyrosky.

The Beautitudes. Toronto News. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy," is one of the beautitudes in which the Germans seem to take little stock. Nor can they believe that the meek shall inherit the earth.

The Fighting Shopkeeper. Calgary News-Telegram. Napoleon called the British a nation of shopkeepers. The Kaiser is finding out, as Napoleon found out a century ago, that while John Bull is in the fight, he also keeps his shop open for business.

Kingston Even's 25 YEARS AGO.

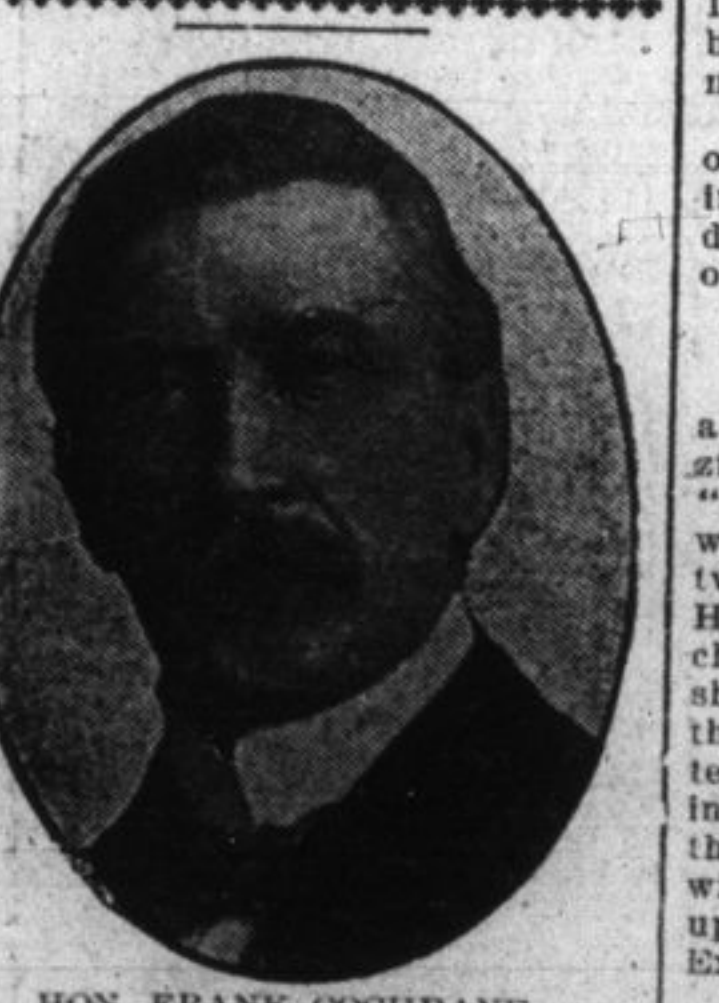
F. McLaughlin has three horses entered in the Odensburg races. The mason work in Louise school is about finished. C. H. Corbett governor of the jail has completed his annual report.



COOL, HON. JOHN S. HENDRIE. Late minister without portfolio in the Ontario cabinet. He has been sworn in as lieutenant-governor of Ontario, succeeding Sir John Gibson.

WAR TIDINGS.

- British cruiser Cumberland captured a German gunboat, two liners and west merchant-men off the west African coast. The armies of the allies continue to gain ground. German shells have reduced one of the forts of the outer works of Antwerp. Severe German defeat in Russian Poland. The German army was forced back over the frontier with heavy loss. Japanese-British force has reduced all but one line of defence at Kian-Chan, and its total surrender is hourly expected.



HON. FRANK COCHRANE. Minister of railways and canals for Canada, who is mentioned in Ottawa as Ontario's new prime minister.

NO PROSPECT.

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—There is no prospect of any early dominion election. The war is stated authoritatively to-day. It is altogether likely that the election will take place one year hence, about the time it would have occurred had no war broken out.

NARROW ESCAPES. Sir John Jellicoe Three Times at Death's Door. For they say there's a Providence sits up above that keeps the life of poor Jack. To keep watch o'er the life of poor Jack.

Dibdin's familiar lines must long ago have impressed themselves on the mind of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, for surely no sailor has experienced more narrow squeaks. Several times he has escaped death by little short of a miracle.

The first exciting episode in his career occurred in 1880, when he was serving as lieutenant on H. M. S. Monarch, near Gibraltar. The weather was thick and stormy, and early one morning a Glasgow steamer, the Ettrickdale, was stranded off Europa Point, on the Spanish coast, about three miles from Gibraltar, with heavy seas breaking over her. All attempts of her crew to get the vessel off failed.

The Monarch had gone out for target practice, and had left all her boats but one small one behind. Seeing the almost hopeless position of the steamer, the commander of the Monarch called for volunteers, and Lieut. Jellicoe and seven seamen got into the small boat and pulled for all they were worth. The boat, however, could not live in such a mountainous sea, and was quickly capsized. Fortunately each man had donned a cork jacket before starting, and after a terrible struggle in the waves all of them were washed ashore more dead than alive. Finally the crew of the steamer were rescued by a Spanish fishing boat, Lieut. Jellicoe and his gallant comrades being rewarded by the Board of Trade with medals.

The story of how he lost the medal is the story of another of Admiral Jellicoe's escapes from death. This occurred on June 22nd, 1893, when he was in command of Admiral Tryon's flagship Victoria, which was run into and sunk by the Camperdown in the Mediterranean, resulting in the loss of 200 lives. At the time of this terrible catastrophe Admiral Jellicoe was down with a sharp attack of fever, and was confined to his bunk. When the crash came he struggled from his bunk and staggered up on deck clad only in his pyjamas. He stood on the bridge with flags in his hands ready for signals when suddenly the great vessel sank, and he was flung into the whirling waves.

Too weak with fever to do much to save himself, he would undoubtedly have perished had it not been for a young midshipman who helped him to struggle away from the sinking ship. Admiral Jellicoe's medal went down with the rest of his property, and when the Board of Trade was informed of the loss the hero was told that he could have another medal by paying for it.

The Press Gang. The press gang was an institution which flourished in Great Britain in the olden times when impressment was the mode resorted to for manning the navy. The practice, which had not only the sanction of custom, but the force of law, consisted in seizing by force, for service in the royal navy, seamen, river watermen, and at times lanemen. The press gang, an armed party of reliable men commanded by officers, usually proceeded to such houses in the seaport towns as were supposed to be the resort of the sea-faring population, laid violent hands on all eligible men, and conveyed them forcibly to the ships of war in the harbor. Mitigations of the harsh laws on the subject were frequently introduced. As early as 1563 the naval authorities had to secure the sanction of the local justices of the peace; in 1835 the term of an impressed man's service was limited to five years save in urgent national necessity. By that time the system was becoming obsolete, and now the navy is manned by voluntary service. But the laws sanctioning impressment are in abeyance, without being repealed.

Valuable Swords. In the matter of swords it is said that the Gaskwar of Baroda possesses the most precious blade in existence. Its hilt and belt are encrusted with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, and emeralds, and its value has been put at \$1,000,000. There are many costly swords in the treasure-rooms of Eastern and European rulers, notably those of the Czar of Russia, the Sultan of Turkey, and the King of Siam, but the sword of the Gaskwar outshines them all. The most valuable sword in Europe is that presented by Egyptians to Lord Wolseley. The hilt is set with brilliants, and the whole sabre is estimated to be worth \$10,000. The Maharajah of Ghened is the owner of the most costly brougham in the world. The handles of the doors are of solid gold, while the rest of the vehicle is of silver.

Hint to Churchgoers. The following notice appeared in a recent issue of the parish magazine of St. John's, West Hendon: "Lost!—On Sundays, by the churchwardens of St. John's, somewhere between Queen's Road and the Welsh Harp, Hendon, £5 a week out of the church collections. If any of this should be found in the pockets of those who have for any reason omitted the Christian duty of contributing honestly to the maintenance of the church, they will be rewarded with a good conscience if they make up the present deficit on the Church Expenses Fund."

Prayers For Crops. Thousands of church people at Bexhill, Eng., recently attended a service in the fields, at which prayers were offered for the crops and fruits of the earth. Hymns were sung, and there were supplications for King, country, and church. There was a long procession of men and women to the field, led by surplined clergy and choirs chanting the litany.

What a delightful world if the rose kept its odor as long as the moth ball does! Probably Solomon was the one man who married all the girls he ever loved.

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