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## AN INVASION OF CANADA.

The German menace is not the less apparent now that Europe is in arms and that a very determined effort is being made to subjugate the Kaiser. The menace is more distinct in Canada and in Kingston that it has ever been. Here there are a number of German "suspects." They are not prisoners in the ordinary acceptance of the term. They are very kindly treated. They are well fed and cared for, so well provisioned and so comfortable in the old fort, indeed, that it is probable they would not disappear if given the opportunity to do so. The experience of the one who was paroled and returned might, and no doubt would, be the experience of the most of them. They would voluntarily surrender and ask to be put in the "coop" again. Well, it is these harmless fellows that constitute the particular menace to this city. Not that they are troublesome or harmful, but that their confinement is a case belli so far as certain German-Americans are concerned. They have been talking and plotting. They may be tempted to make a rescue. At least that is what some people fear, and our soldiers have a duty to perform at home. This duty is to protect the property of the crown in Kingston and see that an invasion is not possible.

Beck's Weekly is not enjoying the confidence of the government. It made an announcement of an election, before Christmas, which is not going to take place. The press will be excused if it does not "help itself" to that kind of information.

## HON. MR. HANNA RETIRES.

The information from Ottawa, of a political kind, is interesting. That some cabinet changes are contemplated goes without saying. That they will take place at an early date seems very probable. The premier was so deeply concerned about them that he could not attend the mass meeting in Montreal which was designed to give force and effect to the movement in favour of a French-Canadian brigade. In the deal Ottawa is to be affected and by the removal of Hon. Mr. Hanna from Ottawa. He is to replace Hon. Mr. Cochrane, it is said, but whether in the railway department or not "dependant" sayeth not. The change will be beneficial to the federal government and, perhaps, to Mr. Hanna. He is Ontario's strongest minister and certainly did not accept the issue of the recent government shuffle without misgivings. True he accepted office under a junior minister, but it is evident that he did so with the knowledge of understanding that it was only a temporary arrangement. The Ontario government is surely the weaker already of Sir Adam Beck's retirement. It will be made the weaker still by the transfer of Mr. Hanna to Ottawa. The stain upon his political escutcheon may not, however, disappear by a change in the sphere of his labour.

According to Prof. Delbreich, of the Berlin University, the Kaiser desires nothing so much as the dismemberment of the British empire. Very likely. And because Canada is supporting the cause of the mother country he would like her scalp. In that, too, he will be disappointed.

## MILITARISM IS TRIUMPHANT.

The war has produced wonderful changes, and in nothing so much as public sentiment. In a few months it has made militarism the destructive feature of the day. This is noticeable about Queen's College, whose students come from all the provinces of the dominion. The institution had a company of engi-

neers which did some drill in past sessions. Now it is in the barracks at Artillery Park. It served with the expeditionary forces at Valcartier, doing some field and constructive work of the highest value. It will be the nucleus of a still greater engineering corps and later part of the regiment which the universities propose to form.

There is to be a military organization in connection with every department of the college. Recruiting began to-day and will continue from day to day until it is complete. There will be at least five hours per week devoted to drill and military instruction. Students, active physically and intellectually, the very flower of the land, make splendid soldiers. It does not take long to whip them into shape for efficient field service, but in shooting they need a great deal of practice. Shooting is the main thing in war, and in it the British have excelled. The carnage of the battlefields is "bad enough, but it would have been infinitely worse but for the poor marksmanship of the enemy."

Finally the Leonard offer of dormitory accommodation for Queen's military contingent, in conjunction with a drill hall, rejected some months ago, has been revived. There was a difference of opinion between the major and the trustees with regard to the manner in which it should be governed. These differences seem to be reconciled. Truly militarism, for the time being, is triumphant, because, apparently, there is no alternative, under war conditions.

The premier of Ontario, in a war political meeting, (which is about his size), said the war was the result of Canada failing to rally to the help of the mother country on the navy question. At the same time, and a minute later, he said war was inevitable, and, later, would have been worse for Britain. Not very consistent, to say the least of it.

## POLITICS AND WAR.

Canada is to escape the bitterness of a dominion election because the business and banking interests of the country have protested against it. A member of the government—it is not necessary to specially mention him—was so set upon a dissolution, as it seemed to be the best thing for the province from which he hailed, that he had completed his plans, and, at great pains and expense, prepared literature for the campaign. For a while he had his way. Certain conservative papers, under the inspiration that proceeded from the party caucus, began to "tune up." One assumed the gigantic task of demolishing the senate. Another was bold enough to make "the absolute assertion" that there would be an election before Christmas.

Some difficulties arose. Cabinet reconstruction had to be considered. One minister sought a judgeship. It was vacant. There was no objection to his retirement. Two nationalists had to be got rid of—Nantel and Pelletier. They represented the nationalism that is now dead in Quebec. Nantel was willing to be sacrificed. Pelletier was not. Meanwhile the business men of the country were being heard from. They talked against an election either before or after Christmas. The great reason for the appeal discounted the intelligence of the men who made it. It was that the government could not go back to parliament for another war vote without danger of being turned down by the senate. Fudge!

The parliament of Canada had just called its first war session. There was no difference of opinion in it with regard to the war and Canada's part in it. The opposition gave the government to understand that it would support every reasonable proposition for military or naval purposes. The opposition redeemed its pledge. The opposition stands today ready to support any action of the government in order to strengthen the work of the imperial government. Its leaders, in place of conspiring politically, have been stirring the people up to a sense of their duty, by a crusade of the most commendable character. They have assumed that the Canadian politicians imitate the politicians of Great Britain, and, for the time being, sink all their differences. They have acted on the belief that when a government makes proclamation of what is practically a declaration of peace it will keep its word.

The Hamilton Spectator, of some days ago, denounced the proposal to order an election. The Montreal Star is even more scathing in its language. "A general election could not be called now," it remarks, "without causing a fierce renewal of party strife—without dividing our people into two hostile camps—without leaving the liberals under a bitter sense of betrayal, after having been led into the 'ambush' of patriotic co-operation. It would beg like approaching a foe with a flag of truce and then opening fire on them. As we have said, we have not the slightest notion that the government entertain any such treacherous intention."

The Star fears that a defeat, in an election, might be construed into a condemnation of the Canadian policy of assisting Britain in her war. Such a conclusion is irrational. But the people might be aggravated, as they would be in a campaign, and be ready to punish the government for its want of tact and common sense.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

When is Sir Adam Beck going to turn his attention to Eastern Ontario and give it cheaper power. He is now the minister of power for Ontario West.

Dr. Eliot, the president emeritus of Harvard University, says America can never forget that it owes Britain and France a debt of gratitude. America owes Germany nothing.

The Alberta Farmers' Co-Operative Elevator Company has been a success financially. It cleared a profit of \$17,000 last year. It did more. It balanced up the prices to the infinite profit of the producer. Co-operation pays.

While Sir Robert Borden is in Ottawa, and confined to the city, putting down cabinet cabals, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is moving among the masses and stirring them to exhibit their military fervour. He's surely a grand old man.

There is an increase of suicide in the German army. Between 200 and 500 soldiers end their lives, as a means of ending their troubles, every year. An evidence of the hardships of that system that reduces men to what is familiarly termed "the fighting machine."

## Public Opinion

Oh, That's It.

Toronto Star.  
Oh, well, as the Hamilton Spectator would say, why pay heed to these German chorles? 'Tis only the Hohens Ollern.

Hang The Expense.

Ottawa Journal.  
A French political economist declares that the war will cost twenty billions if it last six months. But everybody's motto at the present moment is "hang the expense."

Warning Or Promise?

Ottawa Citizen.  
Every office holder in Canada would lose his job if the Germans won in the present war, says the president of the Ontario Historical Society. Is this a warning or a promise.

Which Bob Rules.

Hamilton Herald.  
There are a pair of Bobs in the Dominion cabinet. Which of the two Bobs is the one that steers we shall know when it is decided whether or no there is to be a general election this year.

The Loss Of Officers.

Montreal News.  
Military experts have hinted—and Kitchener knows—that it is more than likely every one of the 10,131 officers now in the British army will be either killed, wounded or a prisoner of war before Germany is brought to her knees.

Shoot The Spies.

Toronto Globe.  
The Canadian government cannot be too alert in their efforts to discover strangers whose actions are at all suspicious. Any spy caught should be summarily despatched, as is the custom of dealing with them in Britain at the present time.

## Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

R. J. Hooper, clerk in Mackleston & Co.'s hardware store, has been transferred to the company's branch in Peterboro.  
The school room at the penitentiary is being refitted.  
The sum of \$10 was presented to the general hospital by the Jewish synagogue of this city.  
The junior classes in the public schools are overcrowded. A new ten-room school will be built.

## OCTOBER.

Too warm to keep yourself shut in.  
Too cold, a lot, to walk about.  
Too dry to wear goloshes, much.  
Too damp, by far, to go about.  
Too chill to open up the doors.  
Too stuffy for the parlor grate.  
Too short the days to tackle tasks.  
Too long the nights to stay out late.  
Too winterish for the topcoat, pal.  
Too summerish for the ulster, friend.  
In fact you're too much for us—  
Of all the twelve you are the shirer!

Lord Haldane's Opinion.

Hamilton Herald.  
Lord Chancellor Haldane was educated at German universities, is one of the foremost German scholars in Britain, and has for many years been regarded as a staunch friend of Germany. There is therefore deep significance in the lord chancellor's public statement that "the terms of peace will be such that the dominant spirit of militarism which has perverted every talent of the German nation will be crushed and broken so that those who come after us shall be free from such terror."

Test Of Patriotism.

Toronto Globe.  
Calling a needless election when every minister should be at his post through a national crisis will show the measure of professed patriotism when weighed against the thirst for office.

## THE HALLS OF QUEEN'S

FRESHETTES WERE "COURTED" ON SATURDAY.

The Hose Turned on Some of Them—Sermon By Rev. Dr. Bruce Taylor, of Montreal, on Sunday Morning.

The third meeting of the Alma Mater society was held in Convocation Hall, on Saturday night. There were about three hundred students present. A letter from Edward McDonald was read in which he tendered his resignation from his position on the A. M. S. executive. He will not be in college this fall.

A communication was received from J. Crawford asking damages for things taken from his store during the medical "rush" last Wednesday afternoon. It was decided to refer the request to the Aesculapian society.

After the A. M. S. adjourned the mock parliament session was continued. President Harkness of the A. M. S. was the speaker. After the bill had been read a second time the house was divided into a committee of the whole. The discussion on the various parts of the bill continued till 10 p.m. The session will be continued next Saturday evening.

On Saturday evening seventy-five freshettes were initiated into the mysteries of college life by the sophomore girls of arts in the large English class-room in the new Arts building. There were about 250 present, including the wives of several professors. The initiation was in the form of a court. Miss Beatrice Gilhooly made a very competent judge. A very classy looking policeman was on hand to keep order. The 5th Field Engineers were represented by about twenty-five girls attired like the soldiers.

The prisoners were called in turn and accused of something they did not do. However, they were generally proved guilty and had to take their punishment in the form of singing "It's a Long Road to Tipperary," reciting selections from Shakespeare, giving speeches and rolling peanuts across the floor with their noses. Three prisoners were found guilty of participating in the science-rush. The judge's sentence was thus: "Turn the nose of those prisoners." The policeman proceeded to take off the girls' stockings, turn them inside out and put them on again, thus "turning" the hose on them. Two guilty prisoners were forced to eat a yard of decorative tape which was attached to a piece of dog biscuit. One girl who stopped the initiation last year was sentenced this time. After all the prisoners were dealt with, refreshments were served and the crowd dispersed about 11 p.m.

On Sunday morning convocation hall was crowded to hear Rev. R. Bruce Taylor, D.D., of St. Paul's church, Montreal. The choir and the university staff gathered on the platform. The 5th Field Engineers were there in a body and occupied the front of the hall.

The speaker took his text from Exodus ix, 22. He said that as Pharaoh and his servants were more wicked than the severe storm than before, so we would be more dutiful after the greatest war than we were before. He mentioned that the rising generation is getting more and more liberalized in thought and speech than the people at the time of the reformation, and he hoped that this thought and speech is a very fine thing.

About two hundred turned out to hear Prof. Morrison at convocation hall Sunday afternoon. The speaker took his address from the Christian Citizen. This is the third address of a series which will be conducted throughout the coming season.

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## ROTING IN LONDON.

And Attacks Made on Shops Kept by Germans.

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**PRINCE WAS SLAIN BY HIDDEN SOLDIER**  
How Two Members of House of Lippe Were Ambushed by Lone Belgian.  
Paris, Oct. 19.—A despatch from Ostend to l'Humanite, describes the killing of the Prince of Lippe and his nephew by a private Belgian soldier. The despatch says the Germans, after occupying the town of Liege, continued westward to Seraing, where they intended to begin the bombardment of the forts at Fleron and Flenil the next day.  
The prince and his nephew went on a trip of inspection of the surroundings of Fleron during the night. When they reached a certain point they left their carriage and continued afoot. A Belgian soldier, a simple Flemish carabineer, happened to be on the spot. He had become separated from his command and did not know where his regiment was. On seeing the officers he hid in a ditch. He fired on the prince and his nephew as they came near, and both fell dead. The soldier reported the affair later, and the corpses were removed to a mortuary at Seraing with due ceremony.  
The helmet of the prince contained a pile of bank notes and his belt and the handle of his sword were decorated with precious stones.  
M. Delvigne, a socialist alderman, who was acting as burgo-master, handed over all the valuables to the German officers who came seeking news of the prince. The officers were astonished to find the valuables had not been stolen.  
The family of the prince sent a letter thanking the municipality of Seraing for its treatment of the bodies and care of the valuables, and also a representative to thank the officials.

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