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SCREAMS OF THE EAGLE.

The American Commission for the Relief of Belgium reported that not a mouthful of food supplied through the generosity of the people abroad went to the Germans. It also went out of its way to excuse German rapacity by saying that the invading nation could not help the Belgians, as it had a right to do under international law, because it had a need of all the food-stuffs it possessed for its own troops.

SOME DAZZLING SALARIES.

One wonders sometimes why athletes have such a hold on the youthful minds. It is but natural. Play is essential to life, to growth, to health, and play that is associated with skill wins recognition and reward. This is seen in the case of Walter Johnson, of the American Baseball League, who has been fluctuating between it and the Federals, which is the newer organization, and the one that is making inroads upon the older organizations in its bids for the better players.

CANADIANS AT THE FRONT.

The First Contingent from Canada, and identified with the expeditionary force, leaves England for the front early in January, fitted, according to Lord Kitchener's idea, for any service to which it may be assigned. It is only lately that the British and French have been in a position to advance. All they could do, for a while, was hold the enemy in check, or repulse his attacks, and how they could do this so successfully, remembering that the Germans, so far as men and money were concerned, represented the perfect fighting machine, has been the surprise. Hereafter the Germans will be on the defence, in both the east and the west, and well up in the advancing hosts of prepared men on the west, will be the Canadians. It has taken time to harden and equip the British forces as they must be, in order to stand the fatigues and trials of the battle field.

It is that are necessary for aggressive work. There the elimination has been going on, and when we do eventually cross the channel it will be to meet the difficulties of the hour in British form and spirit. Dr. Ross, M.P., as the head of No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, has been especially successful. His branch of the contingent has been recognized as one of the best units, and it grows in favour upon its merits.

THE LONG PURSE WINS.

The New York Post discusses "War and the Economic Exhaustion." Will the time come—is it near—when the belligerents must end their operations for want of money? The Post does not know, and cannot cite from history, any war which had to end for financial reasons; and, there does not seem to be any prospect of collapse in the present war for lack of cash. Germany achieved the phenomenal success of floating a billion dollar loan at ninety-seven and a half, and among her own people. The rate was high, namely, five per cent. Britain went one better when she sold a billion and three-quarters of German bonds at ninety-five, with interest at three and a half per cent. So far there has been no scarcity of coin, and war loans have been raised with the greatest of ease. The Chancellor of the British Exchequer anticipates the day, however, when the long purse will be the determining factor in the war. Supplies must be produced as well as bought. Prof. Usher, in the Atlantic, indicates that Germany has a scheme by which it will carry on the work of agriculture, next year, by the alternating, if necessary, of its soldiers as workers in the field. But the scheme has a chimerical look, and has to be tested before very much can be said in its behalf.

VENTILATE THE FACTS.

The Board of Trade has been asked to consider the by-laws upon which the people will pass at the municipal elections. The idea is to thoroughly ventilate all the facts, and so enable the voters to act intelligently. It is not at all desired that the most important items of the year should be treated lightly, or that men should be asked to use their votes in approving or disapproving of them, without the fullest consideration. One by-law affects several industries in that it provides them with a railway connection which they must have if they would do business. The locomotive works company can get along without it, having an independent connection with the Grand Trunk Railway, but it can get along better with this second connection, and it is indispensable to the Shipbuilding Company, and to Selby & Co., the founders. During the winter season they are cut off from the outer world and can only get into touch with it by the slower and more expensive use of horse power. Kingston wants industries and must have them, and the municipality is expected to do its part towards them. The railway company lays the track, but the grading which is necessary, and preliminary to this, the city must do at an estimated cost of \$3,000. It is a small favour which the people should not hesitate about granting.

The other by-law concerns the cheaper power which the flour mills desire and which they must have. Flour to the value of \$100,000 is sold annually in Kingston, and most of it is brought into the city. There is no reason why the city mills should not meet the demands of the district, and they would be able to do it with power which Mr. Campbell is prepared to supply them. One mill has been idle for some time. It will remain idle so long as it costs \$10,000 a year for steam power which it has been obliged to use.

There is an objection to the Campbell franchise, and it arises with those who do not want any private contractor to step between the city and the consumer of electricity. But the consumer in this case is the producer; the man who has the power to spare and wants to sell it, and so far has been unable to make a contract with the city. It costs the department about two cents per kilowatt to deliver electric power at the switch board. Mr. Campbell has offered it to the city for three-quarters of a cent a kilowatt, and to guarantee a certain quantity daily if the city will undertake to purchase it. Why should his offer not be accepted? The Hydro-Electric Commission should be considered. It must not say, as it has, that Mr. Campbell is not entitled to more than six-tenths of a cent a kilowatt. Mr. Campbell says it is worth one cent a kilowatt to him, but he will let it go at three-quarters of a cent. The Hydro-Electric Commission cannot supply it for less and it in effect says that Mr.

Campbell cannot. Every ratpayer will agree that the cheaper power of Mr. Campbell should be acquired, and the Hydro-Electric Commission should not act like the dog in the manger, declining to accept or let any one else accept it. Mr. Campbell does not want any concession from the people that he has not a right to expect.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The reduction in the electric rates is under consideration. It is all right if it can be done without loss financially.

C. M. Schwab says that Europe has placed contracts with the American manufacturers to the value of three hundred millions, and that an era of industrial activity is fast opening up.

Motors to the value of \$25,000 have been put out of use in Kingston by the change from direct to alternating current. And still the power plant must produce direct current for the street railway.

Seventy liquor licenses cut off by the Board of License Commissioners in Montreal. And no kick and commotion. Why? The government provides compensation to the extent of \$5,000 in each case in which a license is refused.

The president of the International Nickel Company says the dominion government knows the destination of every ton of nickel which leaves Canada. And the admiralty protests against it? There is something amiss and the sooner it is adjusted the better.

In St. Lambert, which is a suburb of Montreal, there was great rejoicing over "a municipal Christmas tree." Had any one proposed such a thing in Kingston he would have been criticized. But the municipality can do a good many things if it wants to, and there is some one in the council to lead the way.

The inspector of charities, jails, and public institutions, Dr. Bruce Smith, a graduate of Queen's, is referred to in one paper as "colonel" and "autocrat." His position demands that he exert considerable power, sometimes arbitrarily, in order that ideal conditions may be reached. But he is not an autocrat, but a reasonable and most efficient man.

Public Opinion

True For You. Toronto Globe. The aviator has proved his value. An army without flying scouts is an army courting disaster.

Decidedly Short. Windsor Record. Getting short—December days and the Kaiser's presumptuous partnership with the Almighty.

Turkey In Tur. Montreal Mail. Lord Cromer says Egypt must still pay over \$3,000,000 yearly of her debt to Turkey. The Turks seem to be trying to go in and collect this year's instalment.

Equal To The Task. Brantford Courier. Lord Strathcona died with a fortune of over one hundred millions in his sole possession. This money carried with it tremendous responsibilities. Did Strathcona fulfil them?

Send Him To The Front. London Advertiser. Harry Thaw looms up again, his case having reached the supreme court. Evidently the only way to be rid of him is for the United States to enter the war and send him to the front.

The Cold Shoulder. Toronto Mail and Empire. Mr. Bourassa is getting the cold shoulder from the liberal party, of which he was once considered to be an ornament, and there are few men of French blood who would identify themselves with what seem to be his racial opinions.

A Prince Of India. Hamilton Herald. The gawkwar of Baroda, the wealthiest of India's princes, got into disgrace at the imperial durbar near Delhi by what seemed to be a studied slight to the king-emperor. This same gawkwar of Baroda, since the war began, has contributed more money than any other Indian prince to the British cause. His latest gift to the empire is the C.P.R. liner Empress of India, which he has purchased and will turn over to the imperial authorities for use as a hospital ship. This sort of thing can be classed as "fruits meet for repentance."

Kingston Events

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Five men, timed to eat Christmas dinner in the penitentiary did not do so, as they managed to make their escape. They bound and gagged three guards and two convicts. Their escape caused a big sensation. The new organ for St. Andrew's church has arrived. Principal Grant dedicated a Presbyterian church at Ottawa.

A General Dead. London, Dec. 26.—Gen. Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny died at his home at Hove, Sussex. He was seventy-four years old and was retired from service in 1907. He was prominent in the South African war.

FIGHT FOR MAYORALTY

THERE ARE TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE.

A Number of Acclamations Resulted—Buying Fish to Send Away—Various Presentations.

Gananoque, Dec. 26.—Although the nomination meeting on Wednesday evening last in Turner's Hall resulted in the usual large number of nominations for the municipal offices of Gananoque for 1915, when the time limit for qualification had expired the outlook was not nearly so formidable. The results at present show the following acclamations: Reeve, David Darling; deputy reeve, W. J. Wilson; water commissioners, George Tomer, J. Arthur Jackson, John Paul and William Edwards, Jr.; school trustees, Dr. J. A. Black, Dr. A. H. Mabee, W. F. Latimer and E. P. Wright.

The contest will, therefore, be for the mayoralty between ex-Mayor W. N. Rogers, and Dr. Fergus J. O'Connor. And for the council board, where four of the 1914 council are again in the field, C. K. Wright, George K. Taylor, James Kerr and Frank Keyes, with three new aspirants to fill the two other seats, Louis Pecor, George Dowling and George S. Cowman. From these an efficient council should be selected. Just what may be the outcome of the mayoralty contest is a little premature to predict. Ex-Mayor Rogers is a hard fighter, and the victor in many hard-fought campaigns, while the doctor, although downed in the first round last year, has come back smiling and fresh for the second round, and his many friends are of the opinion that he will put up a pretty stiff fight.

Through the kindness of Postmaster J. T. Grayson the local office was open yesterday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 4.30 until 6 p.m. The Christmas muffs have been very heavy and the entire staff has been taxed to the utmost. Upwards of 250 bags of mail matter have been received and sorted here, as well as the attending clerks to the outgoing mails. During the present week there have been very large purchases of fish made here by local dealers for shipment, the main amount being from the lake section to the north.

Christmas Day was in ideal: the snow of the past two weeks furnished splendid sleighing, and the drop in the thermometer to five degree below zero made the weather conditions all that could be desired. The day itself passed very quietly, services being held in the Methodist, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches during the forenoon. Miss Nellie Lake who has taught efficiently in the Victoria Avenue school for the past few years, and recently tendered her resignation to accept a more lucrative situation in the Sudbury school was entertained at tea together with her colleagues of the Victoria Avenue school, by Miss Edith Jackson, Princess street, this week, when occasion was taken to present her with a handsome Cameo ring as a slight token of good will and esteem from her colleagues.

Class No. 8 of Grace Methodist Sunday school waited on their teacher Clifford Sine at his home, on Thursday evening and presented him with a beautiful electric reading lamp as a slight token of their appreciation of his services. Although rather early in the season for a general freeze up the St. Lawrence has frozen over and on Thursday a crossing was made on the ice by Mr. and Mrs. William Gauthier from Leek Island. On Wednesday Henry Cook, St. John's Island, drove down on the ice a distance of about eight miles. Capt. D. J. Kenny has purchased the vacant lot on the corner of St. Lawrence and Main streets, and purposes erecting a double residence of cement blocks in the early spring. Mrs. C. H. Hurd and daughter, Miss L. Erlen Hurd, King street, spent Thursday in Kingston. William Haynes, Oshawa, is holidaying in town with relatives.

Capt. and Mrs. D. J. Kenney are spending a week in Toronto with friends. Mrs. William Scally, Kingston, is spending a few days in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Whitmore. Sheriff McCampbell, Brockville, is spending the holiday season in town with his wife and family. Colin C. McKellar, Montreal, is holidaying in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McKellar.

Alger D. Aikens, Thornlow, is spending a short time in town, the guest of his mother, Mrs. H. Aikens. Messrs. William and Roy LaFrance, located for some time past in Ottawa, are holidaying here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaFrance. William Patterson, Mich.-Mich., is in town for a visit with his sister, Mrs. H. Aikens. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Webster have gone to Cobalt for a visit with their son, Arthur Webster. Somers O'Connor, student in St. Michael's College, Toronto, is spending his vacation here and Mrs. George W. Dustin, Yarm., Ont., are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dustin. E. W. Flemming, Belleville, is spending a few days with friends and relatives in town. Mrs. Raddall Mills was taken to Kingston General Hospital on Tuesday for treatment for appendicitis.

Was Hotel Manager. Carlton Place, Dec. 25.—Hampton R. Hilliard died here on Thursday afternoon. He was born at Pakenham, and for a number of years was manager of the Mississippi Hotel in this town. Mr. Hilliard was a son of the late Daniel Hilliard, at one time member for North Lanark.

To Take A Million. The Hague, Dec. 26.—Queen Wilhelmina, in signing a bill for a war loan of 275,000,000 florins (\$110,000,000), informed the finance minister that she would personally subscribe 2,500,000 florins (\$1,000,000) of the amount.

Robert Lorraine, the actor, who recently was wounded by a shrapnel bullet while serving with the British forces on the continent, has returned to England to convalesce. He says he expects to go back to the front in two months with the fastest aeroplane ever built in England.

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QUEEN MOTHER'S MESSAGE. Tells Dames She Hopes for Peace by Next Christmas. Copenhagen, Dec. 26.—Queen Alexandra has sent the following Christmas message, through the London correspondent of the National Tidende of Copenhagen, to the Danish people: "I am happy to send Christmas greetings to the people of my dear native land. I wish that this fruitful war may be finished before next Christmas, and that the peace and toleration which England always strove for may again prevail in this world."

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