

THE MAN ON WATCH

There is one man (if he is really that) whom the Lampman hopes will not have a happy New Year. His name is Kaiser Wilhelm.

There are to be dog days next year; not because of the war but because to the town council of 1915 is left the task of making the new dog by-law.

The soldiers are not the only government employees who are not living like lords. The Lampman hears that government hospital nurses patronize restaurants in order to get a square meal once in a while. The war has made the provincial government very economical.

Mayor Shaw has certainly been a splendid lobbyist at Ottawa for Kingston. No mayor did more than he to get the government interested in this town, and to coax it to give over everything it could spare.

Brewery Lane is certainly a lovely name for one of Kingston's highways. The Lampman has heard of Whiskey Row, but he did not know till recently that the town had a Brewery Lane.

The reason, the Lampman hears for mobilizing the third expeditionary force at many places instead of a few centres is to give protection to as wide an area as possible against German raids from the United States. There will be enough Canadian soldiers at hand along the border to hang all pirate bands that may seek to visit this land on "culture" bent. The Kingston conservative association executive should meet and decide which merchant is to have the patronage for the rope supply.

When the Whig, with its array of Kingston officers of the second Canadian contingent reaches Berlin, the Kaiser will certainly have another fit, as he sees the hopelessness of continuing the struggle.

The Lampman has been asked if a man can be elected as a town councillor if his taxes are in arrear. He is of opinion that he can not, according to law and common sense. If a townsman cannot or will not pay his taxes, he is not fit to represent the people who do pay their tithes.

The Lampman recalls that last January the inaugural meeting of the town council was opened with prayer, and that Councilman Sutherland said he would open his Fire and Light committee inaugural with a box of cigars instead. He wonders if Councilman Sutherland, if he is elected mayor, will use cigars instead of prayer for the council opening.

Although the newspapers of Tuesday last contained the obituary of the town council, the Lampman notices that this body has again bobbed up, apparently not having been properly interred.

"Is it proper for a military officer in uniform to put on a surplice or a chorister's gown?" The Lampman would answer no. Civilian and clerical garb cannot be mixed with that of the "sodger". It would be like an officer wearing a military tunic and a pair of football pants.

Last January, "Tom" McAuley sent a communication to the town council with regard to that body doing some praying when its members felt inclined to wrangle and call each other names. His Worship the mayor referred the communication to the council's Fire committee. The Lampman would like to know if the communication has been reported upon.

NOMINATIONS ON MONDAY

For Mayor, Utilities, Aldermen and School Trustees.

These are the places for nomination of aldermen and school trustees on Monday from 12 o'clock noon till 1 o'clock:

- Sydenham ward, at No. 88 William street; J. J. Brophy, returning officer.
- Ontario ward, at City Council chamber; Alexander Jamieson, returning officer.

- St. Lawrence ward, at No. 316 Princess street; A. E. M. Loscombe, returning officer.
- Catarqui ward, at No. 72 Queen street; W. J. Clark, returning officer.
- Frontenac ward, at No. 63 York street; Frederick Davies, returning officer.

- Rideau ward, at corner of Division and Brock streets; William Neal, returning officer.
- Victoria ward, at corner Division and Union streets; William Perry, returning officer.

The nominations for mayor and utilities commissioners will be received by the city clerk in the City Hall from ten till eleven o'clock.

CHIEF CLAIMS OFFICER.

N. W. Hancock, Galt, Solicitor of Compensation Board.

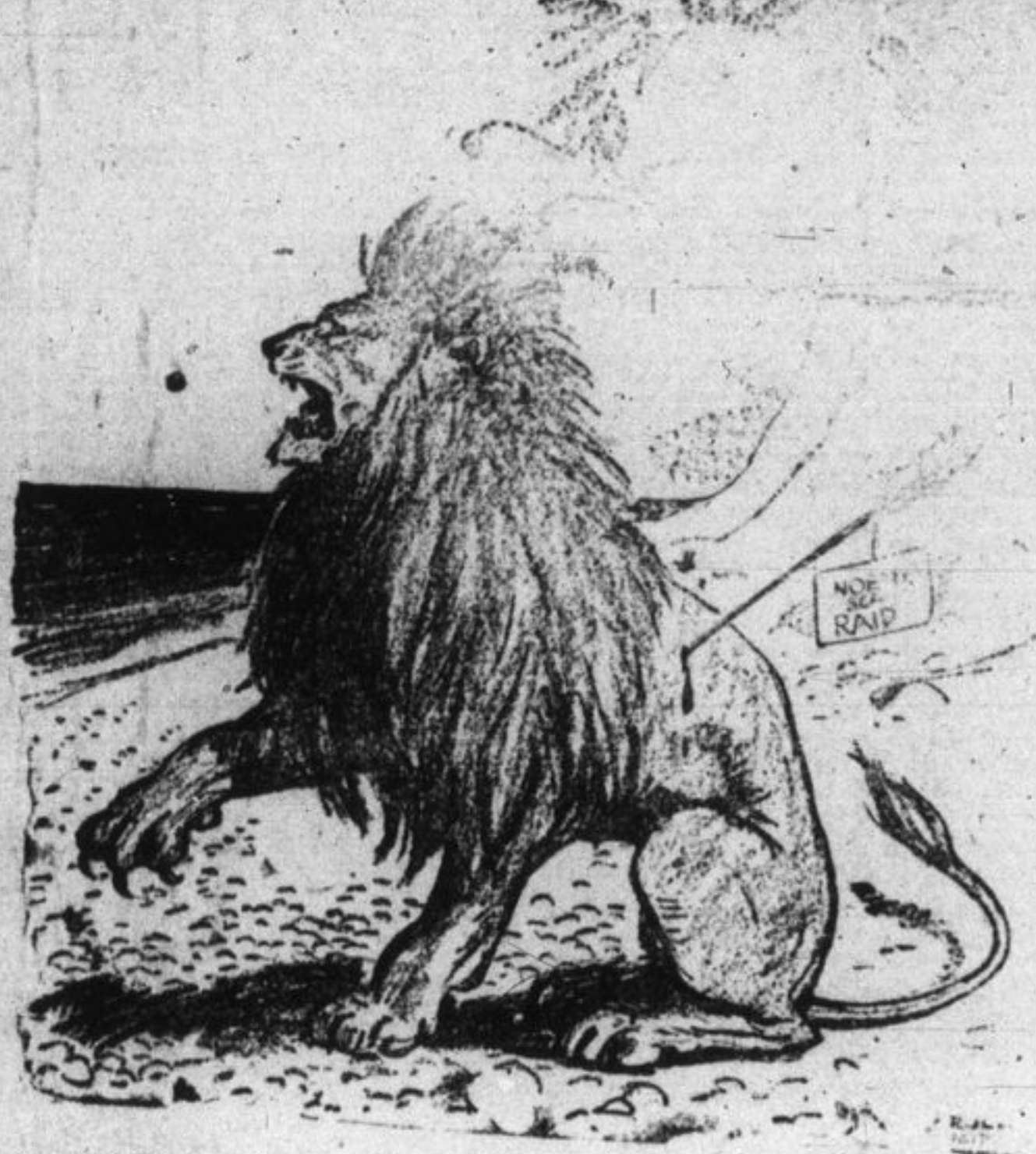
Galt, Dec. 26.—Norman W. Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hancock, Sr., Wellington street, has received the appointment of chief claims officer and solicitor of the Workmen's Compensation Board of Ontario. He is to take up his duties in Toronto on January 1st. He was for two years in the law office of his brother, J. H. Hancock, of Galt; then for three years with Ogden & Bowley, Toronto. Nine months ago he entered into partnership with his brother here, and was placed in charge of their Preston office.

The man content with half a loaf may not deserve more.

COMMENTS BY ZACCHEUS.

Who Hopes That 1915 Will Give Peace To The World.

- A—A happy new year.
 - B—Bright with the realization of your most fervent hopes.
 - C—Canada, the freest and happiest country on the face of the globe.
 - D—Determined, unflinchingly, to pursue her forward march.
 - E—Entente cordiale among all of her sons.
 - F—Faithfulness to flag and to H—Heightens her opportunities.
 - G—God's message.
 - I—Intolerance, frown down.
 - J—Justice be our guiding star.
 - K—Kindness, granters, fire-eaters, gather no moss.
 - L—Law of love the supremest.
 - M—Mark the future with generosity and forbearance.
 - N—Neighborly men the best men.
 - O—Old boy thrives on discord.
 - P—Pitch him overboard.
 - Q—Quotidian bread, eat and let eat.
 - R—Resolve, on dawn of new year, to live the true life.
 - S—Seeking the good of others, thereby securing our own.
 - T—Traversing time with a thought to that which is beyond.
 - U—Unswerving as to duty.
 - V—Valiant for the right.
 - W—Wishing well to all, let us
 - X—Xhale a prayer that 1915 may
 - Y—Yield to the world peace, and to each and every one the fullest possible measure of God's blessings.
- ZACCHEUS.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

MIDNIGHT MASS WAS HELD IN ST. MARY'S

Archbishop Spratt Officiated — Services Were Also Held In Several Other Of The City Churches.

The happiest and dearest of festivities, Christmas, with its deep religious import, its home comings and general manifestations of goodwill, once more is here to cheer the hearts of young and old. Alas! that a period intended for joy and peace among men should, as at the present hour, be turned into a time of despair, death and desolation! For the hearts that mourn and hearts that ache, all people feel unfeigned sympathy and pray that the Prince of Peace may, from his lowly crib of Bethlehem, lighten their sorrow and hasten an understanding among nations of the earth.

The ceremonies attending the celebration of the birth of Christ were in most churches, very impressive and worthy, notwithstanding the gloom hanging over the world, is a cause for rejoicing. We, in Kingston and Canada, have not suffered as certain other cities and countries have, and life has gone on much in the usual way.

Never before, perhaps, were the services in St. Mary's Cathedral more imposing in character. It was with all the splendor the Roman Catholic liturgy affords that the solemn midnight mass was celebrated by Archbishop Spratt, assisted by high priest, deacon, and sub-deacon, all gorgeously vested, the altar being

NO CHRISTMAS BONUS.

New York Stock Exchange Custom Dropped.

New York, Dec. 25.—For the first time in the history of the New York Stock Exchange the employees did not receive a Christmas bonus this year.

As far back as the oldest veteran can remember it has been the custom to appoint a committee to receive contributions from members to a Christmas fund for the 400 or more employees of the exchange.

Inasmuch as the exchange, when closed for nineteen weeks, retained all its employees on full pay, the government decided that there would be no Christmas fund. The slimness of commissions and the fact that many brokers are retaining employees on their payrolls because they don't want to turn them out in the streets, have also influenced the exchange authorities. Last year more than \$12,000 was distributed.

Poor management and hard luck usually travel together.

FINANCIAL NOTES

A Coal Company Seeks to Cancel Interest Unpaid.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—The Sterling Coal Company, Toronto, announces its intention of asking its bondholders to forego the payment of two years interest and cancel the company's liability for the same in order to build up the company's financial position. The company owns ninety per cent. of the Conger Lehigh Coal company and also owns mines in Ohio and West Virginia.

St. Lawrence Dividend
Montreal, Dec. 25.—The directors of the St. Lawrence & Chicago Steam Navigation Company, Limited, have declared a dividend of three per cent., payable January 2nd, 1915, to shareholders of record December 18th.

New Montreal Companies.
Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Among the Montreal concerns incorporated at Ottawa are the Star Boiler and Radiator Company Limited, \$200,000; Sessler Weaver Company, Limited, \$100,000, contractors, and the Tate Electric Waterproofing Process, Limited, \$300,000.

Reduce Preferred Issue.
New York, Dec. 25.—The Tobacco Products Corporation will make a further reduction in its preferred capital stock from \$8,000,000 to \$7,000,000 par value of the stock is \$100.

A special meeting of the Tobacco Products Corporation will be held in Richmond, Va., December 28th, to consider and act upon the proposition. The stockholders will be asked to reduce the authorized preferred capital from 80,000 shares to 70,000, and as part of such reduction by retiring 10,000 shares now owned by the corporation and purchased by it for this purpose.

91,150 Hold Stock.
Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—On Dec. 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad had 91,150 stockholders—largest number in its history. This is an increase of 3,863 over last year. Instead of showing a decrease in the number of its foreign shareholders the compilation shows that on Dec. 1, 1914, it had 11,882, or an increase of 386 over the holders a year ago.

Thirty-one thousand one hundred and eighty-six, more than one-third of all the Pennsylvania Railroad's stockholders, are citizens of Pennsylvania. The remainder of the company's stocks are distributed as follows: New York, 15,545; New England, 16,539; scattered, 16,007. Of the total number of shareholders, 43,913, or 48.17 per cent, are women.

Cost of Production Low.
Boston, Dec. 25.—It is expected that final figures of Granby's net earnings for November from Hidden Creek operations will show between \$85,000 and \$90,000. This would compare with \$65,000 for October

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

ESTABLISHED 1873

KEEPING a bank account for "household expenses" and paying all bills by cheque has many advantages. It shows the balance on hand, the amount expended, provides receipts for every payment and does not require a large deposit to begin with.

HEAD OFFICE TORONTO

KINGSTON BRANCH, H. E. Richardson, Manager.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

INCORPORATED 1869

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Reserve Funds 13,575,000

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KINGSTON BRANCH, E. E. NEWMAN, Manager.

when copper metal was lower in price.

Oil Stock Melon.
Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Ohio Oil Co., stockholders will get a "melon" of 133 1-2 per cent. in stock of the Illinois Pipe Line Co. It was announced at the close of the special stockholders' meeting here that one share of Illinois Pipe Line stock—par value \$100—would be distributed for every three shares of Ohio Oil stock held.

Commercial Notes.
The Dominion Park company Montreal has joined the ranks of the dividend reducers.
The Canada National Fire Insurance Co., has just closed a very successful year. At least sixty per cent. in dividends will be paid.
Directors of the General Chemical company of California have voted to sell its assets to the General Chemical company of New York.

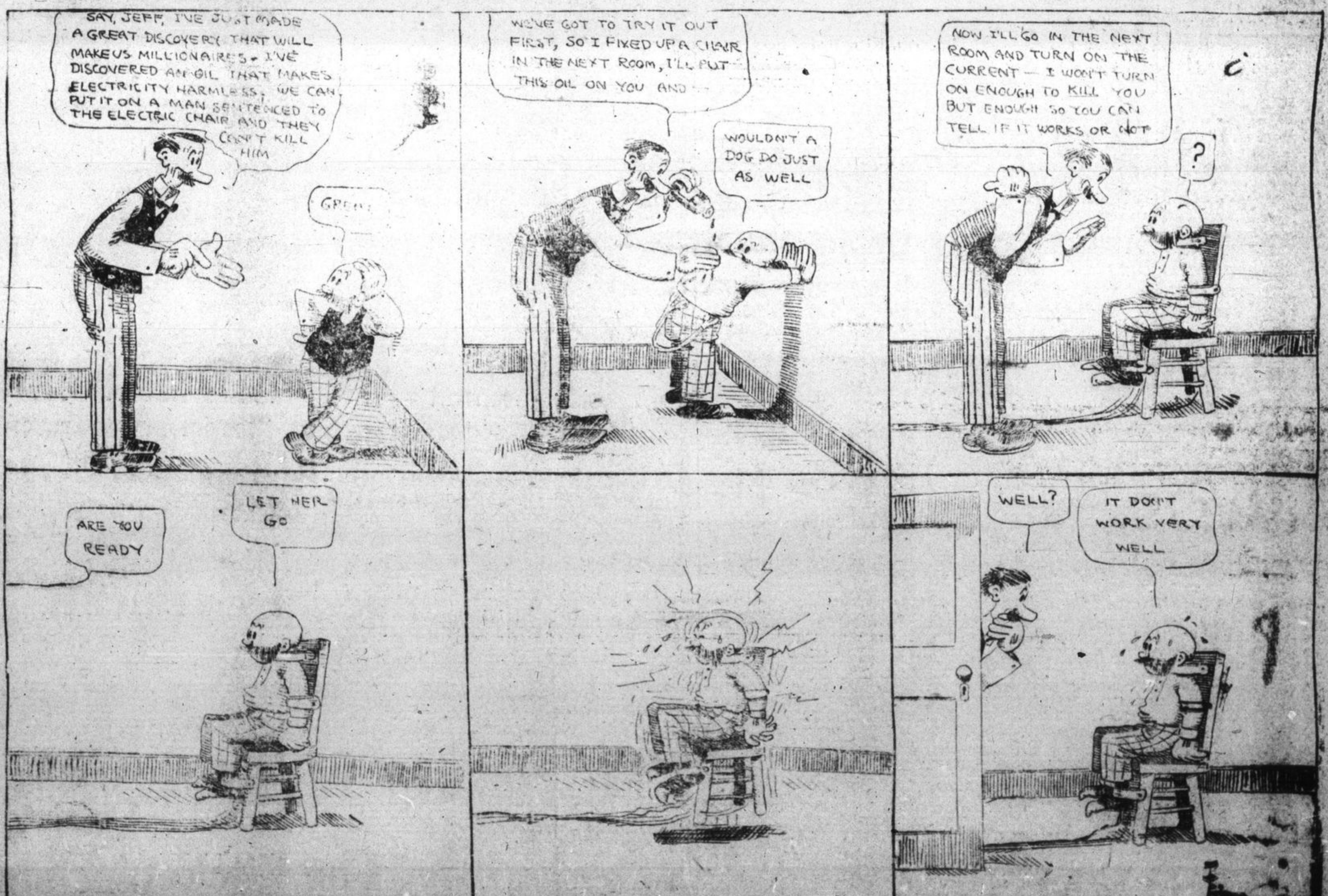
James A. Sutherland, member of the firm of T. B. Greening & Co., Toronto, has just been elected a member of the New York Coffee Exchange.

Dun & Co., report a netty one failure in Canada for the week ended December 18th, as compared with thirty-five in the same week last year.

Sir George Gibbons has been elected president of the London Gas company, in succession to the late Major Beattie, M.P.
The capital of Northern Crown was slightly increased during the twelve months, and is now \$2,862,000. Deposits amount to \$12,724,000 and total assets to \$18,207,000.
British Columbia proposes to create a limited moratorium on overdue real estate payments.

Great Britain will make loans to the four larger dominions for war expenditures as follows: Canada, \$12,000,000; Australia, \$18,000,000; South Africa, \$7,000,000; New Zealand, \$5,250,000.
A liquidator has been appointed by the creditors of the Canadian Agency. It is said liabilities amount to \$1,489,000 and assets are \$633,000.
The regular dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. on the Consolidated Mines is announced—payable on January 20th to stockholders of record December 31st.
Ewigs Buchan, for many years manager of the Bank of Hamilton, Vancouver, B.C., has been appointed curator of the Bank of Vancouver during its windingup.

Mutt Isn't Quite in Edison's Class : : : : : By "Bud Fisher"



The man content with half a loaf may not deserve more.