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A CHECK ON GENEROSITY.

Mr. Simpson, of Toronto, a labour leader, and for a year a controller, played a peculiar part in the municipal election. By the manager of a large business he was handed an envelope which contained \$200 in cash, and it was intimated that Mr. Simpson should be helped to this extent in the campaign.

DIED AT HIS POST.

The seriousness of the war, and the sad experiences to which it leads, have been exemplified in the case of Col. Frank Strange.

He was with the Canadians at Salisbury Plain, and devoted, as usual, to the performance of his duties, when an illness, due to the changes and inclemencies of the weather, caused his removal to one of the London hospitals.

The late Col. Strange will be remembered as a citizen and an officer whose relations with the people were of the most cordial kind.

This is an ideal condition. It comes only to the soldier whose activities are keenest when the situation is the most critical.

A TRUCE IN DANGER.

The truce in Britain is in danger of being broken, and as a result of bitter and vindictive attacks on members of the government.

The New York Herald publishes a picture of the Secretary of State—Hon. F. M. Hugo. Mr. Hugo when we knew him was a handsome man. He is a handsome man still. He

begun, and at the request of the government, visited Germany and conferred with the emperor and some of his ministers, on military questions.

In all of which the Lord Chancellor appears to be grossly and maliciously libelled. Lord Haldane was the organizer of the British land forces, and his plans Lord Kitchener is now carrying out.

It is a serious responsibility which these unionist jingoists are assuming, in their ruthless attacks upon Lord Haldane, but it is observed that they do not involve the unionist party.

OUR ELECTRIC CHARGES. The Whig has traced the practice to its origin of adding 10 per cent. to the gross charges, for electricity and gas, and of doing it under circumstances which have somehow deceived the people.

It was in March, 1905, that the committee recommended, in a report to the council, that the gas and electric light bills be issued with charges "at the net rate," a charge of ten per cent. to be added if the bills were not paid by the 20th of the month.

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Easy For Willie. Kansas City Times. "A train leaves New York," supposed the teacher, "travelling forty miles an hour. It is followed thirty minutes later by a train travelling eighty miles an hour. At what point will the second train run into the first?"

Nowmarket rejected Hydro power because the Commission did not carry out its promises. A great monopoly can sometimes become very ungrateful.

Had the Council any idea that it was tearing up the general power question in referring it to the Hydro Electric Commission? Surely not, or the reference would never have been made.

The ratepayers are waiting to see how the City Council can be economical and efficient at one and the same time. It had better call a halt on all expenditures until it has ascertained where the money is coming from.

BATTLE OF STEINBACH

DECIDED BY WINNER OF RACE TO MOUNTAIN TOP. Result Determined When French Climbers Outsped German Battery—Defenders Lose Ground After Desperate House to House Fighting.

Thann, Alsace, Jan. 6. (via Paris.)—A race of three miles up the steep slope of Eschy, through thickets and up rocky steps, between a battalion of French light infantry with mountain guns and a German battery determined the result of the stubborn fight for the Alsatian town of Steinbach.

The French battalion discovered the German battery ascending toward the summit of the mountain by road, and taking a short cut, arrived five minutes before the Germans appeared in an open space, and had just time to put into position their mountain guns and in five minutes more all was over.

Possession of this point permitted the French to cross the River Thur, above the town of Thann, and to re-enforce the troops operating around Steinbach.

Early Dec. 31st the French occupied all the heights around the town and sent an envoy to the German commandant demanding the surrender of the place. The German officer refused, saying a way of retreat was still open.

At noon on the same day the French began a determined attack. They first captured at the point of the bayonet a farm commanding the road entering the town. The French finally reached the village.

Charges and counter charges of infantry were made amid the continual booming of the French three-inch guns from all the heights, to which the Germans replied with ever-diminishing violence, which indicated a shortage of ammunition.

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One French company asked permission to charge. Many soldiers fell before they reached the German line, but the rest advanced and the German force guarding the road soon was surrounded and annihilated.

Holding the road and the farm, the chasseurs mounted quick-firing guns on a line connecting with the village and, sweeping along yard by yard, finally captured the first line of houses.

The struggle was then continued from house to house, the French losing one day the buildings captured on the preceding day, but always returning to the charge with greater violence and making a further advance. Every alley was an ambush and every house a little fortress.

The French finally slipped around the enemy's right along the Steinbach brook and then began a fierce combat for the possession of Steinbach itself.

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A changing wind, however, obliged the Germans themselves to quit the first line of trenches, being unable to control the fire, and the flames finally reached the ammunition of the reserves.

The explosion which occurred when the ammunition caught fire made the little town tremble as though from an earthquake.

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Kingston Events

Twenty-Five Years Ago. A C.P.R. freight car came into the city this morning with six inches of snow on top of it. This is more snow than has been seen in Kingston so far this year.

About a dozen more victims of la grippe were reported to-day. Prof. Goodwin will lecture at Queen's University on "The New Metal."

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Farms For Sale. 400 acres \$1500, 200 acres \$800, 100 acres \$400, 50 acres \$200, 25 acres \$100, 10 acres \$40, 5 acres \$20. BIG REWARD OFFERED. Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—Because of the renewed activity of the allied aviators, who have successfully destroyed several military positions, the military governor of Brussels, to-day, announced a reward of \$5,000 for the taking of any hostile airman dead or alive.

Announcement? As I have decided to vacate my present premises in the early spring of 1915, I am now prepared to make reductions on any amount that I have in stock. J. E. MULLEN, Cor. Princess and Clergy Streets, Kingston, Phone 1417.

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