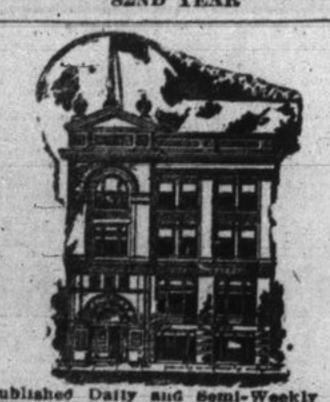
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TORONTO REPRESENTATIVE

A CHECK ON GENEROSITY.

Mr. Simpson, of Toronto, a labour leader, and for a year a controller. velope which contained \$200 in cash, not paid by the 20th of the month. timated that the cash was to be used so palpably deceptive, to go through? cian, one could understand Mr. Simpson's action. He handed the envelope containing the money to the the net, constitutes the gross rate county crown attorney, scorning to Colour is lent to this conclusion when use it, and the county crown attor- the account for the December quarney gave out the public opinion that ser bears upon its face, "Positively there was nothing imprudent or il- gross rates charged after Jan. 20th." legal in accepting this money for The commissioners, it is understood, election expenses. There are legiti- have never examined these peculiar mate expenses which every public accounts and so never, perhaps, noman, especially in a large city like | ticed their deception. They should Toronto, must pay, and it was kind at once consider two things: (1) A of the iron master in this case to lower rate for electric energy, offer to bear some of Mr. Simpson's ther used in the power or the light burden. Mr. Simpson will put a ling systems; and (2) a discount for brake upon the people who, out of prompt payments. The present their affluence, and in a spirit friendliness, would help a candidate enough. Besides the increased cost of for public honours in his contests, the alternating current makes it abgone a long way towards solutely necessary that something drying up the fountains of their genshould be done.

DIED AT HIS POST.

The seriousness of the war, and the sad experiences to which it leads have been exemplified in the case Col. Frank Strange. As an officer, of the Ordnance Department he was early in the conflict, summoned to Eng. only be driven by it. land. He left at once, ready to place his talents at the disposal of the imperial government, and cheerfully obedient to the call of the hour.

He was with the Canadians at Salisbury Plain, and devoted, as usual, spent their money freely in this way. to the performance of his duties, when They had no idea that in a short an illness, due to the changes and in- time there would be a change in the elemencies of the weather, caused his current, in the interest of economy, removal to one of the London hospi- or of a larger revenue, so far as the tals. The announcement of his death city is concerned. Had there brought home to Kingston friends and an inkling of this change the relatives a bereavement of the sever- tors would not have been bought, est kind. With his family the whole Practically on the representations Community will symppathise.

The late Col. Strange will be re- made. Is there no redress for us?" membered as a citizen and an officer whose relations with the people were gage the attention of the Commi of the most cordial kind. Inheriting sioners. The Whig wants to know his military fervour he became, while whether the direct current cannot be yet a young man, identified with the continued for power purposes? Militia Department, and served it various capacities and places with the street railway. Why should the great efficiency. His country loses him at a critical time, but it loses him while at the post of duty.

This is an ideal condition. It comes only to the soldier whose activities are keenest when the situation is th critical. Col. Strange's sacri fices will be specially recorded in th annals of the day. The Roll Call eventually will reveal how much he missed and mourned among the thousands of Canadians who have enlisted in the service of the king.

A TRUCE IN DANGER.

being broken, and as a result of bitter ful and vindictive attacks on member of the government. The one specially dane, Lord High Chancellor, whose ofprevocation. The Daily Express, a conservative paper, and the National Review, unionist, are doing their level how the City Council can be e

It is charged against Lord Haldane, all expenditures until it has ascertainthat he was, prior to the outbreak of ed where the money is coming from, the war, on the most friendly terms with the Germans, and that the kaiser | The New York Herald publishes stopped with Haldane, in England, Hon. F. M. Hugo. Mr. Hugo when \$6.60 a barrel. It is the highest And yet it would be better for the pairs of boots. and some members of his entourage, picture of the Secretary of State-

begun, and at the request of the government, visited Germany and conferred with the emperor and some of his ministers, on military questions. It is hinted that he would have liked to re turn to the war office, that he was against the dispatch of expeditionary forces, and that he changed his mind only in obedience to public opinion. 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. He was a man of peace, and lent his great power towards peaceful ends, in company with the other members of the government. But when war was declared, when Germany violated her treaty and

It is a serious responsibility which these unionist jingoists are assuming their suthless attacks upon Lord Haldane, but it is observed that the not involve the unionist party The leaders of public opinion in Bri tain are united on the war, and they will stay united until the war is over

OUR ELFCTRIC CHARGES.

The Whig has traced the practice H. E. Smallpeice 32 Church St. to its origin of adding 10 per cent.

New York Office 225 Fifth Ave. to the gross charges, for electricity

Frank R. Northrup, Manager.

Chicago Tribune Bldg.

Frank R. Northrup, Manager.

Cumstances which have somehow deceived the people.

It was in March, 1905, that th committee recommended, in a report to the council, that the gas and elecplayed a peculiar part in the muni- tric light bills be issued with charges cipal election. By the manager of a | "at the net rate," a charge of ten large business he was handed an en- per cent. to be added if the bills were and it was intimated that Mr. Simp- It may be asked, what were the son should be helped to this extent mayor and aldermen thinking about in the campaign. Had it been in- to allow a recommendation like this, illegally, in bribery and corruption, The talk of a net rate produced the in any of the devious ways that are miracle. When "net" is referred to so well known to the artful politi- the assumption is reached at once that there is a gross rate, and that the 10 per cent. referred to, added to

iquitous system has continued long

DIRECT ELECTRIC CURRENT.

A point of some importance, which the Utilities' Commissioners should consider is whether the direct rent can not be continued and where there are motors which

A merchant, and a power user, put the issue to the Whig in this way : Some years ago the department canvassed the power users and encouraged them to invest in motors. Many the department the investment

That is a question which must enmust be continued for the benefit Street Railway Company be the only beneficiary? One must keep in mind that there are two systems of power in Toronto, and that those whe have motors are not obliged to sacrifice them. In Kingston there motors to the value of \$25,000, it is simply unreasonable to expect that they must be cast upon the

scrap heap.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Newmarket rejected Hydro power cause the Commission did not carry out its promises. A great monopolcan sometimes become very ungrate-

Had the Council any idea that it marked out for assault is Lord Hal- was tearing up the general power fice is a judicial one. He must be Electric Commission? Surely not, or silent and reserved, even under great the reference would never have been

The ratepayers are waiting to best to make trouble, and they may cal and efficient at one and the scored, though it is hardly possible. time. It had better call a halt on

Is the Hydre Electric Commission prepared to act on the Campbell power proposition? Kingston wants cheap power, and the Kingston Commission had better advise the Hydro-Electric Commission that it must not throttle local enterprise.

The Literary Digest, in raising \$45,000, with which to buy and ship to Belgium, 20,000 barrels of flour, is demonstrating in the most practical way where its sympathies lie. It dissipates at once the suspicion that it has any nterest in the German atrocities.

The son of Temple Bowdoin, financiand member of the firm of J. P. vaded Belgium, he was most active in Morgan & Co., will inherit \$15,000,000 his service, and co-operated so far as when he is thirty. In the meantime, could with the new minister of while he is getting education and exhe could with the new minister of while he is getting education and ex-war, giving him information which he perience, his guardians and executors put into position their mountain guns collected while occupying the will see that he is not without pocket

The new Governor of New York state calls attention to the fact that twenty years the annual expenditure of the state has increased from \$11,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Does he propose to reduce it to \$11,000,000? He does not say so. The legislature has something to say about that.

of the United States Congress, has heard that Canadian troops passed through Maine en route to England Bartholdt, of German descent, is willing to believe anything that is bad about his neighbors, and his dreams finally reached the village. are attended with frightful night-

Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

C.P.R. freight car came into the this morning with six inches 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 grippe were reported to-day. Prof. Goodwin will lecture Queen's University on "The New Me

RECIPROCITY WITH AUSTRALIA May Not Be Concluded Until After

the War. Ottawa, Jan. 7-The proposed reciprocity treaty between Canada and Australia seems likely to be in abeycently believed here that, with the repower, the negotiations might be taken up again. It was with that administration, during its previous tenure of office, that Sir George Foster discussed in a tentative way the arrangement of a reciprocity treaty when he was in Australia a couple

The Australian government, however, seems to be fully occupied at present with matters arising out of the war, and with measures for meeting the unfavorable conditions due

In men and money they are splendidly coming to the aid of Britain in the war, and later it is expected they will heartily take up the matter of inter-imperial trade.

The German Raid.

The German naval raid upon English East Coast towns, most of them absolutely defenceless, is fresh proof, if such were needed that Britain is to-day confronting a ruthless enemy. if not a very worthy one. little avail perhaps to protest against such a barbarous conception of war as directly involves the wanton murcluding women and children. In the deplorable results of yesterday's bombardment of Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarboreugh the people of this them something of the meaning of Louvain and Rheims. gards war as full license to kill and destroy promiscuously, and not simtions which entitles each of them to do its utmost to annihilate the armed It power of the other. To pour shells into such places as Scarborough and Whithy, is not to destroy armed power; it is simply to massacre. Glasgow News.

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 class seemed at a loss, that is all except Willie Green, who was standing in the aisle vigorously wagging his hand.

"Well, Willie?" said the teacher ma'am," answered Willie.

Low Plaforms Declared Safer. Ottawa, Jan. 7 .- Painted lines on low platforms at railway station This rule has been promulgated the Board of Railway Commission following the statement of the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway company that low platforms are safer.

Highest In 16 Years.

DECIDED BY WINNER OF RACE TO MOUNTAIN TOP.

Result Determined When French Climbers Outspeeded German Baltery -Defenders Lose Ground After Desperate House to House Fight-

Thann, Alsace, Jan. 6. (via Paris.) A race of three miles up the steep slope of Engelburg, 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

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 and in five minutes more all was over. Too late the Germans attempted to retire, and the battery was anni

Possession of this point permitted the French to cross the River Thur, above the town of Thann, and to reenforce the troops operating around

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 re-Representative Bartholdt, a member fused, saying a way of retreat was still open.

> French began a determined attack. They first captured at the point of the bayouet a farm commanding the road entering the town. The French Charges and counter charges of in-

fantry 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.

Attack With Bayonets.

The Germans made a stubborn defence with machine guns and cold steel at the outskirts of Steinbach. the chasseurs were also met with a murderous fire from the church

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 was surrounded and annihilated

Holding the road and the farm, the chasseurs mounted quick-firing lage and, sweeping along yard yard, finally captured the first

The struggle was then continued from house to house, the French losance until after the war. It was re- ing one day the buildings captured on the preceding day, but turn of the Fisher administration to returning to the charge with greater violence and making a further advance. Every alley was an bush and every house a little

The French finally slipped around the enemy's right along the bach brook and then began a fierce. of years ago with the imperial trade combat for the possession of Stein-

Flerceness of Struggle.

The church and the cemetery twice were taken and twice were lost. Since hand-to-hand fighting was now going on night and day and from door to door, the Germans, unable longer to use their artillery, resorted to incendiary bombs and set fire to several barns and houses occupied by the

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

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

Still the Germans held on till the morning of Jan. 4th, when the last courageous resistance of the defenders was worn out by the persistent whole town was occupied

This point, the gateway to Cernas ant routes to the south, to the north and to the east, is no longer tenal for the Germans.

BIG REWARD OFFERED.

cause of the renewed activity & of the allied aviators, who have sucessfully destroyed several + military positions, the military + governor of Brussels, to-day, an-+ nounced a reward of \$5,000 & for the taking of any de airmen dead or alive.

******* WIDOW IS DESTITUTE.

Pathetic Sequel to Accidental Shoot ing of French Reservist.

Halifax, Jan. 7 .- A pathetic letter from a woman living in Havre, has been received here by the French cor sul asking for news of her husband, Henri Notter, from whom she has heard nothing since the outbreak of the war. It is learned that her hus oand, who was a reservist, had gone to Montreal early in the war and there had been shot and killed by mi take by a military guard near one larly sad in that the wife has written from Havre saying that she and he

Wheat in the West.

Western farmers in mixed farming districts are being sorely temp-Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 7-Flour | ted to sow nothing but wheat next sold on Tuesday in Minneapolis for year. With the prospect that wheat that contracts placed in Great Brithe highest price in sixteen years. prices will continue high and the detain and allies amount to £10,000-As a result of the bullish tendency mand of the authorities that every- 000 sterling, a new contract having of yesterday's wheat market, flour in one should grow wheat dinning in just been placed by the French govand enjoyed his hospitality. It is re- we knew him was a handsome man, price since Leiter sent wheat sky country if some of them at least a Scruting is now very strict on all

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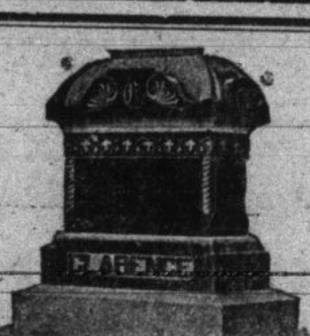
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Bank of Montreal Building Clarence & King Sts., Kingston

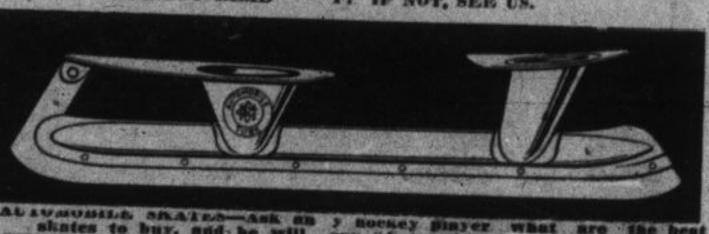
Guelph A Military Centre, Guelph, Ont., Jan. 7-Guelph will be one of the military centres of Ontario until the European war is rought to a close. Arrangements are being made at the present time for the accommodation of 1,300 men. The soldiers to be stationed here will comprise the 15th Field Battery under command of Captain Simpson, a new battery of infantry, and a detachment of the army. service corps.

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