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## THE INEVITABLE RESULT.

The indiscriminate and destructive attacks of German submarines upon the British freighters have had the inevitable result. Britain will watch her merchant marine the closer, and she will also watch the marine other powers, and every cargo foodstuffs, consigned to Germany, directly or indirectly, will be seized The trade of neutrals has been protected by Britain. It has been made possible to use the high seas' because of Britain's supremacy. But when belligerent has no regard for any laws and enters upon the diabolical policy of destroying everything that looks British, at sea, even the ships that carry provisions for the relief of the starving Belgians, it is time to has decided upon under the circum-Britain, with her superior navy, canthese German submarines out of her waters. It must be rethat Britain is policing practically the Atlantic Ocean, the English Channel, and the North Sea, while the German crafts are not policing any waters. They are dodging about bent on destruction, and have been unexpectedly successful. No one supposes that Von Tirpitz's schemes will work out according to his plans. Still he is causing a lot of suspense at present, and will continue to do so until the German war machine has been completely crushed.

# A REPORT IS WANTED.

The city solicitor has been asked to report upon the law which constitutes and regulates the Board of Police Commissioners. It will be commissioners are men who fill other offices-the County Judge, the Police Magistrate, and the Mayor. The chairman is the police magistrate, who is, in the perform ance of his duty, brought into th closest touch with the officers at members of the police force.

All the Commissioners are men wh ought to be able to seeme for said in the City Council, it felt that in many ways the police department can be improved. This said in a kindly and suggestive way for the reason that every little while the Whig has occasion to s what the police forces of other cities are like and that it feels there something lacking here. What this is only an expert can say. There is a way of determining the efficiency or inefficiency of the police force, and that is to have it reported upon by a competent authority.

There are in Ontario police officers who have been specially trained for active police service, and one of these should be invited by the police com missioners to visit Kingston, and stay long enough to examine our police system and report upon it. With report of this kind the Commission ers could undertake the necessary re forms, and stop at nothing short of since the Whig advocated a course like this, and experience has only made the need of it the plainer

# SURTAX IN THE WEST.

Saskatchewan has an illustration and a powerful one, of the effect of taxing vacant land. All through west speculators have been busy, buying up all the land they can, and holding it for an increase in value anything the owners have done, because they have not done anything. government on the vote of the p They have simply waited until other ple to that effect. lands, surrounding theirs, have helped it, or improved it. Here is the un- Labour men have recommended that earned increment which Henry George the federal government ship to Eng. stock goes down,

in "Progress and Poverty." or the section, without any desire to tion is a good one. personally improve it. So they imposed a surtax, and at the end 1914 the collections of it had been he's too old to go to the war. Genvery generally made. It added many eral French was retired from active thousands of dollars to the revenue of service in 1893. That was twentythe municipalities. Not a few of them had \$5,000 and \$6,000 in addition to manding the British at the the ordinary receipts. It came to line. There is hope for Sir Edward, them like so much found money, and if he is really anxious to serve, some Councils have not been quite clear as to what they should do with the money. The Grain Growers' Guide seeks to help them and suggests that it be spent in providing for the people free medical treatment, municipal hospitals and nurses, and free legal service. Radical, you say? tremely so, and indicating the advanced and socialistic tendency of the western people.

There is one drawback in the dream of municipal perfection. The Hudson's Bay company will not obey the law, and will not pay the surtax. The company claims that, when it sold its land to the federal government many years ago it was promised or secured exemption from taxation of this kind It holds 2,500 sections in Saskatche wan, and if it paid the surtax the amount annually going to the muni-Council, and that will cost some

## MORE REGARDING POWER.

The Hydro-Electric Commission tells the City Commission something could have told a month ago. Before the municipal election, and while the people, the Commission, through one of its officials, called Mr. Campbell up and wanted to know what he was going to do about his offer. He said then, as the Commission now admits, that he was willing to accept the amended agreement, (and amended by the Commission), excepting the para- berta people graph with regard to the cost of power. He insisted that he could not sell it for less than three-quarters of a kilo-watt hour.

The Chairman of the Commission retaliate. No power can object to the and the Chief Engineer, intimated Aisne has been highly effective. The course which the British government that they thought six-tenths of a cent allies are now the German's equal in per kilo-watt was sufficient, but they It may be wondered why had nothing to substitute for it, cost ing less than Mr. Campbell's power and there was no sense, and certainly no advantage, in "bluffing" Campbell. The City Commission had intimated that it was willing to pathree-quarters of a cent a kilo-watt and then save about \$4,000 in fuel every year. The advantage of the Campbell offer is this-that it is dro-Electric Commission is in a posi- and Royal Military Colleges will each kens?" tion to serve the city with another current, at a lower rate, he will cease themselves to-day, skating on the old his connection with the city's service. There could be nothing fairer than

> There is one thing to be feared from deavoring to outrun the other. the Hydro-Electric Commission, when it becomes supreme in the power question. It can dictate prices, conditions, systems of accounts and depre- Number of Traffic Accidents Show ciation, and the city must accept them. It made, by invitation, an appraisal of the city plant when it passthe direction of the plants is taken from the Hydro-Blectric Commission. Experience elsewhere has demonstrated, too, that where differences arise between the Commissions they are

# EDITORIAL NOTES

bushel. The highest price it has ever reached. It may go higher. All depends upon the contingencies of

Why doesn't the City Council have consume the garbage, and turn

the East, is driving the Germans roller is evidently at work, and

of petitioning the legislature for ease in value. amendment of the Municipal Act. To jers of fishing boats shall be paid the This increase has not been caused by what end? That any municipality sum of one dollar per boat.

attacked many years ago, and made land many of the unemployed of the so conspicuous by his treatment of it larger cities of Canada. Men are wanted in England, thousands In Saskatchewan the legislature de them, to do the work which had to cided to make it unprofitable for men be abandoned by the thousands who to hold land by the quarter section, have gone to the war. The sugges-

Sir Edward Carson regrets that two years ago. Now he is

government commission, which had the direction of the public vice officials in New York, is being dismissed by the state government for its extravagance. Too many officials, too many aids, too much expense. Its successors may economize for a while, but all government commissions are bound to run

# Public Opinion

Is That The Reason ?

Ottawa Journal. Only twenty-live applications to parliament for divorce this year against forty-two last year, so many men are going to the war.

German Kindness Hamilton Herald. Belgian civilians who attempt eave Belgium will be shot border-the latest German decree. They will starve the sooner if kept

## An Appropriate Jewel.

Toronto Globe. The man who wrote the "Hymn of Hate Against England" has been decorated by the kaiser with the Order Campbell proposition was before the of the Red Engle. It should have been the Order of the Vulture.

# Heavy Booze Bill.

Grain Grower's Guide Alberta's booze bill last viar \$12,000,000. If the prohibition pleb carries next July there will be a big saving to the pocket books as well as to the morals of the Al-

# Some Big Howitzers.

Port Arthur Chronicle. The British artillery now includes howitzers as powerful as any the Germans have. The howitzer fire on the this important arm.

# Kingston Events Twenty-five Years Ago

The Y.M.C.A. is sending ten dele to the provincial convention at Brantford, The delegates include G H. Anglin, A. Jack, J. B. Reid, Ovens, T. A. Sheridan, J. Bonney, R. determinate, that as soon as the Hy- Coffey, and G. E. Williams, Queen's

A number of young people enjoyed There is keen rivalry between the stage lines running between Wolfe Island and Kingston. Each man is

DEATH IN LONDON STREETS

# Alarming Increase.

London, Feb. 3 .- An alarming increase in the number of traffic acci- person weekly. The magistrates dents in London streets is shown in still considering what procedure will an annual report of the Board of be followed. Meanwhile there was cil to the management of the Com- Trade. The total number of accidents rush to buy and the volunteer supermission, and, though this appraisal recorded is 25,800, against 22,200 for visors, installed by the trades unions the previous year, and the report to regulate traffic and keep the ex-moreover states that "the proposition pected crowds in order, found no ocis suggesting a basis of depreciation, ly, owing to the multiplication of moand it must go away back, over the tor vehicles. Automobiles are twice 100 marks (\$24 to \$25) for fifty kiloyears during which the plant has been as likely to cause accidents as horse grams, contrasted with 57 marks at in the ownership of the city. Pres accidents is three or four times greatise expected to show, a further rise vehicles, and the proportion of fatal the outbreak of the war. The price ently the city will realize that though er. The theory that the motorist has spite the number ready for slanghter than a Sity Commission, which is such control over his machine that he now that feed has been cut off. can avoid accident is disproved by experience. The best hope of improvement lies with the pedestrian himsel -he must develop; a new traffic

Apart from accidents, the report inicates that the habits of the Londonusually decided in favor of the Hydro-restless and now makes 271 "journeys" a year, as against 143 a year ago. Most of the new traffic has been Day developed on the electric car lines and motor omnibus lines, indicating the the Londoner is getting away from the centre of the city into the healthier

\$160,000. Ottawa, Feb. 3 .- The government nnounces that the \$160,000 payable has been made up concerni opment of the sea fisheries and the uilding of fishing vessels will be dis-

entitled to receive bounty, shall be flung at us that we are simply paid one dollar per registered ton, by English lies. provided, however, that the paymen to the owner of any one vessel shall not exceed the sum of eighty dollars and all vessel fishermen entitled to receive bounty, shall be paid the sum of six dollars and forty cents each.

ing in boats, who shall also have paid the sum of three dollars and called holy war. sixty-five cents each, and the own- The ren

If the lines of the hand really surance people would have adopted

# WISE AND

You never can tell. Many a man an apple in his life. Before a man can arrive at a con clusion he must first embark on train of thought.

## Thinking Shop.

Hostess-'Dr. Spriggins, will have some of the tongue?" The Doctor (absent-mindedly) "Oh-er-let me look at it, please." Boston Transcript.

# Like A Fur Coat.

"I believe I'll wear a silk hat, said Mr. Biggins. ways has a curious effect of making a man look as if he had an extraordinary supply of sense or none all."-Washington Star.

Noncommittal.



Major Grizziey: H'm!

# Disappointed.

She-"I'm disappointed in Jack; I put his arm He-And

## Not A Bout Winner Tramp-"Once I was well Lady-"And do you wrestle now?"

Tramp-"Only wid poverty, mum." Not Immortal. Penley used to think his

"What changed his opinion,?"

"The editors 'killed' so many

# Not Quite Right.

Boy (in book store)-"Sister asker me to get her Mr. Darn's 'Great Expectations.' Clerk-"Mr. Darn? You mean Dic Boy-"That's it al knew it

# GREATEST DISASTER YET.

German Brewers Threaten To Raise Price of Beer.

Berlin, via The Hague to London, Feb. 3.—The sale of bread under the new regulations opened normally this morning, no measures having been limiting purchases to two kilograms (about four and a half pounds)

tion to the effect that this is unavoidable, owing to the high cost of labor and the rise in price of all the stituents of beer except hops

## WHEN U. S. WILL SQUIRM. Germany Alleges America

Misled By English Lies. Toronto, Feb. 3 .- Addressing the To-Noyes, of the New York Evening Post said : "We know, and it is hard to see how the German people should not also know, that the invasion of Bel-

tributed for the present fiscal year good temper towards Germany. We in-

pictures of cathedrals, churches and convents destroyed by the Germans in France and Belgium. The letter press If the lines of the hand really in-icate how long a person will live, This publication has had the effect the Turks against the

native Christians, several of whose

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