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A SCARCITY OF COTTON. A Kingston merchant, now in England, says that he can buy all the cottons he wants, but that he does not know, and cannot foresee, what will happen next year.

Public opinion is not all one-sided on the question. The politicians are in a quaver about it; and so are some of the cotton manufacturers.

LAYCOCK IS CHALLENGED. Industrial Canada has a right to protest against the illogical attitude of Prof. Laycock on the "Made in Canada" campaign.

Now he holds that if the "Made-in-Canada" propaganda aims at making us a more industrious and self-reliant people, producing better things and cutting ourselves free from dependence on German dye, Austrian silk and Turkish tobacco it is well.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Frank O. Smith, of the United States congress, and hailing from Maryland, wants his country to cede to Canada, as a free gift, "the Alaska Panhandle," as a peace offering.

The Journal of Commerce wants to know if the Canadian newspapers should print government advertisements "D.H.?" They can if they like, and are liberal. That is all the patronage they are entitled to from a conservative government.

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On the other side there is a "Made in the United States" campaign, and no one understands it to mean a betrayal of national interests, or a

betrayal of any international interests, at this crisis in continental affairs.

HANNA MAY NOT SUCCEED. A Central License Board may not be approved by the legislature. The license business should be out of politics, and when the conservative party was in opposition, in this province, we know how it boasted of what it would do should it succeed to power.

It is claimed that the license commissioners of Kingston have acted in the most independent way, that they insisted upon certain conditions, of accommodation and efficiency, without regard to political effect, that on one occasion the licenseholders were absolutely forbidden to subscribe, openly, to election expenses.

All local feeling and prejudice will be dispensed with by the creation of the provincial license board, according to Mr. Hanna. It will have powers similar to those of the railway commission, the ideal commission in the independence of its members and the ability of its awards.

TALK ON WAR TAXES. One hears from Ottawa that the finance minister is in a quandary with regard to the war taxes he must impose, and that the minister and members are not giving him much help in the elucidation of the problem.

The west has been heard from. It demands, through the various farmer organizations, a tax which "will not affect industry and the cost of living." The Manitoba Grain Growers' Association demands the abolition of the duty on all imports from Britain, and the adoption of a tax on land values, and a surtax on undeveloped land.

A convict named McClone cut his way out of his cell at the penitentiary, and was caught in the wing. The city clerk insists that the name of the tower at the head of King street is "Murray" and not "Murney" as now called.

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The Toronto World is right. A

commission to report upon the desirability of refining the nickel in Canada is a farce. The question of the day is the wrong of supplying Germany from Canada with an article she uses in warfare upon Britain.

In the Dominion Trust crisis, in British Columbia, the attorney-general, Mr. Bowser, admits that he was lulled to sleep by the deceptions of the company's officials.

The other day Mr. McAdoo, the secretary of the treasury, in the Wilson administration, referred to the British flag as the protection of the United States at sea.

Mr. Rowell is doing the country a splendid service in the addresses which he has been delivering through the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario. He believes public opinion should be stirred in Canada as it is being stirred in Britain.

Public Opinion

True To Their Record. Windsor Record. The German baby-killers are trying to live up to their name by dropping bombs on a maternity hospital.

Sir William's Downfall. London Advertiser. Dr. Osler, going to the front at the age of sixty-five, is a striking refutation of his own dictum that a man is all in at fifty.

The Last Surrender. Hamilton Herald. The last of the rebel Boer commandos has surrendered and now the invasion of German Southwest Africa can go on unhampered.

Chance For Sanitation. Toronto Globe. Eighty per cent. of deaths in this war are due to disease and only twenty per cent. to wounds. This shows a great opening for inventions in sanitation.

Secret Of The War. Montreal Gazette. There was not room in the Balkan states for both Russia and Austria to work their wills, and Europe is killing thousands of men a day to decide which will have the preference.

The Mischievous Senate. Toronto Star. When a government is new there is always an unfriendly senate which, instead of serving the country, delights in annoying the new premier by spilling his milk; and later on, when a premier is not new, the senate, instead of serving the country, simply turns and washes dishes for him.

Kingston Events Twenty-five Years Ago

Capt. Beaupry built a bridge this morning at the ferry wharf so that teams from the island could land there. A convict named McClone cut his way out of his cell at the penitentiary, and was caught in the wing.

WILL SWEEP SEAS. German Peace Feelers—France and Russia Deaf to "Shameful Proposal" Paris, Feb. 9.—The Temps in a leading article headed "Never More," asks why German intrigues with the object of concluding a separate peace are aimed only at France and Russia, while no effort is made to inveigle Great Britain.

Germany's Malicious Spirit. London Mail. Reams have been written in England about the Cult of Hate against her which has become the all-dominating national passion of Germany.

SEED GRAIN SUPPLY. Deputations in Ottawa Advocating Aid To Farmers. Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Several deputations from western provinces are in the capital at the present time urging upon the government the desirability of enlarging its scheme to supply seed grain to needy settlers.

Public opinion is not all one-sided on the question. The politicians are in a quaver about it; and so are some of the cotton manufacturers. These latter do not want to be limited to a home article of unproven quality, on the ground that the whole profits from dyes will not amount to more than £200,000 a year, and they want the privilege of buying any where and from whom they like.

MURDERING SOLDIERS

HOW IT CAN BE DONE IN PRESENT CONFLICT

Canada's Contingent Went to England Without a Leader—Will the Others Be So Compromised?

Canadian Courier, Toronto. Many ways there are in which to bring death to a soldier. When he is shot in battle, by rifle bullet or shrapnel shell, he dies honourably.

To send soldiers into training or battalions at Salisbury have been treated leaders at their head is one form of murder. Canada sent a contingent of 33,000 men to England without a leader. The consequence was that discipline broke down, the training ground which should have been abandoned was retained, and thousands of our soldiers were incapacitated by sickness.

Let there be no misunderstanding on this point. Canada will demand a reckoning in due course. Last week a prominent citizen of Toronto was asked to be a "contingent" for five years for selling the public some worthless stock. Is the man who provided our soldiers with boots that would not keep out ordinary dampness any less culpable?

Again, to send mounted rifles and artillery into action with poor horses is a waste of money and likely to lead to culpable sacrifice of human life. Why were not Canadian officers, professional soldiers, allowed to select the horses that are to be used by themselves and the men under their command?

Above all, there will be further breakdowns and weaknesses in our contingents if they are not sent abroad in charge of the best officers Canada possesses. The first contingent—a fine body of men—got into trouble in England because they had a commanding officer who could fight their battles at the war office.

WAR BULLETINS.

The Petrograd war office claims that the German armies near Warsaw were forced to give up much ground on Monday after very heavy fighting. The first lord of the admiralty surprised the British commons on Monday by refusing to answer questions bearing directly on the admiralty's conduct of the war.

German losses are officially placed at two and one-quarter millions. The British government has invested ten million dollars in dye-stuffs industry. Full retreat of the Turks from the Suez Canal is confirmed.

Berlin newspapers declare that prisoners of war in Germany will starve first. Canada has now raised ninety-two thousand troops in all. German losses are officially placed at two and one-quarter millions.

Germany's Malicious Spirit. Reams have been written in England about the Cult of Hate against her which has become the all-dominating national passion of Germany. Nothing can exaggerate its intensity, hardly anything can adequately reflect its magnitude.

Bibbys Overshoes And Rubbers \$10.00 SUIT SALE We have taken about fifty suits out of our regular stock, sold-outs, etc., sizes are 33 to 44, all this season's models. Yours for \$10 Men's 20% Discount Shoe Sale Bibbys \$1.00 Flannel Shirt

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Our Red Letter Shoe Sale in Full Swing 20% Off All Shoes Except Military Boots, Many Odd Sizes 30 to 50% Off J. H. SUTHERLAND & BRO. The Home of Good Shoes.

How To Gain Weight A Pound a Day This men and women who would like to increase their weight with 10 or 15 pounds of healthy "meat" should try eating a little Sargol with their meals for a while and note results.

BIG INDIAN CHIEF Has sent us one of the new 1915 models for the inspection of the Indian Warriors, and expected Braves of Kingston and vicinity.

COAL The kind you are looking for is the kind we sell. Scanton Coal Is good Coal and we guarantee prompt delivery. BOOTH & CO. Foot of West St.

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