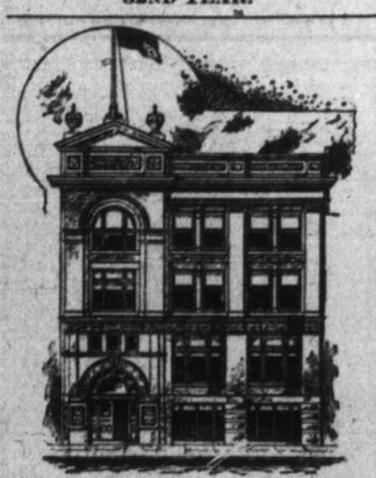
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NO BISMARCK AT HAND.

In the letters of the late Prince Bismarck to his wife, now published and revealing a great deal that affected the political history of the times, a vivid portrait is given of the meeting between Napoleon and the iron chancellor. It was at the close of the war of 1870, and at a little place called Donchery, on the Meuse, near Sedan. "I climbed," said Bismarch, "with him up a crazy flight of stairs and, in a room ten feet square, with a pine table and two hour, the others being downstairs; a powerful contrast with our fast meeting at the Tuileries !" There the terms of surrender were in part concluded, though later in the day with Bismarckian type in the empire. Von Buelow, in Italy, has been advertising his unsoundness of mind. Bethmann-Hollweg, in Germany, has been talking too much, and displaying his instability. All the others in the diplomatic circles have been t discredited. The kaiser will have to sue for peace himself.

A VERY NOTABLE FIGHT.

Roblin. The premier suffered at the means of exercise or hands of the Orange order in the last found. The perance and Women's parties, she conwas nearly defeated. The premier personally squeezed in by a very small majority. Another minister had a was afterwards increased by a few

It was very natural that Sir Rodmond should feel very sore over some of his experiences. Towards the Orange element he was inclined to be wrathy. Now it appears that he is interested in the Orange election and would like to see out of office, and out of power, the grand master, the man who led the forces against him in the el ction. How he can affect the situation is not clear, presumin that the grand master was in harmony with his party and fully represented their views. At all events Mr. tions. The Kingston penitentiary Hocken has gone west to see about it, and to bring his influence to bear upon the election.

times on the sides at the Valley of Elah, the challenge of Goliath; and on trial there. Can this system not the acceptance of it by David. Rob- be introduced, even in a modified plan. lin is the giant of the conservative into Kingston? party in Manitoba. He has the spirit of Goliath, and would like to crush all and sundry who came in his way. In Quebec, in future, when a ma Hitherto he may have regarded himself as invincible. He may have met his match at last, in wee Hocken. It will be a notable battle, and worthy of a place in the history of our times.

THE POLITICAL TRUCE.

It is high time that Sir Wilfrid Laurier defined the political truce to 000,000, but, unlike war, there is somewhich the liberals submit. We noted thing to show for the money. Will it the other day, in a report of parlia- pay? That is another question. ment, an expression of the prime minister which sounded like intimide-

opposition to accept, without cussion or resistence, all that is pro- that it implies? posed. Political truce ought not to go as far as that, the Weekly. Sun thinks .- St. Thomas Journal.

And it will not. At the opening of the session the leader of the opposition and the leader of the trament conferred. They, no doubt, had a definite understanding, and with regard to the war votes. parently Sir Wilfrid agreed to accept of any proposals that the government made unchallanged. A new vote of \$100,000,000 was asked. The liberals offered no objection. They asked, and probably stipulated, that they should have ample opportunity in which to investigate the manner in which the money was expended. The party has quarrelled over the spoils of office. The war con-passed over. To blink at wrong Business Office ....... 243 doing, flagrant and unpardonable would be to encourage crime, and it is a crime for some people to take advantage of the country in a crisis,

The Toronto News does not like the One year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 way in which the probe is being ap-One year, to United States ..... \$1.50 plied at Ottawa. It is, not being plied at Ottawa. It is not being inserted mildly or deftly enough to suit our contemporary. It has hurt in some cases, and hurt severely. Very likely. In the hands of most skillful operator it does occasionally make one wince, and it touching some tender spots in the liament, says there was, and he body politic. But this is inevitable. a horse raiser, knows something Any examination which would not be should whisper into the ears searching, into the war contracts, the remounts, the purchases of war munitions, and submarines, and the rest of it, would be a humbug, a farce, a folly, and a scandal.

MODERN PRISON REFORMS.

In discussing the Bickerdike Bill, for the abolition of capital punishment, on the ground that it was a barbarous method of atoning for a crime, and that it occasionally led to the hanging of an innocent man, the minrash-bottomed chairs, we sat' for an ister of justice referred to the Kingston penitentiary. Dr. Edwards, the member for Frontenac, had intimated that there was something that was worse than capital punishment, and that was incarceration in the priso more officers and in better surround- for penal servitude and a lengthened The farmers are not tickled over the ings, the end of one empire and the period. He made certain statements tariff's new taxation. Some of which Hon. C. J. Doherty combatted implements were missed-or in charge of Dr. Edwards was that men taxation. There is nothing ideal a result of the faulty administration ideal in political budgets.

Mr. Creighton makes these assertions: That convicts are not sent the isolation ward unless they are incorrigible, but, as soon as possible after being settled down, are put work. They are not allowed to talk, unless required to do so, but the rule with regard to silence is not undulthat Mr. Hocken, ex- enforced. The stone pile is mayor of Toronto, and the publisher for the occupation of some because of the Orange Sentinel, has gone to there is nothing else they can do, and Winnipeg, to attend to Sir Rodmond it will be abandoned when some other provincial election. Aided by the op- where, subject to tauntings and torposition vote, the temperance vote, turing, and when refractory are not and the women's vote, or the general hosed or tubbed. Any of these opposition, aided by the Orange, Tem- things, experiments, are things of the past. When prisoners are seriously test was such that the government ill they are attended constantly, day and night, and the health of the com munity may be surmised when it is stated that there have been only two majority of one. His slender support deaths, in a population of five guadred, within a year.

As for the insane, the minister con ter-from getting into the Europe firmed the announcement of the pre- fire. mier some days ago, and to the ef fect that they will hereafter-until at least a special building can be erected be transferred to the provincial asylum, to be treated for their mental collapses according to the most modern and scientific methods. The minister of justice assumes that the member for Frontenac has been seriously assertion. Prisons, however, are not models of reformatory institu may be vastly . improved, and there the evidence given before the Macdonhumane and advanced system which i

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Panama Canal has been forwork. Altogether it has cost \$300

Visition to the battle lines or

dis- templation of actual war, and

Seed grain is not given to the farmers of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The cost is charged against them. government is secured and will require a payment for the seed later

An income tax was dodged in Can ada because it would be hard to col lect. In Britain the larger part of the public revenue comes from this tax and the treasury party find the most easily and economically col-

There is talk of an examination in to the bread position, as to causes for the increase of cost. Before the house met there had been enquiry, incidentally, into the kind war in the conservative of places where the bread is made There are rumours of war would have special interest for the

> The enquiry into the exportation of higuor, the bulk of which is supposed find its way to Germany, will do some good. Hope it will get at the Action is forced by the which is a testimony to its

> The question of compensation did not figure in Russia' once the czar decided that the drinking of vodka should be stopped. He did not wait to enquire' how the politicians would regard it. He did not consult the

The militia department is quite sure the that there was nothing amiss regard to the army remounts. is one, Mr. Smith, a member of some one at Ottawa.

The license fees of breweries, shops, A Russian forces are now again or saloons, hotels, will be raised by the local government. The hours for the sale of liquor, will be shortened. Th license business will be administered by a central board. All this been decreed by the conservative caucus at Toronto.

Safe voyage is promised to ships that are carrying relief to people of Belgium by England, France and Germany. The kaiser's gove ment gives assurance that i appropriate or steal the food America sends to the starving

on the strength of a letter or state- the agricultural voters they may have ment he had asked from the warden, been passed over by the finance min Mr. Creighton. The most remarkable ister-but one is hit in the general were being murdered by the dozen, as these times, and especially nothing

> A note from the British parliament and long enough to pass from note to a letter-to the United States, on the flag question, is in structive. There is nothing in the histories of the times which prevents merchantmen from hoisting any flags they like in times of danger, and this is no time for splitting hairs over

London Advertiser his peril. Is that not tantamount to hospitable roof.

Mix Well. Brantfor | Courier. has apologized to Greece

Scramble For Wheat.

end of the year something like an in-

Right You Are.

Hamilton Herald. Corpl. Leary, of the Irish Guards who captured two trenches and killed eight Germans all by himself, should get a commission as well as the Victoria Cross.

The British Preference.

Toronto Star. This does not seem to have been the ime for increasing the duties on British goods entering Canada not if the increase will in the slightest degree tend to discourage the import to this country of British goods.

A Hand-Out To Us.

Will Canada kindly try to cultivate self-control? How can we revive prosperity on this side of the line if it is going to make days and nights hodeous with its shricks and war-

## 25 YEARS AGO

Hay was selling on the market today for \$3 per ton. A number of dogs have been stol-

H. A. Calvin is in Ottawa to press upon the government the desirability of passing the wrecking bills before

WAR BULLETINS

Two Zeppelins bombarded 4 + Calais Monday afternoon, doing 4 + little damage. They attempted +

Russian newspapers praised 4 4 Grand Duke Nicholas' strategy in 4 4 withdrawing from East Prussia + and assured the people that the

It is reported at Athens that + the Brtish-French fleets are now \* cations of Constantinople.

Toronto World cable says & Canadian artillery has been in

4 trated for an attack on Constan-+ tinople, and the British-French

It is reported that five civil-4 ians were killed in the Zeppel-+ in raid on Calais Monday.

U. S. steamer Evelyn have failed + to reach the Dutch coast. It is expected in Ottawa that

+ Maj.-Gen. Sam Hughes will. & command the second Canadian \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

A CONVALESCENT HOME.

or Soldiers Established By a Form

er Montreal Lawyer. Donald Macmaster, K.C., M.P., and

Mrs. Macmaster have provided at their residence, "Merlewood," Virgi nia Water, a comfortable and up-fodate resting place for convalescent name of "The Merlewood Military Convalescent Home," and for the last three officers and seven men have been made thoroughly comfortable, and nursing attention Merlewood is charmingly situated, and Mrs. Macmaster's guests have found great benefit from a stay under their

Our Chertsey representative paid visit to Merlewood on Thursday morning, and found one officer and been in the "home" are from the Canadian contingent at Salisbury. officer was Captain Johnson, of the Sergt. Taylor, of the Engineers, was in the convalescent ward, which, fore the war, was a spacious billard

Sergt, Taylor was recovering from

SAFETY FIRST. tion. We note also in the press of trenches, in Europe has been stopped.
both parties references to a political truce, which imply a duty of the pecially any woman, find in a con-

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GERMAN JESUIT HEAD.

tical Sympathies. London, Feb. 23 .- The Roman Ca-France see no ground for the fears expressed in France regarding the olitical sympathies of Father Vlademembered that Holland and Belerritorial jurisdiction with Germany Austria and Galicia, and that th new superior general belongs to Gali-Lecochowski, to the Prussian govern religious questions in Posen is also recailed as showing good reason for hoping that the new superior general of the order will sot bend before tion has a second contract kaiseriam.

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