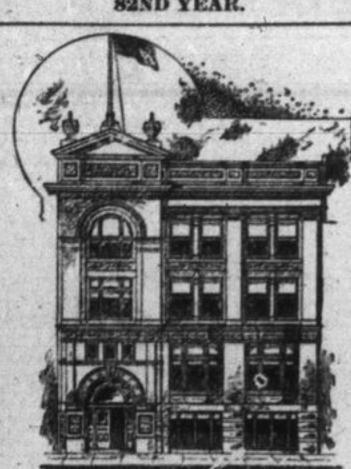
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AN UNFORSEEN CONTINGENCY. The Dacia episode, the purchase of this German steamer by Americans, her change of register and flag, and engagement to carry a load of cotton to Rotterdam, for German use, excites the derision of the international critics. The position of Britain was made quite clear by a lengthened correspondence that has been summarized and printed in this paper. A ship belonging to a belligerent, and for a time interned in an American port for safety, can not be sold during the continuance of the war.

The purchasers of the Dacia were advised to the contrary, and, without the license of the United States government, and any encouragement from it, they were prepared for a test case. The ship sailed with the expectation that she would fall into the hands of the British, and a French cruiser captured her at sea, and guided her into Brest, a French port, where she and her cargo will be disposed of by a prize court. The German-American shipbuyers, and with exalted ideas of their prowess in the world of commerce, finds themselves against a contingency that spells defeat.

This seizure, following the capture of the Wilhemina, whose cargo will be forfeited to the British government, instead of that his preaching more purchases of German ships for privilege of any member of the be no more shipping of cargoes for public issue, upon its merits. Germany in American bottoms,

Capt. Boy-Ed, naval attache the German ambassador to America, denies that he plotted against Britain though Stegler, the reservist, But he admits that he had a lot correspondence with the man, and cannot tell why. He is lying. There is not a doubt of it.

A GREAT CIVIC FEAT.

The mountain has laboured and brought forth a mouse. The sur. total of the works' department's recommendations, with regard to the engineer's office, is the removal of the young man who has been assisting the engineer, and whose services during the summer months have been absolutely indispensible. His place who will be unable to do the other out of it. work that has fallen to the neer's assistant.

Girl labour is not to be depre ciated, but in an engineer's office there are things that a girl cannot very conveniently discuss much less perform. How much better it would have been had the committee acted on the suggestion of the Whig and sent a couple of men to other cities corded is an apparent reduction of expenses, by the substitution of fe- German government has heard enough male help for male help, under very about the Stegler case to see be able to do the stenography of the spy system, and of the Council to have expedition and effi- nection of its high officials with "the ciency that it insisted upon the staff case. Hence, true to the general of the engineer being strengthened in practice . the "diplomatic corps,"

ciency could be guaranteed. one minor official might be changed ernment will be saved the necessity in the shape of substantial butchers it was necessary to humiliate the of ordering Count Von Bernstorff and bills. Later on, they may wish they their resignations, the plea being that who have misbehaved and are not

RAISING THE REVENUE.

and, by resignationa and retirements fered capital punishment. cal service in every department.

vision, and report has it that a cou- an American citizen when his ple of men must go. The police de forced him to expose the plot. partment is not under the direction distation, and yet the commissioners duce, Reduce," and to act accordingly. The Utilities commissioners control their expenditures, and may see wherein they can retrench. There will be some saving when the Campbell current is applied, but the Commission has no idea that it can, while the plant is being built up, contribute to the general purpose of the Coun-

in the licenses. It is expected that union. What is the matter with at least \$2,000 will be collected from him? the theatres, the movies, the poolrooms, cabmen, carters, tobacco and cigarette sellers, and the butchers. There is a justification for taxing the luxuries and the amusements of the people, but meat does not come with- Must it go on that account? n this category and it, as well as the milk, should have been spared the

licenses were not raised also, and to the extent of \$200 each. The liquor men are exempt from the taxman on this occasion, and they can thank their stars that they are organized and a power in municipal elections.

Will Hon. Mr. Hanna have way on the Central License Commission? This, if established, will bowl out the local commissioners. Why Are they failures? What is the matter with them, anyway?

SCOLDING THE PREACHERS.

For the judgment and good sense of J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., the Whig had the greatest regard. And marvels at the petulent speech which house. It was a repetition of provincial election, when, to mark his displeasure of a sermon, preached by his pastor, on the closing of the bars. the issue of the day, he rose during service and left the church. He tells now that if it had not been for restraint of friends he would had it out with the preacher there and then. As a result of the temperance campaign "a number of citizens in Belleville had not been in church since the election."

"It was the preacher's duty." Mr. Johnson, "to save sinners," whatever may happen to the craft, driven them-that is the sinners penditure entirely separate. will put an end to the schemes of cer- away. Now is not that a frivolous tain Americans to profit by interna- way to talk, at this late date, and tional difficulties. There will be no so long since the election? It is the service during the war; and there will gislature to support or oppose any temperance question will not be abanpolitical reasons, does not like it. The temperance party deserves sure occasionally. It is composed of some men who academically approve of its proposals and politically condemn them. Had all of them voted as they talked, had they \for put politics aside and voted according to "conscience," the bar would to-day have lost its menace.

Mr. Johnson says it is for the preachers to save sinners, and when they essay to use their powers of persuasion to that end, and feel that the first obstacle to success is drink habit, they are scolded their parishioners. The preacher that would suit and please some would have no mind nor opinion is to be taken by a girl, who may any thing where the politicians were be able to do the stenography concerned. Mr. Johnson's man would which the department requires, but be a mere cypher in, the pulpit and

> not afford to have a German nest of traitors in New York city, and work in a most compromising way A neutral country, that is absolutely neutral, cannot tolerate a brood like

CONSPIRACY IN AMERICA. The Bernstorff crew-ambassado naval attache, military attache, and all the rest of them-are escaping from America in a merciful way. The doubtful circumstances; and only a it will never do to have an exposure order that this expedition and effi- (called such by courtesy), has been

And to think that in order that In that way the Washington govengineer and his help by demanding his attaches out of America as men hadn't.

them, is a German reservist who was The Council this year has undertak- in the pay of the German governen to do two things, (1) cut down ment. He had undertaken a danexpenses and (2) increase the revenue. gerous commission. It was to go to The first act in one direction is a sav- England, locate certain · British bating, for the present, of \$300 or \$400 tleships, and communicate informain the salaries of the engineer's office. tion with regard to them to the Ger-The intention may be to go through man admiralty. He was to essey the

the City Hall, to examine into the feat that had been entrusted to Lody, service rendered by each civic official, the German naval officer, who sufto the park.

and changes, being about an economi- The attaches of Von Bernstorff had Stegler ready for his desperate task, The fire department is under super- and he was seeking the passport was to be paid \$150 a month for life of the Council, and not subject to its -if Stegler failed. The change against the German naval attache is are expected to hear the slogan, "Re-denied, but it is significent that he, and all the rest of the diplomatic corps, have been hurriedly ordered to Germany, and the whole proceeding points significantly to their guilt. They are a bad lot, and the United States, for any reason and on uny account, is well rid of them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The leader of the Quebec opposi-Oo the second count-of raising tion wants the local legislature abolmore revenue a start has been made ished and replaced with a legislative

> The local license board, before an election, issued the order that the liquor dealers were not to assess the license holders for election expenses.

Chat's, Falls, at Ottawa, is still looked forward to, as the source of cheap power in Eastern Ontario. The supply which Brockville is getting from Morrisburg is limited in its

Sir Lomer Gouin denies that has any desire to desert the Quebe government and seek a seat in Commons. But wherever he will be the champion of Quebec's in-

The difficulty of collecting a staff of men, once they scatter, is being felt by the Locomotive Works. Many of its best employees, are either of to the war, or they are doing duty in the city.

A Toronto breacher says that there are thousands in the city who should se made at the opening of the local fast as a religious duty. And there the are thousands who must fast, as speeches he made during the last physical necessity, and because they cannot help themselves.

The British army is described more old Cromwell's than any that taken the field in recent years. The men offer prayers before goin into the trenches. And they are different from the prayers of the kais

The gas department had a sur plus of only \$78.02 last year, but there was a lot of money spent on capital account. The department should, in changing its records, keep ordinary expenditure and capital ex-

Hon. Frank Hugo, a Kingston man, the New York secretary of state, will have to arrange for the taking of a census in New York state. He will have the naming of 6,000 persons for the job that call for salar doned because a political party, for ies or stipends that run all the way from \$500 to \$2,500." outlay will be \$465,000. The man who can lay out such a sum to the satisfaction of every one will be

Will He Do It ?

There is nothing for it mier's desk and say what he thinks

It Surely Will.

London Advertiser

Juvenile Education

. Montreal Mail. the German schools at prayers schoolmaster says, "God punish England," and the pupils respond in chorus, "God punish her." Even the

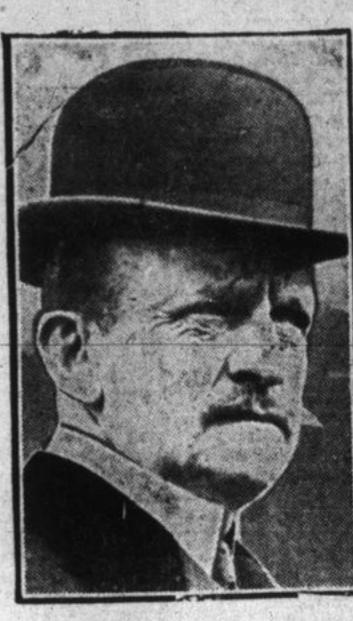
He Can Do It. Mr. Rowell did a graceful thing in posed that the house should congraulate the Canadians at the front or their heroic conduct in the trenches

A Tack To Starboard Toronto Star. The German crown prince says Ruspaws. Not long ago the Germans were telling England that she ought

Live To Repent It. folks there are now

Breck & Booth have been commissioned to load the schooners Jessie Breck and Neelon with ice for Toledo. The freight rates are high. The fence around Victoria Park has been removed. It is no ornament

The English government are sending seven graduates of the Royal Military College at present in the Royal Engineers school, at Chatham, to the continent, with a professor, to visit the principle battle fields of Europe, and to inspect the fortifications of the principle cities.



Washington despatch says the ac-German Ambassador has been recalled to Germany to talk over American relations with the Kaiser, but has refused to go. This picture was taken recently in Washington.

Rise In The Price Of Food. London Mail.

The principal fact which emerges from the debate in the House of Commons on the price of food is that the rise in that price has been only about half what experts anticipated before the war.

In the struggle with Napoleon, when the British navy commanded the sea, the price of wheat for the year 1801 averaged 119s., and actually reached 126s. 6d. in 1812. The British people are paying less than half as much to-day, though two of the main sources of supply-Australia and Russia - have failed. In every possible respect they are better off than the German people, who are now menaced with a real shortage of bread.

Such hardship as the advance of prices may have caused in this country has been greatly alleviated by the heavy expenditure from the war votes, a large proportion of which passes direct to the pockets of the

working class.



ADMIRAL VON POHL commander of the German battle fleet succeeding Admiral Von. Inglenchl, who was removed recently. Von Pohl was the man who announced the blockade of Britain.

Armorea Motors Silenced Battery. Petrograd, March 2.-An official statement describes Russian feats in the recent fighting. "As a German battery to the southeast of Pzeasnysz was impeding our offensive," says the statement, "Captain Gourdoff sent several armoured automobiles, under fire, in the rection of a hostile battery, and at a distance of twenty yards they killed all the gunners. Capt. Gourdoff was killed at the very moment valor had turned the battle . in

Gen. Brussiloff's army has captured

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REMEMBERED DODGING.

Marksman Uses Would Be Burglar As Target. Kenosha, Wis., March 2 .- Jocob

Gies, former proprietor of the Hotel Cenosha, is known as the best marks man in this city. A man attempted to break into the Gies home the oth er night and Gies opened the fron window and fired

The man ran down the street and Gies peppered bullets about him, but took care not to hit him. Then the and ran right into the arms of a po-

he had gone during the night, but that he had a pretty good memory o dodging bullets. Gies refused to at

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DACIA CAPTURED BY FRENCH CRUISER.

The issue raised by the Dacia is that of the transfer of ownership the committee should have a free to be trusted. Richard F. Stegler, and in the performance of its trewho has given the diplomats away, are closed and 150,000 men and woand made the situation too hot for men are without employment.

Lodz, Russia, as a population of during war, she having been a mannoury-american named Breitung and sent to Germany laden with cotton on a test trip. It was expected she would be seized by England. The New York World says England has cleverly escaped a sharp controversy.