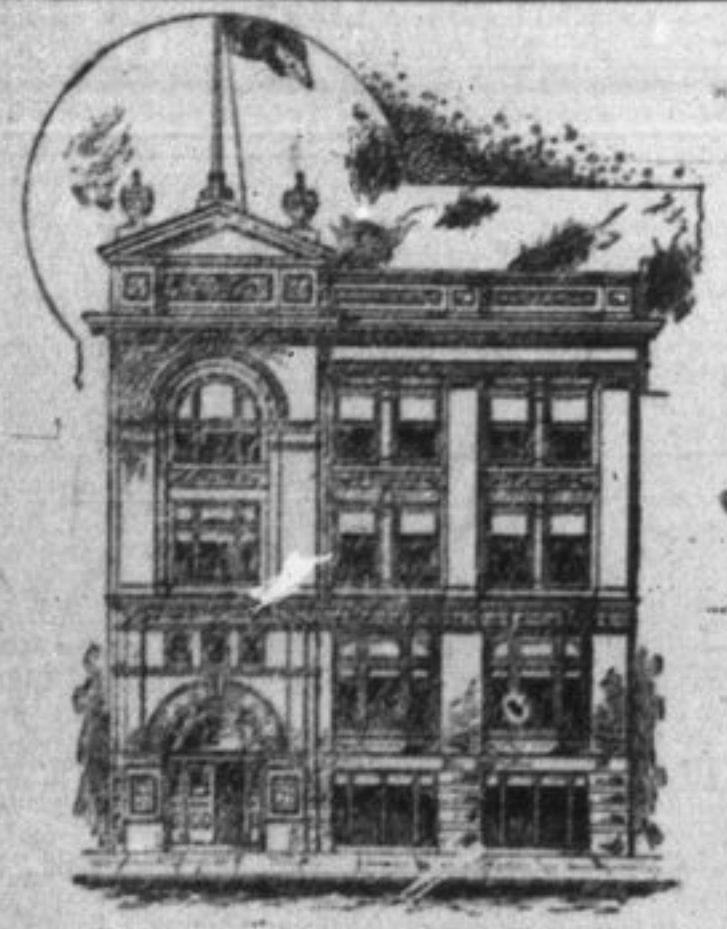


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A TAX ON MEAT.

The Whig protests, in the most emphatic manner, against the increased fees from butchers, which means an increase in the cost of meat. Increased revenue may be desired, but better it should be raised from general taxes, or, better still, from the luxuries in food, than from the necessities of life.

OUR ANSWER TO GERMANY.

The answer of the British government and of the allies—for what Britain says, France and Russia also says—is that there will be a real blockade of the German empire, and that no ships will be allowed to carry any goods to it under any conditions. This blockade has been rendered necessary by the assumed blockade of Britain by the German submarines, and the threatened destruction of British marine without regard for the welfare of life or the salvation of it.

THE FOURTH CONTINGENT.

Some of these days the Second Contingent will be moving out. Silently, and without fuss, as becometh the movements of men whose destiny is not a matter of public notoriety, the officers and men who have won the favour and confidence of the people will take their departure. They will go to meet the call of their king and country, and they will carry with them the good will of us all.

CITY'S POLICE FORCE.

The discussion in the Council, and with regard to the collection of license fees, suggests something which the writer learned while passing through the city of Brantford a couple of years ago. He was interested in the Industrial Bureau which Brantford has developed and conducted with marked success.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The power department lost \$252.37 on its street lighting contract in 1914. With such a showing there can be no chance of a further cut in the cost of light.

So there may be competing lines of radial railway along the lake and river front if the Hydro-Electric and Eastern Ontario Railways go through. Where are they to derive their power?

So the senate is to be asked to debate the bi-lingual school question. Some men will keep on playing with fire until they get their fingers burned.

Age the people of the city going to stand for a taxation of their food? Why should the meat be the special object of the aldermen's attention, while the drink escapes notice?

Lloyd-George puts the engineers' strike in England at the present time in a proper light, when he says: "Why should the lives of Britain's men be imperilled by the wretched dispute about a farthing an hour?"

J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., complains that the "sinners" have drawn out of his church when the preacher demanded the abolition of the bar. And they will stay out since the Quarterly Board has invited the aforesaid preacher to return for a fourth year.

The government of Ontario is very anxious for a truce when it undertakes to gerrymander London and East Middlesex under the pretext of wanting to correct clerical errors with regard to their boundaries. The game is too small to be treated in a dignified way, and the truce ought to be smashed long enough to expose it.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

City clerk complains that clergymen neglect to register marriages they perform. Late William Nickle left \$10,000 to general hospital for memorial wing. Civic deputation went to Ottawa to oppose amendments to Napanee and Tamworth railway charter. Woodrow Wilson, the Blamed Cuss. Senator-elect Bob Broussard of Louisiana was talking in that state a few weeks ago on the subject of politics.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

The worst thing we can take for a cold is advice.

A man has no real kick coming when his wife talks to herself.

Many an expert swimmer has been drowned in the sea of matrimony.

Anyway, we admire a cheerful idiot more than we do the other kind.

An Elusive Expression. She smiled at me! I beamed with ecstasy.

Not Worth Much. The latest contribution to the literature of the subject is Harold Begbie, whose book, "Kitchener: Organizer of Victory," has been published within the past few days.



Daughter—Papa, Cholly is worth his weight in gold. Papa—Yes, but he's a light-weight.

Choosing A Coat. "Now, my dear, how about our coat of arms?"

In the Rural Districts. Country Justice—"I'll have to fine ye a dollar, Jeff."

County Justice—Great snakes! It was only to git a dollar I was fining ye. Git out! Ye ain't guilty, anyway.—Columbia Jester.

A German Boy. "George, where are your school books?"

Fortune Teller—I can see money coming to you and no sickness what ever.

Will Levington Comfort: Perhaps there is nothing more needed in the world than joy.

The Outlook: The race is not always to the swift, nor the divine ministry of helpfulness to the strong.

No victories are more inspiring than those won against heavy odds.

They who have won the race on crutches have also won the hearts of those who saw the struggle.

True Sympathy. We have to learn to be gentle, most of us, at least.

Sympathy is not a natural grace of character, even in most refined natures.

There is a sympathy which every gentle heart feels with sorrow.

Abraham Lincoln: Oh, how hard it is to die, and not be able to leave the world any better for one's little life in it.

Alas! Poor Willie. Teacher—Now, children, name some of the lower animals, starting with Willie Jones.—Boston Transcript.

Easily Upset. Mrs. Kawler—Did Mrs. Blank mind it much when her husband left her for good?

Living Up To His Motto. "Give and take" is my motto," said the footpad, giving his victim a rap on the head and taking his watch and diamond pin.

Reform Promised. Husband—I don't approve of your owing these little bills here, there and everywhere.

A Warm Reception. First Burglar—Hullo, Bill. Why you look as if you'd been through a cyclone since I last met you.

Neck And Nut. Mrs. Youngbride—I want to get a hat for my husband. It's a surprise for him.

Clerk—What size, madam? Mrs. Y.—Really I forgot to find out. But he wears a 15 collar, so I suppose he'd want 20 or 22 in a hat, wouldn't he?

ENGLAND'S WAR LORD

KITCHENER IS NOT IN FAVOR OF ANY RED TAPE.

He Has Three Hobbies, Gardening, Architecture and Collecting—He is Not At All Spectacular In His Work.

One of the tests of a great man is that he inspires legends. We hear about Washington and his inability to produce an alibi in reference to the cherry tree, about Lincoln and his inveterate habit of telling funny stories, and what is more to the point, about Kitchener's unsimiling sternness. At the time of the South African campaign a writer of nonsense verse asked a correspondent who knew Kitchener what would be the most preposterous thing that could be associated with him.

The latest contribution to the literature of the subject is Harold Begbie, whose book, "Kitchener: Organizer of Victory," has been published within the past few days. Mr. Begbie is known as the author of "Twice Born Men," and also for the verses displayed in the street cars to the effect that when the troops return from slaughter and the ships return from war, every orphan shall be fed, by the man who continues to carry on business as usual.

According to Mr. Begbie, the chief quality of Kitchener is not his machine-like precision, but his tenacity. He is the bulldog that is beaten but does not know it, and consequently never quits!

Nevertheless, Kitchener is a success. He has achieved "great and enormous victories" by incessant, slow and unsparring labor.

One illusion which Begbie does not attempt to dispel is that concerning Kitchener's eyes. In the Khartoum campaign a private said they were like the Day of Judgment.

Another observer said: "They strike you with a kind of clutching terror; you look at them, try to say something, and look away; and then, trying to speak, and your eyes returning to that dreadful gaze, and once more choke with silence."

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