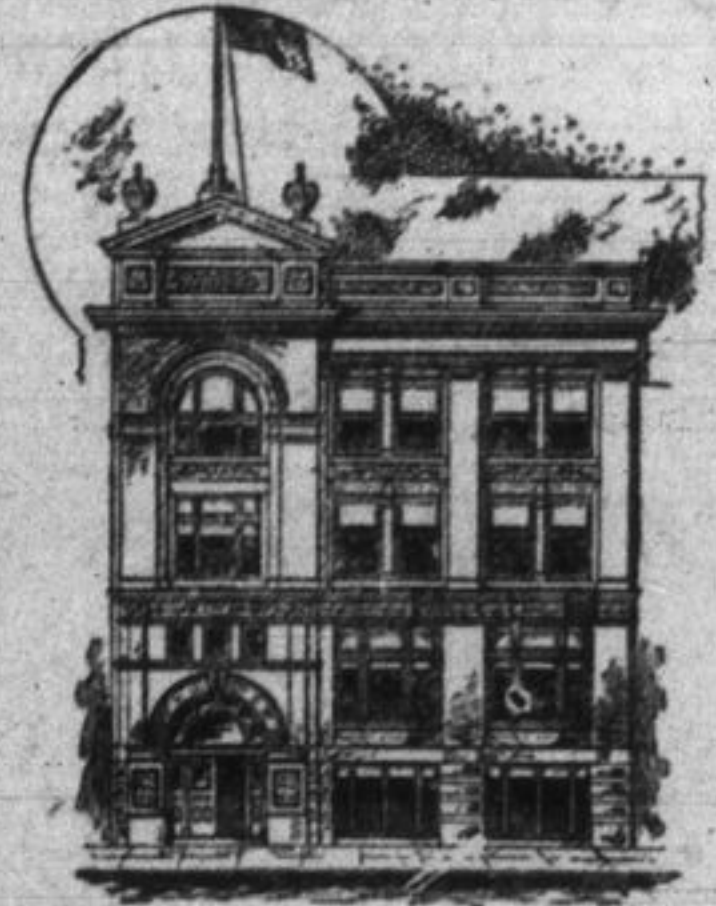


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A NEED AT OTTAWA.

Occasionally some members of Parliament forget themselves and talk of fighting with their fists. The average parliamentarian is bound to pursue the traditions of the House, and it is on record that a certain former minister once told a member who had deserted him, that he "could lick him quicker'n hell could scorch a feather."

A REWARD OF PIRACY.

It is difficult sometimes to get the correct view which we should take of the war, and of those who are taking part in it. The crew of the Blucher, the flagship of the German navy, which led in the bombardment of unprotected towns in England, and were designated by Mr. Churchill as "baby killers," were rescued when, later, the Germans suffered defeat from the British under Beatty.

SCREW LOOSE SOMEWHERE.

The most remarkable deliverance of the times, on the civil service question, and in cutting condemnation of the government and its policy, comes from "The Civilian," the publication of the members of the Civil Service. Mr. Shortt's case was under consideration, and if the course of the chairman of the commission had been unpopular it would not hesitate to say so.

A TRUCE AND LOYALTY.

Mr. Kemp, M.P., says that there has never been a truce between the political parties of Canada, and that there cannot be. The thing to his mind is an absolute impossibility. But a truce has been, nevertheless, and the fact has been exemplified on the smooth manner in which the estimates have been passing through.

the face of the man who makes it. Finally Sir Wilfrid Laurier has challenged the anti-British character of the budget, in that it destroys very largely the preference that is shown to British manufactures and British imports. It has required some nerve to make the proposal. The preference has never been liked by the Conservatives. They have at times demanded a quid pro quo. Their action has been strongly at variance with their profession.

This preference has been emphasized in a brilliant speech and timely motion by the leader of the opposition. The Government has been prating too much about its loyalty. It could not do too much to express the appreciation of the people for the protection they had received from Britain. No sacrifice of men and treasure was too great under the circumstances; and offsetting this effusive exhibit of patriotism the Finance Minister proposes to tax British goods and to deal with them as coldly, in a commercial sense, as with the goods of any other country.

Sir Wilfrid has done well to enter his objection, and the objection of his party; and it is for the Government to persist in discriminating against British interests and institutions while its ministers wrap themselves in Union Jacks and proclaim themselves as the ideal loyalists of Canada.

WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY.

The Board of Education was, informed last evening that three of the cadet corps, with regard to which reports have been made to the Education Department, were not eligible, or competent, under the law, being composed of boys under age, to receive grants from the public treasury. The result is a serious loss to the Board, which, in anticipation of these grants, had contracted certain expenses, and has to meet them by default on the City Council. The cadet corps is a creation of the times, and is favoured by the government and the Education Department. But it must be organized according to certain rules or it will not be entitled to aid from the public funds.

Let Us Return Thanks.

(London Advertiser). So far, the Turks have been hounded enough not to use their dum-dum cigarettes.

A Laughing Minister.

(Windsor Record). A minister of labor who laughs at conditions of unemployment must have the heart of a fiddling Nero who made merry while Rome was burning.

Our Barefoot Soldiers.

(Bramford Examiner). "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the Canadian boys are marching!" But if they are wearing war contracts shoes they are probably marching in their bare feet.

The Villain's Place.

(Montreal Herald). The villain in the drama does not seem to be making much impression on Uncle Sam by his hoarse command to "Make England let go, or I'll stah you in the back some dark night!"

Playing False.

(Hon. G. P. Graham). "The Government says: 'Do not hit us while there is a war on,' and while saying this they are endeavoring to stab the Liberal party in the back."

Retaliation.

(Hamilton Times). Those German submarine crews may be no better than pirates, but they may have no choice in the matter. The men higher up are to blame. Suppose they were hanged, the Kaiser might hang a few British prisoners in retaliation.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO.

The city engineer has put on sixty men to clean the streets. P. McLaughlin refused an offer of \$5,500 for his interest in the Windsor hotel.

Two Systems.

(London Advertiser). It is possible that the educational tendencies of Great Britain and Germany are illustrated by the enemy's success in dealing with things and British skill in dealing with men as well.

Where Germany fails and blunders is in diplomacy. She misunderstood the people of the United Kingdom, of Canada, India and the rest. Her people simply can't or won't see why the invasion of Belgium, with all its barbarities, is detested by the American people.

Mr. White, the finance minister, from new taxes, is raising about \$8,000,000, or expects to raise it, presumably for "war purposes," and \$5,000,000 goes to the army of men whom the government has rewarded, for political services, with places in the civil service, and, according to The Civilian, it is wasted. Here is an indictment, that cannot be destroyed by the "pook-pook" of the finance minister.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"The Toronto World sums up the result of the carving when the European powers start to cut up the country. It divides up a continent in very short order."

Ontario will be the last province to move in temperance reform. But it must move eventually. The temperance forward movement did not end with the last election.

The Social Service League in other cities is pushing the garden patch cultivation. Something should push it here. Is there a Social Service League? If so it should be heard from.

The map-makers will be money-makers after the war. There will be so many changes that the old maps will be out of use. Old things will have passed away, and all things will have become new.

The federal premier and his minister and railways do not see the way clear to recommend any subsidies to radial railways, and the Peck scheme will be hung up for the time being. It can be put in pickle for a while.

When the Dardanelles have been disposed of the Kiel harbour and its fortifications will be tackled by the Allied navies and their long range guns. These will crumble away. That is the next contemplated conquest.

Are political parties breaking up? In Manitoba they want askew on local and school issues. In Quebec they are not governed by the party whip. In Ontario no one can predict what will happen in the next appeal to the people.

"The Civilian," a paper published by the members of the Civil Service, and for their benefit, says \$5,000,000 a year is "wasted" on the thousands of men whom the government does not need. The service in consequence is over-manned and inefficient. No wonder Dr. Shortt kicks.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Teacher—"Willie, what is your greatest ambition?" Willie—"To wash mother's cars."—New York American.

Watchful Waiting. She (passing confectioner's window)—"Doesn't that candy look good?" He—"Uh-huh." Let's stand here and look at it awhile."—Penny-Saver is Punch Bowl.

Tony's Wife Looked Back! The savage Bm' was at the door, His finger snapped the latch, And soon the angry flames did roar Along the cottage thatch. With wife and child poor Tony fled And long he bawled track, But Tony's wife looked back!

The cat was in the cellar looked All with her kittens three, Her heart against her bosom knock'd In piteous agony, Poor Tony caught his child in dread And fled the blazing shack, And Tony never turned his head, But Tony's wife looked back!

For from the parlor ceiling low And long he stung the insect and slow With frightened feet poor Tony fled He heard the timbers crack, And Tony never turned his head, But Tony's wife looked back!

Canary, cat and kittens gone! Her throbbing heart stood still, She'd left her dear geranium on The blazing window sill! But still the stricken Tony fled, His flight he did not slack, And Tony never turned his head, But Tony's wife looked back!

Ye are the salt of earth, ye wives, Ye all look back and halt, God sweetens nations with your lives. He turns you into salt! So Tony long the country fled, He seemed to know the track, And Tony never turned his head, But Tony's wife looked back!

WORRIES SEAMEN.

Can a Lake Captain Take Slip On Salt Water? Toronto, March 12.—"Looks pretty equally ahead."

This was the statement made today by a visiting seaman in speaking about the outlook for next season. "We will need to keep more than our weather-eye open to get a commission to sail a boat in Canadian waters. The war is closing up everything in sight, and it is reported, twenty-six steamers go into the ocean trade it will be so much the worse for us."

"Men who have been sailing such vessels for years are not recognized, nor will they be permitted to sail vessels on the ocean so that they and their crews are out of work."

This was the one subject of discussion in local marine circles. "There are men in Canada capable of guiding a boat on any water, and it's a great hardship that they should be treated in this way." This was the statement made by an official who is considered a first-class authority on such matters.

It is understood that a deputation will go to Ottawa to urge upon the Marine Department to arrange for the Canadian crews to take charge of those vessels.

The twenty-six Canadian freight vessels that have been chartered by the Nova Scotia Steel Company, have a total tonnage of 21,295 tons, and according to an expert, are valued at \$3,380,000. He says when new these vessels were worth about \$10,000 apiece.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Mustard plasters come under the head of drawing instruments.

The average man thinks he is many notches above the average man.

Men talk to amuse others, but women talk just to amuse themselves.

In after years love's young dream occasionally develops nightmares.

Timely. "It's a short way to Slipperary. It's a short way to go." "Where the bumps and bruises grow." Good-by, gravitation; Good-by, head and feet; It's a short, short way to Slipperary. When man and pavement meet."

Phonetic Blow. "Our stenographer spells rotten." "If she does, that's about the only word she can spell correctly."—Philadelphia Ledger.

No Wonder The Transfer Expired. A conductor on the street car line examined the transfer thoughtfully and said meekly: "This here transfer expired an hour ago, lady."

The woman, digging into her purse for a coin, replied: "No wonder with the awful ventilation you have in these cars."

Explained. Miss Blunt is wonderfully pleased with her portrait in the paper this morning.

"Is she? I'm pretty sure nobody would recognize it." "Yes, that's what pleases her."

Quiet Moments. Mary Austin: "I guess there can't be anything kept us from the best except ourselves," she said. "Being willing to put up with the second best gives us more trouble than the Lord ever meant for us."

Channing: No power in society, no hardship in your condition can depress you, keep you down, in knowledge, power, virtue, influence, but by your own consent.

Just Once! Teacher—"Willie, what is your greatest ambition?" Willie—"To wash mother's cars."—New York American.

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THE "WAR WHEAT COMPANY".

Review of Reviews. On January 11th, for instance, all Prussian flour mills were ordered to make and sell only a mixture known as "war flour," containing seven parts wheat and three parts rye. The Government of Prussia had formed a trading concern known as the War Wheat Company, which was to buy up and store about seventy-five million bushels of wheat, to be held back from sale until after May 15th. The shares of the company were taken by the Prussian Government, the principal German cities, and some large industrial concerns. This company is permitted to pay 5 per cent. interest, and it has power to buy stocks of wheat, either by voluntary transfer of by condemnation at fair price. The whole object is to benefit the public by preventing undue speculation in wheat during the months that must precede the harvesting of the next crop. The German authorities explain that there is a very ample supply of rye in storage, and some shortage of wheat. Thus the bakers are required to bake rye bread at night for the supply of the working people in the morning, and they bake the "war flour" bread and rolls in the daytime for those accustomed to white bread. This is not an indication of desperate conditions in Germany, but rather an instance of that foresight and thrift with which German officialdom is accustomed to handle affairs of common concern.

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SPEEDY CRAFT ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.

Unusual Activity Along Picturesque River Chiefly Caused By the War Aboard.

New York Herald. Of the many waters adjacent to the Atlantic seaboard none is more attractive or better suited to ideal motor boating than the St. Lawrence River from Ogdensburg to and across the Thousand Islands, and that fact is thoroughly appreciated by many, among them Joseph Leyare, of Ogdensburg, who has owned or built more motor craft than any one else along that waterway.

The celebrated family of "Chips"—J. H. H., etc.—which hold all speed records for their size on the St. Lawrence originated in the mind of Joseph Leyare, and they played their part in the earlier contests for the much cherished gold challenge cup emblematic of the American speed championship.

Mr. Leyare started motor boating with a diminutive and not over finely finished, though well designed, little skiff, which showed such a burst of speed as to make the Thousand Islands colony take notice. His newest craft is a beautiful, maroon-garnished runabout with such power plant as to enable her to go at a speed considerably in excess of twenty miles an hour.

Mr. Leyare says the prospects for the coming summer on the river are the best in many years, a majority of the cottages among the Thousand Islands having been rented, and with them the launches, which form the chief means of transportation. The activity is attributed chiefly to the fact that many persons who ordinarily spend their summers in Europe are obliged to stay here this year and have availed themselves of the opportunity to learn more of the beauties of the St. Lawrence River and the joy of motor boating.

War and Agriculture. Toronto Star. The Minister of Finance is shocked because while the allied fleets are attacking the Dardanelles, the Hon. William Pugsley is talking about agriculture. Dr. Pugsley may at least console himself with the thought that he is sinning in company with many others. While the Dardanelles are under attack Canadians are working in factories and stores, building houses, teaching school, keeping hotel, and engaged in various other prosaic occupations.

What does Mr. White desire or expect? Is everybody in Canada to stop work during the war, and keep saying, "Well, well, isn't that wonderful?" No doubt the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts is a very interesting event. You may read up Homer and Virgil about the fight between the Greeks and Trojans near the mouth of the Dardanelles, or Gibbon about Constantople. But you must work too, or Canada and the Empire will fall to pieces. And how can Dr. Pugsley be more usefully employed than in talking about agriculture?

The Government itself is carrying on a campaign for increased production on the farms of Canada. Mr. White ought to lecture his own colleague, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Burrell has so little "vision" that right in the midst of this earth-shaking conflict he issues, "The Agricultural War Book." He is actually encouraging the farmers to work instead of reading Homer and Gibbon.

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ANTWERP TO BE GERMAN.

THE NAVAL COMMANDER THERE TALKS VERY GLIBLY.

Plans Well Mapped Out—Belgian Populace Well Under Control, He Asserts, and Trade Is Being Gradually Developed.

Copenhagen, March 12.—The German naval commander of Antwerp, Rear-Admiral Laura, in an interview, has spoken with perfect confidence of the future of Antwerp as a German port. He calculated that the Belgians had exaggerated the reports of Antwerp's trade by thirteen per cent.

Hamburg, of course, was a much larger and finer port, he said, but no one could estimate the rapid development of Antwerp after the war, when it had passed finally into the hands of German shippers and engineers. This development, according to the Admiral, already has begun here—a German firm having practically completed a new drydock seven hundred feet long, ninety feet wide, and twenty feet deep. Admiral Laura believed that Hamburg always would be the queen of North Sea ports, but Germany recognizes that Antwerp has a shorter North Sea route to New York than Hamburg, and with improved railway service to inland German towns, there is an advantage that will guarantee to Antwerp second place among the North Sea harbors.

"German order and thoroughness," said the admiral, "have been firmly established, and the people are going quietly about their work and there is no more stealing. We control the harbor with a very widely extended passport system. Since October, when we marched into Antwerp, we gradually have developed trade, the total tonnage leaving the city between October 30th and February 5th being 372,000, and the ships arriving representing 322,000 tons. We have tried to help everybody, and in shipping circles I hear no complaint of German administration."

The Germans say the English made a stupendous blunder when they sank the Greisenau, the big German merchantman, in the Scheldt. The strong current, they say, has turned the vessel around so that it lies parallel with the banks, and ships of 13,000 tons can easily pass it on either side. The Germans are anxious to raise the ship but admit that they have no raising gear.

German marines have made repeated attempts to repair the machinery of the steamers put out of action by the Allies before the city's fall. There are more than thirty steamers in the harbor belonging to the Hamburg-American, North German Lloyd, Kosmos, Hansa, Levant, and Hamburg-South American lines, besides two large Austrian vessels.

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