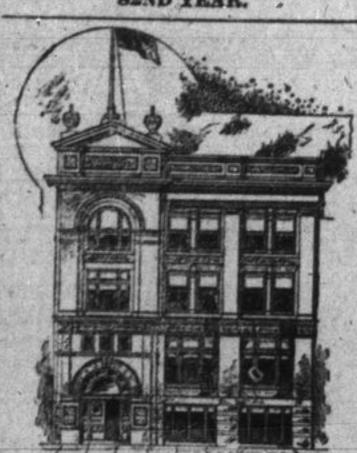
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BANK'S TIMELY ACTION. The banks at Toronto have agreed to take legal steps against men who issue checks upon them without hav ing on deposit funds to meet the de mand. Sometimes, by mistake, check is issued for a sum larger than signer controls; sometimes, though, the document is put forth for the sake of getting rid of a collector or without care of the signer for his credit standing. The issuers of these latter will deserve all the trouble the new and proper order will bring upon them. Their kind needs checking .-Montreal Gazette.

The men who issue checks, in payment of accounts, which are unpro tected, and who do this innocently, are not numerous, and they are to be forgiven. But there are those who do not care whether they put a creditor to trouble and humiliation in the settlement of accounts. Their checks are returned with noturial charges, and the men who put the paper through the bank has to cover it and the expenses incident thereto. They must await the pleasure of the makers to recoup them. Any action of hanks that will have a tendency to limit the annovances to the bank customers will be appreciated; and the banks themselves can begin a reform by limiting the uses which they make of their noturies. The expenses of many a protest can be avoided.

of the people. Now hear Hon. Richard McBride cheftle !

## THE COST OF WAR.

war purposes, like the votes of credit in Britain, should be submitted on their merits, and with such clearcut explanations as the Premier and Chancellor of the Exchequer have been disposed to make in connection with them. With the political parties, having regard as to the ject of them, there could be

ending with this month, the expenditure has been £362,000,000, or a. miflion and a half a day in excess of the expenditure for ordinary pur-This is inclusive of the mil lions Ioaned to Belgium, Russia, Serbia, and the overseas' dominion Excluding these loans the amount has been £1,200,000 daily.

In the coming year the estimated | cost of the army and navy will be £250,000,000. The cost of the army will be £1,500,000 a day, and the cost of the navy will be £400,000 day. For the purpose of an esti-

part of the mother country. "But," partment, Mr. Grahme Thomse a triumphant issue." The \$100,000,000 be supplied by John Bull, and out of any state in history." touched.

THE MAN NOT FOUND.

cial after official from the headquarters not get anything by "pull" in on, because it was some one else's the British mercantile marine where, on the part of some one, the Admiralty have no charter for should continue. The first symptom transport purposes.

some official, whose duty it was, world. "In times of crisis," it has should have exercised a wholesome in- been observed, "there is always opfluence for good and wrought a com- portunity for the emergence plete transformation in his depart- dominant man. It is the glory of ment. Great emergencies, it is said, the British public service that when produce great men, and they have the occasion arises it never fails been equal to any strain that was discover a man big enough for the put upon them. The man the Mili- job." It is the glory of the Cana-One year, delivered in city ..... \$6.00 put upon them. The man the min job. It is the glory of the Us One year, if paid in advance .... \$5.00 tia Department wants in the supply dian public service that worth, one year, to United States ..... \$3.00 office has not been found, and the worth, is at a discount, that result is a scandal that disgraces the political complexion of the man has One year, by mail, cash ...... \$1.00 country and makes every lover of el-one year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 ficiency and good government bow sonal qualification, and hence his head in shame.

> are making of themselves in connec Most of the things for which the tion with the Militia Department. Opposition contended in the tariff debate have been conceded by the Government. The people will please make a note of this.

ENGLAND GOING DRY.

meeting, talked most candidly to the the federal election. people, and especially to those upon whose labours the success, yes, the destinies, of the empire depended. was a meeting in which the labour element was represented, and he took occasion to speak a few plain and not unpalatable truths.

The first was that Britain, with a great war on hand, could not stand for any labour disputes, or restrictions, any stoppage, on any account, "This," said he with the Celtic fire which is so characteristic of him. an engineers' war, and it will be won or lost through the shortcoming the men." His counsel may not have had, at the time, the desired effect, for a cablegram received since then temperance question. All the bars announces that the Government has must go on July 1st. If any liquor taken over the works which are pro- is sold after that it will be by the ducing munitions of war, and will government and in dispensaries under run them in the name and interest of its direction. Does Mr. Hearst, of

ed, was this: That the danger of Britain was the workman's lure of drink. "Drink," said he, "is doing for the crisis of the hour, saw the necessity of pulling herself together and by the ukse of the czat, and his own personal suggestion, the country Sir Hibbert Tupper, a Conservative had gone dry. The revenue fell shy of the truest type, says British Co- by sixty-five millions, but the produclumbia has been 'shamefully mis- tivity of labour had gone up between gratitude! of the people for the governed" since the last Provincial thirty and fifty per cent. France, shaking up he has given them, is election. The defeat of the Gov- seeing the need of it, had abolished \$100,000. He will share this with the use of absinthe by a majority of his staff, so that all of them to deal with drink," said he, "and we mean to use them. We shall use people in the Quaker City. them quite fearlessly and I have no The Canadian votes of credit, for doubt that as the country's needs demand it the country will support our action, and will allow no indulgence if that tends to interfere with its prospects in this terrible war which

has been thrust upon us." The war is forcing many radicalchanges in the world, changes of the most drastic kind. The map of Eur- the box. ope will be altered; the relations of the nations' will be ofhanged; the What a war budget Britain's is to cial life and habits of the people will be amended. The Millenium may be tirement at Berlin-probably recov-at hand. At least old foes will be ering from his last fifty-five dangerconquered, and they will never rise ous wounds

distribution Act. If the B.N.A. Act is not given much consideration. can be tinkered with in the case of one province why cannot it be tin-

ADMIRALTY'S GREAT FIND.

uncement. "We have moved, mate the total amount is put at £2. said he, 'by sea at home and abroard 000,000, which is £1,780,000 in ex- approximately 1,000,000 men, withcess of the total cost of the com- out, up to the present, any acciden bined army and navy on a peace or loss of life. Credit for these ar rangements lies very largely with the All this means sacrifices on the head of the Admiralty Transport Deas 'Premier Asquith observes, "we are of the discoveries of the war, a man determined, if need be, at the cost of who has stepped into the place when all we can command, in men, and the emergency came and has formed navy, to bring a righteous cause to and organized and presided over peradditional which Canada wants will of which were never contemplated by

that money chest which is so deep At once interest centres in the man. It has been decided to organize that the bottom of it has never been What manner of person is he? The What manner of person is he? The Contractor Newlands has resumed in flag until she was actually within work on the tower being built on territorial waters and was about to mation. Mr. Thomson is thirty-nine St. Mary's cathedral. There are enter the Norwegian port to which Premier Hearst essays to imitate years of age, and a born organizer. thirty-five men employed the late Sir James Whitney. He He is a Scotchman, though born on The captain of the Salvation Army looks imposing, and he talks large, the Welsh border, is a graduate of has been notified that the Army Winchester and New College, Oxford,

and entered the service of the Admir-One thing about the military boot alty as a junior clerk in. 1900. He + scandal that is irreconcilable is had education to begin with, a great the fact that the manufacture of un- factor in itself. He had application, suitable footwear continues, and that a talent quite as valuable as educait is being served out to the expe- tion, and its unfailing and necessary ditionary force, in spite of all the an- concomitant. He earned his promogry, things that have been said. Offi- tion in the public service. One does staff has appeared before the special British service. As one of the supercommittee to admit that he was con- intending clerks he was brought into scious of the situation; that he saw personal contact with Hon. Winston the boots as they were returned to Churchill in the early days of the the supply station in mute and ugly was, and his chief was quick to reevidence against the department, and cognize his qualities of initiative and he read the reports that told of in- organization, which are now fully famous imposition; and the thing went exercised in the control of one-fifth of duty to apply a remedy. It is re- nage. That, according to the First markable that such incapacity, some- Lord's statement, is the fleet which

of diseatisfaction should have been Such is the story in brief of a man followed at once by an enquiry, and whose performance has astonished the sonal qualification, and hence the pitiable exhibition which some

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An election in Quebec is ' talked about. Why? There is no imme diate need to appeal to the people, unless it is to organize the parties Lloyd-George, in a recent great in Quebec and get them ready for

> How is Kingston going to finance the interests of these employees who come under the Workmen's Compensation Act? What will the annual tax amount to? And how is it to be met, not having been provided for in the budget?

The Germans have it that the Dresden was blown up by order of captain rather than surrender in neu in the productions of the shops. tral waters. It is immaterial how the thing was done. The main thing is that the troubles of the cruiser were ended when she went to the bottom of the sen.

Saskatchewan leads Canada on the the people until the strife is over. Untario, see any writing on the The second point, and it was cheer- wall?

Toronto is cutting off the frills education and reducing some of the us more damage in the war than all expenses in connection with the pubthe German submarines put togeth- lic schools. Membership in the Cadet Russia, like Britain, unready Corps is made voluntary, and the drill in future must be conducted outside of school hours. There will be no collections on account of the penny banks in the class rooms.

makes to Billy Sunday expressing the ten to one. "We have great powers be pretty well paid for the manner in which they have agonized for the

Heard From Once Mon

Nentrals And Spoils. When the burglars are finally driver four members, though the number away the man who thought of him-was reduced to three under the Re- self first and crawled under the bed

> United Liberals. front in favor of Canada dotles of the Empire, the Tories are divided the Nationalists pleading

> > What May Count. (Toronto Mail.)

about ready to start. Lloyd in Britain's favor. It may also

WAR BULLETINS.

small squadron of German + aeroplanes approached Sheer- + e ness, at the mouth of the 4 + Thames, Friday morning, but + + were driven off and chased by + # British airmen far out into the

Gen/ French reported on Fri-+ day night that the Germans are making determined attempts & + to retake the village of Neuve + Chapelle but without success.

Casualty lists issued in Lon-+ don Friday night brought the + total of British officers killed + since March 1st to 195.

Major-General Sam Steele is slated to command the second \* contingent, according to semi-& official opinion in Ottawa.

British labor unionists have arranged that there shall be + stoppage of Government 4 in factories.

A casualty list issued Satur-4 day shows ten Canadians killed and two dead of wounds.

The United States is still undecided about its note to Brit-

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BY SHEER WEIGHT OF METAL TO GET THROUGH.

The Dardanelles Unassisted, But the Attack Is But One Part Of Great Combined Stragetic Operation: London, March 20 .- The Daily Chronicle's naval correspondent

"More than a week has elapsed since the Admiralty has issued any official statement of the progress of the operation in the Dardanelles. "The truth is that the operations are progressing very favorable and in due order and sequence, Admiral Carden is not the man to run unnecsary risks, though there can be no doubt that the fleet, by sheer weight of metal, could, unassisted, pass its way through to the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus if that were desired or desirable.

"So far as we are acquainted with the course of the operations, the fleet has been doing its work splendidly, but the attack on the Dardanelles constitutes but one part of a combined strategic operation, which has its other points of gravity in the Russian movement in the Black Sea in the attack on Smyrna, and in the movements in Egypt and in the Persian Gulf. We must not, therefore, expect any attempts to be made to drive through the Narrows at any

"The Germans are making the ildest statements concerning the situation and the Queen Elizabeth. the Lord Nelson, Aganemnon and other ships are declared to have been damaged. The Admiralty reports on the casualities is the clearest refutation of all such statements. Except that two men have been killed on the Ocean and some wounded on the Prince George, all the casualties are in the Amethyst and to trawlers. "The general conclusion is, that

the work has been well begun and is progressing steadily, awaiting the developments, perhaps, in other regions, but certain of attaining its end. On this matter the public may be assured that we know that General Demad has proceeded with two divisions. The Russians are known to be in movement and other troops are gathering for operations."

JAPANESE DEMANDS

Are Said To Affect British Interests In China.

London, March 20 .- The Manchester Guardian reviews the recent political developments between Japan and China and publishes what is described as a complete list of Japan's demands, concerning which it says editorially that the general effect thereof would be seriously to impair the independence of China and place entire provinces under the tutelage

A comparison is then made beween these Japanese demands as sent out by newspaper correspond-

"It will immediately be apparent of the most important demands been omitted from the list as supplied to the Powers interested, but others had been so modified as to disguise their

real character. "Thus Japan did not indicate that while she insisted China should agree not to alienate any portions of her coast line or any islands off her coast to a third Power, she retained

Neither did Japan let it be know rights in the Yang Tse basin, an roads, which would seriously affect British interests in that region."

NEUTRAL FLAG USED

By Germany While It Was Making

London, March 20 .- The demand made by Germany through the Unit urious sequel which has just com

during that period that Germany was making its protest against the use chant steamer Anna Eliza bound for she was consigned.

In New York a woman is not foremust keep off the sidewalk in march, ed to take her husband's name if she March can stay as long as if re don't care to.

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