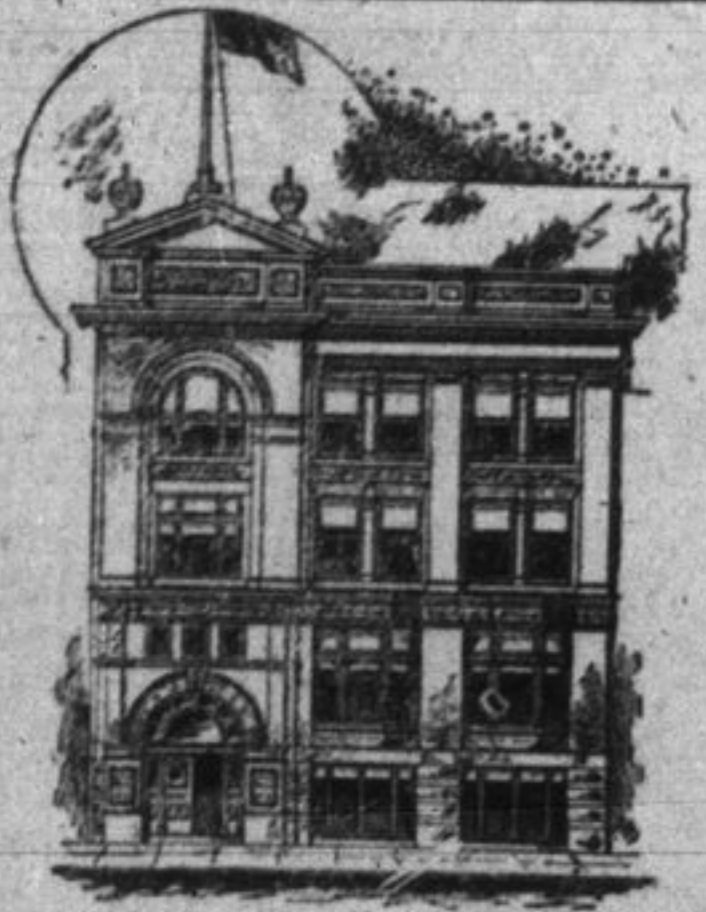


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BANK'S TIMELY ACTION.

The banks at Toronto have agreed to take legal steps against men who issue checks upon them without having on deposit funds to meet the demand.

The men who issue checks, in payment of accounts, which are unprotected, and who do this innocently, are not numerous, and they are to be forgiven.

Sir Hibbert Tupper, a Conservative of the truest type, says British Columbia has been "shamefully mis-governed" since the last Provincial election.

THE COST OF WAR.

The Canadian votes of credit, for war purposes, like the votes of credit in Britain, should be submitted on their merits, and with such clear explanations as the Premier and Chancellor of the Exchequer have been disposed to make in connection with them.

What a war budget Britain's is to be sure? For the financial year ending with this month, the expenditure has been £362,000,000, or a million and a half in excess of the expenditure for ordinary purposes.

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 a day.

All this means sacrifices on the part of the mother country. "But," says Premier Asquith, "we are determined, if need be, at the cost of all we can command, in men and navy, to bring a righteous cause to a triumphant issue."

Premier Hearst essays to imitate the late Sir James Whitney. He looks imposing, and he talks large, but do not seem to scare.

THE MAN NOT FOUND.

One thing about the military boot scandal that is irreconcilable is the fact that the manufacture of unsuitable footwear continues, and that it is being served out to the expeditionary force, in spite of all the angry things that have been said.

Most of the things for which the Opposition contended in the tariff debate have been conceded by the Government. The people will please make a note of this.

ENGLAND GOING DRY.

Lloyd-George, in a recent great meeting, talked most candidly to the people, and especially to those upon whose labours the success, yes, the destinies, of the empire depended.

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, in the productions of the shops.

"This," said he with the Celtic fire which is so characteristic of him, "is an engineers' war, and it will be won or lost through the shortcoming of the men!"

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Prince Edward Island is to have four members, though the number was reduced to three under the Redistribution Act. If the B.N.A. Act can be tinkered with in the case of one province why cannot it be tinkered with in the case of others?

ADMIRALTY'S GREAT FIND.

Some days ago the First Lord of the Admiralty made a remarkable announcement. "We have moved," said he, "by sea at home and abroad approximately 1,000,000 men, without, up to the present, any accident or loss of life."

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and entered the service of the Admiralty as a junior clerk in 1900. He had education to begin with, a great factor in itself. He had application, a talent quite as valuable as education, and its unflinching and necessary concomitant. He earned his promotion in the public service. One does not get anything by "pull" in the British service.

Such is the story in brief of a man whose performance has astonished the world. "In times of crisis," it has been observed, "there is always opportunity for the emergence of a dominant man. It is the glory of the British public service that when the occasion arises it never fails to discover a man big enough for the job."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An election in Quebec is talked about. Why? There is no immediate need to appeal to the people, unless it is to organize the parties in Quebec and get them ready for the federal election.

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 the captain rather than surrender in neutral 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 sea.

Saskatchewan leads Canada on the temperance question. All the bars must go on July 1st. If any liquor is sold after that it will be by the government and in dispensaries under its direction.

"Toronto is cutting off the frills in education and reducing some of the expenses in connection with the public schools. Membership in the Cadet 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.

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PUBLIC OPINION

Spring Training. (Hamilton Times.) When the Queen Elizabeth plays ball she knocks the pitcher out of the box.

Hears From Once More. (Montreal Mail.) The Kron Prinz is said to be in retirement at Berlin—probably recovering from his last fifty-five dangerous wounds.

Neutrals And Spoils. (Richard Harding Davis.) When the burglars are finally driven away the man who thought of himself first and crawled under the bed is not given much consideration.

United Liberals. (Hamilton Times.) While the Liberals are presenting a united front in favor of Canada doing her full share in fighting the battles of the Empire, the Tories are divided—the Nationalists pleading that Canada has done enough.

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WAR BULLETINS.

A small squadron of German aeroplanes approached Sheerness, at the mouth of the Thames, Friday morning, but were driven off and chased by British airmen far out into the North Sea.

Gen. French reported on Friday night that the Germans are making determined attempts to retake the village of Neuve Chapelle but without success.

Casualty lists issued in London 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 no stoppage of Government work in factories.

A casualty list issued Saturday shows ten Canadians killed and two dead of wounds.

The United States is still undecided about its note to Britain.

ALLIED FLEET IS ABLE TO GET THROUGH.

The Dardanelles Unassisted, But the Attack Is But One Part of Great Combined Strategic Operation: London, March 20.—The Daily Chronicle's naval correspondent says:

"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 favorably and in due order and sequence, Admiral Carden is not the man to run unnecessary 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 Marmara 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 great 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 cost.

"The Germans are making the wildest statements concerning the situation and the Queen Elizabeth, the Lord Nelson, Araganon and other ships are declared to have been damaged. The Admiralty reports on the casualties 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 of Japan.

A comparison is then made between these Japanese demands as sent out by newspaper correspondents at Peking and as published in Japan.

"It will immediately be apparent from this comparison," the paper continues, "that not only have many 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 the right to demand herself the lease or cession of such territory.

"Neither did Japan let it be known that she demanded exclusive mining rights in the Yang Tse basin, and that she be allowed to construct railroads, which would seriously affect British interests in that region."

NEUTRAL FLAG USED

By Germany While It Was Making Its Protest. London, March 20.—The demand made by Germany through the United States that Britain abstain from the use of neutral flags has had a curious sequel which has just come to light.

It has now been demonstrated that Germany was culpable in employing this ruse de guerre. Information has been received in London that towards the end of February, in fact during that period that Germany was making its protest against the use of a neutral flag, the German merchant steamer Anna Elise bound for a Norwegian port, flew the Norwegian flag until she was actually within territorial waters and was about to enter the Norwegian port to which she was consigned.

In New York a woman is not forced to take her husband's name if she don't care to.

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