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TRUTH-LEAKING OUT.

Col. Hurdman, an officer of the headquarters staff, has been suspended pending further investigation of purchases for the department with which his name has been connected. It was hinted that something had to be given to him in the way of an honorarium, and the attempt was certainly made to extract information from him of a confidential nature. On the stand he declared that he had been entirely unbiased, that he had performed his tasks without fear, favour or affection. But he is a Liberal, and he has been suspended pending further investigation of provided all others who may be under suspicion are similarly served.

Col. Hurdman, as inspector of transports, informed the Public Accounts Committee that in connection with 428 horses at \$72,000 for the first contingent, he issued cheques on behalf of the Government to W. F. MacKay, the present secretary to John Standfield, chief Conservative whip, to F. B. Kesver, of Ottawa, a personal friend of Mr. Foster's, to E. C. Woolworth, of Halifax, and to Walter Moore, of Kentville, N.S., Mr. Foster's constituency.

Who directed him to issue these cheques in this manner? The people should know, and they will provide the enquiry into the facts is absolutely impartial.

Boards of Control, judged by experiences in Montreal, in Ottawa, in Toronto and Hamilton, are failures. Sooner or later the city manager, with full administrative power, must be tried.

A MINISTER AT FAULT.

The Parliamentary discussion of the Prison Commissioners' report has done some good. It has magnified the seriousness of the situation and proven that, so far, very little benefit, advantage, or change, has followed the enquiry. Practically the only thing known to the city member, who ought to know most about what is going on, is the understanding that has been reached between the Federal Government and the Provincial Governments for the care of the criminal insane.

Mr. Nickle had paid into Hansard the recommendations of the Prison Commission "for the guidance of future members of Parliament." What about the present members of Parliament and their duty to the country? Mr. Nickle does not approve of some of the Commission's conclusions, but many of them he incidentally does commend. He realizes that the system is at fault, and cannot be otherwise until the warden, an able and competent man, is able to manage the institution without the aid of a minister and his inspectors. The stone pile is "an inquiry which should not be tolerated for another hour."

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And beyond, the proposed care of the lunatics by the Provincial authorities, pending the provision which the Commission advised, nothing has been done. This is to the infinite discredit of the Minister of Justice.

A CRISIS AT HAND.

Bulgaria, either through the invasion of lawless and unauthorized bands, or as a direct result of conspiracy, has collided with Serbia, and in a day or two it will become apparent whether the whole Balkan states will become involved. Bulgarian hankers after a strip of coast line she lost in the Balkan war. Italy wants a hand in the conflict and hesitates while her diplomats exhaust their energies between the Alliance and the Allies in seeking the largest territorial acquisition. All this agitation among the neutrals counts for something, and it does not take much fuel to add to the conflagration.

Meanwhile the general outlook of the war is ominous enough. Helaire Belloc, in Land and Water, presumes to prognosticate, and he may have special grounds for doing so. He divides Germany's new armies into three of 800,000 each, formed subsequent to the dash of the first on Paris. Two of those armies have been sent into the field, one in the autumn and one in midwinter. The third is in reserve, and will be serviceable in May. Germany will then be strongest. She must then win or lose.

As for the Allies, France has her new armies in readiness. Some 2,500,000 are in the field. The rest is in reserve. Britain's army will be strongest in May, and it was of this Kitchener thought when he said the war, or the drive, would then occur. Russia's, no one can estimate. Belloc does not essay it. It is only known that it is materializing as fast as railway facilities will permit, and that its size is colossal. Austro-Hungary has half a million of new men, for the carnage, and her offerings are as so much sacrifice to the god of war. Things may be complicated some by new developments, but the spring months will see a great movement of troops the impact of which will be simply terrible. No cause can withstand it. One side or the other must go down to defeat and disaster.

Certain contingencies will have a very important effect in the final result. One of them will be the opening of the Dardanelles, and the Allies may be delayed but cannot be thwarted in their task. The supply of munitions may be sufficient or insufficient, and as the Allies are drawing from various sources, including the United States and Canada—and Canada's 200 factories are turning out shells in wholesale quantities—they should have the advantage. The Allies, too, have the assurance of food in ample quantities. Germany's submarines are busy, but their attack on the smaller craft, with the loss of one a day, will not hasten the hunger which Germany's War office prescribed.

In May, then, according to competent authority, and especially according to so well-posted a man as Helaire Belloc, or in June at the latest, the war will have reached a crisis, and peace may be proclaimed ere midsummer has passed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some of Canada's best passenger ships are used for the accommodation of German prisoners. For this service the British Government spends £86,000 a month.

In the New York Legislature a commission is being appointed to prepare selections from the Bible for daily school reading. This editing of God's book is somewhat hazardous.

The Federal Government charges for the transportation of goods for the Belgians over the Intercolonial railway. And it is the only charge of the kind that is made. Pretty small of Canada.

MacQuarrie, who sold his influence for \$1,200, was a protégé of the Minister of Militia, "a good boy," and came from the same county. But his act showed a bad training, and one that cannot be approved.

The Montreal Star says the magistrate weakens the service of the King when he gives a prisoner the privilege of joining the army, in Canada, or going to jail. The army is degraded when men of the criminal type are forced upon it.

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Conservative press it is time there was a change of Government in British Columbia.

The Advisory Council of the Education Department—the institution which was inaugurated with so much eclat, and which was to bring to the Minister of Education the experiences of the teaching profession—must go. It was never any good. The marvel is that it has continued so long. Its advice was confidential. There is no evidence to show that the minister made any use of it.

PUBLIC OPINION.

You Don't Say. (Hamilton Spectator.) Perhaps the old boys of the Home Guard are not chucking that they are not in uniform! Otherwise there might be wholesale desertions.

Some Still At Large. (Hamilton Times.) The Ontario Government has increased the bounty on wolves. But the ones in sheep's clothing are still at large.

Dodge That Day. (Guelph Mercury.) Statistics show that there is a murder every other day in New York. If you're thinking of visiting that wicked city you'd better not go on the every other day.

Criol Of Col. Sam. (Hamilton Herald.) The Ontario Legislature should not consent to any diminution of the authority of the provincial auditor. He is the servant of the Legislature, not of the Government, and the Legislature ought to be jealous for the rights of its own servants.

Fighting The Mother Country. (London Advertiser.) The Toronto News may talk itself black in the face, but a tariff of thirty per cent. will keep more British goods out of Canada than a tariff of twenty-five per cent. If, as the Conservatives claim, this was necessary because of the war, then it is a greater sin, because it is fighting the Mother Country commercially while making a loud noise about aiding her in her struggle.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO.

The Josie Mills Company will play in Kingston for three days commencing April 10th. Sir John Macdonald will spend the summer at Riviere du Loup. H. Stratford, et al., has been asked to send to Toronto samples of ninety different species of birds to be found in this district.

"VIM."

(This stirring poem is being enclosed in all garments and packages sent to the Canadian soldiers in the hospitals and at the front by the Canadian Red Cross Society.)

Did you face the trouble that came your way With a resolute heart and cheerful? Or turn your soul from the light of day With a craven heart and fearful?

Oh, a trouble's a ton or a trouble's a pound, Or a trouble is what you make it; But it isn't the fact that you hurt that counts. But only—how did you take it?

Your beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that— Come up with a smiling face! It's nothing against you to be knocked flat, But to lie there—that's disgrace.

The harder you're thrown the higher you bounce; Be proud of your blackened eye! It isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts, But how did you fight—and why?

And tho' you be done to death, what then? If you did the best that you could, If you played your part in the world of men, Why, the critics will call it good.

Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce, But whether 'tis slow or spry, It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts, But only—how did you die?

Saving German Submariners. Montreal Herald. The London Daily Mail on March 15, just to hand, contains a remarkable photograph of the crew of the German submarine U-3, appealing for help to the British destroyers. It will be remembered that this submarine was sunk as she was endeavoring to torpedo a vessel. The reproduction shows the submarine with the bows under water and the deck and stern in the air, and on the deck is the crew with their arms outstretched towards a British destroyer (the side of which appears in the photograph) appealing to those whom they had been trying to sink to save them from drowning. They were saved. What a commentary this is on the news of to-day!

A Tip To Hon. Mr. White. Toronto Telegram (Conservative). War has brought and will bring more broken hearts than broken fortunes to Canada. Hard times were not brought to Canada by the arrival of war on the invitation of Emperor William. Hard times would have come upon Canada if the war had remained in the future. War has helped rather than hurt, has contributed more profit than loss to the commercial, industrial and agricultural enterprises of Canada.

LATEST WAR TIDINGS.

The American steamer Green Breeze was mined and sunk in the North Sea. She carried cotton for Bremen.

The Washington War Secretary announced on Saturday the recall of all American military observers with the German army in the field against the Allies.

Of the one hundred and fifty returned Canadian soldiers, who arrived at Halifax on Saturday by the C.P.R. liner Metagama from Liverpool, were fifteen men of the Princess Patricia's, six of whom had been at the front.

The New York commission for relief in Belgium announced to-day that it had placed contracts with in the last few days for 6,000,000 lbs. of bacon, fat backs, lard, and pickled beef for shipment to the non-combatants in Belgium.

A full official list of German casualties up to March 31st contains one and a half million names.

Two more Canadian military hospitals have been established in France, and a third will shortly be ready, making four all-Canadian hospitals on the Continent.

Municipal Councillor Matejovskiy and twenty municipal employees of Prague, Bohemia, have been found guilty of high treason and sentenced to terms ranging from three to fourteen years. The men were charged with circulating news unfavorable to Austria-Hungary.

A Vienna court-martial, condemned fifty-two persons to death for high treason, among them the Countess Harrach. Eight have been executed but sentences of remainder were commuted to terms of from four to ten years' imprisonment.

The Prinz Eitel Frederick was still at her pier at Newport News on Sunday.

The Serbian Government has protested to Bulgaria because of the invasion by Bulgarian irregular troops. It is officially denied at Vienna that Austria has opened peace negotiations with Russia.

The three masted fishing vessels Jaquerette was torpedoed by a German submarine on Saturday nine miles south of Fecamp, France. All the crew were saved.

The Serbian war office Saturday night officially announced that Bulgarians had crossed into Serbia and occupied Vatanovo, blockhouses and heights of that neighborhood. No declaration has come from Bulgaria.

Vienna despatches claim that forty thousand Russians have been captured in recent fighting in the Carpathians but it is not believed.

Field Marshal von der Goltz has gone to Berlin for the express purpose of urging the Kaiser to send more officers to Turkey. If this is not done the Turks will get beyond control.

Major Astor, who provided the building for the Duchess of Connaught Hospital on his Cliveden estate, has just built a recreation hall for the convalescent soldiers.

Vienna officially announced that all Russian divisions which were before Przemysl are now on the Carpathian front.

A Petrograd official statement says: "On Thursday in the Carpathians we took more than seven thousand men, one hundred officers and ten machine guns. Our offensive is developing successfully everywhere."

A despatch from Sebastopol says the Turkish armored cruiser Medjidieh struck a mine near Russian Black Sea coast Saturday night and went down.

The Vienna War Office announces that the Austrians were forced to retreat in Beskid region of the Carpathians in heavy fighting for possession of the passes leading into Hungary, owing to large Russian reinforcements.

A despatch from Sweden says two mines in the Baltic Sea and sunk; crews saved.

The German steamer Grete, Hemsath struck a mine in the Baltic Sea and sunk with most of her crew.

The Russians have taken more posts in the Beskid region.

At Dublin John Redmond, on Sunday, reviewed thirty thousand Irish nationalist soldiers leaving for the front.

The steamer City of Bremen was sunk by a submarine on our coast.

A Russian colonel has been hanged as a traitor for causing the Mazurian Lakes defeat.

A Very Gloomy Picture. Cob. in Saturday Evening Post. The new soldier who went into this war must have undergone a profound disillusionment if he lived long enough after he reached the front to undergo any thing but wounding or death. Doubtless he pictured war as something glorious and immensely uplifting—a splendid jumble of crash and clamor, winning charges and splendid victories—and then, at the last, a triumphant return with hands playing and flags floating. What he found was physical aith and physical discomfort; a pigsty to live in and pig's food to live on—the customary cooked ration is apt to look and smell exceedingly like swill; a dreary, weary, unending round of day labor to be pursued without any glamour or any cheer to it; tremendous fatigue for a reward; small chance for individual achievement, and a constantly enlarging chance of being mangled or destroyed outright by an enemy whom he never saw and who never saw him.

Give The Opposition A Chance. Toronto Telegram (Conservative). Did the Whitley Government and the Hearst Government murder somebody and hide the proofs of its crime in a lime kiln?

The appointment of T. Herbert Legnox, M.P., as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, the tactics of Hon. Howard Ferguson and Hon. T. W. McGarry are only intelligible if there be a dark secret hidden in the accounts.

Ontario does not believe that the Hearst Government has anything to conceal. The exposure of all the abuses William Proudfoot, M.P., & Company could discover would be less damaging to the Hearst Government than these elaborate preparations to deprive the Opposition in-

Advertisement for Bibbys Boy's Clothing. Features a portrait of a boy in a hat and text: 'The Store That Keeps the Prices Down', 'Dent's English Gloves for Men', 'Neckwear Elegance for 50c.', 'See Bibbys Nobby \$2.50 Hats', 'The Wolthausen, made in Canada, the absolutely correct shapes.', '78, 80, 82 Princess St. Kingston'.

Advertisement for Columbia Records. Features an image of a hand holding a record and text: 'An armful of COLUMBIA Records makes an evening full of pleasure.', 'Style, Fit and Wear', 'QUEEN QUALITY SHOES FOR WOMEN \$4.00, \$4.50 AND \$5.00. ASTORIA SHOES FOR MEN, \$5.00 AND \$6.00. PLA-MATE SHOES FOR CHILDREN, OUR SPECIAL BRAND.', 'J. H. SUTHERLAND & BRO. The Home of Good Shoes.'

Advertisement for Farms For Sale and Buy Now. Features text: 'FARMS For Sale', 'Buy Now!!', 'You had better get your order in now for your Bicycle. Everything is going up, but we are selling Massey Bicycles for the rest of this month at the old prices. DON'T MAKE A MISTAKE.', 'Massey Bicycles are the best wheels made. If you doubt this, ask any of the 369 riders of Massey wheels in Kingston.', 'You may need repairs for your old wheel. Bring them in to-day.', 'Treadgold Sporting Goods Co.', 'BETTER GET YOUR MIND ON THE COAL QUESTION NOW', 'T. J. LOCKHART, Bank of Montreal Building, Kingston. Phone 1035 or 1020.', 'USE CRAWFORD'S COAL', 'Crawford's Coal', 'Hugh Guthrie, M.P., for South Wellington, is ill with appendicitis, disquietors of a chance to discover anything.'