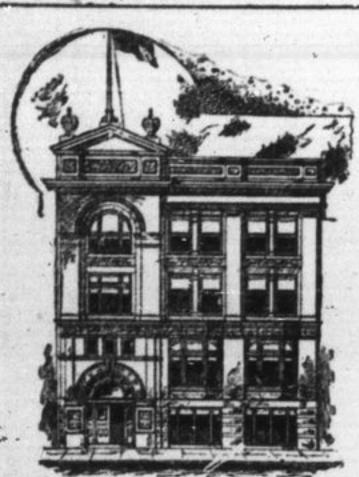
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#### GENEROUS PARTY SUPPORT.

a lot to say, offensively, about the

investment of \$15,000 of Grand

Some Conservative papers have had

Trunk Pacific money in a Liberal paper in Edmonton. But some of these same papers are the humble apologists of the Government which, in one year, invested \$261,089 in them for advertising, thus: Montreal Gazette. ..... \$153,000 Winnipeg Telegram ..... 44,000 La Patrie ...... 28,000 St. John Standard ..... 27,000 London Free Press

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And this is not all of the beneficiaries. The list is long enough to show, however, why some papers are so gushing in the defence of the Borden Government.

DODGING THE SCANDALS. The Orange Sentinel contrasts two men, Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The one, it remarks condemned two Conservative members of Parliament while the other failed to condemn a lieutenant who had \$15,000 of G.T.P. money invested in his paper. There was a wonderful difference between them. two Conservative members had exposed in the deals with the Militia Department. Public opinion had for ced the Premier to repudiate them. There is reason to believe that he did this reluctantly. He was given to understand, however, that the people could never condone the acts, and a Toronto Conservative paper announced that Sir Robert Borden would make a statement before the prorogation of the House. The two Conservative members of Parliament were conveniently absent, but they have not resigned, and have not been proceeded against by any court commission at the instance of Government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier challenged the Government to prosecute any Liberal against whom there was a case or evidence, and he could not do any more. The Government, by the way, is not so much concerned about the purification of public, life as it is to run and win an election plea for a dissolution will that the Senate needs reforming. But the fact is that an early election is being contemplated in order to cape, if possible, the effects of ther scandals.

### CHLORINE IN THE WATER.

for Chalmers Church organ have made twenty years, but sooner or later the a discovery. It is that the chlorine, account will be balanced with comwhich is supposed to be so skilfully pound interest." introduced into the water, in order And yet of Japan it would express to kill the bacteria, is lilling up the its pleasure just now, if a conflict ocpipes and affecting the pressure. The curred between it and the United fireman recall their experience at a States. Which is the glearest testicouple of fires. The pressure was un- mony that can be afforded that Geraccountably low. The cause was not many regards America with disdain, appreciated at the time. Is it now? and that it is but a step further in Is the inference supportable that the order to reach the hate that Teutons chlorine is coating the inside of all the pipes and seriously interfering allies with their efficiency? If so a new contingency has arisen in connection with the water supply.

generally approved by scientists. Re- attributed to the war, in Canada, tario it was declared that a modern ently quite as much, the increased pending the installation of a prop explain the differences and the cause plant chlorine could be safely ap- of them.

plied. Its effectiveness was incontentible. There has been some criticism upon the taste of the water. One promininent citizen informed the Whige phoid, diphtheria or other bacilli, that he had interviewed certain learn- and the challenge thrilled the mem ed men upon the subject and "had bers of the Toronto Board ol Control been given evasive answers."

This new revelation-the hurtful effect of chlorine upon the service pipes, coating them on the interior and in large measure affecting their usefulness-opens up a new line of thought, and one that must be met. The conditions being as described will accessitate action at once by the Utilities Commission. It must determine the soundness or unsoundness of the theories respecting the effect of chlorine in the water.

#### HANNA HOLDS THE VOTE.

Clause 12, of the Liquor License Act, as amended at the last session of the Legislature, said that "all powers heretofore belonging to or exercisable by the Minister under the Liquor License Act shall be vested in and be exercised by the new Provincial License Board subject to any regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council."

But in the proclamation which the Government issued, bringing the Act into operation, this clause was omitted, apparently with design.

"This means," says the Globe, 'that the Commission will have no control over the granting of licenses people. They may be as badly fooled to breweries, distilleries or wholesal- as were the German diplomats with ers, or over the five per cent. bar regard to England and the war. proceeds. The Minister will retain the right also to veto any license that has been granted. Hon. W. J. Hanna will have about all the direct powers under the new system that he had under the old law."

The Mail says: "While the new Act gives the Provincial Commission power to cancel or suspend any license it is understood this power relates only to licenses granted by them. It was necessary for the Government to retain some veto power over the licenses now being issued, particularly since it is believed that in a few cases the old boards in performing their last official duty may give licenses to per the world little reward in life, monu. sons of whom the Provincial Secretary cannot approve.

But this is only announced after the new Provincial Board has been appointed and its members had expressed a willingness to take over the larger responsibilities of office. What was the sense of creating a Commisat an annual expense of thousands of dollars when it can not do more than the old License Board One must sympathize with the Commission in the dilemma in which they appear to have been deliberately

### NEUTRALITY AT A DISCOUNT.

placed by the Government, ...

Mr. Wilson has been explaining what the United States means by neutrality. It is that the Republic may think of itself, may avoid partiality, or the expression of sympathy with one side or the other, and be ready to help both sides when the struggle is over.

The President has been realizing how delicate his position is. He has been warned, and not terrified, by the blustering German-American vote his party controls. He has been reminded that the industries of America are flourishing because of the collosal war orders they have received from Europe. He understands that Great Britain is mightiest in many things, and especially in diplomacy.

America's State Department has been doing some difficult stunts preserving a balance between Germany and Britain, in seeking to placate both, and to preserve the peace. But the United States has forfeited the friendship of Germany, and one sees the evidence of this in the saucy epistles which Count Bernstorff has been indicting, and in the expressed gloating of the German Empire over the prospect of a war between the United States and Japan.

The Turtle Bay event has been magnified and misrepresented. The presence of several Japanese, war craft, one of them aground, occasioned deep anxiety, but the explanation is quite satisfactory and that scare has passed away. Germany has certainly no love for Japan. Indeed it is not long since vengeance was being breathed upon it by the war lords'at Berlin. "Oh, Nippon," they cried, "woe unto you in the time to come, the indignity and injury you have Those looking after the water power wrought upon Germany. It may take

entertain for all who are not their

The Labour Bureau estimates that the cost of living has increased by The application of chlorine has been seven and one-third per cent. This is

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dr. Fraser, of Toronto, offered, for a demonstration, to eat 100,000 ty-London Advertiser.

If chlorine be bad for the water pipes how can it be good for the human system? The men who prefer drink something else will find in the present condition of the water an excuse for declining to imbibe it.

Is it safe to let him be at large?

the License Act. Must have rued the idea of turning over the license business to the new Commission. Its members can pose as the supreme author would be inevitable. ity but the Provincial Secretary has to be reckoned with in any political

W. K. McNaught, M.P.P., says of a recent notable enquiry at Ottawa, "There were a few bad horses, and few bad shoes." By the time the election is on the party will have it that there was notoing wrong with said to have had the desired result. the horses or the boots. Anything goes in an election !

The Federal election may occur in June. It may occur in September, or it may not occur this year. The ministers are scouting in the several provinces and feeling the pulse of the

(Hamilton Times.) Dayton, Ohio, under Commission form of Government last year, saved \$33,000 in purchasing \$200,000 worth of supplies. What about the purchas-

Way Of The World. (Peterboro Review.) The Toronto Telegram says Ontario has failed to encourage the editors of local newspapers. That's the way of ments when dead.

#### A Stern Rebuke.

(Principal Gandier.) We hear of patriotism a great deal; hurrahing and flag waving among some people. God have mercy on such men who take advantage of this war to fill their pockets with money.

#### A Despized Minority.

(Montreal Gazette.) About 150,000 citizens of the United Kingdom have taken a pledge not to drink intoxicating beverages until after the war. These, with the millions of others who at all times drink moderately or not at all, constitute a great army of temperance. The minority who guzzle to excess will now be more despised than ever.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Street Baseball team will play their first game this season with the Bar The Kingston Society Board has

been dissolved. Expenses in connection with it are too high. The Midland Fair Association wil give medals for penmanship among the school children.

"O Strong Young Runner." By Julia C. R. Dorr. O strong young runner in the race of

Rush not too madly toward the shin-Command thou first the forces of thy now thou thyself, nor heed the drum

Yet cower thou not And biting frosts are

Yet to thine helm make fast dove's white wing;

Cherish thy dreams, but keep thine Pray, till thy prayers make heaven's high arches ring; Speak, if the words be thine, sing, if the God within thee bids thee

#### HEROIC MEASURES.

Taken To Rid London, Ont., Of Un-

A certain woman recently came to London, and before anyone could ascertain her reputation purchased a house on a new street in the north end of the city, which is populated by business and professional men.

It was not long before the character of the place became known, and the authorities were appealed to, But the latter were unable to do anything, as the woman owned the house, and could not be put out of it unless good reason was shown why Hanna holds the veto power under she should not live there. There were many visitors to the place, but those who lived on the street did not welcome the idea of a raid upon the place, because of the publicity which

So the men residing on the street organized themselves into a vigilance society, and kept watch upon the place. Every time a man came out of the house they organized a proession, and with tin cans and other noise-producing devices they followed him, making his presence known to the world, and making it certain that he would not again visit the nerghborhood. This original idea is

A girl, who was brought in from outside the city, was taken from the house by the neighbors, and through their efforts deported from the city. It is confidently expected that the neighborhood will soon be rid of its undesirable resident.

#### GERMANS PREPARING.

For General Retreat-Near End Of Financial Resources.

Havre, April 23 .- A leading member of a famous banking firm, particularly well acquainted with the financial situation in Europe, states, it is declared, that Germany will be at the end of her financial resources by the middle of June next.

The Germans have taken extremely severe measures in Belgium to prevent knowledge of the movements of their troops becoming known. Preparations have been made everywhere with a view of eventual retreat. High Prussian officials in Belgium do not disguise their despair, and admit that the German cause is lost.

#### Warning to Hon. R. Rogers. Pinancial Post (Ind.)

The business men of the country would expect a man of Hon. M: Roger's ability, experience and grasp of affairs to come forward at this critical time . the history of the nation with some important business announcement for developing our trade, for increasing our production, for finding situations-not providing work-for the thousands of unemployed. Instead, he gravely announces that the most vital national question is an increase in the numerical strength of the Senate, as provided for by the increase of our popula-

The Senate say, "We quite approve of the scheme, but not until the Commons has been increased for the same reason." There is but one explanation of Mr. Rogers' policy. He is the member of the Cabinet who is expected to win the Western elections. Men, who help him want senatorships and other jubs, and undoubtedly they and their legion of friends have been so urgent as to create the impression in his mind that the whole country is clamoring for a Senate increase. This is the weakest excuse yet for an election.

The real reason is a fear that further war graft scandals will weaken the Conservative party to such an extent that they may be defeated if no appeal is made to the country for another year. If Sir Robert Borden carries out his policy of punishing and stopping graft, institutes efficiency and economy in administration, and improves in some re spects the personnel of his cabinet, he will at the end of his term return to power stronger than ever If not, he should be replaced.

### That Suppressed Correspondence.

Montreal Herald. Why did Sir Robert Borden suppress the correspondence between the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Government in regard to the war supplies? When the orders for war supplies began to be given out to the favorites of the Government and their intermediaries, the Manufacturers' Associated protested against the methods employed by the Government. A lively correspondence is said to have taken place, in which a series of facts, with names, dates, amounts and other details were mentioned. Why did net Sir Robert respond to the demand to produce this correspondence in the House of Commons? It was not con fidential, because the executive of the association publicly declared some weeks ago that the Government could publish it, if it wished. Was this correspondence suppressed so that the Government might shirk its responsi bility for the disgraceful scandals disclosed, and create a diversion by publicity denouncing two minor members of the party?

# by Walt Mason

### SPRING IN EUROPE

The balmy Spring should stir up all men to labors sane, but over there in Yurrup they're planting men, not grain. The plow's unused and dusty, with rust the hoe is red; the cultivator trusty stands idle in the shed Red is the stream that washes its pathway to the sea they're planting men, not squashes-what shall the harvest be? They're planting men, not pumpkins, beneath the bright Spring sky; they're sowing poor dead pump kins who fought and knew not why; they're planting men in furrows, among the clods and stones, and there the gopher burrows among the soldier's bones. what a foolish sowing, in Europe's sodden plain, here the crops are growing in sun and wind and rain! In this fair land the farmer is sowing wheat with drills; ferring to the presence of bacteria in the United States, which are the water of a certain town in On- affected by the war also, and appar-Europe, old and hoary, you ought to have more sense; filtration basin or machine would cost is only four per cent. It will the seed is out of style; the tools you use are ghoulish, the crops you'll raise are vile.

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A Political Puzzle.

Toronto Telegram (Conservative.) Sir Robert Borden is being flattered and duped and deluded with the theory that Ontario's verdict against Laurierism in 1911 was mainly due to the platform genius and superhuman organizing powers of certain of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Cabinet Ministers from this province. That theory is a delusion which darkens the mind of Sir Robert Borden and a snare for the prosperity of the Conservative party.

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