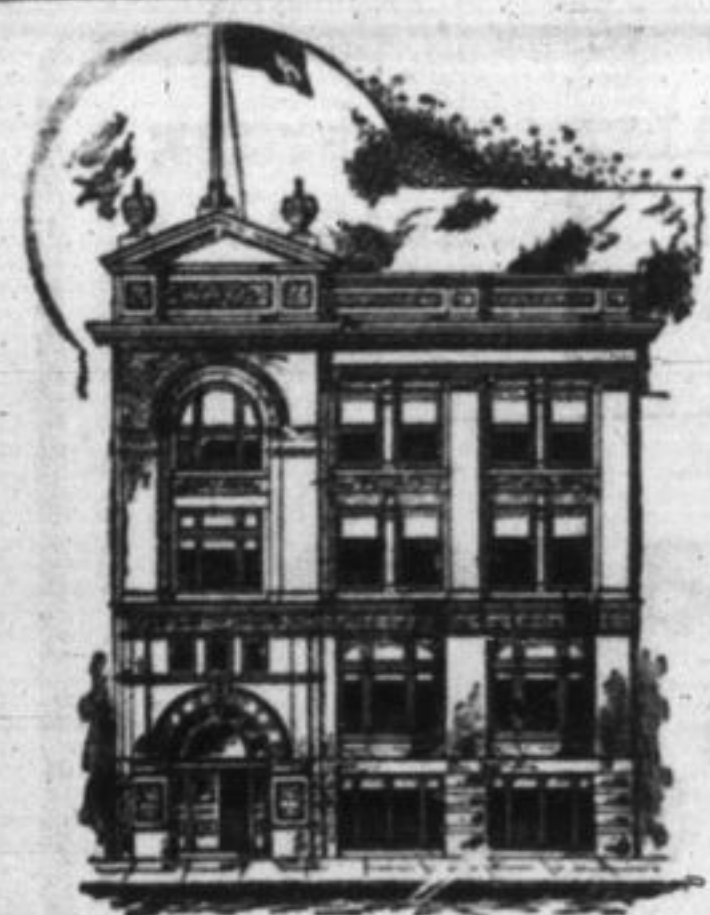


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A REAL TESTING TIME.

The Liberals are quite as eager as the Conservatives, even more so, that there shall be less talk about an election and more about the war. This is a real testing-time, a time when men, regardless of party affiliations, shall be absorbed in the great struggle that looms up more threateningly than ever. It cannot be denied that the combat is a titanic one and every Canadian must be deeply concerned about the outcome. If the Liberals were concerned only about a party success they would say, let the election go on, let the minister of works have his way. But country before party. That is the patriotic way of looking at things. Away, then, with the petty ambitions of petty politicians who dare discuss at this hour the plans of an election. Granted that the government of the country must periodically pass under review. This review need not and must not take place until the worries of an election have passed. The politicians can fight when they have nothing else to do, but they can at least imitate the hated Huns in Fort Henry, and, forgetting about their little jealousies and quarrels, combine for an onslaught upon the common enemy.

The Montreal Gazette says the Liberals were opposed to the exercise of the franchise by the soldiers. They were not. They asked for the usual safeguards, which the government refused until the Senate intervened. The ballots might as well have been left at Ottawa and marked as sent to the front under the terms suggested by the government.

BRITAIN'S PRIDE AGAIN.

No, there will not be conscription in Britain as long as the empire can raise voluntarily as many men as she needs and it must be confessed that with the advance of the war the demand for these men increases. The same difficulty is being felt with the recruiting as with the production of munitions. Somehow the British people will not be aroused from their indifference—that is, a certain percentage of them, and occupying a certain social position. And they will not be deprived of their liberty. The Englishman is peculiar. He knows that the prestige of the nation is being threatened. He sees the evidences of her losses in her lists of casualties and badges of mourning. But John Bull is invincible. That is his conviction. He responds to the call, "To arms," but he is not at all panicky about it. He hears the denunciation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. He feels hurt that his tastes have been condemned, and he prepares to resent whatever is said or done with regard to his engagements. The fact that the members of the government hesitate about taking drastic measures, that the friendly Chronicle reproves them for their indecision, and that no progress has been made in war measures and productions for several weeks, is proof of the difficulties that lie in the way. The old pride, so often reduced to song, that Britain fears no power, that she has the ships, she has the men and she has the money too, has been, in this crisis, a source of very great weakness.

CONSERVATIVE PROTESTS.

The following from the Toronto Telegram, Conservative, expresses the mind of many members of the Conservative party: "Where does Sir Robert Borden keep his ears? If Sir Robert Borden's ear is to the ground, Sir Robert

should know that from Halifax to Vancouver Conservatives are protesting that they do not want an election, and vow that they will either vote Liberal or not vote at all if an election is brought on.

The St. Catharines Standard, Conservative, has uttered its word of censure in these stirring lines:

"The expression that Mr. Borden will be inclined to be influenced by his fighting chiefs more than by the general public, is most unfortunate, and should be sufficient to warn Mr. Borden of the dangerous path into which these exponents of an early appeal would lead him and the Conservative party. The World practically says in Vanderbiltian style, 'The public be damned. The people of Canada will make short shrift of a party which goes to the country on such an appeal as that.'"

The issue lies with one man, and he the premier, Sir Robert Borden called the other members of the government to his side, and they became his colleagues by his invitation. No one will accept the theory that he will be forced into any position which he does not want to occupy. He can have an election during the war, which would be an outrageous thing, or he can defer it.

The Telegram charges that the Opposition is wheedling the government into an election because an appeal now would suit the Liberals better than later. But the Liberals are not doing anything of the kind. They are not engaging on a contest which, in party bitterness, may be without a parallel. The Liberals would be justified in calling a convention, in laying the question before the delegates, and in proposing, should dissolution be ordered, to take no act or part in it. That is the feeling of most of them. If there be an appeal it will be the suicidal act of the Conservative premier, who is not strong enough to stand out against the master of elections.

AMPLIFYING THEIR PRAYERS.

The Belgian woman who refused to join at The Hague in a prayer for peace, until justice had been done to her country, opened the eyes of the women to a very certain fact. Peace, while Belgium was desolated while her people were being butchered, while the remnant of a great and heroic race was at the mercy of a soulless enemy! Peace while millions of people were without homes, reduced to penury and want, through the heartless, murderous, barbarous methods of the cultured Germans! Impossible. And the women's convention was quick to see the point and to agree that even the opening prayer should be amended and peace asked for "with justice."

An unconscious and unworthy reflection upon the Just God and Father of men and in that it suggested to Him the application of His Almighty influence with modifications. "The experience reminded one of Max O'Rell's fine story of a Scotchman who was very mindful of the manner in which he presented his petitions. On one occasion he had prayed long and powerfully. He had pressed home certain ideas upon God, and then he paused and added, "That is to say, Lord, I would like you to grant this petition if it be agreeable to Thy will."

The Hague convention is a great farce, and it must now appear to be that to those who suggested it. That any sensible women could be induced to attend it, under the circumstances, is surprising. One of them, a Londoner, hit the nail squarely on the head when she said she was tired of the drive that was talked by some representatives of her sex. "For every woman who comes here," she remarked, "or who wants to come, there are a thousand in England who are willing to accompany their sons and husbands to the front and fight."

The women have been acting nobly in the war, but those who were at The Hague appear to be wasting their time, their money and energy to no purpose.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When is the government going to prosecute the grafters? They should be hunted down and out of the country. Some of them should be in gaol.

The women, in thousands, are doing the hard work of men, in even the armament works of England, in order that the men may go to the defence of the country. Some of the women are proving the better "men" under the circumstances.

The McBride government in British Columbia is being publicly indicted for alienating, or giving to land grabbers, millions of acres of land, or of the public domain. Meanwhile the premier is in England, and a local election is pending. Time for a change at the coast, apparently.

If the Liberals will hush up, and say nothing more about the government, the grafters and looters, and their methods of plundering the public departments, there may not be an election! So it is rumored. There is a compact for you, and one that will be remembered!

Noxious gases, which asphyxiate and poison, may become war supplies on the part of the Allies. Why not, if the destruction of life by any

means is the sole object and purpose of war? The chemical houses may now expect to share in the lavish expenditure of the government.

The Weekly Sun was astonished when Mr. Rowell suggested that Canada send 500,000 soldiers to the help of Britain. They could never be got, and the expense could not be financed. No? Well, Major-General Hughes says twenty contingents can be sent if necessary, and that means more than half a million. Now listen for an explosion.

Japan is carrying on a most aggressive campaign of her own in the Orient. Her war department and her diplomats have taken advantage of the European war to crowd and coerce China; and, having no interference by the greater powers, which are handicapped just now, she will succeed. Japan may dominate the whole of Asia.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Heroic Task.
(London Advertiser.)
There is a lot of unrecognized heroism in the world. For instance, getting-up at daybreak to roll your lawn.

A Concession To The Enemy.
(Toronto Star.)
As far as crooks and grafters are concerned nobody should regard them as Conservatives, but as crooks and grafters.

So It Seems.
(Toronto World.)
Mr. Roosevelt had no objection to bosses and boss rule so long as they promised to benefit him in any way.

Burying the Undertaker.
(Toronto Globe.)
The Minister of Public Works refers to the Liberal party as a political corpse. It would be a solemn occasion for Mr. Rogers were the country to bury the undertaker by mistake.

A Great Heat.
(Guelph Mercury.)
Then hen that's spreadin' herself out to cover 15 eggs reminds one of the first time that Susie was able to cross her hands when playing the family piano.

A Pertinent Question.
(Journal of Commerce.)
Will the Hon. Robert Rogers who is determined to have an election kindly communicate with the families of those six thousand Canadian soldiers who suffered in the recent fighting around Ypres, and ask them what they think of precipitating a party fight under present conditions?

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Mayor Drennan has decided to run again in 1891.
The work of rebuilding the jail wall is about completed.
An officer who made grave accusations against other officers in the Portsmouth penitentiary has been suspended.

GERMAN WARSHIPS BUSY.

Moving In the Northern Part of the Gulf of Bothnia.
London, May 6.—The Daily News received from Copenhagen, the following despatch: "Private Stockholm advices say that German warships are busy in the northern part of the Gulf of Bothnia, especially in the Aland Sea. To-day a Swedish ship arrived and reported that the military lighthouse at Langskaeren, Aland Island, was set on fire yesterday morning by shells from a warship."

"This is the first direct German attack on the important Russian naval yard at Aland. It is expected that a general naval offensive will begin shortly in the northern Gulf of Bothnia."

Algonquin Park.

In the lakes of Algonquin Park fishing will be early this year. The season for salmon, lake trout and speckled trout has opened. For the accommodation of visitors the Highland Inn will open on May 15th.

J. P. Morgan and Company, as syndicate managers, stated that substantially all of the \$100,000,000 of New York Central twenty-year 6 per cent convertible bonds offered to stockholders had been subscribed for.



MAN WITH THE HOE.

Oh, this is the time when the man with the hoe gets out in the garden where gooseberries grow; he weeds out the spuds and he thins out the stalks, and no one would say he was kin to the ox. You see him exulting, you hear him exclaim, "Maria, come look at this cucumber frame! The dinged-up beans and the marrowfat peas are growin' and thrivin' as fine as you please!—Come hither, Maria, and squint at the corn—the way it's been climbing since yesterday morn'! And look at the onions, a-flourishing there—they'll take the blue ribbon this year at the fair! And then, if you watch, you will see the man go, this downy-down mortal, the man with the hoe to call on his neighbors and brag of his greens, his cabbage and spinach and Safety First beans. The man with the hoe, in the lands o'er the brine, may look like an ox or a sample of swine, as he drudges along in the heat of the day, for a crust and a drink and some counterfeit pay; but here in this land of the brave and the free, he bubbles with mirth and he chortles with glee; he whoops and he laughs, where the peasant repines, and bores us with tales of his succotash vine.

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UTTERMOST FARTHING

PAY BELGIANS IN FULL. SENTIMENT OF BRITISH.

Viscount Bryce Declares German Must Be Forced to Make Complete Reparation.

London, May 6.—"If there is anything in this country on which we all agreed, it is that the uttermost farthing shall be exacted in the way of reparation," declared Viscount James Bryce in an address at University College here, speaking of the demands to be made upon Germany in behalf of Belgium.

"I believe that when the invading hosts marched into Belgium," he said, "neither they nor Europe generally thought that the damage would be considerable as we now know it to be. The destruction has been infinitely greater than anything that could have been imagined. There is no reason for relieving the aggressors and they must be held strictly to account."

"For much of the harm done beyond redress. And we ourselves can never sufficiently compensate the Belgians for their courage and fidelity to their obligations of honor and duty to ideals of country."

The occasion of Lord Bryce's address was the opening of the exhibition of Belgium at the exhibition, which deals with problems of town planning. As the speaker explained it, the object will be to combine the picturesque irregularity of the middle ages with modern ideas of air space and sanitation. A commission of Belgian architects and engineers has for some time been making an exhaustive study of English town planning, with a view to applying the lessons in rebuilding of Malines, Louvain and other cities and towns in the destroyed area.

TELLS A SAD STORY

Perth Road Woman Claims That Hubby Deserted Her

A despatch from Watertown, N.Y., says that word has been received from Mrs. Orvil Vanhooser, of Perth Road, Ont., that she has been deserted by her husband. Originally the Vanhoosers came from Canada and lived at Three Mile Bay, N.Y., for a year or two, the husband occasionally working as farm hand or at other odd jobs until a year ago, when they moved back to Canada.

Mr. Vanhooser, it is reported, told his wife that he was going to a neighboring town to work, but it is said he did not return, and that it was later discovered that he had gone to Kingston.

This leaves the mother with five small children to look after and provide for.

Sent to Prison For Life.

Trinidad, Colo., May 6.—John R. Lawson, leader of the United Mine Workers, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to spend the rest of his life at hard labor in the Colorado penitentiary. Lawson was charged with the murder of John Nimmo, a deputy sheriff, shot down at Ludlow on October 25th, 1913, during a battle between the deputies and strikers. Lawson was accused on the theory that he was in charge of the town colony and in command of the strikers during the fight.

Boston Terminals.

Boston, May 5.—A \$50,000,000 corporation, to be known as the Boston Railroad Terminal Company, the purpose of which would be to consolidate, and operate as one unit, all the railroad terminals in Boston and all the steam railroads within the Greater Boston district, is proposed in a bill which Governor Walsh has presented to the Legislature, at the request of Mayor Curley. The bill provides also for the eventual electrification of the steam lines in the Metropolitan district.

Toronto Paper's Year.

Toronto, May 5.—The Toronto Paper Co., statement shows earnings for the year of \$58,761, against \$75,692 in 1913-1914. Together with \$27,534 from last year, makes a total of distribution of \$86,295. Bond interest, amounting to \$20,000 the April, 1914, dividend, \$11,250; written off organization, \$4,411, and depreciation, \$5,857, being deducted, leave a balance forward of \$34,777.

If the railway companies in Canada fail to refund the price of an unused ticket within thirty days from demand on one class of ticket or sixty days on another they are liable to a fine of \$25. The Railway Commission has so ruled.

There is no foundation for the report that the Sinn Fein party will nominate Sir Roger Casement for the seat in Parliament.

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