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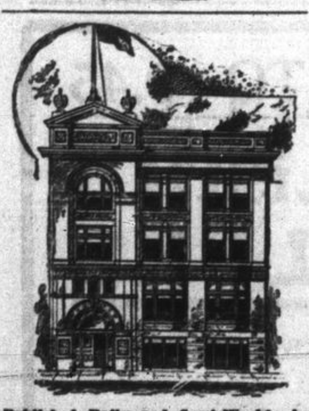

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THE SENATE'S GOOD WORK.

The Senate has been damned for its uselessness, its fussiness and its contrariness, but it has seldom been praised. It did a good act, however, at the last session when it blocked a bill, and which the Federal Government approved, permitting appeals from the Manitoban courts to the Supreme court.

The Toronto World explains:

"In order to stave off as long as possible the final decision upon the election petitions filed in the courts against Dr. Montague and several Roblin supporters in the Legislature a law was passed permitting appeals in those cases from the provincial courts to the supreme court of Canada. A snag, however, was struck when it was found that such jurisdiction could only be conferred upon the Supreme Court of Canada. A snag, however, was struck when it was found that such jurisdiction could only be conferred upon the Supreme Court by the Dominion Parliament. Therefore, at the last session a bill was passed by the Commons to permit the Supreme Court of Canada to hear such appeals. The bill, as we have already seen, was promptly thrown out by the Senate."

The effect is apparent. The men whose elections have been contested will retire from public life, and relieve the Legislature of their presence and their troubles. Conservatives, we are told, are pleased with the prospect.

Sir Rodmond Roblin hopes for a kindly remembrance in the work he has performed. There would have been more assurance of it, had he gone into retreat a little sooner.

The German publicity is to be suppressed. The Dernberg agitators will no longer be permitted to insult the American people with their talk. It is time they were muzzled. They have been nearly as mischievious as so many dogs that are suffering from the rabbies.

WILL LIVE IN HISTORY.

The Globe's Ottawa correspondent alleges that little, if any, improvement has taken place in the Militia Department since Parliament was prorogued. Britain is calling for men, and if they do not recruit fast enough conscription may be resorted to. Canada has the men, and many are willing to serve their land but for some reason they are not accepted, and those that have enlisted are not outfitted for active service. The Canadian Courier, which cannot be charged with hostility to the Government, intimates that serious conditions exist at Ottawa, and they should be investigated. Who is blocking the way to the usefulness of the Canadians? The Courier asks the question, and it will be taken up and repeated by every patriotic person again and again until a satisfactory answer is supplied. When the First Contingent was mobilized at Valcartier there were too many officers and men. The surplus was sent home. These men are still available and they are marking time. What is the matter? The honour of Canada is at stake in this war. It was gloriously defended at Langemarcke, where the representatives of the country, and of this county in particular, achieved a distinction that will be memorable and hold a place in history quite as long as the famous charge of the Six Hundred at Balaclava. The drive that saved the Empire at one epoch in the campaign must be described by a masterly hand so that it may be recited in our schools by generations yet unborn.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

The righteous precedent that a strong Lieutenant-Governor has created in his dealings with the Roblin Government in Manitoba, may be followed when the Laurier Lieutenant-Governors of Alberta and Saskatchewan retire next October, and strong Lieutenant-Governors will insist on a search light being turned on works and ways of the Scott Government in Saskatchewan and the Sifton Government in Alberta.—Toronto Telegram.

No Lieutenant-Governor can embarrass a local government which is enjoying the confidence of the people. The Roblin Government would not surrender to any Lieutenant-Governor or any opposition if his hands were clean and he had nothing in public administration to conceal.

The absolute and unconditional surrender of Manitoba's belted knight and his colleagues—Roblin's painful admission in the statement he has made public, that a new government can clean up the public departments as his government was not apparently able to do—is without a precedent. It is prima facia evidence that there is something seriously amiss, and something he cannot successfully defend.

The Lieutenant-Governors of Alberta and Saskatchewan will be welcom to act if the circumstances at any time run parallel with those in Manitoba. The Lieutenant-Governor of any province will do all to make it clear to his Government that he will not be a party to any suppression of facts, or a bill of charges equally discomfiting, is presented to him as a bill was presented to the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

The Toronto World thinks that when the war is over immigration will set in, and to an extent never before experienced in Canada. Sure of this? Won't desolated Europe require all the men it contains to begin reconstruction?

THE CRISIS IN ITALY.

Few persons understand the position of Italy at the present time. Its ministry has resigned because its members are at variance with the King upon the question of war. They are inclined to become aggressive, to involve Italy in the strife, on its own account, and not as an Alley of the Triple Entente or the Triple Alliance.

On the Austrian side Italy has become dissatisfied because she cannot obtain a lot of concessions, pressed with more than usual vigour, and beginning with the cession of Istria and the Trentino. On the other side Italy wanted the possession of Southern Tyrol, Istria and Dalmatia, and also the nationalization of any southern ports ceded to Serbia. The main idea was to prevent any other power from controlling her harbours on the eastern coast.

Russia stands behind Serbia, and Serbia objects to the hostile attitude of Italy. The crisis has been understood by the people, and they were represented as patiently awaiting the outcome of the negotiations.

"It is the dominion of the Adriatic," says a writer, "that is at stake: the question that concerns Italy's progress as a nation, and as a great power, far more than that of the mere recovery of the provinces of Trent and Trieste."

The see-sawing between the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance has not led to any result. The Salandra Government has concluded that it can best secure its ambitions by independent action. The King demurred. It is not known whether he favours any side, or whether he disapproves of war without some definite understanding with the Allies. One thing certain—he has the people against him. They clamour for war.

The Work's Department cannot pave University Avenue because the Power Commission has not renewed certain necessary water and gas pipes. What is the Commission doing in order to have this work performed? It must serve the people reasonably if it is to save its popularity.

MORE TROUBLE IN STORE.

The Public Accounts' Committee and a special Committee of the Commons were occupied for weeks, during the last session, uncovering some of the worst scandals that have yet defiled Canadian political life.

The Premier was advised by the Conservative press, notably the Toronto World, to repudiate the members of Parliament who were tainted by these scandals. Sir Robert Borden did this. He did more. He promised to appoint a judicial commission that would not spare political sinners, but, on the contrary, convict them and mete out to them the punishment they deserved. He has not implimented this promise.

Acting on the recommendation of the Public Accounts' Committee the Premier also promised to appoint a Committee to contract for all war supplies, and to give the people some assurance that the new vote of one hundred million dollars would be honestly spent. The Commission was chosen later, but it is not meeting the requirements of the day. Indeed it is emphatically disappointing in its work.

In the first place it does not meet often enough, and cannot possibly, by any tri-weekly service, meet the demands of the hour. In the next place it must, if it wants to succeed, abandon the patronage list, the filthy thing that caused so much damage when the First Contingent was being outfitted. It must call for tenders, and award them with only two objects in view, value and efficiency of service.

Failing in this, it will fail to answer the purpose for which it was appointed, bringing condemnation on itself. It will hopelessly compromise the Premier. If current rumours be correct there are more and serious troubles in store for the Government respecting war contracts.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

What a failure this civic clean-up has been! The movement to be effective must be general, and the educational campaign must be continuous and persistent.

Leaders of the Government and people, in England, talk of conscription, and men, thousands of them, willing to serve in Canada. What is the meaning of all this any way?

The Toronto News has it that the Manitoba Government resigned and retired "to clear the air." Of what? Roblin was a politician of the noisy and obstreperous type. He was never a statesman.

Hon. R. Rogers left a caucus of politicians in Toronto some days ago to visit Manitoba and heard of the fate of the Roblin Government at Chicago, and then disappeared. Has the Black Hand got a hold of him?

Farmers, take not of this. Sir Rodmond Roblin, Manitoba's retreating Premier, was a farmer, and returns to the farm now that he has lost his job; and Mr. Norris, who succeeds him is a farmer. It seems to be a fiction that only a lawyer can run a Government.

The United States Government worries over the war. No wonder. It is a great issue, and burdening in its weight. Why is the New York World's suggestion not acted on — that the President call to his aid the ex-Presidents and ex-members of the Government, Root, Knox, et al., who can advise him on the war. In union is strength in the United States as well as in England.

The Bryce Commission, which is generally accepted, makes the indictment of the German nation in respect of the Belgian autrocities usually powerful. Crime, premeditated; slaughter general; young and old people mutilated; women attacked; children brutally slain, and arson and pillage systematic; prisoners and wounded shot! What an infamous record!

PUBLIC OPINION.

Wants To Know.
(Toronto Globe.)
Does President Wilson still think the mad dog of Europe can be trusted at large? Is it not almost time to join in hunting down the brute?

The Brave Remain.
(Guelph Mercury.)
There are a few brave men left in the land. They had to stay at home to be the official umpires for the ball games this season.

Time To Pray.
(Saskatoon Phoenix.)
"When may we begin to pray for peace?" asked a clergyman of Dr. Eliot. If we may be permitted to answer we say—After the Allies reach Berlin.

War In Chicago.
(Hamilton Times.)
Chicaga Board of Trade has recommended that the salaries of the school teachers be reduced seven and a half per cent., and that the summer schools be not opened. One would think that Chicago was at war.

The Loss At Ypres.
(Ottawa Journal.)
It is clear that about thirty-three per cent. of the Canadian force that went into action around Ypres was either killed, captured or wounded. In the famous retreat from Mons the British army lost nearly thirty per cent. of its fighting force.

Strong Language.
(Brantford Expositor.)
When "Billy" Sunday heard of the sinking of the Lusitania he exclaimed, "That's a damnable, hellish thing for any nation to do." "Billy's vocabulary is both copious and expressive. On this occasion it sufficed to fit the situation to a nicety.

Proper Way.
(Hamilton Herald.)
Industrial Canada, the organ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, calls for the abolition of the patronage list. "A Government," it says, "in purchasing goods should be actuated by the same motives that govern the pripate purchaser." This is good doctrine not only in war time, but in time of peace as well.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The chemical engine broke down to-day going to a fire. The rough streets were the cause.

J. Gowan has been elected deputy grand master of the True Blues for Frontenac.

The budget for the Collegiate Institute calle for $2,436.

Cheese sold to-day at 8¾c.

DEATH ROLL APPALLING.

Fury Of Flanders Fight Is Beyond Belief.

Northern France, May 15.—A week of battle now drawing to a close has left both sides exhausted and breathless. The storm has now quieted down only to break again perchance Sunday. Always in this titanic struggle Sunday has been marked as the opening clash and beginning of great events. The fury of the fighting has been unbelieveable and ahe death role appalling.

One man just down from the shell-harried ridge of Aubers, where the tide of battle has swept madly to and fro from trench to trench and back again, tells me that in the last retirement from the slope he and a handful of men, who were left out of the wild bayonet charge, came down shoulder deep through German dead.

Northward, around Ypres, the fighting was fiercer and bloodier still. I am informed that last night the old town was burning in a great furnace of angry flame under a rolling canopy of black smoke. Fanned by the wind and fed by scores of incendiary bombs fired into the ruins by the enemy, the vast conflagration spread until the whole country for miles around was illuminated by the beacon.

Our line is established firmly and we have two-thirds of Hill 60 in spite of all the furious attempts of the enemy to dislodge us. A sojourner on that hill for the last fifteen days told me this morning that all was well there, though the mound is more of a rubbish heap than a hill.

A LARGE NUMBER DRILLED

Class Friday Evening.

At the 14th Regiment's Opening

The 14th Regiment had the first of its season's drills on Friday evening in the Armouries, and a very large number of citizens turned out. Several officers of the 14th were present, Capt. W. Y. Mills conducted the class and gave instruction in the different movements for a half an hour. After the drilling, rifles were taken from the stores and the class was given rifle practice for an hour, using the targets erected for the 21st Battalion.

A large number of people are keenly interested in drills and larger numbers are expected as the advantages of the class are realized.

Dies Leading His Men.

Paris, May 15.—Guy de Cassagnao, director of l'Automte, a second lieutenant of reserves, is mentioned in the army orders for showing "great bravery and real contempt of death."

Although wounded in battle, he continued to lead his men until he was struck by a second bullet. At that time he was in command of his company, and so long as his strength held out he encouraged his men and led them onward. Feeling at length that he was at the point of death, he declined to be carried to the rear, saying that he desired to die in Alsace. His last wish was fulfilled.

H. R. Derbyshire, Westport, has purchased from A. C. Bradley a building lot at the corner of Church and Bedford streets, and will commence at once the erection of an up-to-date store.

The troubles we carry are not all our own; some are borrowed and some are even stolen.

Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

WALT MASON

THE BOILED DINNER

How dear to my heart is the luscious boiled dinner, which fond recollections brings back now and then, that balm to the stomach, that torty-time winner—oh, give me an old time boiled dinner again! So often I've sat at a restaurant table, and down through the menu I've hopefully looked, for something to comfort my northeastern gable, for such a boiled dinner as grandmother cooked! The steaming boiled dinner, the grand old boiled dinner my grandmother cooked. I'm tired of the fodder you're constantly shovin', the things out of box and the things out of can, the dofunnies baked in a gasoline oven, the chafing dish horrors which frighten a man; your cooking school triumphs are weird and uncanny. That sort of refreshment too long I have brooked; I long for the skill of my dear sainted granny, I long for the dinner that grandmother cooked! The fragrant boiled dinner, the juicy boiled dinner, the cultured boiled dinner, my grandmother cooked.

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