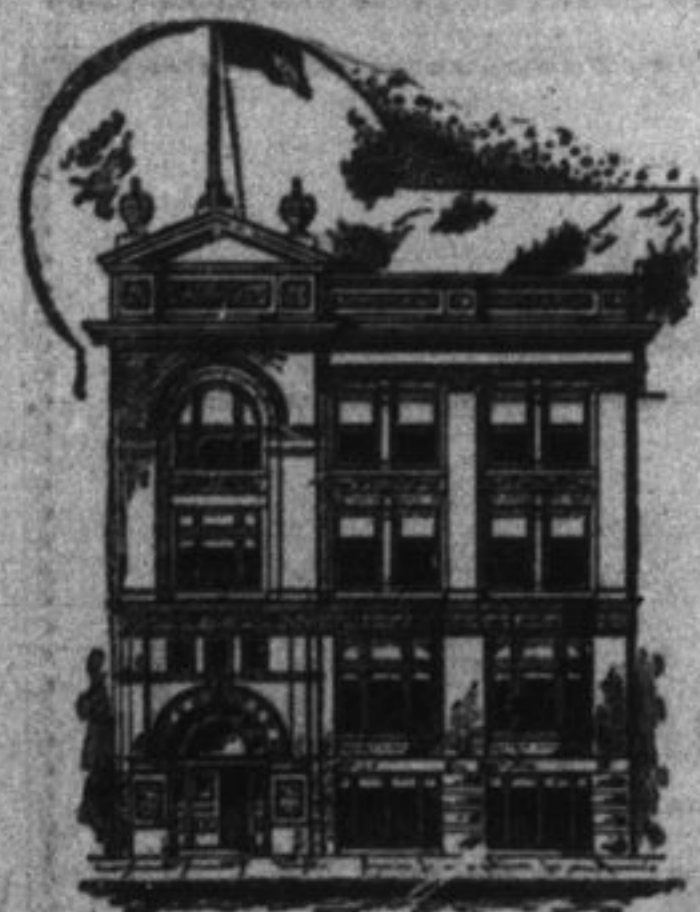


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CHURCHILL IN ABEYANCE. Hon. Winston Churchill's variable success has received another airing.

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Clearly he has overshot the mark, has miscalculated public opinion, and will make presently one of the somersaults for which he has become famous. The rise of the man, his success in the smart set, is truly phenomenal.

But as a journalist his career has been chequered. Gardiner, the author of "Prophets, Priests and Kings," has him correctly measured. He set out to feed the flame in South Africa, and receded when he saw failure in sight. Had the Boers succeeded, he would have written a letter of congratulation. He figures on giving the people what they want. If it is a war then he paints the heroic. If it wants a sensation, he supplies it. Does the temper of the moment demand the immolation of France then is the fiercest of Francophobes. Does the mood change and Germany become the object of national suspicion, he is ready to throw faggots on the flame. In 1904 when the Progressives looked like winning he supported them; in 1907 when they were certain to lose he filled his papers with fantastic stories of their misdeeds. It was not that he disagreed with them, for disagreement implied convictions of some kind. It was simply that he is with the crowd.

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graphed from Vienna, that Austria said Italy would never fight. This is as serious a miscalculation as Germany made with reference to England. Later Germany forced Austria to make certain offers which were inadequate, and the matter has been dragging along week after week and month after month until popular sentiment, led by the great d'Annunzio, has swept the Government of Italy into war.

Public sentiment favours the new phases of the war. With the entrance of Italy and Roumania from the south Bulgaria has intimated that she will not be affected by Roumania's return, which is an intimation in itself that the leading Balkan nations are with the Allies though some of them may not become immersed in the war. Surely the campaign will be shortened by these newer contingencies, and Germany will soon—and the sooner the better—have her fill of the carnage.

But the end is not yet. The late Albert Hubbard, who went down on the Lusitania, wrote some time ago a little pamphlet, entitled, "Who Lifted the Lid Off of Hell?" and proceeded to answer, "William Hohenzollern," whom he denounces in the most scorching language. He reminds the world of what happened in Germany after the "Thirty Years' War," when the country was reduced to cannibalism, when the old and crippled were knocked in the head and eaten, when women and girls were used like cattle, when family names were forgotten, when to commemorate the dead was a crime.

METEORIC RISE AND FALL.

It is a tribute to the power of the press that it can be said Lord Northcliffe, more than any other man, is responsible for the political crisis in Britain. As a leader of public opinion he was supposed to be a party to the truce into which the political parties of the old land entered when the war broke out. But for some time his papers have been criticizing the Government and giving evidence of the mischievous spirit that was bound to, sooner or later, lead to trouble. Assuming that the London Times and Mail and Observer and the Manchester Standard, all Conservative, reflected the mind of the Conservative party it was very evident that the Government could not hope for the cordial or continued support of the Opposition. It was hard to expect one party to give its steady adhesion to a war policy in the making or maintenance of which it did not have a hand.

When the Fisher-Churchill difficulty occurred the air was surcharged with political electricity and no one could conjecture what the results might be. One result is already reported: the Government has been changed. It is now a coalition, composed of men who could not possibly work together ordinarily and in advocacy of their particular fads. They have offered to work together, and with one mind, until the cause which British champions has triumphed.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Montreal juvenile city lads were not allowed to play policeman. It would be a serious matter should the boys show the elders how to do their duty.

The representation of the dominions has been considered in the reconstruction of the Imperial Government. It is not deemed possible just now, but it may come in time, and possibly at the close of the war.

The Whig has been requested to say that the letter of A. C. Hardy, Brockville, offering \$100,000 to equip a regiment, was acknowledged by the Militia Department. The lack of acknowledgement was to subsequent letters.

The Orange Sentinel rejoices in the fall of the Roblin Government in Manitoba. But it does not think the Borden Government will be affected. Ask Hon. Mr. Rogers if he can be found. Since the fall of Roblin he has been in hiding.

The Winnipeg Free Press warns of the job hunters who are pestering the new Government of Manitoba. He says the most of those who are hot for Government employment are no good, and should be sent about their business. The man who is worth anything is ashamed to be called a political hanger-on.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Remember The Jew. (Ottawa Journal.) Eleven thousand Jews are fighting with the British army. It will be well to keep this in mind when we sit down with Russia to figure out the peace terms.

Playing Double. (Toronto Globe.) The Morning Post and The London Times have been practising on Churchill and Kitchener with gas bombs when they should have been reserving their fire for the enemy.

No End Of Calls. (Montreal Mail.) The man who answered all the appeals for funds, these times, would soon own a lot of money. Pick out the cause that appeals to you, and don't forget Belgium.

A Real Tribute. (London Advertiser.) When the passionate, unemotional, machine-like Kitchener goes out of his way to pay tribute to the courage and dash of the Canadians, that is indeed high praise.

Civic Indecision. (Toronto News.) All present applicants for the leadership of the Fire Department may be in their graves before the City Council makes up its mind.

Peeping Over The Abyss. (Ottawa Journal.) The Toronto Telegram, Conservative, says that Premier Borden's resolve not to call a general election at this time "saved Canadian Conservatism from the greatest disaster that has menaced the party since the calamity of 1896." The Telegram knows whereof it speaks, and the "worst is yet to come." The disaster has not been averted. It is only postponed.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The membership of the Kingston Methodist churches, as reported at the district meeting is as follows: Sydneyham street, 400; Queen street, 333; Jubilee, 324; Wesley, 200; Princess street, 132; total, 1,345.

In spite of the hard times and discouragements Kingston's institutions are progressing as it were against the tide. The Carruthers Hall, hospital wing, and Women's Medical College are a pretty solid advance for one year.

"A" Battery has organized a baseball team that will make things hum.

The Kingston Field Battery was a cup donated by the Ontario Rifle Association in a competition.

John Harcourt, Port Hope, Grand Trunk and G.N.W. agent, was attacked and seriously injured when alone in his room, with the evident motive of robbery.

A British official report tells of the slaughter of a Saxon battalion by German guns.

Mrs. Cyrus Giles, residing in the Township of Ameliasburg, died suddenly on Saturday morning from an attack of apoplexy.

VICTIM OF HARD LUCK

Toronto Chauffeur Drove Too Fast With Kingstonian. Toronto Telegram. Frank Ready, chauffeur, is a victim of hard luck. He picked up a fare who asked him to rush to the Union Station, as he had to catch a train for Kingston and had only a few minutes. Ready drove fast enough for his fare to catch the desired train, but the margin of time was so close that the passenger did not have time to pay his taxi hire. However, as the passenger had told Ready that he had received a telegram calling him to Kingston, Ready concluded that it was a case of sickness, so he decided to charge his lost fare up to charity.

But this afternoon the good-hearted chauffeur was hailed into court charged with breaking the speed limit. "What was the rate?" inquired Magistrate Kingsford. "Twenty-five miles per hour," answered Inspector Dixon. "It will be \$5 and costs," said his worship.

ITALY'S NAVY. Dreadnaughts... 4; Dreadnaughts... to be completed... 4; in 1915... 2; Dreadnaughts... 8; Armored cruisers... 9; Protected cruisers... 16; Torpedo gunboats... 16; Destroyers... 40; Torpedo boats... 80; Submarines... 25; Total number of warships 204.

The Economical Man. He lived on thirteen cents a day, Ten cents for milk and cracker, One cent for dissipation gay, And two cents for tobacco, And if he wished an extra dish He'd take his pole and catch a fish.

And if his stomach raised a war 'Gainst his penurious habit, He'd go and kill a woodchuck or Assassinate a rabbit, And thus he'd live in sweet content, On food that never cost a cent.

And that he might lay by in bank The proceeds of his labor, He'd happen round at meals, the crank! And dine upon his neighbor! And then he'd eat enough to last Until another day had passed.

He bought nor pantaloons nor vest, Nor rich, expensive jacket; He had one suit—his pa's bequest— He thought would "stand the racket." He patched it thirty years, 'tis true, And then declared 'twas good as new.

He owned but one suit to his back, And minus cuffs and collar, He died and left his nephew Jack, Nine hundred thousand dollars! And Jack he run this fortune through And only took a year or two.

Only Steerage Passage. The Toronto Telegram publishes despatches from England that the wounded Canadian heroes of war invalided home were given steamship passage in the steerage, without concern as to the other occupants. It contrasts this style of travel with that of the Ministers of the Crown, saying: "Private cars for politicians is a policy that does not harmonize with a policy which offers a steerage passage for wounded soldiers."

"When Canada becomes so hard up that this country can offer nothing better than a steerage passage to the wounded heroes of war, the nation will be so hard up that Cabinet Ministers should have to walk the ties instead of lording it through the land in their private cars."

True Patriots. While the French-Canadians are very appreciative of the compliments that are being addressed to them, they know their duty and will do it without occupying themselves very much with the opinion of others. By the side of their English-speaking fellow citizens, our compatriots will fight bravely for the sacred cause of liberty, right and justice. They voluntarily bear their share in the defense of the British Empire. They will do what they ought to do, and each time the authorities demand more recruits our people will reply "Present."

And in the above graceful language La Patrie, Montreal, expresses the patriotic impulses of its compatriots.

Two fatal accidents occurred at St. Thomas, a night watchman, Thomas Pettit, being electrocuted, and an Indian, Stanley Flexen, run over by a yard engine.

It was decided that an operation on the King of Greece was absolutely necessary.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

Oh, I hate to work, said the weary clerk, "in this stale and stuffy store, when the birdlets sing, 'Dumpty-ting-a-ling,' in that tree outside the door; when the skies are fair, and the balmy air is scented with lilac bloom, it is fierce I say 'that a man must stay all day in a musty room!' Then he takes a day from his work, in May, and rambles the glades and dells; oh, he haunts the streams that he saw in his dreams—for a time he is wearing bells. When his jaunt is o'er he returns once more to the place where he earns his moan, where he lately squealed—and his nose is peeled, for it couldn't stand the sun; and his legs are sore where the chiggers tore their way through the juicy meat, and he raves and rants of the blooming ants that thought he was good to eat; and he weeps and squirms as he tells of worms that dined on his shapely calves, and he prates of legs as he goes for druggs or liniments, balms and salves. And he says, says he, 'It's the store for me, here comfort for aye abides, no more I'll hide where the hornets fly, 'dad bluster their blink blank hides!'"

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