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FIGURES WILL LIE.
Germany claims to have prisoners of all the Allies to the number of one million and a half. A friend of the Whig undertook to keep tally of the soldiers that were reported to be taken prisoners from time to time. When he eventually reached nineteen millions he called a halt in his work. He had exceeded in his calculations the total number of all the troops in the field or called out and enlisted for active service. He concluded that whatever the censors did to the reports of the correspondents he had not cut the figures, and they were certainly lying.

GOOD ROADS, OILED.
A merchant of this city, who recently took a tour west in his motor, says the main roads have been greatly improved, first by crowning and then by oiling. The result is that the motors run along them without causing the dust that is so uncomfortable to the occupants of passing vehicles.

Oiling was tried in Kingston once, on some of the main streets. The experiment was not a pronounced success for the reason that the heavy coating of dust was not removed, and the oil did not reach the surface of the street to give it in time, and with a repetition of the oiling, the appearance of a pavement.

The people, too, objected. The smell gave offence to some of them, for a while; and, in crossing the streets the woman were apt, with their amazing lingerie, which was so made that it could not be raised a few inches, gathered up some of the oil and carried it home.

There are just two objections. The oil is not the only small one gets in public places. A street car, in a certain city, was passing a chandlery and the passengers got a whiff of the contents. An Irishman cast his eyes side ways and, seeing a woman with a bottle of smelling salts, mildly suggested that she put in the cork. He had not correctly located the cause of the choking sensation.

POLITICS OUT OF PLACE.
Politics are said to have been the moving consideration in Monday's campaign against the Utilities Commission. Politics may have suggested the referendum. A Conservative majority in the Council, under the domination of unsafe leaders, may have surmised that they had only to suggest something in order to accomplish it, and they have learned a great lesson. It is that in non-political matters the people will not follow them, and that when they play the part of politicians, when politics are out of place, they will be thrown down.

ABOLISH THE COUNCIL.

On Saturday an elector called up the Whig and asked about the by-law which was to be voted upon on Monday. He had been out of the city and had not seen, in the papers, the discussions with regard to the Utilities. He expressed the greatest surprise when informed that it was proposed to abolish the Utilities Commission.

"Abolish," said he, "one of the most effective public agencies in the city? Abolish a body that has shown so much spirit and progressiveness in its work? I could not have supposed this to be possible. I'm only sorry that the question to go before the electors is not, 'Are you in favor of abolishing the Council?' for then I would have been most eager to record my vote in the affirmative."

As an evidence of the drift of public opinion it may be said that the same thought was expressed again and again by the electors on Monday. The Aldermen who conceived of the unworthy attack upon the Commission, who acted upon the promptings of the mysterious busybodies, whose trail was to some extent traced on Monday, and moved for another referendum, and for the purpose of ascertaining what the people would really like to do with the Council.

Fortunately for the few mischievous Aldermen there is no general act under which a Civic Commission can be formed, but it is coming; and if the majority of the people of Kingston had their way it would come very soon.

WELL DONE, ELECTORS.

The Whig congratulates the city upon the fact that the majority who voted yesterday, without any pressure and organized effort, sustaining the by-law under which a Commission governs the Public Utilities. Had the result been otherwise all lovers of good government — and honest, capable and efficient government — would have been humiliated in the extreme. The Whig, ten days ago, realized that the whispering campaign, the mysterious war which some unknown and nameless persons had started, was making some headway. This paper decided to gather up and publish the facts, and last night and to-day its telephone was kept busy while citizens expressed their appreciation and thanks.

And now that the fight is over the Council will see the great mistake it made when it listened to the suggestion of anyone and made its most uncalculated attack upon the Commission. This Commission has fulfilled the expectations that were entertained by the people with regard to it. It was advocated for many reasons, and chiefly these — that its members, if able and continued in office, and influenced by high and honorable motives, were bound to manage the plants so that two results would follow. These results were: (1) Their condition would be improved by the adoption of proper and abiding rules; and (2) their resources would be conserved and protected. The plants could not be transformed at once, but in the year and a half during which the Commissioners have controlled them manifold changes of a most important kind have taken place.

Remembering that the Commissioners have been serving the people gratuitously, that they have done splendid work, common courtesy should have suggested to the Council, that it challenge a discussion of all the facts, as a preliminary and necessary proceeding, before an appeal to the people. Instead of that a by-law was rushed through the Council and passed in order to gratify some people — again, the mysterious and nameless snipers — who wanted the Commission removed. It was not explained what the referendum was for, but having got the authority of the Council, the game became evident.

Thank goodness, the knockers and the wreckers have been defeated, and from this time onward, they will remain quiescent, as well as in the dark. The Commission is here to stay, and if its members continue to give to the plants the splendid management which has marked their service in the past, they will earn in still larger measure the sincere gratitude of the people.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
The man who was slated to Chairman of the Utilities Committee in City Council summed up the situation last evening, when he said: "I didn't suppose there were so many fools in Kingston." On which side?

The Aldermen who did not approve of the attack on the Utilities Commission will see the wisdom of their course. They would have felt the better, however, had they resented the attack in the most vigorous fashion.

Two or three Aldermen, representing the invisible and nameless syndicate of troublemakers, nearly wore the tires off their motors yesterday in search for voters. They were against the Utilities Commission, and without knowing it, seemed to have helped to roll up the majority in its favor. In other words they carried

LAKE ONTARIO PARK

WAS OPENED FOR THE SEASON MONDAY EVENING.

There was a Large Crowd to Witness the Vaudeville Performance in the Pavilion. Kingston's favorite summer resort, Lake Ontario Park, was opened for the season on Monday evening. The park presents a splendid appearance. Green boxes with foliage are placed here and there, additional playground apparatus for the children has been erected, and the bathing beach has been placed in good condition. The pavilion was packed, while outside a large crowd viewed the performance from every point of vantage.

The programme presented was much enjoyed. Skates Deasey opened with acrobatic and sensational roller skating, consisting of barrel and chair jumping, while his work on a rolling barrel placed on two tables was something novel and startling. Boniger and Lester, in a classy singing and instrumental act, were much appreciated. They gave a duet, "The Angelus is Ringing." Miss Boniger, who is a fine baritone singer, rendered "My Great-Grandfather Was a Violin Player," and played a violin solo, "My Dear." Mr. Lester (a tenor) sang "Mother Machree" and played a selection on the ukulele, or a miniature guitar. The two concluded their act with several society dances.

The moving pictures were fine, among them being "The Professor's Romance," "Jerry and His Trombone," and "The Accusing Pen." Miss Gwendolyn Treener played the accompaniments, and also played some fine musical selections between the acts. The same bill will be presented this evening. Wednesday will be children's one-day on the cars, with matinee at 3.30. All seats are free. On Thursday evening there will be a change of programme.

WAR BULLETINS.
The British House of Commons, on Monday afternoon, practically gave the government, through the Bank of England an order to raise and spend money to unlimited billions to keep the war going.

General Dewet, former Boer leader, was on Monday found guilty of treason and sentenced on eight counts. Sentence deferred.

Germany War Office on Monday admitted loss of Metz, also in Alsace, and important positions on the Meuse Heights. On account of the superior numbers of the enemy.

It is fully expected in London that the Russians will abandon Lemberg to the Austro-Germans within this week.

The Italian Navy is blockading Pola, the Austrian naval base, and a land force will assist later.

The French are sweeping the Germans out of Alsace and are now within five miles of German Lorraine.

Helpful Quotation.
Four things a man must learn to do. If he would make his record true: To think without confusion, clearly; To love his fellow-men sincerely; To act from honest motives purely; To trust in God, and Heaven securely.

The deficit of the British Government, which cannot be covered by revenues, is now \$2,590,000,000.

WINDSOR ARMORIES MENACED BY DYNAMITE.
Two hundred Canadian soldiers were asleep in the armories when the guard accidentally discovered 26 sticks of dynamite and a partly buried fuse at the south end of the structure. A German spy is blamed for the attempt. At Walkerville, a few miles away, a factory working on a contract for British Army clothing was partially destroyed by dynamite.

Rippling Rhymes
Walt Mason

MODERATELY GOOD
A load of virtue will never hurt you, if modestly it's borne; the saintly relic who's too angelic for week days, makes us mourn. The gloomy mortal who by a chortle or joke is deeply vexed, the turgid person who's still disburden' the precept and the text, in dull and dreary, he makes us weary, we hate to see him come; oh, gent so pious, please don't come nigh us — your creed is too blamed glum! The saint who mumbles, when some one stumbles, "That man's forever lost," is but a fellow with streak of yellow, his words are all a frost. Not what we're saying, as we go straying down this tinhorn globe, not words or phrases, though loud as blazes, will gain us harp and robe. It's what we're doing while we're pursuing our course with other skates, that will be counted when we have mounted the ladder to the Gates. A drink of water to tramps who totter with weakness in the sun will help us better than text and letter of sermons by the ton. So let each action give satisfaction, let words be few and wise, and, after dying, we'll all go flying and whooping through the skies.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Still in Charge.
(Brantford Expositor.)
Gen. Stupidity is evidently still the presiding genius in the German foreign office.

A New Significance.
(Hamilton Spectator.)
Calling the Germans "gas bags" has assumed a new and terrible significance.

Weddings and Harvest.
(Peterboro Review.)
These copious rains may not be very appropriate for June weddings, but they are exceedingly beneficial to the coming harvest.

Not Up-to-Date.
(Hamilton Herald.)
One doesn't hear of any hunger-strikes among any of the prisoners of war. In some respects this war is not up to date.

The Sun Objects.
(London Advertiser.)
Hungary's crops are reported ruined by the heat. Evidently the sun itself objected to the Kaiser's attempt to secure a place in the sun.

That Winnipeg Business.
(London Advertiser.)
It's a lucky thing for Canada that the war holds first place. Otherwise Manitoba would be making the whole Empire gasp.

Result of War.
(Hamilton Herald.)
The decision of the Japanese Government to abolish the teaching of Christianity in Korea may be the outcome of the spectacle now presented to the world by Christian Europe.

Value of Kisses.
(Guelph Mercury.)
In a breach of promise case at Wichita, Kan., the lady in the case produced letters on the corners of which were marked 340 kisses, and she got \$323 damages. That puts the price of kisses on paper at 95 cents each, and, by gum, they ain't worth it.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO
There are 322 horses at the Barfield camp. Application has been made for the incorporation of letters patent of the Donnelly Wrecking and Salvage Company. The applicants are John Donnelly, Thomas Donnelly, John Donnelly, Jr., B. W. Folger, H. M. Folger, and F. A. Folger, all of Kingston. The capital stock is fixed at \$50,000.

The German Government has made a full explanation and has paid an indemnity of 18,000 marks (\$45,000) for the lives of five Spaniards who were shot by mistake at Liege last August.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, Acting Premier of Ontario, will be in charge of the organization of the new hospital to be established by the Ontario Government in England.

At Atlanta, Ga., Frank's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Slaton.

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TO BUILD NEW PLANT
To More Quickly Supply Munitions of War.
South Bethlehem, Pa., June 22.—It was announced at the Bethlehem Steel works that to more quickly supply munitions of war for England, a new shell-loading plant, 260 x 60 will be built at once, at a cost of \$60,000.
This will make the third shell-loading plant erected by the company, all within a few months, to take care of foreign orders. So far C. M. Schwab is said to have spent more than \$2,000,000 in new buildings and enlarging his local plant to manufacture shells, guns, etc. The company is also building a machine shop and loading plant at its Sacon plant.
Contrary to recent published statements, the much-talked-of Lyddite shells are not being manufactured at the local plant, but at the Traylor Engineering company's plant in Allentown. The process of manufacture is a slow one, however, in fact, too slow for the English, who are pressed for munitions to carry on the war.
The steel company is making attempts at record production of shrapnel at its Redington plant. Thus far the daily output has figured near the 10,000 mark; but efforts are being made to increase the number to 12,000 daily.

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