

PUBLIC OPINION

His Luck's Falls.

Toronto Globe. Hon. Robert Rogers has lost none of his skill. When he wanted to see the telltale telegrams he had been exchanging with Sir Redmond he did not make application to the G. N. W. He asked Mr. Anderson, K.C., who asked Mr. McLeod of the Canadian Northern, who asked Mr. Fiddington of the G. N. W. to let him see the messages. Three moves it will be noted. The skill of the Minister of Public Works remains, it is his luck that fails.

Was Profits.

London Daily Express. It should be regarded as shameful to be one penny the richer through this great tragedy. War profits, indeed, are blood money, which no man of good intent would care to touch. We do not, therefore, believe that there is the smallest desire on the part of any considerable number of employers to exploit the patriotism of the workers. Just as the worker receives his wages, so the capitalist is entitled to the average pre-war return on his capital.

Making Aeroplanes Here.

Canadian Courier, Toronto. Aeroplanes are now being made in Canada by United States aeroplane makers. This arouses a host of suggestions. In the case of British orders given to United States firms, why not insert a clause that all these should, "as far as possible," be made in Canada? It would not be a difficult or expensive matter to move the machinery over here, and surely even a free trade Britisher can see that there would be a great resultant benefit to the Empire. This particular suggestion may seem fanciful at first, but on closer examination it will be found to be economically and financially advisable.

The Town Goes Dry.

Saskatoon Phoenix. In view of what will come upon the province it gives us great pleasure to pass on the following timely and helpful suggestion, appearing in the columns of a contemporary across the border, which was evidently anticipating a dry spell: "If the town goes dry, buy a gallon of your favorite brand and turn it over to your wife. Do all your drinking at home. Everytime you take a drink pay your wife 15 cents. When the first gallon is gone your wife will have \$3 to put in the bank and \$2 to buy a new supply, each gallon averaging \$3 drinks in ten years at your present rate you will be dead, and your wife will have enough money to go out and marry a decent man."

When The People Arise.

Canadian Courier, Toronto. Public opinion is always at work, but it seldom strikes a trip-hammer blow. In Manitoba, the people are thoroughly aroused over the political scandal and the Kellys, the contractors who were in the deal, are said to have left the country. There is little doubt in any one's mind that the politicians of Manitoba intend to call off the investigation, in part after the change in government. The bargain was never carried out because public opinion was too strong. All over Canada there arose an outcry which frightened cabinet ministers and judges, and the investigation goes on. This should teach us all a lesson. If there is crookedness in public life it exists because of apathy on the part of citizens who should be alert. When politicians know that the people are alert, they will observe higher standards. Or, to put it another way, the best men in a party can retain control only so long as they are supported by an alert public opinion.

Let Decent Men Get Together.

Toronto Star. If certain men in both parties are befouled in the Manitoba mess, that is no reason why honest men should shrug their shoulders and say that one party is as bad as another. That is mere laziness and despair. The right way is to expose the rogues, punish them, exclude them from all share in public affairs, and then have honest Liberals and Conservatives engage in a fair rivalry in public service.

A coalition of such men is not necessary, except for the purpose of ensuring a full investigation and a free election, in which none but honest men should aspire to guide and to lead the people. Fair play is a fact, it seems to be founded upon some human instinct. The sensible course is to make the best of it, make it an honest, sportsmanlike rivalry in public service. Let the parties bring out their best men and their best programme, and let the electors choose. It is for the electors to say who will manage their affairs and what shall be the guiding principles of government.

The World Misjudged Germany

Ottawa Journal. The Toronto Telegram and some other papers on both sides of the Atlantic argue that Lord Halifax should not be brought back into the British cabinet because he misjudged German character in the past. Well, who didn't misjudge German character? Go great and patriotic Sir Englishman as Joseph Chamberlain declared in 1911 that England's natural ally was Germany, and not France. It is true that there were many men in Britain and in this country who honestly believed in the principle of maintaining the Empire secure against attack, and naturally Germany, as the next powerful nation at sea, was uppermost in their minds. But to say that any important section in Britain or anywhere else believed the Germans capable of turning the world into a saturnalia of slaughter for lust of gain is not true. The whole world misjudged Germany; and perhaps it's a tribute to the inherent honesty of mankind that it did misjudge her.

Kitchener's Four Million.

Montreal Gazette. It is very interesting, if true, that

Lord Kitchener, while pretending to encounter great difficulty in raising a million men, has really put an army of four millions into the field.

This is recruiting at a tremendous rate, and yet figures published on the loss of human material since the war began suggest that the end may be forced at last by the literal exhaustion of the supplies of men.

Figures said to have been given out by the German consul at Denver and to represent Red Cross information are appalling. The war's dead in the first six months of the struggle are stated 2,146,000, the seriously wounded 1,150,000, prisoners 1,764,000, slightly wounded 3,781,100. Leave out the slightly wounded, and there still remains a total of 5,060,000 men killed, seriously wounded or prisoners.

These figures purport to represent only the first six months of the war—that is to the early days of January. They must be increased at least a third to bring them to date, and this means a total of 12,900,000 men killed, wounded or prisoners. At this rate of destruction, even with 4,000,000 men thrown into the field at a time, the war cannot continue more than two or three years.

The Men in Battle.

Montreal Man in Canadian Courier. France has saved the western campaign all through the winter and up to this writing. On that murderous "front" of well over 400 miles, the British hold only thirty—the Belgians about fifteen, magnificently fought by shatter-ed army—and the gallant French the rest. Their army was never better. It is the finest army in the world today, for its numerical strength, Italy has taken eight months to get into fighting trim, and has succeeded in forcing the enemy to fight on their own territory. So much for our Allies. But what of us? Are we doing our best? Well, the case for Canada is soon stated. They have found in the Mother Country that their volunteer system is not likely to produce enough men to win the war. They are talking of "national service"—which is a euphemism for "draft" or "conscription." Yet their volunteer system has brought out just about four times as large a proportion of their population as have volunteered in Canada. Do you get that? Out of every hundred Britons in the United Kingdom, four times as many have volunteered as have enlisted out of every hundred in Canada. And that is less than half the story. For when we look at the places of birth of the men who have volunteered in Canada—especially in the first contingents—the number of British-born is simply staggering. Our English, Irish and Scotch youth have gone. The country has been denuded of them. But I have no figures to show how small has been the proportion of the Canadian-born to the volunteers in Britain—and I am glad of it. I do not think we should like to see them in print. Counting in our British-born we are only one-fourth as good as the Britons at home; and they are now found not good enough. What do you think WE ought to do about it?

What Of Indemnities Now?

The indemnity demanded of Turkey at the close of the Russo-Turkish war of 1877 was \$725,000,000, but Russia agreed to accept territory for \$500,000,000 of that sum. It seems incredible that indemnities bearing a like relation to costs can be assessed at the close of the present struggle.

He Got His Relics.

An archaeologist in Egypt wanted to take home some relics, but was working for a "find" to which all his discoveries belonged. So he went out on a holiday, dug some articles, and claimed them as his own because he did the work on his own time.

Samuel Thorne, banker, died suddenly of heart disease on James J. Hill's yacht, on the St. John River, Northeastern Canada. He was eighty years old.

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ORIGIN OF TORTURE. Barbarous Methods Not Practical Before Medieval Times.

Chicago Tribune. The use of torture in order to elicit information from persons accused of crimes as barbarous as it is, was little practised before medieval times. Under Greek and Roman law torture was only allowed upon slaves, though in the latter days of the empire it was employed against citizens if they had been accused of treason to the emperor.

It seems to have become part of the law in Europe about the thirteenth century. From the fourteenth century downward torture was a principal feature of most European countries. The Italian inquisitors used it to a very large extent. In Germany elaborate apparatus existed for its infliction, in the dungeons of the feudal castles and in the town halls of cities.

It was used in the prisons of Germany when the philosopher Howard visited them in 1770. In Scotland it was part of the judicial till abolished by the revolution, and in Scotland it was used until the reign of Queen Anne. The use of torture seems never to have been wholly sanctioned by the law of England.

GAVE HIM THE LIE.

Donkey Breaks Silence and Spills Minister's Sermon. Rev. Arthur Lowndes, D.D., in Christian Herald. I remember quite well the great pains I took in the preparation of my first sermon. I committed it carefully to memory and was letter perfect when the time came for its delivery. It was preached to a small congregation of farmers and their women folk on a beautiful summer's day, when all the windows and doors were wide open, and my subject was on "The Silence of God."

I remember I spoke of the wonderful silence of God in the Bible, and how silently He governed His great world, how our human ears could not hear the noise which this world or the planets and stars made in their progress through space, and how God governed our souls so silently. I remember quite well how impressive I thought I was when I said "and on this beautiful day we hear no sound!"

Love-making in Germany. Courtship in Germany is, according to Mrs. Alec Tweedie, in "Women—the World Over," a very business-like affair. From a highly-born engaged couple, a highly-born arm-in-arm or hand-in-hand, they embrace in public, he sits with his arms around her waist at dinner, and everyone encourages such overflowing evidences of affection. Consequently, a girl who is married to a man, "Ach Gott!" How sweet to see those two loving hearts—the elders murmur.

The German, however, who made love so madly before marriage allows his ardor to cool after a few years of wedded life are passed. Army officers are regarded as ideal husbands for well-to-do girls, but the father-in-law generally has to pay the soldier's debts. A youth may be only a penniless lieutenant, with nothing to recommend him, but his debts and his uniform; but, provided he comes of a good family, he can propose for any daughter, no matter how well-to-do or exalted a personage her father may be. Her Papa pays the lieutenant's debts and provides everything for the household.

The girl is probably already possessed of some furniture, and such household linen, as in many families these goods and chattels are accumulated for daughters from the day of their birth. These are given as birthday and Christmas presents, as the chief object kept in view during a girl's earlier life is matrimony. If a girl is not engaged at twenty-five—she often remains engaged for years—she is considered a failure, retires from balls and society, and is generally admitted to be on the shelf.

As to Noses. June Atlantic. Lovely eyes you will find plenty, and though finely cut mouths are scarcer, it will be a strange day when you do not see several. But the discovery of a really beautiful nose is an event of a lifetime, and myself have found exactly seven. And yet I consider myself catholic in my taste for noses; I can enjoy a nose for its mere expressiveness, whether it is aggressive, or aristocratic, or humorous. But it is amazing how seldom this feature really satisfies the eye. The bridge may be too thick or too high; the line from the forehead too abrupt or too severely straight. More often a nose that is really promising in its beginning falls in the end. It keeps on too long or not long enough; while the tip finds a dozen ways to err, and a fine nostril is rarely seen. In our typical American faces, overcrowded, with features as our houses are with furniture, the nose is commonly disproportionately large.

But your really beautiful nose is a delight in every way. It is as far from sharpness as from coarseness. It shows strength without obstinateness, delicacy without fastidiousness, breeding without arrogance. It suggests humor, spirit, and daring. But I tell you candidly that there are not more than a hundred such in the four million noses of New York. You are lucky when one happens to come your way.

Pages to Advertisers. Fiber and Fabric. The codfish lays a million eggs. While the helpful hen lays one; But the codfish does not cackle. To inform us what she's done. And so we scorn the codfish cove. But the helpful hen we prize; Which indicates to thoughtful minds It pays to advertise.

Messed His Chance. A Colorado man, recently sentenced to prison for stealing \$300 from a mining company at Cripple Creek, Colo., is said to be the same who first filed on properties there which have since yielded \$3,999,999 to those who obtained ultimate possession.

Easy & Practical Home Dress Making Lessons

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PLEASING SUIT FOR A SMALL BOY.

There are many handsome little suits of white linen, serge, satinet and even corded silk for small boys. Small, yet important details distinguish the new models, such as an increased fullness to the long blouse, a new, saucy turn to the cuffed trousers and, perhaps, an abbreviation in their length. The suit shown here consists of a blouse and side-closing trousers. The cuffs may be omitted from the lower edge of the trousers if desired, but they are very charming on chubby youngsters and usually well liked. The collar is cut in square outline, but this can be changed easily to a round effect. Even though expensive material be used in developing the suit, its cost cannot mount very high, since 2 1/4 yards of 36-inch goods make the model.

There are so many sections to the pattern that unusual care is required in cutting it. Several parts are to be evenly laid on a fold of the goods—namely, the waistband, collar, blouse front, back, collar and shield. These can be arranged in the order named, working from left to right. Now on a lengthwise thread place the back, fly, pockets, belt, front of trousers and sleeve. If the trousers are to be made without cuffs at the lower edge find double "oo" perforation on front and back and follow these markings to cut off lower edges. The square collar can have its outline changed to a round effect by cutting off lower part on small "oo" perforations.

A very serviceable material for these little suits is khaki linen. Trimmed in white, red, blue or brown braid, it is cool and comfortable looking, yet there is no sacrifice of smartness if the suit is left entirely unadorned. A belt of patent leather is used when white linen, serge or silk is used to make the suit, but for the tub fabric, self-belts are just as practical and are pleasing because of their uniformity of effect.

A slightly fuller blouse and cuffed trousers are the details that mark this little boy's suit as the newest style of its kind. It can be developed in a variety of materials.



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Large advertisement for Sterling Gum, featuring the text 'A pair of freshly washed white gloves' and 'Sterling Gum The 7-point gum'. It includes a list of features: 1-Crowded with flavor, 2-Velvety body—NO GRIT, 3-Crumble-proof, 4-Sterling purity, 5-From a daylight factory, 6-Untouched by hands.

Advertisement for Seal Brand Coffee, featuring an illustration of a coffee tin and the text 'SEAL BRAND COFFEE is still the favorite IT IS SUPERB!'.