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LOYD-GEORGE IN PERIL.
Every admirer of Lloyd-George, the dynamic force in the Imperial Government, will hope that no evil befall him, and yet his way appears to be strewn with many difficulties or perils.

A MISLEADING QUESTION.
The Prohibition Bill in Alberta is misnamed "The Liquor Act." To vote for prohibition Alberta electors on July 21st must vote "yes" in answer to the question: "Are you in favor of the Liquor Act?"—Grain Growers' Guide.

ARMING MERCHANT SHIPS.
The British Government has had no difficulty in moving her transports, carrying troops and munitions, from place to place with perfect safety. The division that commends great admiration is the British transport service. It is under the direction of one who elicits from Hon. Mr. Churchill, while he was still First Lord of the Admiralty, the eulogy that he was without a peer in the world. Not a man had been lost of the hundreds of thousands who had been moved in connection with the war. Not a serious mishap had occurred. All the War Office had to do was intimate that a certain number of troops had to be transported by a certain date, by land or sea, and it was accomplished without friction or fuss.

But for the tremendous operations at the Dardanelles, requiring the presence of a large fleet of battleships, of cruisers, of torpedo boat destroyers, and of submarines, Britain would have at her disposal the engines of war that would speedily reduce the menace of the German submarines to a minimum. As it is the Admiralty has been able to supply the transport department with the es-

corts, and they have been turning up unexpectedly, in the great water expanse between the continents, identifying the transport ships and assuring them, as no other power can do, of a safe passage to the ports of destination: Canadians who have crossed on the steamships of the Canadian liner have been surprised with the perfect order and system which is everywhere apparent, and they can well comment upon the little danger there will be from German submarines when the Admiralty is able to extend its coastal service.

Meanwhile the question of arming the merchantmen that are engaged in the Atlantic trade is becoming acute. The German note to the United States, and insisting that the Lusitania was armed, is not correct. The British Government has discussed with the United States Government the advisability of arming merchantmen, as the one way of putting the submarines at defiance, and these Governments are in accord upon the subject. Thus far the British and American merchantmen, trading between England and United States, have not been armed, but other British merchantmen, that travel the ocean in other directions, have been armed, and they have not been attacked, nor do they fear attack.

COALITION GOVERNMENT.
Those who have been in touch with events at Ottawa are persuaded that present political conditions cannot continue very long. The war, the greatest test of any Government, will force a coalition. It is announced that various Commissions will take hold of special work and conduct it along lines which will render an appeal for Opposition aid unnecessary, at least for the present.

More Home Room Needed.
Since the war began Germany has added six battleships to its complement. If the war holds out long enough Germany may have to enlarge the Kiel Canal.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
The way to abolish election saw-off will be to appoint a public prosecutor who will see that every deposit is forfeited unless the case is proceeded with, and who will not permit of any compromise.

What, another Commission on agricultural productions? To what end? One asks, because it is a long long time since a Federal Commission was appointed to report upon the cost of living. Is it still alive? The efficiency of the Provincial License Board is being fairly tried. These Toronto hotels that have been hot-beds of vice must be suppressed and an example made of the bartenders and waiters. Toronto the Good is in danger of losing its reputation. Mr. Bryan is satisfied with Germany's answer to America's second note. Mr. Bryan, as a man of peace, is willing to accept anything the

Kaiser may prescribe. As a presidential candidate he may be regarded as pro-German in his sympathies.

The manufacturers have taken the proper course and demand that a central assembly plant be established for the filling or finishing of shells. Some definite policy must be agreed upon in order that Canada's part in the production of munitions be no-unimportant one.

E.W. Thomson, a Canadian journalist, writing to the Boston Transcript, says the Americans with their fast motor boats and yachts will go perilsome, hunting along the Atlantic coast. They will make the ravages of the submarines impossible. 5,000 fast launches certainly would rid the coasts of the submarines as a proprietary cure would rid the land of a plague.

PUBLIC OPINION

Looks That Way.
(London Advertiser.)
Does Bob Rogers fear that disclosures to come would make it impossible for the Borden Government to wait until its term expires?

Sailors Not Scared.
(Montreal Mail.)
Danger is inseparable from a "life on the ocean wave." The submarine menace merely intensifies it, so sailors continue to work their ships.

A Great Boast.
(Saskatoon Phoenix.)
"Great Britain can build ships faster than Germany can sink them, and Great Britain can enlist men faster than Germany can kill them."

Just Like the Kaiser.
(Hamilton Herald.)
Holt, the cultured German-American scholar and assassin, wrote piously that he expected to "blow certain ships to bits in mid-ocean, God willing." How like the Kaiser!

Why Not Armed?
(Toronto Globe.)
The dead captain of the Anglo-Californian and his crew are worthy of high honor because of their successful defiance of a German submarine. It is a pity that merchant ships with crews so plucky and resourceful are not armed.

Safety Not First.
(Toronto Star.)
"Safety First" is a favorite watchword of the transportation companies. They are always advising passengers to be careful. But do they set the example? An overcrowded car running down a steep grade is not a good example of "Safety First."

KINGSTON EVENTS
25 YEARS AGO

Kingston Orangemen celebrated the Battle of the Boyne with great success. They held a big parade. The music was furnished by the Prentice Boys Band.

MADE PASTOR WRATHY.
Modification of British Ensign Stir Up Strife.

Ottawa, July 13.—A small red ensign of the kind used by the British mercantile marine, but bearing a papal crown over the coat of arms, caused Rev. D. M. Morden, pastor of Breakey Presbyterian Church, to get very angry during the course of a sermon to the Orangemen of the city on Sunday afternoon. The flag was purchased in Ottawa and handed to the minister by a prominent member of the order. It could not be ascertained where the flag was manufactured.

The preacher spoke of a meeting held by the French-Canadians of the city, at which Mr. Armand Lavergne was the chief speaker, and said in this connection that many similar flags had been distributed throughout the county. "This is not a British flag," he asserted forcefully, and threw it under his feet.

Champagne, Chablis wine and elder are the Kaiser's favorite drinks.

Rippling Rhymes
Walt Mason

THINKS TIME HAS COME

WHEN WARRING NATIONS CAN TALK ABOUT PEACE
Editor of Vorwartsz Do Not Believe Either Side Can Be Beaten—Socialists Desire General Disarmament As Security Against Another Great War.

Berlin, July 12.—The internal troubles of the Social Democrats are causing increasing interest, particularly are they likely to result in sensational developments when the Reichstag meets. Nobody ventures a prophecy as to whether the party schism will be permanent even after the war, or whether it marks the passing of a healthy phase, because it is provoking a nation-wide discussion of officially forbidden topics.

The two principal factors differ not in the ends desired, but as to the means of achieving the mutual goal, which is a permanent peace, guaranteeing future military, political, and economic superiority for Germany, at the earliest moment practicable. The differences of a few points are interestingly brought out in interviews with representatives of the warring factions by Dr. Ernest Meyer, editor of the Vorwartsz, who with Haaf, Liebknecht and Ledebour, stands with the so-called minority in the Reichstag party, a member of the Reichstag, who is playing a prominent part in the political decisions of the Reichstag, and speaks for the Socialist majority there.

Dr. Meyer, who, with his associates, has been bitterly attacked as being unpatriotic and helping Germany's enemies, speaking for himself, emphasized the point that the enemy need extract no comfort from the Socialist "minority views." He said that the peace talk most emphatically did not indicate an internal weakening; on the contrary, it was proof of the present strength of Germany's position. He said: "The very fact that the German armies are standing on the enemy's soil leads us to believe the time is ripe for discussing how the war is to be ended. We most emphatically do not advocate the throwing down of arms to bring about peace. We do not desire to see Germany crushed or beaten, but we do believe that the time has come now and has been ripe for some months to end the war, since Germany has shown that she cannot possibly be beaten. We represent the Socialist minority in the Reichstag, but whether our views are those of only a minority throughout the nation we have no way of telling at the present time. We certainly have a strong following in the large cities. We are against any annexation and believe the Government should come out with a declaration of non-intention to annex anything as an indispensable preliminary to permanent peace. This, we believe, would put the masses not only in France, but in England as well, in a mood for peace negotiations. We believe that the first suggestion could come from Germany without humiliating in view of her impregnable position. We are irretrievably opposed to annexation on the Continent, we are also opposed to colonial annexation on principle. We would not oppose a military or customs convention with Belgium in the peace negotiations. We would oppose this only if it were imposed on Belgium by force of arms. We do not, however, desire a return to the status quo ante-bellum. We desire general disarmament as security against another disastrous war through far-reaching international agreements. We believe that Germany cannot begin too soon to seek to bring it about."

War Tidings.
United States citizens, just arriving from Austria, say that Trieste will soon be taken by Italians. There have been several arrests in connection with placing bombs on ships leaving Washington for Britain and conspiracy is said to be widespread. Despatches from the front on Monday night say that French infantry charged and retook Souchez territory from Germans. Losses very heavy.

Italy and Russia have reached an understanding, it is stated, regarding the sending to Italy of prisoners of Italian nationality taken from the Austrian army. Roumania has assented cordially to the passage of such prisoners through that country. It is said, but the negotiations with Bulgaria and Greece have been halted.

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