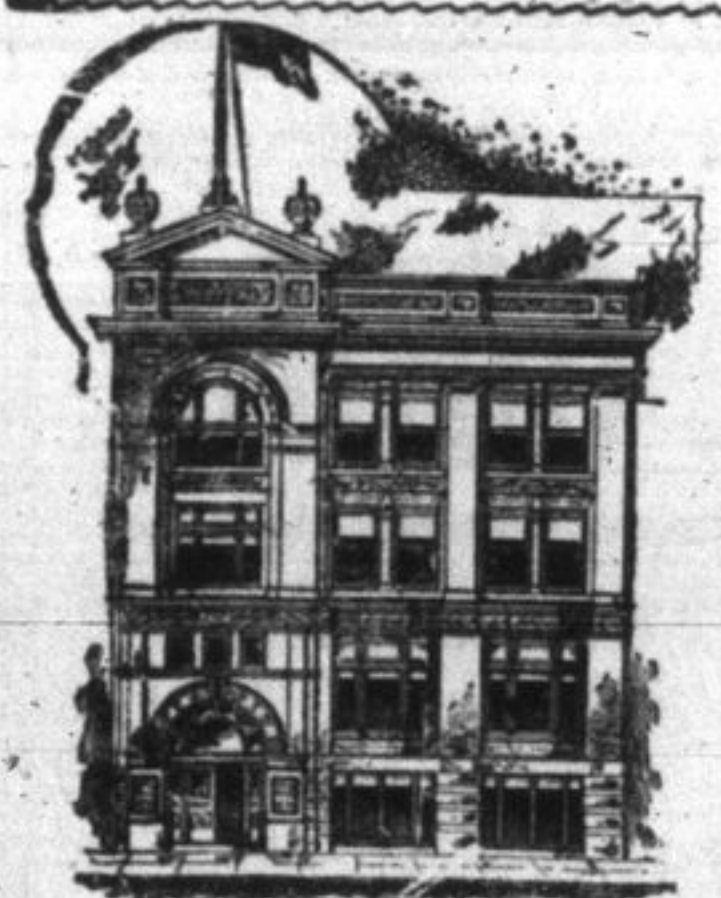


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AN AUTUMN ELECTION.

The Journal of Commerce, a commercial paper, of which the Hon. W. S. Fielding is the editor-in-chief, having assumed that there would not be an election this year, counsels the parties with regard to the manner in which they should act towards each other.

Parliament should meet when the Government is ready with public business, and no measure should be introduced of a controversial character. The opposition should be moderate in its criticisms and avoid party conflicts which produce dissension and division. The necessary appropriations should be made, unopposed, and the war prosecuted to a finish.

Towards the close of the session—if peace be not assured—the Imperial Government should be petitioned to pass an Act extending the parliamentary term for a year, or for two years, if war conditions make this desirable.

The advice so candidly offered does not seem to be acceptable, and the fall election is proposed. This is the latest announcement from Ottawa, and it is seemingly reliable. The war is to be the issue, not the Government's record, or defects, and the Liberals will have no reason to shrink from it. Conditions in the country, especially from Manitoba to the Pacific Coast, suggest haste in an appeal. The longer it is deferred the worse, apparently, will be the effect upon the Government.

CHALLENGE TO LABOR.

The New York Times, discussing the Duma event, puts the situation clearly when it says:

"Whatever he may say about organizations to procure their other employment, industrial concerns here would be very little inclined to employ a class of laborers who might at any time be called away from their work, not because of conditions of wages or hours, but at the behest of a diplomat in Washington acting in the interest of a foreign Government."

In the whole history of our relations with foreign countries there has never been another diplomatic representative at our national capital who has in such an open and unabashed way taken measures to make himself altogether unacceptable."

Foreign labor must be made desperate by the crazy action of the Embassy officials. It is not so long since a foreigner in Kingston complained that he could not find profitable employment. He was a naturalized Canadian. He owned property in the city. He seemed to be worthy of the public confidence. And yet he was not persona grata with the employers of labor. They made no objection to his mechanical fitness. They simply did not want him.

It is not remarkable under the circumstances? The diplomats assume that they had an influence over these men and that all they had to do was call them out, at a critical time, in order to disorganize certain industrial establishments. It is quite possible that had the Austrian Government authorized the course which Duma suggested, and had financed it, the men would have followed Duma's instructions. There is reason to believe that the Austro-Hungarians who have been employed steadily in certain works at good wages would have ignored the appeals of the diplomats. The suggestion that they would obey puts thousands of men under a cloud of suspicion; and all because of Duma's fool letters.

It begins to look as if the American Government were afraid of the Triple Alliance, and so is willing to accept of any affront rather than go to war.

A CHANGE IN COMMAND.

No one outside the Imperial Council seems to understand the eruption that has taken place in the Russian army. The sudden and unforeseen retirement of Grand Duke Nicholas, Russia's Kitchener, so-called, and a military hero, is inexplicable. There is a hint that the change in the leadership of the army is due to the wreckage of the bureaucracy of which there was some intimation in the Duma.

The Russian Parliament is not like that of any other public and legislative assembly. It has its limitations and its restrictions, but its members are exercising all the powers they possess under the constitution, and they certainly bitterly attacked the military establishment on a recent occasion. They made a profound sensation when they, metaphorically speaking, fell upon the head of the Ordnance Department and demanded his decapitation. This was because of his failure to provide munitions of war as he was expected to do, and presumably because of his incompetence.

It will cost Russia something to recover her lost prestige and power through some one's blundering, and that one does not appear to be the Grand Duke. He has been a soldier all his days, and has commanded the support of the Government and people all through his administration. True, he has been retreating with his army and saving it from impending disasters again and again. He could not cut or cleave his way into the heart of Germany because he had not the munitions, and when that fact became known the German army became more aggressive.

The Czar is not a substitute for the Grand Duke as a commander of the army. His Majesty cannot accomplish what the Grand Duke did not, except that, surrounded by new aides who have been demonstrating their fitness in the war, and commanding the homage of the army, he may instil new life into his troops, and, with ample war munitions, recover lost grounds and make new conquests.

The shuffle so far as the Grand Duke is concerned is not one for serious reflection. His spirit will still be in the fight and the Czar will still be carrying out his commands.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The President would not attend the Democrat meeting in New Jersey because it talked of endorsing him for the presidency a second time. My, isn't he getting shy?

The band performance in Macdonald Park, last of the season, was very much enjoyed. Lieut. Light is to be thanked for his rare musical treats.

The charge that the Liberals are disloyal, that they are not to be trusted in the conduct of the war, is a party slander which the Conservatives have released for election purposes.

The German Government says a submarine attacked the Arabic in self-defence. It will discuss the reparation it should make for the loss of life at the Hague. What is this if not a repudiation of Von Bernstorff's diplomatic guff?

The grand old man, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is in hospital at Ottawa undergoing treatment for his teeth. He was a severe sufferer while at the Napanee patriotic meeting, but he was bound not to disappoint the people. His visit was appreciated on that account.

Of four hundred and fifty retarded pupils in the public schools eighty-one suffer from "preventable irregular attendance." The parents are responsible for this condition of things. If parents saw that their children were in school regularly they would have less complaint to make about the promotions in mid-summer.

The report of the Inspector of Schools, with regard to the unsatisfactory enforcement of the Truancy Act, should be made the subject of a special conference between the School Board and the Police Commission. The Inspector is right when he says that the truancy problem can never be solved satisfactorily until some one has been especially instructed to see that the Act is obeyed.

PUBLIC OPINION

Only Fool Thoughts.

(Hamilton Herald.)
Only a fool would think, in these days, that fighting is done merely for fighting's sake.

Effect on Recruiting.

(Montreal Star.)
This crime brings the effects of German "fight-fitness" never home to Canadians; and we may look to see an immediate influence on our recruiting.

No Assurance of Peace.

(New York Herald.)
So long as Russian diplomacy is permitted to make ducks and drakes of American hospitality and American neutrality there can be no assurance of peace in this land.

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Think of This.

(Montreal Free Press.)
The Robin Government might have held on to office for four more years in defiance of public opinion. In the interval the Parliament Buildings would have been completed and no doubt another million of money stolen.

How Wales Works.

(Canadian-American.)
Wales, now as in the storied past, has given ample proof of the intense fealty of her sons and daughters. Her freights have been feeding the bloody trenches with robust, courageous manhood ever since the present fighting began.

KINGSTON EVENTS
25 YEARS AGO

The firemen held a torch light procession last night headed by the 14th Regiment band.

Dr. W. H. Henderson commenced his duties at the General Hospital.

Prof. Carr-Harris, R. M. C., has returned home from spending his vacation at his farm in New Brunswick.

SETS ASIDE A MILLION

FOR A CAMPAIGN THAT IS VERY UNWISE

Henry Ford Wishes To Talk Peace To The People Of The United States And Against Preparedness For War.

Toronto Mail and Empire.
Henry Ford has set aside on million dollars to be used in a campaign for peace and against preparedness for war. By peace talks he has discouraged all but ten men out of the 20,000 employed in his Detroit plant from turning their thoughts to the National Guard. He will offer a large cash prize for a history of war "that shall not make demi-gods of soldiers, and shall show war in all its horror instead of glorifying the slaughter." He has expressed the opinion that every soldier ought to have emblazoned on his breast the word "murderer." A few years ago a man might have held the view that obnoxious Mr. Ford, and have commended the attention of superficial people while he expounded them. He could see various European countries building more and more battle ships every year, and note military expenditures increasing, and would need little prophetic gift to assert that some time or other these great ships and these increasing armies would be put to use. Arguing that without armament there would be no war, certain pacifists easily led themselves to believe that armament was the cause of war.

After the events of the past year it is difficult to yield to the Carnegies and Fords and lesser advocates of unpreparedness the courtesy of a patient hearing. They fail in the

very first essential of intelligent discussion in that they are unable to distinguish between things that differ. They appear not to appreciate that there is a distinction between a nation that attacks another and a nation that defends itself. They see no difference between Germany and Belgium, except that one is larger than another. They condemn, inferentially, Belgium's preparedness, such as it was, and also the preparedness of the one British weapon that was ready, namely, the navy. It is obviously impossible to carry on an argument with these so-called "friends of peace," who attempt to answer the statement that certain preparations ought to be made for purposes of defence with the remark: "O, yes, they all say that." Perhaps they all do say it. The fact remains that some said it honestly and meant it, while the others said it as part of their conspiracy against the peace of the world. Because the German war leaders were able to delude the German people into believing that a powerful navy was necessary for purposes of self-defence and that Russia, France and Britain, were ready to swoop down upon Germany, are we to admit that the British people were thus misled? Will any man who is not a pro-German say that Britain's preparedness was the cause of the war? The truth is that one of the main causes of the war was Britain's unpreparedness. If she had the army a year ago that she has to-day there would have been no war. That army would have been a threat to no nation that did not mediate an assault upon a smaller power. "It would have been a guarantee of the peace of the world."

DOING HIS DUTY.

Woman Couldn't See Why Baseball Fan Got Excited.

Everybody's Magazine.
Young Mrs. Scott was attending her first ball game. The home team was doing well that day, and for a time she patiently endured her husband's transports and his brief explanations. But when, amid the cheering, howling crowd he sprang upon the seat, waved his new straw hat three times around his head and almost shattered it on the fat man in front, Mrs. Scott exclaimed: "What on earth's the matter, John?" "Why, dearie," he answered, as soon as he could get his breath, "didn't you see the feller catch the ball?" "Of course," said young Mrs. Scott disgustedly, "I thought that was what he was out there for."

An Epidemic.

"You criticize us," said the Chinese visitor, "yet I see all your women have their feet bound." "That is an epidemic," it was explained to him gently, "which broke out in 1914. Those are called spats."

After a man has learned that he can't beat another man at his own game, he begins to doze into individual with a get-rich-quick scheme. Pay no attention to a slight and immediately the sting is gone. Many a girl's mind seems to be blundered.



BEFORE AND AFTER.

"To gain a smile from your starry eyes, I'd slay a dragon," the lover cries. "I'd dip the sea from its ancient bed, I'd scoop the snow from your mountain's head, I'd grab a star from the spangled sky, to light your path as you toddle by. I'd catch a whale, though it's fierce and fleet, and proudly lay it before your feet. Whatever a mortal man can do, will be done by me, dear love for you." Oh, the fair maid falls for this tommyrot, and off to the parson then they trot, and the good man says, "You are man and wife; I have sentenced you, and your term's for life." The passerby, when a year has flown, may hear the passionate husband groan: "The minute I step within these doors, you have a list of a thousand chores. There is no rest for a weary soul; you want some water, you want some coal, I should be mowing the ding-donged lawn, or pulling weeds till the light is gone, or pruning trees with a butcher knife—a man's a chump when he takes a wife." Oh, girls who plan to be happy fraus, beware the man who is long on vows!

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CANADIAN OFFICER PRISONERS LOOK HAPPY



C. Fessenden, of Peterboro, received the picture from his son, Lieut. C. V. Fessenden, of the 15th Battalion, who with his companions were captured at St. Julien when their platoons were cut off and they found themselves defending 150 yards of trenches in a sea of Germans. From left to right, Lieut. F. H. Macdonald, son of Col. W. C. Macdonald; Lieut. Ryder, of the Buffs; Lieut. C. V. Fessenden and Lieut. F. J. Smith, of the 15th Battalion. Lieut. Fessenden is a Royal Military College graduate.

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