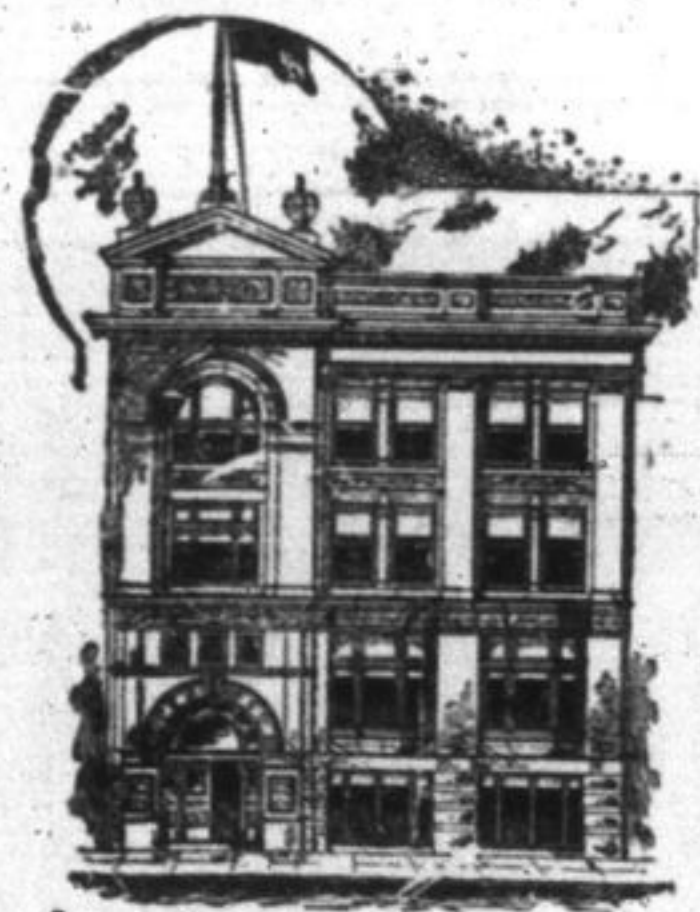


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NO POLITICS IN IT.

The counsel for the defence in the prosecution of Manitoba's ex-Ministers is said to have imputed politics to some of the proceedings. It may be hard to avoid a feeling that the ex-Ministers are being punished for their political misdoings. But it will be recalled that the Conservative papers and Conservative leaders demanded their prosecution. The unanimous finding of the Mathers' Commission forced the criminal action. The men themselves could hardly expect to escape the toils. There has been nothing so far in the preliminary trial to warrant the assumption that there has been persecution, and there is no reason to expect that there will be anything. It is the first time in history that public men have been criminally called to account for deliberately blinking at public robbery, and the prosecution will do good, whatever the result might be. It will leave a lesson that can never be forgotten. True, the question has yet to be settled as to whether men can be punished for wrong doing while in the service of the King, and while acting as his advisors, and the decision of the courts—perhaps of the Privy Council—on this point will be eagerly awaited.

The editor of the Canadian Courier has earned the thanks of the press for writing and publishing his personal reminiscences of the late Sir William Van Horne. The sketch which Mr. Cooper pens of a day spent with a great railway man, among his precious pictures, and in communion with his artistic soul, is a brilliant piece of work which will not lose in value.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LOAN.

There are impediments in the way of the Anglo-French loan. A number of adverse influences are at work. A pro-German syndicate in the banking world are not favorable because, as one put it, the syndicate were not anxious to put money into the production of munitions "which will kill their relatives at home." This syndicate want a guarantee that the loan will not be used, or any part of it, for buying implements of war.

The meat packers are at work expressing their disapproval because the British Government in the preservation of the German blockade took into custody and appropriated several cargoes of meats and lards at a value of many millions. They are in an unfriendly mood for the present and do not want the loan to succeed. Yet they realize that the more commerce is helped by the British Government—which only can help with its navy—the better for America. Then, there are men of the Ford type who have become particularly noisy. Ford will not deposit a dollar of his vast wealth with any bank that is interested in the loan. He is disgruntled because the British Government has decided to put a tax for revenue purposes on motor cars or motor car parts.

Still the commissioners sit in undisturbed serenity, and the chances are that they will leave America some of these days with their tasks completed. They are conscious of the adverse influences that are at work in order to circumvent their plans, and they realize that these influences affect the smooth running of their negotiations. But the opposition is merely a passing circumstance. The financial conduct of the war cannot be interrupted by any petty, or even powerful, combination.

ALLIES ARE ADVANCING.

The news which was flashed across the ocean on Sunday, and bulletined in ten thousand places in the United States and Canada, told that which had been long expected, namely, the victorious advance of the Allied forces. The announcement that this advance had been made along a front of over one hundred and fifty miles, and that the two Canadian divisions had been engaged in it, embraced a message of the greatest moment.

A German sympathizer, Edward Lyall Fox, in his book "Behind the Scenes in Warring Germany," has sketched the trenches which, report says, have been cut. The enemy's line has been penetrated for a distance of a couple of miles. "On the dunes," says Fox, "you can enter a ditch that has been dug across Europe from the English Channel to Mulhausen. You can walk three hundred miles underground without exposing yourself in the open. You can realize, as you see second, third, and fourth trenches, paralleled, and connecting by labyrinthine passages, that the amount of excavating would dig a subway."

Mr. Fox visited these trenches, entered the dug-outs, the rifle pits, the look-out stations, heard the crash of exploding shells, saw the battlefield while lit up by rockets, saw the wounded and the dying, and heard and saw the Allied forces in parallel trenches two hundred meters away. In summing up he writes: "I formed an opinion about the trenches. They are tremendously important to Germany. I would not say that everything depends upon that three hundred mile ditch in the west. If the Germans hold it it means this: The war is going to end with Germany in possession of Belgium and a big section of industrial France; and somebody has to pay Germany's bill for the war."

That was before the campaign took on several new aspects. It was before the Allies found themselves in larger number and in possession of munitions in ample supply. It was before the French and British were equipped with the larger field guns which have not been blazing away day after day, as the Germans alleged, to no purpose. The German trenches and the field stations, and all the equipment which modern genius could suggest, have not stood before the Allies' siege, and when the psychological moment came, when the German trenches had been destroyed, and the troops driven out of them or slaughtered, the advance was made; and it is the beginning of a forward movement which is bound to culminate in the defeat of the Germans.

It is reported that 20,000 Germans were taken prisoners in this last bitter fight. An incident in itself which marks the significance of the drive and of the German disasters. According to Mr. Fox, the fate or the failure of the Germans depended upon these trenches, and with the smashing of them the Germanic vision and valour fade away.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A further restriction of the liquor trade, and all over the province rather than in certain local centres, is under the consideration of the Government. The trade will have its own opinion of this movement, and must surely see the inevitable trend of events.

W. H. Price, M.P.P., returned from England, judges that Mr. Asquith is a politician, not a statesman. What does he think of some of Canada's alleged statesmen when compared with England's Premier? Measured by the same rule others besides Mr. Asquith must be found wanting.

India wants a voice in the Imperial Councils. It wants this through the presence and representation of one of the natives princes. Why not? This concession has been practically promised to Canada, and the Dominion can see nothing extraordinary in India's demands.

The Germans of America will be broken-hearted if the Anglo-French financiers leave America with the assurance that their loan has been floated. They wanted a billion dollars without security. They may not get quite so much, but they are sure to get all they want in order to make stable the business relations between America and the Allies.

The Unionists of England are only quiescent, it is said, and tolerant of the Minister of Munitions because he is filling a place for which he is peculiarly fitted. If the war were over, and Lloyd-George were promised the premiership, the old hatred of him would flame cut afresh. It would, eh? And burn up or scorch up the men who gave it vent. It would not hurt the little Welshman.

The Mail and Empire hastens to assure the people of Toronto that the Manual Military Law forbids the billeting of soldiers upon private families. Was this solemn assurance necessary? Sir Sam Hughes did not propose to force the soldiers upon the people. He suggested billeting as a friendly proceeding, and one to which the people of Toronto may not protest.

PUBLIC OPINION

Political Vultures.

(Toronto News) While Police Court officers suffer the penalty for small infractions of the law the Department of Justice will scarcely allow vultures who, battered in their country's distress to escape unscathed.

Official Mourner.

(Belleville Ontario.) Hon. "Bob" Rogers, who has been living the quiet simple and secluded life ever since certain happenings in Manitoba, has turned up once more as "official mourner" of the Borden Government.

No Mistakes In That Case.

(New York Evening Sun) Germany is willing to pay 15 cents a pound for a million bales of cotton delivered in a German harbor. We gather that no submarine would mistake the character of his instructions if a cotton ship bound for Germany came his way.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The Royal Military College sports were held to-day, and the cadets made a good showing. Grand Trunk authorities have issued an order that all trains brought to the city must be pulled out, and not pushed by the engines, as has been the custom. Tramps are causing much trouble to the residents at the Outer Station. The Midvale Steel Company of Philadelphia was sold for \$19,000,000.

Sleepytime Tales

THE THREE CHILDREN.

Once upon a time the three children's father told them it was time for them to get ready to go home as it was growing too cold to stay at the seashore any longer. The children were sorry to go as they had had a pleasant summer and they were much worried how their dog, Eric, was to get home. Their father said he thought he could fix it and asked them to go to the store with him to get a box for Eric to travel in. Edward asked his father how he was going to fix the box so the dog would travel safely, but his father said that was very easy. They lined the box with soft clean hay, tacked a dish to the side to hold water and then nailed strips of board to the front, leaving space enough to get Eric through. While they were working the dog came, looked at the box, sniffed and walked away, as much as to say he didn't think much of it. At last it was all ready and Ed-

VAUDEVILLE AT THE GRAND.

Splendid Bill For First Three Days of This Week.

On Monday the Grand Opera House will make a slight change in its popular programme. The management, always ready to please the patrons and look after their wants, will add another big feature act of vaudeville. For Monday, the programme will include Ina Claire in a picturization of Harold McGrath's romance, "The Puppet Crown." The Pathe pictorial news, the Pathe colored pictures, a two-reel Universal photoplay, and a comedy picture will also be shown.

The vaudeville includes Peggy Worth, the singing comedienne, in a new line of songs, and James Beano in an eccentric contortion and aerial novelty, act entitled "The Man On the Box."

HONOUR TO STUDENT. The London Times in a late issue publishes a list of those who have won the highest honours. The Military Cross has been given to Lieutenant Charles Stuart Craig, of the Canadian Field Artillery, for gallantry and distinguished service in the field. Lieut. Craig, who comes from Cobourg, was a first year student in Science, and went over with the First Contingent.

Prof. E. W. Mulloy, Major G. L. Starr and Lieut. Gordon Graham will address a recruiting meeting at Iroquois next Friday evening. The 8th C. M. R. pipe band at Barriefield Camp will accompany them. Misses Eva Baker and Eleanor Vanexan, Smith's Falls, have come to Kingston to accept positions.

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"Low Cost of Living" Menu

Menu for Tuesday. BREAKFAST: Bananas with Cream, Mush Bread, Coffee. LUNCHEON: Beef Griddle Cakes, Graham Bread, Apple Sauce, Cake, Tea. DINNER: Cold Sliced Beef, Baked Potatoes, Cucumbers au Gratin, Tomato Salad with Finley Dressing, Jerusalem Pudding. BREAKFAST: Mush Bread—Heat one pint of milk in a double boiler and stir in slowly half a pint of white cornmeal. Boil until it becomes a mush that can be poured from a spoon. Remove from the fire and add one tablespoon of salt. Drop in the yolks of four eggs, one at a time. Beat the whites to a stiff froth and add to the other ingredients. Bake for half an hour. LUNCHEON: Beef Griddle Cakes—Beat one egg, add two tablespoons of melted fat, one cup of minced beef, half a level teaspoon of salt, one pint of milk, and flour enough to make a batter that will spread slowly when placed on a griddle, having sifted three teaspoons of baking powder into the flour. Drop on a hot greased griddle and fry until brown.

Rippling Rhymes

LOSING GROUND. Old Boose is slipping slowly; some day his graft unholy will flake out of him; then all of us will totter to hydrants for the water to slake our raging thirst. Old Boose his grip is losing, for workmen are choosing to leave the suds alone; long years of earnest thinking has shown them how the drinking good men has overthrown. Not sentimental speaking, not lurid pantomime shrieking, has brought this thing about; not irony or scolding, not frantic John B. Goughing, has put Old Boose to rout. An age of competition won't stand for the condition that Barleycorn entails; the world a weary stage is for one who blows his wages to open kegs of nails. Employers plead no longer with one whose breath is stronger than is a gas exhaust; they say, "You're quite too frisky; you're touching up the whiskey, and so your job you've lost." No sentiment is wanted; if they suspect he's tasted a pannikin of beer, they fire him through the transom, his luck is also-ransome, he's in the street named Queer. So men of sense are quitting the touching up and hitting of all the drinks that foam; they drink from babbling brooklets, and have their savings booklets, and happy kids at home.