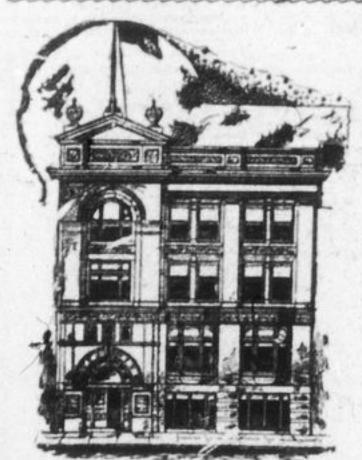
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SIR WILFRID'S STAND, "You may say that I have spoken on this war only in regard civilization, which is no doubt great, but what will it be for Canada? Cannot Canada stand aside?. No, it cannot. I will go further; this war in-

terests not only the people fighting, but all the neutral nations. I except none, Germany wants universal domination. If Germany triumphs, we would immediately be under German rule."-Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Monument Nationale.

WHAT THE VOTE MEANS.

katchewan have had a chance to re- British force from India. This was vise their opinions upon the tem- the force which, for the time being, perance question. In Alberta they was beaten back by superior numvoted for prohibition without any bers from Bagdad. alternative. In Saskatchewan they closed the bars but allowed dispen- Mail recalls certain important facts, saries at which liquor could be pur- namely, that the Britons have been chased for consumption at home. the masters of the Persian Gulf. There was provision for a referen- which Germany covets, for over country's wheat crop. The example be very careful, indeed, now that dum at any time in order to revive three hundred years. Britain's waror abolish the dispensary. The ships sailed the Gulf in undisputed new vote, just taken in connection lordships for fifty years, and British with the municipal elections, has ships sailed upon it when the Turks been a confirmation of that record marched down from Badgad and for New York World. ed some months ago. This ought to the first time looked upon its blue satisfy anyone that there was nothing premature or immature about the last appeal to the people. They voted soberly, thoughtfully, deliberately, and their decision marks the permanent decline and eventual extinction of the liquor trade in the has long suspected the aims and

GERMANY IN WANT.

Vorwartz, a German paper, is very candid when it remarks: "It is to exaggeration to say that in Berlin thousands of persons are battling daily for a small quantity of meat and lard. As soon as the markets are open, they nearly tear the clothes from one another's backs in order to get the coveted treasure." An indication in itself of the hardships that prevail among the German peo-

The press is under censorship. It as they exist. How Vorkartz came to give out this pitiful wall is not understood. The boast of the German war lords was that the Allies could not starve out Germany, as it is alleged they undertook to do. The resources of the Empire were more carefully husbanded. All the land. possible was tilled last year. this service the prisoners of were forced, but the harvest was not a bountiful one; in some parts of the Empire, it was a failure. As a result Gulf. Why? "It would imperil or consequence there is a famine in the land, and from it the people are suffering severely. Food shortage is the preliminary to the collapse of any war, and perhaps sooner than expected sooner than the Germans desire, in spite of all their bravado -the surrender will come. The winter will go far towards paralyzing the power of the German army.

LONG LOST CIVILIZATION.

Incidentally, though through the war in the far East, one learns a great deal that is very interesting and about a country that has been to many as a sealed book. The English papers, through special writers, of that report, and, incidentally, he vailed in it prior to the war. To many the Persian Gulf and its his-

Garden of Eden lies near the upper taxes. end of the Gulf. From the Tigress and Euphrates came the Islanders. who founded the great nations that preceded Babylon." Thence, went the black-halred race that conquered the Aborigines at Carthay and deveoped into the Chinese of succeeding ages. In the Pearl Islands are mound tombs, two stories high, that

British ships. On the mountain said of the present vote. sides are tribes who live in caves and, shyly, hide from the explorers. These resemble more than any others the Aborigines of Central Aus-

In these territories or distant ands public interest centres for the time being. For here the British fight the Germans and the Turks for a supremacy that will when settled

THE FIGHT IN PERSIA

The amazing fact in connection with the war is the ubiquity of our Toronto Globe. enemy, the German. He is surely One year, to United States \$1.50 to be found everywhere, in unexpected places, and he has been so busy generally in his occupations, war stocks. much more so that has been suspect-For instance, a year ago he was found in the Persian Gulf. He seemed to be interested in the pearl trade- the shore of the Gulf at one place abounds in pearl oyster shells -but presently he was engaged in the erection of consular buildings and in the transportation and stor- London Advertiser. age of malls for the now celebrated Bagdad Railway. His aim was to offset British influence in Persia and

Germany had marked out for a rapid approach to India. The German spy follows the German invader, and a British officer, only a few months ago, one day put his hand on the shoulder of a stout through. and grubby German, who had just sealed up a letter which told his The people of Alberta and Sas- Government of the advance of the

A correspondent of the London

to protect her trade with India, and from attack from the sea. Britain for them, schemes of Germany, and a close watch has been kept upon German movements. While the British army was marching from India, German Toronto Telegram, agents, with stocks of rifles and sacks of gold, were pouring into Persia from Turkey along the route just north of Bagdad. A clash was expected sooner or later. The first assault was made on the British Consul at Shiraz and the carrying of him and his staff into captivity by bilt into the wrong-doing of drug the German Consul. Following this the Austrian and German Consuls became war-life, and they coerced or tract-grabbers. induced the Swedish Gendarmerie to engage in the conflict. The British cannot, or dare not, print the facts forces have been held in check by superior numbers for a time. They have indeed been forced to fall back. They will advance with reinforce- ion Government, less than \$100,000 ments and they will win, but the

fight will be fierce and relentless. The significance of it all may be summed up in the words of the late Admiral Mahan, an American, and an authority on national and political events, who said that Britain power get a foothold in the Persian Great Britain's naval situation in the far east, her political position in India, her commercial interests in both, and the imperial tie between herself and Austral Asia." In every part of the civilized world, Germany has been at work, planning for some invasion that would weaken her opponent and advance her interest, and if the war has revealed anything it is the remarkable extent to which her plans have been developed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

So the Knights of Columbus do not take any disloyal or traitorous oath, as alleged. A committee of Protestants in Renfrew has disposed supplied florid descriptions of Persia, castigated those who bear false witness against their neighbors.

Kingston is not the only city in tory are wholly unknown. Some of which education comes high. In To- be an endless horde of men in soldiers' trappings laced; the bear will mutthe coasts have not been chartered. ronto the average cost of training a ter in its den, the lion roar in angry pride; but gone forever are the men, "There are dead cities near its child in the public schools is \$51. who left their fathers' roofs and died. shores whereon on European has ever The rate has doubled in ten years. set foot." Yet the human race began Suppose it has? Education is about

its work here. The site of the all that some people get for their

The bye elections have been deferred until the spring. They had better be deferred altogether so far as Garland and Foster are concerned. The Liberal party has no thought of condoning their offences by letting

trace of the men who built them. Church has been in favour of anion. Away from the steamer routes, The proposition receives its strongate towns, great square castles, and tion to the plebiscite in the last ancient forts, and Area mariners election was that it was not decided would now raid the seas but for the enough. The same thing may be

> If the C. P. R. and Grand Trunk Pacific Companies cannot make shells in their shops advantageously how is the private corporation to Some little girl is eight. do it? Lloyd George's representative in Canada was led to believe that he Transcontinental shops would be used by the Government as an Someone is eating his birthday cake

Why Not Tax?

that he will tax excessive war profits is inexplicable. Such a declaration would end the crazy boom in

The Factories Humming.

Last June Britain had about 500 establishments making shells. Now she has 2,026. The British muniion worker would seem to have lit-

It Surely Has.

Ketchum, a New York lawyer avs a kiss two hours long changed his life. Many a man's life has been changed by a smack a 'steenth of a to promote the easy route, which

What a Fall!

Calgary News-Telegram. Constantine still holds the centre of the stage, but every stage has a trap door, and the Hellenic king stands a good show of falling

Must Get Money.

Contractor Kelly, of Winnipeg, has Government for over a million dol-He can't keep hiring nine lawyers at a time without getting

Ancient History.

Belleville Intelligencer. was set some time ago in Egypt by a the real cold weather has come distinguished Hebrew named

Now It's Indifferent

The nation that is demanding safe must never come back to Canada passage home for its military and again in the winter! Isn't that a naval attaches in the United States is terrible thing to happen?" Britain has been interested in Per- the same that only a little while ago sia and in the Persian Gulf in order was officially warning Americans thetic - all save one, who eagerly bent on lawful errands to Europe demanded: that there would be no safe passage | "Please,

THE CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Canada's Motto.

the line of least resistance in its cious"! investigation of charges of retail ras-

Enquiry in this country follows dainty" the line of most resistance in its failure to investigate charges of wholesale rascality. Canada's motto is enquiry to the ful'

clerks and horse traders; also no en- lightful" quiry at all into the wrong-doing of wholesale profit sharks and con-

INDEPENDENT PRESS.

By a modest outlay by the Domin-

Great Chance Given.

the Transcoua shops might have been transformed into a national munitions factory to turn out 5,000 shells per day. Mr. Lloyd George's representative tried to enlist Transcona, and seemed to succeed; but the Dominion Government side-step-In the meantime Canadian privileged interests were cleaning up could not afford to let any hostile \$200,000 profits on \$380,000 orders. even after paying for machinery, at

the success of his canvass, Capt. Daley has been a commandthem go back to parliament by ac- er on the lakes twenty-three seasons and has never had an accident:

Sergt.-Major Morgans has been The voting in the Presbyterian appointed instructor at the gymnaswrites Lovat Fraser, are the old pir- est support in the west. The objec- corner of Collingwood and Union streets, was sold to H. Hoppins for

Somebody's Birthday.

Advocate and Guardian. This is somebody's birthday, Just as sure as fate: Some little boy is six years old. Some little boy is three to-day, Some little girl thirteen:

Some little twins are exactly two-Two apiece, I mean.

And laughing over the plums; Someone is counting her birthday

Or winding his birthday top.

For birthday butterscotch. Think of the beautiful birthday Think of the birthday cheer,

Think of the birthday happiness Every day in the year! Every day in the year, my dear. Every day we're alive, Some happy child is one or two,

Or three or four or five.

Kirchberg had just left his store when he was stopped by a welldressed man with a \$5 bill in his hand, who asked him:

He Was Right.

"Did you lose a \$5 bill?" Kirchberg hesitated, then searched his pockets carefully and answered:

"I believe I did." The well-dressed man thereupon put the \$5 in his own pocket and took out a note book, without re-

mark. "Do you intend to keep the whole \$5 as a reward for finding the monev?" demanded Kirchberg.

"Let me explain," said the other. "I did not find the \$5, but always have had the impression that in a large city like Toronto there must be a great deal of money lost every day. So I decided to find out. You are the 37th man I have asked today and each of them lost a \$5 bill.

Didn't Think It Terrible.

Snow was falling heavily outside the school-house, and the young teacher improved the time by warning her class of the dangers of catch-

Last winter my little brother went out with his sledge, and caught such a bad cold that he has never go

properly well again. "He has to live in the south, and

The pupils looked duly sympa teacher, where's his

Why?

Columbia State Is the debutante always Enquiry in this country follows And the hostess always "gra-

N. B. Chief Justice Dead. St. John, N.B., Dec. 16:-Sir Frederick Eustache Barker, Chief Justice of New Brunswick, died yesterday price.

SEE PAGE 10.

Owing to a re-arrangement, made necessary at this time of the year, the two special features-"Sleepytime Tales" and "Low Cost of Living Menus"-bave been removed to Page 10, where they may be found daily henceforth.

Rippling Rhymes



RESTORATION In Europe, when the war is done, the harried

land will smile once more; the churches, sacked by howling Hun, some gifted genius will restore. The ruined shrines will rise again, to cheer the pious passer-by; but who'll restore the brave young men, who left their happy homes to die? Again the rich and fruitful vine will grow on France's sunny hills, where now the lethal bullet whines a requiem for the men it kills. Strong, patient hands will bring again the bloom to all the countryside; but who'll bring back the fine young men, who bade their girls farewell, and died? For all the wreckage do not grieve a few years hence 'twill be a dream; once more the busy looms will weave, the millwheel paddle in the stream; again the sage will take his pen, and art will gain its former stride; all will come back except the men, who kissed their mothers' lips and died. All ruined things will be restored; the sunken ships will be replaced; and there will

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Relief Work Being Carried On In Systematic Manner.

London, Dec. 16 .- It is interesting note in connection with the study of the war from an economic point that to-day the price of bread in Belgium is the same as it is in England. Bread of the best quality made from flour, ground from Canadian wheat, has been kept at the level price and unaffected by war, through the good offices of the Belgian Relief Committee.

The committee received a large share of its wheat and flour from Canada through the generosity of the Canadian people, shipped from the Canadian committee's headquarters in Montreal, and its allotment is so regulated that there could be no advance in the price of the people. Of course, a large part of the bread is actually distributed free to those who have no money-for the committee sees that all have sustenance -but in such cases the commune either days, or given an obligation to pay, for the bread at the standard

This has been accomplished as a small part of the wonderful and almost incomprehensible work of the Relief Committee. The committee has seen to it that rich and poor are treated alike in the distribution of bread. No matter what a man's resources may be, he can receive only his allotment of bread each day and through the same channels that the poor man receives his.

******** BOMB DESTROYS BIG REPPELIN. 4

London, Dec. 16 .- Copenhagen 4 * advices say that one of the • newest German Zeppelins was • · destroyed when a bomb explod-+ ed. Fifty of the crew were kill- +

MONEY IN AEROS.

Curtis Company To Get \$15,000,000 From Great Britain.

New York, Dec. 16 .- It was said in the financial district that the Curtiss Aeroplane Company has closed a contract with the British Govern ment for \$15,000,000 worth of aeraplanes. In the fiscal year ended October 31st last the company produced more than \$6,000,000 worth of aeroplanes and motors, most of which went to the British Govern-

Pictures By Canadians. The illustrations in the Canadian ment's travelling scholarship of one "Those War-Time Jig-Saw Toys" are Magazine for December are particu- thousand dollars, and by Harry W. novel and decidedly clever. The larly attractive. Apart from 'the Moyer, J. Hubert Benyon, with sev- make-up of the entire number is full-page reproductions of pictures eral excellent war-time pictures by highly creditable.

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