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MR. ROOSEVELT'S CHANCES. It is reported that Mr. Roosevelt is returning to the Republican party unconditionally He may be a candidate for the Presidency in 1920, says a member of the Republiwere the Honorary Colonels becomcan National Committee. The choice of the party for the time being is Justice Charles E. Hughes, if regarded as one. A drive and he can be induced to accept the nomcriticism which will not fail in its ination, talk during the last day of the National Convention turning to Theodore Roosevelt. The leaders of the party hope for his co-opera- The Council ended its year with tion. They expect to find a nomi- out expressing any desire for a nee who will enlist it. They will change in its membership or constinot, however, says the New York tution. The fact that the people Herald, name any man on whom in are to be given an opportunity to their oath to Britain and France. their opinion Mr. Roosevelt and vote for Ald. Newman's proposition, they might agree with the exception for a smaller Council and a smaller of Justice Hughes. Judge Hughes representation of the Wards, is not seems, however, to be in his element to be regarded as an indication that as a member of the Supreme Court the Mayor and Aldermen are in faof the United States. No man has vor of it. It is evident that the a cleaner record, and no one has day is coming, however, when the been suggested for high office with Council will favor a change more in the assurance of greater success, accord with the experiences of the But he has said "No" and is not day. The feeling in this city is not likely to be stampeded into a posi- towards a Commission form of govtion he does not desire. Having ernment, but towards a Councilspoken, and declined a nomination, Manager form, on the ground that

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will be good.

quiet and disturbance. But it became quite amiable and harmonious and active towards the close of the year. It completed its term without leaving the financial legacies or deficits by which the dying Council is too often remembered.

The function which followed the last Council meeting of this year the Mayor's dinner, was marked by the expression of several thoughts of great public interest. First, Mayor Sutherland was praised for the energy which he put into the performance of his duties. It was a busy year, A number of things occurred out of the ordinary, things which occupied a good deal of his time, and it was cheerfully and cordially given / Mr Sutherland made the finish of his being, has to be very much deplored service remarkable by a dinner at the Frontenac Club which ranks among the best of its kind. appreciation expressed by those present was very timely and very hearty.

Ontario's War Tax.

Mr. Rankin, M. P. P., at the Mayor's dinner, referred to the use which had been made of the revenue call the soldiers in the trenches war purposes. This tax has been collected through the municipalities. follies? The amount raised during the year has been about \$1,600,000. Of this sum about \$1,300,000 has already been expended on the Ontario bospital in England, on the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross Fund, the Relief of the Belgians and other purposes, and before the close of the provingoes to patriotic purposes there can very much. be no doubt of the public approval.

Royal Military College.

ferred to it at the Mayor's banquet, actments and are forgiven. The is estimated at \$750,000.

as a unique institution. It was the Lord help the officials, however, if only one in which the cadets had it they forget anything. within their power, and as a special privilege, to elect how they should devote themselves professionally after their graduation. Most of them go to the British army or to the Permanent Force of Canada, and in the atter connection they are used in training the men who can be depended upon by their country in its cruclal hours. Of the eleven hundred for the cadets was an immenseadvantage in the discipline which it imprized above all other things.

Bourassa and Lavergne. The county member, Dr. J. W. Edwards, has no use and no kind words for those distinguished stoublers in Canada, Messrs, Bourassa Leman A. Guild Managing Director and Lavergne. The doctor does not understand why so much lati- Rochester Post-Express. 243 tude is given to the leader of the have to unlearn a lot about things 229 Nationalists, and why his preach- that never happened. ments, so contrary to the spirit of the times, are tolerated in Canada. One year, delivered in city \$6.00 They would not be tolerated in any other country. In Fort Henry cer- drink now only 5 1/2 hours each day. One year, to United States\$3.00 tain aliens were interned as suspects. That ought to be long enough to One year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 able during the war, but not one of them was as dangerous and disloyal Ottawa Citizen. Attached is one of the best tob as Henri Bourassa. As for his conferre, Mr. Lavergne, he should at about 65 cents per head, evidently be deprived of his position in the Mi-32 Church St. litia. A man who would not serve New York Office 225 Fifth Ave. his King during the war should not uniform or use the title of Colonel Guelph Mercury. which he claimed. Incidentally Dr Edwards challenged the wisdom of appointing so many Honorary good-looking box of smokes. Colonels. Some of them were unworthy of the titles that were conferred upon them. So numerous

The City Manager. he means it. Mr. Roosevelt's day the Manager will relieve the Mayor may come sooner than 1920, if he of many duties that should not be thrust upon him, and that under the personal direction of an expert the civic business will be better attend-The Council of 1915 has peaceful- ed to. The Council should take up ly passed away. It began promis- the question, and, as suggested, disingly; it had its variations of mood cuss it academically for the sake of day, drawing Christmas presents to during the year; its periods of dis- the education to which this discussion will tend.

The Public Spirit.

Two spirits were discussed at the Mayor's dinner on Monday night: (1) The military spirit which impels a man to do his duty to the State at the sacrifice of his personal & year ring out as loudly as comfort, happiness, or distinction, (2) the civic spirit which makes a man work for the city and its interests, and without waiting to count the cost so far as his personal ambition and convenience are concerned. Kingston needs more of these men in both the military and the civic + ent to the victories of the fuwalks of life, and the time will surely come when they will be forth-The absence of the military and civic spirits, for the time & a good motto last year. "Christ- &

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dr. Edwards thinks that Le Devoir, (Bourassa's paper), should be suppressed. He gave expression to this idea at the Mayor's banquet, and it was loudly applauded.

Ford is still persuaded that at his from the special tax which has been France and Belgium will strike for levied by the Ontario Legislature for peace and freedom. Was ever any man so much deceived by his own

> Dr. Macgillivray, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, calls for national prayer on Sunday, Jan. 2nd ginning the New Year with a cry that should be heard in Heaven

Sixty-four per cent. of wheat shipcial year the balance of \$300,000 ped from Fort William during the will be gone. Will the people object season went to United States. Ail to a continuance of this tax? Surely the ships, too carrying grain to Amnot. What they want is information erican ports, were American owned. with regard to the manner in which A significant circumstance and one the money is applied, and when it that must elate American shippers Distillery. Company,

Ald O'Connor got off a good one litary College in 1874 did not dream the Council passed laws and left burning stream of the canal. of the splendid results of its estab- them to the officials to carry out. bottom of the canal and played it lishment. Lieut.-Col. Perreau re- The Aldermen forget about the en- on the blazing surface. The loss

The Locomotive Works deserves well of the community. The shells it makes go by the safest route to Britain thence to Flanders to blast a way open for the advance of the Canadians. The shell makers at home are insuring the success of

The Honorary Colonels were metayoung men who had passed through phorically sacrificed at the Mayor's the stream of life is impeded by his the College, about six Bundred were banquet. The man who criticised getting stuck on a bar now in the army and engaged in the them unmercifully was Dr. Edwards, defence of the Empire. The training and he was quickened in his remarks by the disobedience of Col. Lavergne. the man who wants to hold a posiparted, and this discipline was to be tion in the Militia and will not go to

After the war is over we shall

The cables say Londoners can do

Cabbage in Berlin is now quoted a bit of delicate flattery for Von Tir-

The Time Is At Hand.

dear ladies walk boldly into the ci-

One At A Time.

Medicine Hat Daily News. If you have a bad cold do no handle the baby, says a health exing that it would be esteeemd an pert. Good logic. One cannot honor presently not to be called or nurse two things at a time and do it

A Gentle Reproach.

London Advertiser. Christmas gifts for well-fed and warmly-clothed friends look selfish and useless while Belgians are starying for bread.\ Every one who purchases gifts this year should buy at least one bag of flour for our friends whose only crime is that they kept

Very Wise.

Montreal Gazette. "In the trenches they never ask if you are French or English, Catholic or Protestant, man of Quebec or man of Ontario," What a fine thing it would be for the unity of the Dominion if everybody at home were to follow the example thus set by the soldiers at the front! Then it would

25 YEARS AGO

James Galloway will be a candidate for the School Board in St. Law Several teams were engaged

the penitentiary. H. B. Telgmann is studying law in the office of one of the large firms of Bridgeport, Con.

******* CHRISTMAS AS USUAL.

Let the Christmas bells this * any other year.

Let the holiday season bring * + gladness and benevolence and

Let Christmas show the world that we are an optimistic + people, and that we boys shall return and

* mas as Usual' spread the holi-Let "Christmas as Usual" + the mette for this year.

It is not too early or too late to prepare for Christmas now. Make up your mind who you are * going to remember. You have * * already done your bit for the * + boys in the trenches. Decide on + your charities for the poor. Then start out on your shop w + ping expedition. The stocks are + omplete to-day. You can shop

****** CANAL OF WHISKEY AFIRE, 12,000 CASKS DESTROYED

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Explasion Sends Scotch Liquor Into Waterway, Which Becomes Aflame.

Glasgow, Scotland, Dec. 21,-Firemen had to fight a canal full of blazing whisky here when a fire WALT MASON,

The conflagration spread rapidly Firemen pumped water from the leave me alone!

They say, and yet How can that be! There's the brunette. .From the Boston Transcript.

Bacon-What is your daughter dong at the piano?

etting her class yell to music. The Shorter The Better.

"Have you heard that story about the man that"-resuming his haireutting-'want it short, sir?" "Yes", answered the customer, a tired editor; "a bare synopsis will

Little girls are dearest With their cheeks of tempting pink, And their eyes the clearest? Don't you know that they are And of all the loveliest?

They see skies the bluest. And they wear a diadem Summer has bestowed on them.

Frowning, smiling at you there Florence, Lydia, Margaret. Or a gentle Mary. They form friendships that, once set, Never more can vary-

and true. Always clinging close to you

(Morn so early leaves us!) Maids must into women grow. (There's the thing that grieves

Psyche knots of flying curls, That's good-bye to little girls!

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"—have been removed to Page 10, where they may be

Not So. 'All's fair in love.'

What It Sounded Like.

Egbert-Sounds as if she were

The barber just beginning to cut a customer's hair, said:

A Rhyme Of Little Girls. Prithee tell me, don't you think

Of all the girls with rougish ways They are surely truest: Sunshine gleams through all their

Lydia doesn't care a cent For the newest dances; She is not on flirting bent, Has no killing glances. But without the slightest art She has captured many a heart

Older sisters cut you dead, Little sisters never: They don't giggle when they've said Something very clever-They just get behind a chair

Staunch young friends they are

Buds must into blossoms blow.

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Any crook's biography ought to prove conclusively that he could have acquired a lot more money as



CONSPIRATORS ON CANADA ARRESTED IN NEW YORK. These are leading figures among German agents already arrested charged with planning to destroy the Welland Canal and with widespread conspiracy to destroy munitions shipped to the Allies. Paul Koenig is thought to have been the ring · leader; Frederich Schleindl is the National City Bank Clerk * day spirit throughout Kingston * who revealed information about the munitions shipments: Richard E. Levendecher was taken with Keenig.

Rippling Rhymes

TIRED. I am so tired of explaining to agents; each day in the year

that they're wasting time by remaining, and boosting their articles queer. They come, all the samplecase bringers, they come to my shanty in droves, they come with their washers and wringers, they come with their back-action stoves. They bring me a cure-all for chick ens, a powder for Dolly, the mare; they bring me complete sets of Dickens, and dye for my whiskers and hair. Along up the sidewalk they teeter, and corner me here at my door. and sell me a patent egg-heater, and wax to be used on the floor. They sell me punk books for my reading, they sell me some saucers and cups, they sell me a wig I'm not needing, they sell me a litter of pups .. They

broke out in the building of the wake me at night from my slumber, they call me away from Limited. my snooze, and talk till they've sold me a number of traps that Twelve thousand casks of liquor no mortal could use. They come in the glow of the morning, when nature seems wondrous and strange, and into my cotat the expense of his colleagues at and the explosion of the casks re- tage come horning, to sell me a cure for the mange. They Those who projected the Royal Mi- the Mayor's dinner. He said that leased the whisky which made a come with their smiling and jesting, they come with a crust all their own; ah me, I am tired of requesting the agents to

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