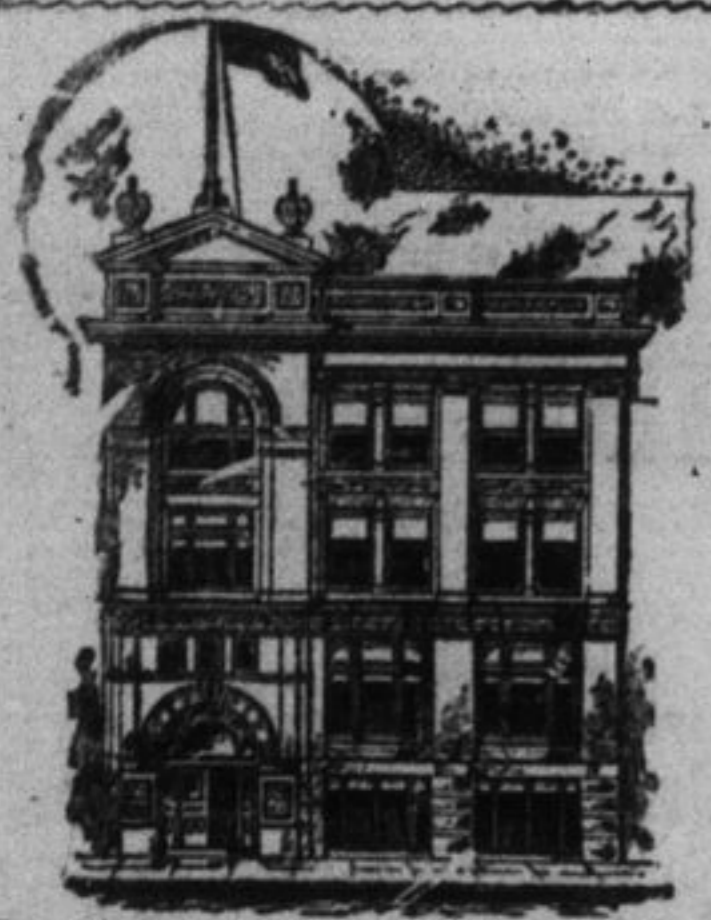


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THE BALKAN EMBOGLIO. The Allies are taking a more decisive stand with regard to the Balkans.

Montenegro's surrender was not understood at first. There was a disposition to criticize Italy, which had a vital interest in the salvation of the smaller state.

To this development, so startling and so unexpected, may be due the stiffer policy which the Allies have assumed towards Greece.

The women of Saskatchewan are to have the franchise. And seats in the Legislature? By and by, when eligible men become scarcer, as they will, the women will have to run the parliaments of the west, and they can do it quite as well as some of the men.

VERY DEFECTIVE LAW. The State of New York a year ago passed an act which embodied five different forms of Municipal Government.

Two of the cities, namely, Newburgh and Niagara Falls, N. Y., agreed to try Council and City Manager form, and complied with the prescribed routine.

It was never understood that there was to be any delegation of authority by the Legislature to the municipality. The Legislature passed a general Act which seemed to be comprehensive, and if it lacked in any essential the cities which acted under it are not to blame.

VERY AMIABLE LEADERS.

The gods smiled upon the Canadian Parliament in the formal opening when the leaders of the great parties expressed themselves in the most amiable terms.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's peroration was this: "Our supreme aspiration, is that Belgium shall again be free and prosperous as she was, if it be possible that ever she may be as prosperous as she was, in view of the awful destruction she has suffered."

"The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small. I believe we have still a long way to go before we see the end of the war."

Montreal balks at giving \$300,000 to the Patriotic Fund in 1916. The city's borrowing power has been exhausted, say the Aldermen.

EXPOSING THE SCANDALS.

The debate on the Address in the Commons took a lively turn when Dr. Pugsley criticised the Government, and most sharply, for its failure to provide for the transportation of Canada's greatest crop, and for the disposition of the Government to direct war contracts for the party's benefit.

In dealing with the transportation question, the member for St. John gave expression to the sorest grievance of the Western farmers. They had been appealed to by the public men to do their very best, to sow the highest possible acreage, in view of the war and of the great needs for food which it would cause.

The grain producers are not to be despised because in their distress they clamor for relief, and when they find one way towards it in free wheat. This means that if the Canadian Government will remove the duty, the American Government will do so also, and a market in the United States will be found at once for a large part of Canada's surplus stock.

Then there is surely ground for an investigation by a committee, or by several committees, into the war transactions of the Government. A couple of committees, during the last session of Parliament, opened a lot of very unsavory transactions. The Government was overwhelmed with scandals, and the experience should have been a warning against a repetition or continuance of them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Legislature of Saskatchewan proposes to meet the requirements of the Patriotic Funds by direct taxation. This fund cannot be maintained in a more equitable way.

King Constantine and Queen Sophia may be the powers before and behind the throne of Greece, but they seem to be remarkably helpless these days. They are reaping the rewards of broken promises.

The members of Parliament who have been getting odd jobs from the

Government, turning them out and making considerable money, without work or service, may not like exposure, but they deserve it.

Dr. Pugsley has alleged in Parliament that the late Shell Committee would not give a contract to a Canadian firm because it refused to put up a commission of 1 1/2 per cent. Neither the Committee nor the Government can afford to let that charge go unchallenged.

Lincoln, a German spy, under arrest in New York, and awaiting extradition to England, has escaped from a Deputy Marshal with whom he was out diverting himself. This case may emphasize the insufferable looseness with which the United States administers its laws and deals with high-class offenders.

The Mayor of Montreal, still a member of Parliament, wants to know what the Government is going to do about supporting the unemployed. Montreal must be exceptionally unfortunate. In Kingston there are no idle men or women. At least, neither man nor woman can be secured for an occasional job.

An endless chain, started in New York by a couple of young women who conceived this idea of raising money for hospital purposes, has caused a movement of gain which cannot be stopped. So far over \$5,000 has been poured into the hospital in twenty-five cent pieces, and the flow of coin continues. As the chain is supposed to be endless, so are the contributions.

The Canadian Lumberman charges that C. W. Burgoyne, of Fenelon Falls, a store-keeper in the Sir Sam Hughes' constituency, got a fat contract for shell boxes from the Government and sub-let it to Alfred Preer, of Fenelon Falls, who own a planing mill. To give the thing the appearance of regularity, the two men entered into a partnership for the time being. But there's a job all the same. Who is responsible for it?

PUBLIC OPINION.

The Clearest Evidence. (Toronto Mail) The fact that Bourassa and Lavergne are permitted to remain at large is a sufficient answer to their assertion that this country is denied liberty.

Total Disarmament. (Montreal Mail) Miss Jane Addams, a leading American pacifist, says she favors total disarmament for the United States. Oh, leave a fountain pen or two, Jane.

Squaring Themselves. (Grantford Expositor) The Conservative members of the Manitoba Legislature have found it desirable to square themselves, if possible, with the temperance sentiment of Manitoba by voting for submitting a prohibition act to the elect-

RANDOM REELS.

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Seals, Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

THE MALE QUARTETTE. The male quartette is one of nature's protests against law and order. It is composed of four untried song-birds who would rather stand up and sing than engage in some lawful occupation and thus enjoy a conscience void of offense toward man and beast.

The mission of the male quartette is to take a piece of sheet music and shred it into long strips of harmony which will not fit any other instrument. These strips are then pieced together and violently expelled against the ear-drums of innocent parties who are unable to dodge. Four intrepid songsters in full dress shirts and aggressive bearing, with shiny, leather-faced vocal chords, can produce enough harmony in two hours to last a careworn business man for several years.

One of the most valuable adjuncts of a good male quartette is a first man upon Chautauqua circuit, and tenor who can stand on his tiptoes and reach the high notes without rupturing three or four blood vessels. Some first tenors sing with the voice kept on the key and breathe together, while others introduce what is known as the falsetto, which is a shock observers on a corn cultivator.

Rippling Rhymes.

THE WHEAT. The weather man is busy inventing new designs in storms and tempests dizzy, so Mr. Man repines. The frost is in his gawlays, the slush is in his shoes, and he is having, always, more snow than he can use. And as he does his praying for less of slush and sleet, the Optimist comes, saying, "It's splendid for the wheat!" There comes a heavy drizzle, that soaks you to the bones, and life seems all a fizzle, a thing of grief and groans. And when you're sadly straying down the sloppy street, the Optimist comes, saying, "It's splendid for the wheat!" When weather is so rotten, so frightful everywhere, that everything's forgotten except your load of care, when chunks of hail are flaying your form from head to foot, the Optimist comes, saying, "It's splendid for the wheat!" What odds if people suffer the tortures of the blamed, and blizzards, wilder, tougher, come whooping down, unamed? What odds if you are freezing, among the snow and sleet, and coughing, strangling, sneezing? It's splendid for the wheat.

ors on a bare majority vote. As I not about time the Conservative members of the Ontario Legislature took similar action?

Different Fighting? (Toronto Telegram) Ontario Orangemen are fighting for the preservation of the French language in Flanders, while Ottawa racialists are fighting against the racialists of the English language in Ontario.

Hearst's Amusement. (New York American) Why, even a little, despicable, contemptible bandit, like Mexico murders our citizens, drags our flag in the dirt, and spits at and defies this nation of ours with truculent insolence and without punishment!

Allies Can Do It. (American Review of Reviews) If England should put forth supreme effort in the coming year, and Russia should obtain sufficient equipment for her men, it seems to us that Germany would be brought to the pass of urgently seeking terms of peace well before the end of 1916.

Canada's Borrowing's. (Toronto Globe) The comparison may be made in another way. In 1913 the Government borrowings were only a little more than fourteen per cent. of the total Canadian borrowings. In 1915 they were 47 1/2 per cent. of the whole, again leaving out of consideration the hundred million war loan.

Hard Lines. (Toronto Star) A correspondent writing from Winnipeg reports that ninety-five men of the 78th are laid up with frozen feet owing to a route march on January 6th, when the temperature was thirty below-zero. Our soldiers are not training for an Arctic campaign, and surely no mid-winter exercises should be undertaken that will fritter away the effectiveness of good men.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO.

"A" Battery held a parade to-day. Major Drury was in command. John McCall sold a handsome bay horse to Sandford Calvin for \$250. Market Clerk William McCammon seized four quarters of veal on the market, which were unfit for use.

LIBERAL PRESS.

Speaker Sevingy, Ex-Nationalist. (Montreal Herald) Le Canada raises the question as to whether Mr. Sevingy is giving his electors a square deal in throwing over his Nationalist views and accepting the lucrative position of Speaker, thus identifying himself with political principles he had sworn to combat. If Mr. Sevingy has changed the views for which he was elected to Parliament, our contemporary holds that he not only ought to make public confession of his change of heart, but that he ought also to abandon the mandate which he can no longer honorably fulfil. "We must, then," it adds, "in the name of public morals, protest against this election (to the Speakership), which will have the effect of justifying, as a precedent every violation of the pledged word, and every treason against the cause

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

A Reasonable Proposal. (Toronto News) Mr. D. Dubuc, of Sainte Sophie de Levarra, County of Nicolet, writes to La Patrie a letter, of which the following is the translation: "Will you permit the following suggestion from a reader? Do you not think it would be more practical to offer to the Kaiser of Germany Henri Bourassa in exchange for Dr. Beland, Member for Beauce? Assuredly Canada would gain much by the change, and the Emperor of Germany would also gain in having one faithful friend more."

INDEPENDENT PRESS.

In Saskatchewan. (Ottawa Citizen) G. A. Mitchell, a Regina fodder dealer who defrauded the Government in the business of supplying horse feed to the Militia Department has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The incident is one that should attract attention throughout the Dominion for several reasons. One is that it is the solitary instance of its kind to date. Another is that it concerns one of the small and petty grafters, without prominence or influence. Another is that it marks the difference in treatment meted out the grafter and that to the war profiteer, who achieves the same object—swindling the country—by less coarse methods. The thing would be humorous were it not so pathetic, were it not such a travesty on justice and common sense, such a commentary on the influence of partisanship and the party press. The poor scapegoat in the Regina cell in filling a bigger roll than he realizes and is to the interest of all the other war grafters and profiteers to prevent the public from thinking why he should not be given plenty of congenial company.

COMMERCIAL PRESS.

Ownership Of The C. P. R. (Journal of Commerce) Our English friends and even some of our Canadian neighbors seem to be alarmed lest, in the mobilization of United States and Cana-

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