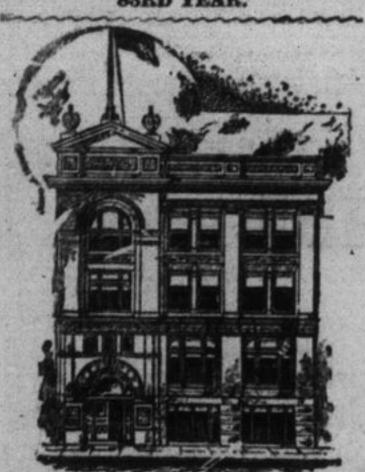
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## THE BALKAN EMBROGLIO.

The Allies are taking a more decisive stand with regard to the Balkans. The only hope of making a demonstration agains the Central Powers is through Greece, where the King and Government have been a source of anxiety for some time.

Montenegro 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. But Italy is Commons took a lively turn when Dr. not to blame for Montenegro's fall. Pugsley criticised the Government It sent the necessary supplies for Ser. and most sharply, for its failure to hia and Montenegro, and they were naither forwarded nor used, but were left to rot or waste in public places. Montenegro sold out to Austria be fore the war. In anticipation of crisis, it ceded to Austria Mount Lovcin, and the whole proceedings, between the time of the Austrians' advance and the surrender, were the veriest sham on the part of Monte-

To this development, so startling and so unexpected, may be due the stiffer policy which the Allies have assumed towards Greece. country has a King and Government that have lost their influence and through a shortage of cars and power. They are only nominally shortage of storage, they could not recognized; yet they have been or market their grain. The Whig dered to dismiss the diplomats or knows of this through personal letconsuls of the Central Powers be- ters it has received from the west and cause these are plotting constantly, from old friends there. These have and can only occasion harm to Greece the grain, an abundance of it, but and the Allies.

tantamount to a declaration of war keep, and may later command as high by Greece, and, under the circum a price as it would command now, stances, it must be a declaration against the Central Powers.

do it quite as well as some of the the American Government will do so

## VERY DEFECTIVE LAW:

different forms of Municipal Govern- transactions of the Government. adopt it:

Two of the cities, namely, New- have been a warning against a repeager form, and complied with the a Parliamentary Committee for enprescribed routine. But it has been quiring into his charges. He proslowly, that the Legislature must suspicion that the Government has supplement its act in order to clothe something it would like to hide. The the cities with the authority which they need in changing their form of Government. The Attorney-General has given a peculiar ruling. It is to the effect that the Legislature cannot secure relief from its duties by a general delegation of them to the ci-

It was never understood that tirely untenable. there was to be any delegation of authority by the Legislature to the municipality. The Legislature passed a general Act which seemed to be proposes to meet the requirements comprehensive, and if it lacked in any of the Patriotic Funds by direct taxessential the cities which acted un ation. This fund cannot be main der it are not to blame. The experi- tained in a more equitable way. ence, however, will suggest to those who have prosposed a general Act for Ontario, providing for changes in behind the throne of Greece, but the Municipal Government on the in- they seem to be remarkably helpless itiative of the people, the wisdom of these days. They are reaping the acting more deliberately to the end that when the law is passed a city may not be prejudiced in its desire for a reform constitution.

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

"Our supreme aspiration, is that Belgium shall again be free and prothat ever she may be as prosperous as she was, in view of the awful destruction she has suffered. It is at so our aim that France shall have her lost territory and her natural boundaries restored to her, and that Great Britain shall retain unimpaired, undiminished as ever her prestige and her power in the world. It is our aim that both Britain and France shall resume as early as possible their onward march toward the future enfranchisment or the buman race from the shackles of passion and prejudice, and that in weakened Germany democracy may be triumphant and that the German people, sobered from their dreams of conquest and domination, may return to the paths know what the Government is going of peace and benevolence, which at to do about supporting the unemone time characterized their race." Sir Robert Borden in his speech

"The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding small. I One year, if paid in advance ..... \$5.00 believe we have still a long way to One year, by mail to rural offices .\$2.50 go before we see the end of the war. One year, to United States ..... \$3.00 But I also believe that our Empire will have soon in the field armies with all the essential forces of men Attached is one of the best job and munitions. If we are but in earnest this struggle can have but one conclusion, and that is victory 000 has been poured into the hospitfor the Allied arms. And with the fierce flame of this war, in the ordeal of sacrifice which it entails, the strong elements of the Canadian nation will learn the better to understand each other, and through that understanding will be welded into a more perfect and splendid unity than ever before."

> Montreal balks at giving \$300,000 to the Patriotic Fund in 1916.' The city's borrowing power has been exhausted, say the Alderman. The taxing power of the city remains. course of the Council is clear.

EXPOSING THE SCANDALS. The debate on the Address in the provide for the transportation o Canada's greatest crop, and for the disposition of the Government to cirect war contracts for the party's benefit. The results are scandals that have brought shame to Can-

In dealing with the transportation liberty. 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 or two, Jane. This food which it would cause. The farmers responded, only to find that, they cannot get it moved and cannot This dismissal of officials will be realize upon it. To be sure, it will but this is small consolation to the men who need the money and cannot I

realize upon their crops. The women of Saskatchewan are The grain producers are not to be to have the franchise. And seats in despised because in their distress the Legislature? By and bye, when they clamor for relief, and seem to eligible men become searcer, as they find one way towards it in free wheat. will, the women will have to run the This means that if the Canadian stand up and sing than engage in tion until 11.00 p.m. will banish dull Mr. D. Dubuc, of Sainte Sophie de parliaments of the west, and they can Government will remove the duty, some lawful occupation and thus en- care and sleep at one and the same Levrard, County of Nicolet, writes to also, and a market in the United

passed an act which embodied five several committees, into the war scandals, and the experience should Shell Committee has been declared a British institution, and acting for the British Government. It is. therefore, hinted that as the accounts have been pased by the Minister of Munitions, no one in Canada, even Parliament, has a right to criti cise them. This is an extraordinary position to take, and one which is en-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Legislature of Saskatchewan

King Constantine and (Queen Sorewards of broken promises.

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

Government, farming them out and ors on a bare majority vote. Is i making considerable money, without not about time the Conservative 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 11/2 per cent. Neither the Committee nor the Gov- in Ontario. ernment can afford to let that charge go unchallenged.

Lincoln, a German spy, under an rest 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 member of Parliament, wants to 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.

New York by a couple of young wocaused a movement of coin which cannot be stopped. So far over \$5,al 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 that will fritter away the effective-Falls, a store-keeper in the Sir Sam Huges' constituency, got a fat con tract for shell boxes from the Government and sub-let it to Alfred Freer, 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 Who is responsible for

The Clearest Evidence.

(Toronto Mail.) The fact that Bourassa and Lalarge is a sufficient answer to their assertion that this country is denied

> Total Disarmament. (Montreal Mail)

tal disarmament for the United States. Oh, leave a fountain pen

Squaring Themselves.

(Brantford Expositor.) mitting a prohibition act to the elect- and every treason against the cause

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 Ottaws racialists are fighting against the toleration of the English language

Hearst's Amazement

(New York American.) Why, even a little, despicable, coptemptible bandit nation like Mexico murders our citizens, drags our flag in the dirt, and spits at and defier this nation of ours with truculent insolence and without purishment!

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 o 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 consid the hundred million was

Hard Lines.

A correspondent writing from Winnipeg reports that ninety-five men of the 78th are faid 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 ness of good men.

## KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Major Drury was in command. John McCaul sold a handsome bay horse to Sandford Calvin for \$250. Market Clerk William McCamm seized four quarters of veal market, which were unfit for use.

LIBERAL PRESS.

Speaker Sevigny, 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. Sevigny Jane Addams, a leading has changed the views for which he American pacifist, says she favors to- was elected to Parliament, our contemporary holds that he not only ought to make public confession of his change of heart, but that the ought also to abandon the mandate which he can no longer honorably fulfil. "We must, then," it adds, "in the name of public morals, pro-Manitoba Legislature have found it test against this election (to the is, indeed, remarkable how swiftly desirable to square themselves, if Speakership), which will have the ef- the conscientious objections of Napossible, with the temperance senti- fect of justifying, as a precedent ev- tionalist after Nationalist have disment of Manitoba by voting for sub- ery violation of the plighted word, appeared once the sweets of office

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THE MALE QUARTETTE

joy a conscience void of offense to- time. ward man and beast.

man for several years.

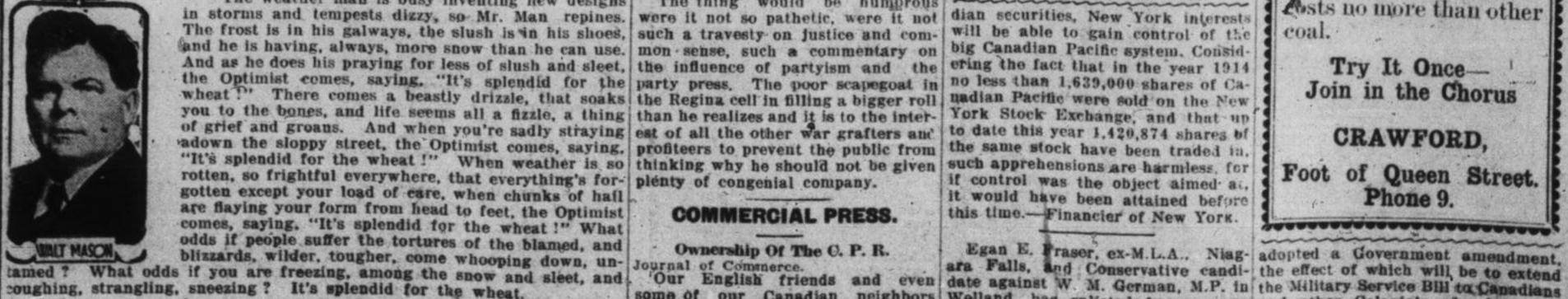
The male quartette is one of na- high soprano with the hysterics ture's protests against law and ord- Some very thrilling effects are proer. It is composed of four unterri- duced by the use of this voice, and fied song-bifds who would rather when listened to without interrup- Toronto News.

The mission of the male quartette is complete without a bass singer who permit the following suggestion from States will be found at once for a to take a piece of sheet music and is able to drop into the subway at a a reader? Do you not think it large part of Canada's surplus stock. shred it into long strips of harmony moment's notice and devour the low- would be more practical to offer to Then there is surely ground for an which will not fit any other instru- est notes ever written with a trium- the Kalser of Germany Henri Bour-The State of New York a year ago investigation by a committee, or by ment. These strips are then pieced whant look. At times it becomes assa in exchange for Dr. Beland, together and violently expelled quite painful to see a thick-waisted Member for Beauce? Assuredly Caagainst the ear-drums of innocent low bass reach gropingly for some nada would gain much by the ex-A parties who are unable to dodge note which has sunk several feet be- change, and the Emperor of Germent. The idea was that any muni- couple of committees, during the last Four intrepid songsters in full dress low the surface of the sidewalk, and many would also gain in having one cipality under certain circumstances session of Parliament, opened a lot shirts and aggressive bearing, with then come up empty handed. When-faithful friend more." could, by vote of the people, pass of very unsavory transactions. The sinewy, leather-faced vocal chords, ever this happens, the audience is asupon one of the five forms, and Government was overwhelmed with can produce enough harmony in two sured that the singer caught cold hours to last a careworn business sleeping in a cattle car with his pores open to the elements.

One of the most valuable adjuncts Male quartettes are much in de- Ottawa Citizen. burgh and Niagara Falls. N. Y., tition or continuance of them. But of a good male quartette is a first mand upon Chantauqua circuit, and G. A. Mitchell, a Regina fodder agreed to try Council and City Man- it seems not. Dr. Pugsley demands tenor who can stand on his tiptoes are much to be preferred that great dealer who defrauded the Governand reach the high notes, without many other things that happen in ment in the business of supplying rupturing three or four blood vessels. this life. When carefully trained to horse feed to the Militia Department Some first tenors sing with the voice keep on the key and breathe togeth- has been sentenced to two years in held by the Attorney-General of the mises to prove his allegations, and he that was given to them at birth, er with a rhythmic throb, the male the penitentiary. State, who has moved a little too canont be denied without creating while others introduce what is quartette is a greater luxury than known as the falsetto, which is a shock observers on a corn cultivator.

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that one has sworn to defend." came within their reach. men who get into Parliament by preaching doctrines antagonistic to British citizenship, who make it their business to stir up prejudices and promote racial antagonism, ought not to be rewarded with positions of nonor and considerable remuneration which men who have been consistently loyal to country and Empire are

## CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

A Reasonable Proposal.

No male quartette can be said to be lowing is the translation: "Will you

## INDEPENDENT PRESS.

In Saskatchewan.

The incident is one that should at-

tract attention throughout the Dominion for several reasons. that it is the solitary instance of its kind to date. Another is that concerns one of the small and petty grafters, without prominence or influence. Another is that it marks the difference in treatment meted ject-swindling the country-by less

The weather man is busy inventing new designs The thing would be humprous

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seem to be alarmed lest, in the mo- service. bilization of United States and Cana- The British House of Commons ain since August 15th, 1915.

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