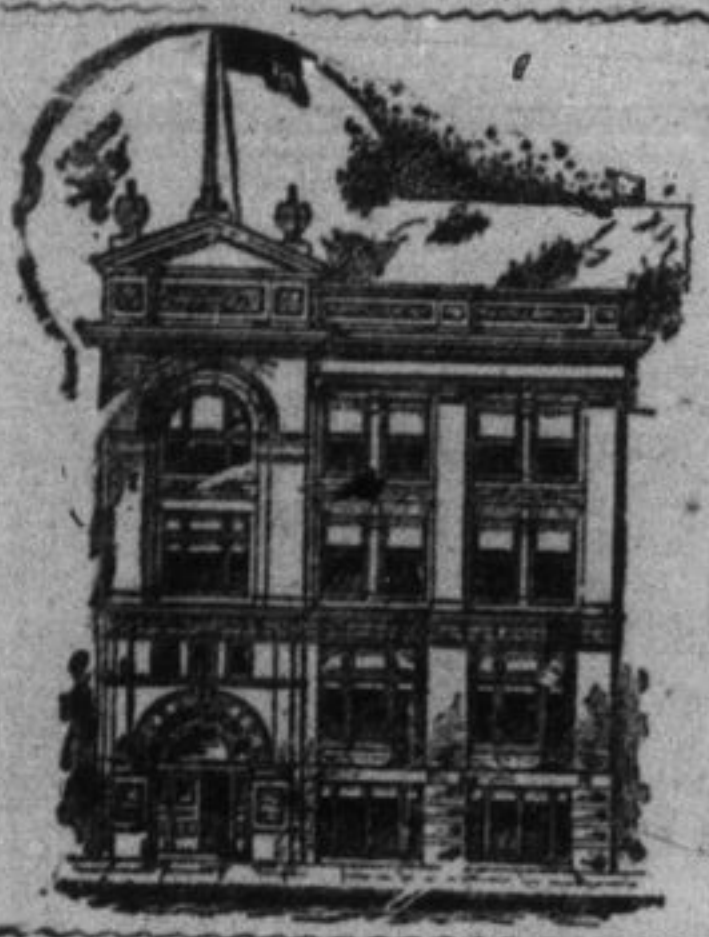


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PEACE IN THE FALL.

Mr. Palmer, the war correspondent, while in Kingston, expressed himself to the Whig as quite optimistic with regard to the outcome of the war. He said he had been too busy to write for the press all he had to say upon the subject, but he had penned several articles for the magazines and newspapers, and one of these articles went to Collier's Weekly. In it he intimated that Germany would be beaten by November, 1916. The great battles, the real tests of supremacy, would take place in the last three months of the year, and though German territory might not be seriously invaded the Empire would admit that it was beaten and her war lords would sue for peace.

It will, no doubt, be the aim of Germany to deceive the Allies as far and as long as possible, to keep from them the evidence of her weakness, and it might be her aim, as it was Japan's in the war with China, to prolong the struggle in the hope that the Allies will seek the peace. Germany looked for this peace in the fall of 1915, and only heard the Allies say, "We are going to let you stew for another year." Mr. Palmer says that Germany has known since the beginning of the war—since Britain took part in it—that she had undertaken a losing contract. Her plan was to whip France and Russia, by her highly-organized army, in a few rounds, and the winter will take her past the tenth, the spring past the fifteenth, and in the nineteenth or twentieth the end will come.

He referred to the fact that Germany and Austria-Hungary may have 7,000,000 men in the spring, but the Allies will have 10,000,000 and an equipment in artillery and munitions such as the world has never seen. "Germany," he writes, "is in the position of a man who strikes out for want of air, for want of room. He lunges this way and that with the craving for breath for his lungs and space for his limbs. He pushes the wall back a little but it is still there, dashing his own blood back in his face. He breaks through one door, but there is another beyond. The mental strain of such a battle is as severe as the physical. Next summer, if Russia comes back strong, and Turkey and Bulgaria are tamed, the walls will fall in on Germany." It is a hopeful picture from one who speaks with authority. Germany, says Mr. Palmer, is beaten already, but she is concealing her wounds well, and would like—of which there is no possibility—to deceive the Allies into a compromise.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

With Mr. Roosevelt in the Presidency of the United States, there would surely be something doing.

The Norris Government of Manitoba is being advertised as a Government that keeps its word with the people. No government could have a higher ambition.

Five hundred Germans in Berlin, Ont., toast the Kaiser and the Kaiser's cause daily. If that is all they do Canada can stand it, but the five hundred will need watching.

The young bucks of Berlin, Ont., are lighting out for Buffalo, N.Y., and other neutral points, in order to avoid military service in the interest of Canada. One knows where they stand.

Mr. Sinclair, M.P., calls the grafters vermin, and no one seems to get mad. A man with his hand in the treasury chest does not mind what the people call him so long as he gets the coin.

In Hamilton the women supply the recruiters with the names of the slackers, and at the rate of three hundred a day. Here is a form of registration which is most effective, and it can be used anywhere.

Mr. Roosevelt refers to President Wilson as a Macawber, the man who waits until something turns up. Mr. Wilson is great on preparedness, but he is not prepared to tell the Germans what he thinks of them.

General Hutton, (of Canadian fame and so popular with Major-General Hughes), thinks Lord Kitchener is too sanguine in supposing that Germany can be crushed in three years. He looks for stupendous losses by land and sea. A little pessimism now and then is all right. It acts as an antidote upon the excessive optimism of some people.

PUBLIC OPINION

Pay, Pay, Pay. (David Lloyd-George). We must pay the price of victory if we mean to get it.

Cry of Enough. (Montreal Mail). All the noise made by Germany's guns can't drown out Turkey's cry of "Enough."

Compulsory Investment. (London Advertiser). Compulsory investment of a portion of income in the war loan is talked of in Britain. It would prove

a blessing to thousands of families who will never save voluntarily.

Machine Gun Muddle.

(Hamilton Times). The County Council wants to get back the \$11,000 it subscribed to the machine gun fund. But the Government is not likely to give it up. This is another result of the machine gun muddle.

Way Of The Bigot.

(Ottawa Journal). Armand Lavergne says he prefers German civilization to British liberty as we have it in Canada. Why, of course. Any bigot who can't get his way because he lives in a free country is bound to admire the German style.

A Hard Question.

(Prince Arthur Chronicle). Somebody in the House should ask Sam Hughes why he continues to appoint to the command of overseas battalions civilians who have never donned a uniform. It is unfair to militia officers; unfair to officers in the trenches.

Old Flag Safe.

(Toronto Globe). Toronto is all right. The sight of 250 of the leaders in the business life of the city marching up Yonge street behind a band wagon after the completion of the Patriotic Fund Campaign last night was inspiring; such men "will never let the old flag fall."

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The ice in Cataragui Creek is two feet thick.

The new Grand Trunk bridge at Kingston Mills was open for traffic to-day for the first time.

Rev. D. McCormick has accepted a call to the pastorate of Bethel Congregational Church. The fine organ in Sydenham Street Church was used to-day for the first time. Mr. Wadsworth presided at it.

Some Land Value Assessments

(Toronto Globe). The report of James Forman, Assessment Commissioner of Toronto, dealing with the figures for the year 1915-16, gives the following comparison between land values in Toronto and in the other cities of the Province:

Table with 3 columns: Cities, Land Value, Per Capita. Includes Hamilton, Ottawa, Brantford, Windsor, Kingston, Peterboro, Berlin, St. Thomas, Guelph, Belleville, Owen Sound, Brockville, Galt, Toronto.

Hamilton's land value is remarkably low per capita, while that of Windsor seems to be abnormally high for a city of its size. Ottawa with a population of 190,000—just a few hundred less than that of Hamilton—has a low assessment only \$73 per head less than that of Toronto, which

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THE ELEPHANT.

The elephant is a massive, flat-footed beast with a puncture-proof hide and a coarse, yawning complexion. Many attempts have been made to refine the complexion of the elephant by applying cold cream and the patent people eradicator, but without any success whatever.

Elephants do not grow in this country to any extent, as the climate is too severe, but are found in great abundance in the heart of Africa by daring hunters who have left their wives with ill-concealed relief to brave the dangers of the tropical coast and the deadly rigors of the Congo and Nile. Elephant hunting is an exciting pastime and frequently causes several deaths to occur far from home. It must be said to go so far from away in search of rest and quiet and sharp, prying tusks. On being captured, the animal is skinned, and converted into billiard balls, celluloid piano keys and mechanical machinery for ball players. The demand for this machinery is so much greater than the supply that many country wine could learn a useful lesson by observing the patience, industry and good nature of the elephant, brought his entire family to the circus on a bill-board pass. Yet some if they were not so busy trying to people would rather stand up close and run fifteen balls from the break.

to the cage of the lioness and watch the swift, nervous play of her back-teeth than to hang around the elephant and see him swallow long, curly strands of timothy hay. The elephant is more intelligent than he appears to be on the surface, being in this respect much like some of our greatest statesmen. A trained to do nearly everything that man does except drink lemon extract and swear. When an elephant is taken hold of in childhood it can be taught the latest dance steps in a few weeks, which ought to bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of middle-aged husbands who refuse to learn. In his wild state the elephant home, it must be said to go so far from away in search of rest and quiet and sharp, prying tusks. On being captured, the animal is skinned, and converted into billiard balls, celluloid piano keys and mechanical machinery for ball players. The demand for this machinery is so much greater than the supply that many country wine could learn a useful lesson by observing the patience, industry and good nature of the elephant, brought his entire family to the circus on a bill-board pass. Yet some if they were not so busy trying to people would rather stand up close and run fifteen balls from the break.

Rippling Rhymes

SANTA FRICK

While Christmas shoppers, rank on rank, were thronging to the stores, and a Pittsburgh bank quite calmly closed its doors. Some forty thousand children had their savings treasured there, and many a little girl and lad was filled with black despair. "Perhaps," the urbane cashier cried, "in seven years or so, the staff receivers will divide the assets—I don't know. The heartless little children wept, their cheeks with tears were soiled, as wearily they homeward crept—their Christmas time was spoiled. Then Henry Frick reared up and said, "This will not do, I savor; the kids sha'n't weeping go to bed—they'll have the money now!" Aladdin rubbed his wondrous lamp, in smoky old Pittsburgh and made the children's woes decamp, and made their Christmas glad! The children, rescued from even though a millionaire!"



WILT MASON

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ing. If there is truth in the theory that land values in large cities grow more rapidly than population, then Ottawa is either over-assessed or the land values in Toronto are much greater than those shown on the assessment roll.

LIBERAL PRESS.

Excusing Wrong Doing.

(London Advertiser). As to Mr. Burrell's charges against Mr. Carvell—that the latter brought hay under similar conditions during the South African war—these are chestnuts for Mr. Carvell to pull out of the fire. It is striking, however, that Mr. Carvell did not find the threat of exposure (which obviously must have been used by Mr. Burrell, if he had "the goods") sufficiently horrifying to close his mouth. Instead, Mr. Carvell insisted upon telling the country the facts—facts which Mr. Burrell had clinched as a carpenter clinches nails. The minister has certainly given the country no reason why this scandalous raffle should be withheld from the country. He evidently proceeds on the theory that what can't be seen doesn't exist, no matter how bad the odor.

ENGLISH PRESS.

French Critic Of English.

(Everman). "We have ceased to have the same blind admiration for everything English which we had before the war. Before the war we had an instinctive admiration for everything English; but we really did not like the English. Not knowing them, we thought them overbearing, self-righteous. Now we have discovered all their splendid moral qualities. But, at the same time, we have ceased to have the same blind admiration for their strength. We have discovered that, after all, they are no stronger than we are, that they are as capable as ourselves of making appalling failures; and it is those very failures and weaknesses which are proving a firm human bond between the two nations."

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

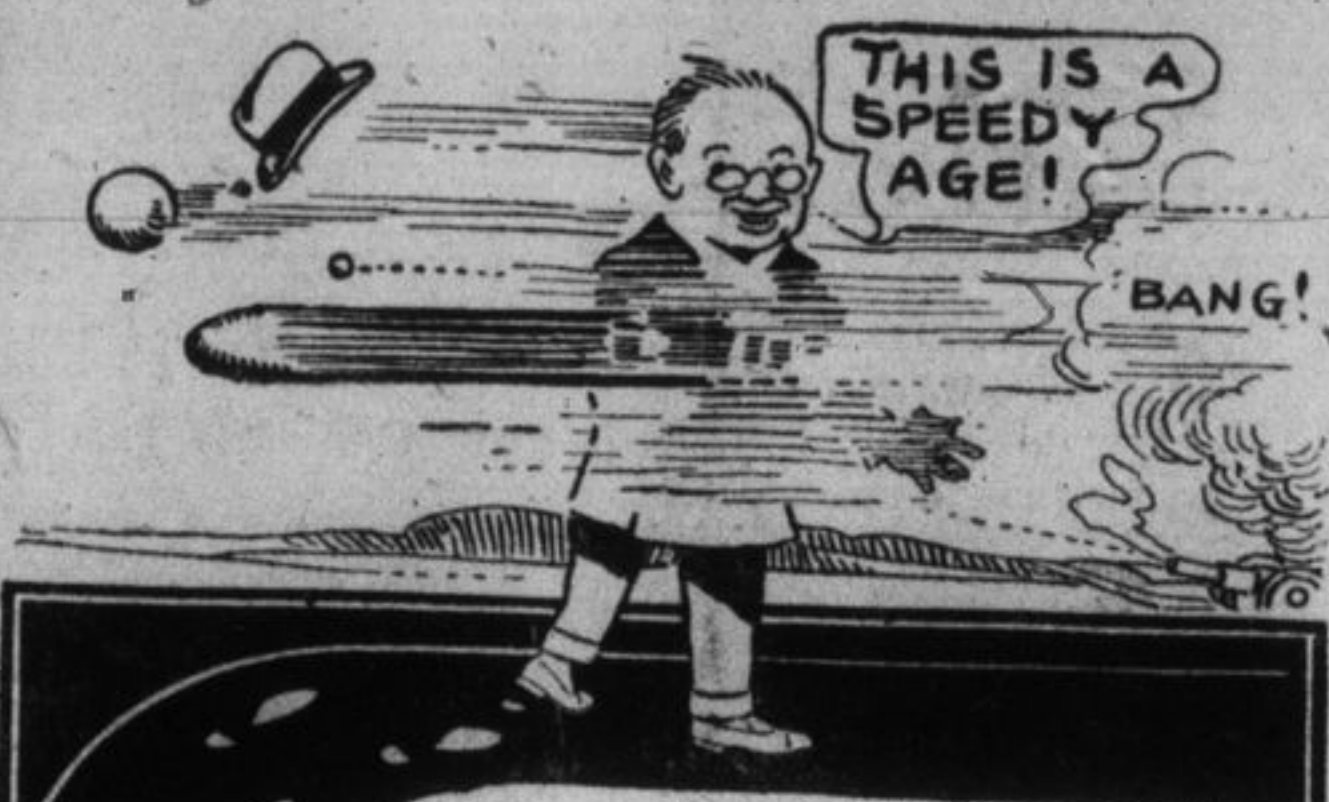
Law Of Compensation.

(Montreal Gazette). Provision is made in one of the Three Rivers bills for compensating the license holders whose business will be closed by the going into force of the prohibitory by-law. The province has recognized the justice of such a proposal in the general law when for the public good licenses are cancelled. It may not be practicable, though, to apply the rule in municipalities. If it should be done the wave of prohibitory enactment might sustain a check. Municipal voters in the general run of cases do not like that which increases their taxes.

WAR BULLETINS.

- Roumania and Greece are negotiating to join the Allies against Bulgaria. Zepellins dropped bombs on Salonika, but little damage was done. Large Turkish stores were captured by Russian troops in the Erzerum district.

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GERMAN SUBMARINES TERRORIZE TURKS.

Four of Them at the Golden Horn—Turks Not Trusted.

London, Feb. 2.—The neutral correspondent of The London Daily Mail, who dined with the Kaiser at Nish, says that at Vienna he was introduced to the German foreman-rector of submarines from Germany's shipyard at Kiel. The foreman told the correspondent that the German submarines in the Sea of Marmora number six. They are of small type were carried overland in parts and pulled together at Trieste. The correspondent, who has actually seen four of these submarines in the Golden Horn, says the so-called Turkish submarines do not exist. They are German submarines flying the German naval flag. Therefore there is no truth in the suggestion that a Turkish submarine sank the Persia. The correspondent pays a tribute to the German officers he met at Constantinople. He says they are "the nearest approach to English gentlemen that the Germans can produce. It is beyond question true that the sinking of the Lusitania is horribly unpopular in the German navy, though gloried in by the whole German people.

"The presence of German submarines at Constantinople is not altogether relished by the Turks. Each of the four submarines I saw has a gun, not a powerful weapon, but quite sufficient to instill terror into the inhabitants of the city if required. The Germans know that there is yet a little fight left against Germany in Turkey, and they never allow the Turks too much ammunition lest they may turn against them."

Making It All Right.

Katherine and Margaret found themselves seated next to each other at a dinner-party, and immediately became confidential. "Molly told me that you told her that secret I told you not to tell her," whispered Margaret. "Oh, isn't she a mean thing!" gasped Katherine. "Why, I told her not to tell you!" "Well," returned Margaret, "I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me—so don't tell her I did."

A Japanese vessel is believed to have foundered off Cape Race. Another steamer was damaged. Fortune await the inventor of a lifeboat that will float on a sea of trouble.

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REBELLION IN CHINA GROWS IN STRENGTH. American Gunboat Available For the Protection of Foreigners.

Pekin, Feb. 2.—The province of Kweichow is in full rebellion. The Governor was forced to flee on January 16th, and communications have been interrupted. It is reported that Luchow and Tzoliutshing have been captured by the revolutionists.

The American gunboat Monocacy is at Chungking, on the Yangtze Kiang, about ninety miles to the north-east of Luchow. The commander has notified Dr. Paul Samuel Reinsch, the American Minister to China, that all is quiet in the neighborhood, and that a zone has been outlined within which the Monocacy will protect foreigners who are threatened.

Twelve thousand soldiers from the province of Kweichow are reported to be marching in company with Yunnanese revolutionists upon Chungking, where fighting is expected to take place within a few weeks.

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