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"The United States has suffered terribly in lost prestige in the last few days, but no one imagined that matters had been so manoeuvred by our statesmen, supine under the influence of the German Ambassador, that we are now posing as a sort of half-witted being, who had been slapped in the face repeatedly by German diplomats at home, and yet, who had been dragged into a league with Germany for the destruction of merchant ships that do not conform to disarmament after March 31st."

Capt. Richardson Killed in Action



LATE CAPT. GEORGE RICHARDSON

Word was received on Friday afternoon by H. W. Richardson from the Minister of Militia that Capt. George T. Richardson, 2nd Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, had been killed in action on Thursday. The word first came from Winnipeg, and was later confirmed by Ottawa.

Capt. Richardson was the son of the late George Richardson, and was born in this city. He graduated in arts at Queen's University, and then joined the firm of James Richardson & Sons. When the call for volunteers came after the outbreak of the war, Capt. Richardson was one of the first to offer his services.

He was an officer in the 14th P. W. Q. Rifles, and well versed in military matters. Capt. Richardson went to England with the first contingent, and entered the trenches about a year ago. He was in the famous battle of Langemarck and was slightly wounded, but refused to go to hospital. He was regarded as one of the best Canadian officers at the front, and every one who came in contact with him spoke in the highest terms of the young man, who was without fear and who had a most kindly heart.

Throughout Canada he was known as the greatest amateur

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hockey player the country ever produced. In the Sydenham Street Methodist Church he was an active worker and Sunday school teacher. He left wealth and comfort to do his share in defence of the Empire, and was a shining example to young Canadians. A German bullet has laid him low, but he has not died in vain. His memory will live in the hearts of the hundreds who knew him and looked up to him. His death will bring scores to arms to avenge his falling.

NO TRACE OF B. B. LAW.

Body Not Found in Ruins of The Buildings.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Although there has been a continuous search of the ruins of the Parliament Buildings for the body of B. B. Law, the member for Yarmouth, it has not been found. Mr. Law was supposed to be either in the public telephone booth or in the room occupied by himself and some other members. A large space has been dug around the telephone booth without result, while the only thing found in Mr. Law's room was a pair of scissors.

SUCCESSOR SOON.

A Dark Horse Has Been Selected - A Democrat.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 11.—Announcement will be made of Secretary of War Garrison's successor within twenty-four hours. He will be a Democrat. This information came from the White House. It appears a "dark horse" will be chosen.

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NEUTRALS ARE ON IT

SEEKING FOR AN ARMISTICE BEFORE SPRING CAMPAIGN

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(Special to the Whig.) Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 11.—The first definite move to end the world war was made here to-day when a permanent committee to establish lasting peace met to formulate proposals for an armistice. Peace advocates from several neutral countries were in Berne for the meeting. The committee hopes to obtain the consent of the belligerents to an armistice of at least two weeks before the spring campaign begins fresh slaughtering in Europe. They believe if the guns can be silenced for two weeks fighting will never be renewed.

Prince Von Buelow, a former German chancellor, Prince Hohenzollern and Baron Von Kraat have arrived at Lucerne. It was reported to-day they are in touch with the Peace movement here.

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LIBRARY IS READY FOR BUSINESS AGAIN.

Loss in Parliament Buildings Fire Chiefly of Bound Periodicals.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The library of Parliament, with its million-dollar treasure of books, is again ready to do business alongside the ruin of the main Parliament building. The library officials, after clearing up and taking stock of the result of the fire, report that practically the only damage has been the loss of some forty or fifty thousand volumes stored over the reading room. Although there were six inches of water at one time on the library floor, there was practically no damage done to the books in the library. Some ten thousand of the more valuable volumes, which could not have been replaced had the fire not into the library, were carried to the East Block by the militia on the night of the fire. These have now been returned to their places.

The books destroyed were for the most part bound sets of periodicals, many of them antique, but fifty or sixty years, including standard American, Canadian and British publications. The religious library of Parliament was also destroyed. The loss of the bound magazines and periodicals is a serious one, as they cannot be replaced. When the plans are prepared for the restoration of the Parliament buildings provision will be made for a separate additional library building, where fireproof storage can be had for most of the books. This will relieve the present congestion in the library and remove the risk of fire loss, which has been worrying the officials for many years.

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KING REJECTS OFFERS MADE

Belgium Will Stand Firmly With Allies.

OFFERED HIS THRONE

FRESH EVIDENCES OF BERLIN'S PLAN FOR PEACE.

King of the Belgians Assured That Allies Would Fight To End, And He Rejects Hun Overtures.

London, Feb. 11.—Fresh evidence that Germany is anxious to end the war as soon as possible comes to light every day. There is no question but that she is feeling the pinch hard.

It can be stated now with assurance that she has made a frantic and flattering offer to Belgium, which King Albert has declined to accept, after a conference with Lord Curzon and Sir Douglas Haig, who were sent at his special request for information from the Allied Governments.

Aside from a promise to restore the kingdom as it was before the war, Germany offered to return King Albert to the Belgian throne and pay a big indemnity. Germany reserved the right to hold Antwerp and Ostend as German ports. Naturally, neither Albert nor Great Britain was willing to grant this concession under any consideration, so the offer has been flatly turned down.

With the Germans out of Belgium more men would be available for other fields, while the west front would be cut down materially. These conditions would be of decided advantage to Germany. King Albert, as soon as he was assured of the continued support of the Allies, declared that a separate peace was impossible.

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MINISTERS SHOULD ENLIST TO FIGHT.

No Reason Why the Call Should Not Apply to Them.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Rev. Dr. Creighton, whose son is a Lieutenant in the 95th Highlanders' Battalion, favors the enlistment of Methodist ministers who think they have a call to shoulder a rifle. Dr. Creighton said yesterday: "I see no good reason why the minister may not enlist for overseas service, take his training with other men, go to the front when his time comes, and serve in the trenches or on the battlefield. I do not suppose that any special effort should be made to get him to do so, but I see no reason why the call may not come to him, as it comes to any other man."

Rev. E. W. Edwards, of the London, Ont., Conference, is now on active service as a Lieutenant with a Canadian battalion.

Rev. Dr. Creighton has received the names of 252 sons of Canadian Methodist ministers who are now with the colors.

OGDENSBURG WILL HAVE NEW TEMPLE.

McGillis' Property at Washington and State Streets Purchased.

Ogdenburg, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The Masonic lodges of Ogdenburg are to erect a temple, costing about \$50,000, at Washington and State streets. The L. McGillis property has been purchased and the historic homestead will be razed to make room for the new structure. Work will commence in June.

The McGillis property affords a fine view of the St. Lawrence River and is within a block of the business section. The property has a frontage of 121 feet on State street and 114 feet on Washington street.

For some time past the Masonic lodges have been looking for larger quarters, the present rooms in the Kilbuck Block being inadequate.

WILL SINK SHIPS.

Notification Has Been Given the United States.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 11.—Germany and Austria has notified the United States that they will sink all armed merchant ships without warning. The rule becomes effective on March 1st.

THE ISSUE VERY GRAVE.

London, Feb. 11.—New issues as grave as those revolving about the sinking of the Lusitania, will arise between the United States and the Central Powers officials here declared to-day, as a result of the German and Austrian announcements that all enemy armed merchantmen will be treated as prizes and torpedoed without warning after Feb. 24th.

Feb. 25.—It was stated on reliable authority today that Britain and her Allies under no circumstances will yield the right to arm merchantmen for defensive purposes, a practice recognized by all nations. It is not believed here that the United States, having already recognized this right, will change her policy in the middle of a great war.

Should a German or Austrian submarine, acting under the new instructions, torpedo without warning and sink a British or French liner carrying American passengers the United States will take prompt and decisive action.

URGES RUTHLESS TAXES FOR ENGLAND.

Sir Alfred Booth Declares That Individual Thrift Must Be Enforced.

Liverpool, Feb. 11.—Sir Alfred Booth, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cunard Steamship Company, in a speech urged the enforcement of individual thrift on a national scale by a scheme of taxation more ruthlessly than the Government has apparently yet thought of adopting.

There should be, he said, a great increase in the income tax and super taxes and also indirect taxation. Every unnecessary commodity should be brought into the net. The criterion by which each tax should be judged should be, not the amount of revenue which it would produce, but the amount of thrift it would enforce.

"Of all the mistakes our rulers have made," added Sir Alfred, "none will be more disastrous to the country in the long run than the failure to enforce taxation on an adequate scale. A year of voluntary thrift may do much, but it will not win the war. We shall never economize enough until we are forced to do so."

MARRIED.

ELIZABETH—In Kingston, on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 1916, to the wife of Major Maurice Plummer, a daughter.

DIED.

MURPHY—In Kingston, at the Hotel Eden Hospital, on Feb. 11th, 1916, Rev. R. L. Murphy, late chaplain of the institution. Funeral to St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Most Rev. M. J. Spratt. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

CHOSEN BY FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY. Sweet, what is Love? 'Tis not the crown of Kings. Nay, nor the fire of white scaphic wings.

Is it a child's heart leaping while he sings? Even so, say I. Even so, say I. —Alfred Noyes.

HENE VANBRUGH.

CAN'T REACH A DECISION

Street Railway Company And Utilities Commission

ARE IN A DEADLOCK

WITH REGARD TO A NEW POWER AGREEMENT.

The Point at Issue Is As To Which Should Pay For a Transformer When City Gets Water Power.

The Street Railway Company and the Utilities Commission have not yet reached an agreement with regard to power supply. The rate of 1.20 cents a kilowatt hour is settled, but there remains the question as to how the railway is to be served should the Commission discontinue its plant if water power from an outside source is secured within the next year or two. It will cost \$10,000 to purchase a transformer to connect up with the railway, and the Commission does not think it has any right to purchase this machinery. The Company, too, is not desirous of expending that amount of money. It wants to make a ten-year agreement with the Utilities Commission for power supply at 1.20 cents, and let the Commission do the worrying about how the railway shall be supplied should Kingston be lucky enough to get cheap water power.

The Commission and the Company had an hour and a half conference Thursday afternoon on the subject. H. W. Richardson and H. C. Nickle represented the Company, and Chairman T. J. Rigney, R. H. Toye, G. Y. Chown and R. F. Elliott were the Commissioners present.

Minor questions were quickly settled. Mr. Richardson wanted it made clear in the agreement that 1.20 cents was not a bonus, and it was agreed to say that 1.20 was cost. The question of notice of cancelling the agreement on the part of the Company was also agreed upon, nine months being the time. With regard to this Mr. Richardson stated that conditions might arise in the near future whereby he would erect a new elevator here. If that was done, he was of opinion that he could supply both the elevator and the railway with power at 1.20 cents with his own plant.

Then the question of supplying the railway with power while its generator was being repaired was tackled. It will take about three months to do this work, and if the railway is not to be closed down during that period it is up to the Commission to supply the Company with power to operate the cars. The Company would be willing to close down its cars, but Mr. Richardson and the Messrs. Nickle do not want to see the city suffer for lack of transportation. (Continued on Page 3.)

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Bank at Palace Bank to-night. Military Carnival at Armoueries. Band at Covered Walk to-morrow afternoon.

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