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TREATMENT OF SUSPECTS.

The Police Department should make itself familiar with the proceedings of other cities in the matter of dealing with offensive aliens. Kingston, above all places in Ontario, a military centre, and the site of an enemy internment camp should certainly have no weak or half-hearted policy with regard to the Austro-German invaders.

THE MARRIED TEACHERS.

A committee of the Toronto Board of Education has under consideration the question, Should the women teachers be allowed to remain on the school staff after marriage? The subject came before the management committee through the continued service of one who had married, who was in most comfortable circumstances, and who kept some needy one out of employment.

CLOSE UP THE CONTRACT.

The Street Railway Company's representatives and the members of the Utilities Commission had a meeting on Thursday afternoon, and made some progress towards an agreement. Certain things have been settled. The rate is to be 1.20 per kilo-watt hour, and the contract is to run for ten years from the date of its adoption.

the event of the city or company entering into a contract for Hydro power. The Railway Company objects because a change of power, from steam to hydro, involves the installation of a transformer at the power station and for the adaptation of the current to the purposes of the railway. The cost of this transformer will be about \$10,000.

There is a serious disadvantage in delay. The company contemplates changes in their plant, and do not want to make them until this contract for power has been completed. The question is, would public opinion approve of the city's purchase of the transformer? The Whig, which cannot be accused of any unfriendliness or unfairness towards the railway company, does not think it would.

Delay in closing up a contract which in most cases is so favorable to the company must therefore be regretted very much.

THE WEST COAL SUPPLY.

Great anxiety has been felt in the west because of the shortage of coal, and a special commission in Saskatchewan, composed of a representative of the city and of the Board of Trade, has to be thanked for a luminous and satisfactory report. The terrors of a very severe winter, without fuel, may be imagined, but they cannot be described.

The situation in the west is not as serious as it was supposed to be. The coal, soft, is procured in plentiful quantities in the province and that it has not been as procurable as usually in the larger towns and cities is due to two facts. The railways have not been able to convey it from the mines as fast as it has been needed through a shortage of cars or mode of power.

LIQUOR IN SASKATCHEWAN.

The liquor law which is peculiar to Saskatchewan has been in force for a year and it appears to be working it well, much better indeed than it was expected to do. There were lugubrious thoughts with regard to it when it was proposed. The Province, the organ of the opposition, predicted:

"In three years there will surely be a dispensary in every village in Saskatchewan. Instead of forty whole-sale houses, there will be four hundred dispensaries. A corrupt Government will be maintaining itself in office by further corruption, entailing the debauchery of the voters. A venal police will control the administration of the law just as their police masters desire. Drunkenness and crime will be more prevalent than under the open bar room today."

Were these predictions verified. No. The Government's plan was clear and comprehensive. At once it abolished 406 bars, 28 wholesale stores, and 11 clubs, and the licenses of three railway systems. There was no parallel to this in all Canada. The Government protested fearlessly and with no doubt as to the result. True, the dispensaries remain, but under conditions that did not encourage the consumption of liquor. In place of greater drunkenness, there was less of it, crime very largely disappeared, and whole communities felt a change and an uplift of the most desirable kind.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Peace is continually being talked of. But there can be no peace until the war is over, or until the Empire that sought to be world-wide in its domination has been subdued and has made complete reparation for its wrong doing. Its humiliation is not yet complete.

What is the use of the police being alert and zealous in rapping down the German invaders if they are discouraged by a lukewarm policy at headquarters? The menace is either real and serious, or it is not. The Police Commissioners should settle the question.

If Sir Robert Borden does not become fully aroused, and do some great thing in the way of producing munitions, it will not be the fault of the Toronto Telegram. This influential Conservative paper is prodding him almost daily, and it is not prodding him in vain.

Joseph Downey, of the Orillia Insane Asylum, is suggested as a senator. Mr. Downey is a journalist with an active mind and spirit, and he wants something to do, something that is worthy of his ambition. The question is, Will he find this in the Senate among the alleged immortals?

Senator Cloran objects to the invasion of the Capital by a German musical organization, the New York Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Walter Damrosch. The leader is a naturalized American and one of the most amiable of men, but he may have in his orchestra those who are not so amiable and harmless.

Belgium has very wisely spurned the overtures of Germany with regard to peace. Germany has not made, and will not make, except under compulsion, the amends which Belgium deserves, and there are some things that Germany cannot atone for. The murder and mutilation of innocent women and children, for instance.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Take No Chances. It is not safe to indulge in a false sense of security where persons of alien enemy nationality are concerned.

Tumour Killed. The statement that the Moscow was formerly a survey ship for the German navy kills the rumour that she was a cat-boat.

Another Advantage. Another advantage in joining the Senate is that you don't have to bring your trousers.

Only Half Over. Sir Robert Borden says that according to the best information he

has, the anti-tipping law is one of several thousand laws which have been put on the statute books of this country in order to prevent the human race from spending its own money without securing the benefit of it.

Canada's New Financing. Sixteen million dollars' increase in yearly charges on the public debt is what the people of Canada must be prepared to meet. The total debt charge for interest and sinking fund will be close on forty million dollars.

The budget speech outlining the Government's financial and fiscal proposals for the coming fiscal year will be delivered next Tuesday afternoon.

A heavy truck with eight motors slipped off a ferry and sank in the Detroit river, the loss totalling about \$7,000.

Severe fighting is again developing on the Dvinsk front.

can get, the war is now only about half over. The worst part, most of us hope and think.

The Bottle and Bar.

By an overwhelming majority the Saskatchewan legislature has negatived a resolution for the abolition of liquor stores, thus demonstrating that Saskatchewan legislature prefer the bottle to the bar.

Tirpitz's New Job.

Von Tirpitz is now said to be assisting the Kaiser in directing German aerial warfare. Wilhelm probably picked on him as being the one man in Germany with the most unoccupied time at his disposal.

Mr. Hanna's O. K.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, acting premier, placed his O. K. on J. R. Fallis, who is seeking re-election in Pebl, by remarking: "I would say no one has altered the high opinion previously held of Mr. Fallis." Of course, that is what we might expect from Mr. Hanna, who had no scruples about taking \$500 as a "campaign contribution" from a government contractor.

Promotions In the Army.

Hereafter the road for advancement will be open to every private in the Canadian army who shows ability and is ambitious. There may not be a field marshal's baton in any of the knapsacks worn by the soldiers of the Dominion, but there surely must be any amount of sergeants' sticks and officers' canes. Canada's is a most democratic army, and it should be.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO.

The Kingston & Pembroke Railway held its annual meeting to-day. Their returns show a profit of \$6,865.37 after paying interest on bonds and advances.

T. F. Lawrence, Sydenham, showed the Whig an egg weighing a quarter of a pound, laid by one of his Plymouth Rock hens. The measurement is 6 x 8 inches.

The following members were appointed as members of the Wolfe Island Board of Health: D. A. McRae, D. J. Dawson, W. W. Horne, James Horne and D. C. McDonald.

Joe Downey, in the Senate.

It is reported that Joseph P. Downey is to be made a Senator. Joe Downey was at one time, one of the genuine, old-fashioned, silver-tongued orators, and a warm-hearted Irishman. The Ontario Government made him superintendent of an asylum for imbeciles at Orillia. It was some time ago, of course, that somebody had to do the work, and it was a good thing for the afflicted people that they got so kind a foster-father as Joe Downey. But after a few years of that work a man needs and deserves a rest and cheerful surroundings.

While we favor the abolition of the Senate on general public grounds, we also believe that Senatorship should go to deserving men, and if Mr. Downey is willing to accept a Senatorship he ought to have it. He has a ready tongue, a level head, and a kind heart.

You may do things as well as others—if you try.

RANDOM REELS.

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

THE ANTI-TIPPING LAW.

The anti-tipping law is an insidious attempt on the part of tight members of the legislature to reduce the Pullman porter to abject penury. It makes it a penitentiary offense to slip a quarter to a dull mahogany porter who draws \$25 a month from a highly watered corporation which sells upper berths for \$12.25 and carries more melons than the entire output of the State of Georgia.

This nefarious law was enacted at the request of parsimonious passengers who travel from New York to California on one filling of apple pie and cream cheese. It is a melancholy fact that a niggardly occupant of a tourist sleeper will demand all of the appointments of private car service, including the morning paper, free shoe-shining and a fresh pillow, and at the end of the trip reward an obsequious, brunette porter with the cold, vacant look of a defunct carp. Is it any wonder that the Pullman porter is a ruthless cynic, and that he at times refuses to massage the massive shoes of tourists who are saving their money for plug tobacco and egg sandwiches?

With the customary prodigality of

Rippling Rhymes.

THE HAS-BEENS

I read the papers every day, and oft encounter tales which show there's hope for every jay who in life's battle fails. I've just been reading of a gent who joined the has-beens ranks, at fifty years without a cent, or credit at the banks. But undismayed, he buckled down, refusing to be beat, and captured fortune and renown; he's now in Easy street. Men say that follows down and out, ne'er leave the rocky track, but facts will show, beyond a doubt, that has-beens do come back. I know, for I who write this rhyme, when forty-odd years old, was down and out, without a dime, my whiskers full of mold. By black disaster I was trowled, until I jarred my spine; I buckled down, refusing to be beat, and captured fortune and renown; he's now in Easy street. And after I had soaked my coat, I said (at forty-three), "I'll see if I can catch the gat that has escaped from me." I labored hard; I strained my dome, to do my daily grind, until in triumph I came home, my billy-goat behind. And any man who still has health may with the winners stack, and have a chance at fame and wealth—for has-beens do come back.



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