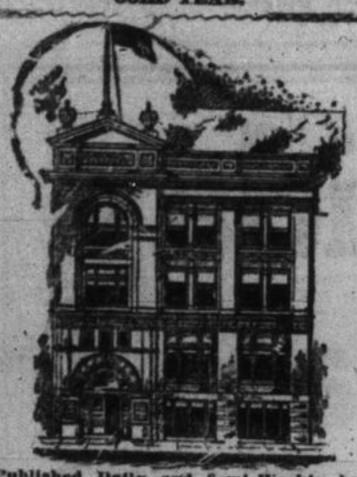
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THE RIDEAU CANAL.

The Ottawa Citizen suggests that Ottawa co-operate with Kingston respecting the improvement of the Rideau Canal, provided the entrance of the canal at Ottawa be diverted so as not to interfere with the industrial growth of the city. This is a subject in which Kingston is not particularly Interested, Nor Kingston pushing this Rideau Canal matter as the Citizen supposes. In Ottawa a movement originated looking to the improement of the canal. and it was suggested that Kingston co-operate with Ottawa in pressing these improvements upon the Government. The matter in this came before the local Board Trade. If there is a difference of opinion at the Capitol-and the Rideau route cannot be improved without a change in the entrance of the can al at Ottawa at an enormous expense there will be nothing done. The Citizen says the trade of the canal is negligible. "Oh, that is the way our contemporary regards the issue!

Sir Adam Beck is being feted and praised in the West for his wonder-

UNITED STATES PRESIDENCY.

Mr. Wilson has at last, and after some trepidation, decided to let his name go before a nominating convention of the Democratic party, Mr. Bryan is out of the way and cannot give him any worry at a great party meeting. Champ Clark has got over his desire to be President, or a didate for the Presidency. better off in the speakership if he can bank upon a Democratic Congress and a re-election.

But Mr. Wilson has lost immensely as a diplomat and in all the tercapital of \$50,000 and over, will be epidemic which causes envy to spring When twins grow to duplicate mangiversation which his letters have re- required to contribute one-fourth of up in the minds of the neighbors and hood, they are a real blessing in the vealed stands immeasurably weaker their profits over seven per cent. In music to spring up in the home. They home, as they can wear each other's than he did a year ago. He has lost the case of individuals and firms the consist of two children who look so clothes and go with the same ground with his own party, and with a Republican candidate in the field, profits in excess of ten per cent. The apart, unless they are branded with parents of twin daughters can buy on whom the party can unite, he will act will be retroactive and will call most harrowing experiences in life is carload lots, and thus effect a mate-

either Chief Justice Hughes, who nition manufacturers will pay a tax they are properly labeled, discover fewer proud fathers trying to clude persists that he will not accept of a of one-quarter of all their profits in all probability it will be Mr. to the capital which has been invest- twins than a single twin, according ese twins. Neither of these twins Roosevelt, and his policy is one of preparedness and positiveness which the people will surely endorse. Mr. Roosevelt has described Mr. Wilson Mr. Wilson is waiting for something to turn up and Mr. Roosevelt ready to turn this something up without waiting. Had he been in office during this war there would have been no temporizing on the at the dictation of Von Bernstorff, in the foreign policy of his Govern-

To-day the United States might be in the war with Germany, under Roosevelt. In any case there would the Canadian Life Companies will be no humiliation in the attitude of the President. He may be somewhat theatrical at times, but he is always! forcible in thought and word and action. Such a man the United States needs at the helm of the ship of State at a critical time.

plentifully to the soldiers in Kings- be regarded as having wisely discrimton wasted? Canada has many in- inated in his plan of meeting the new spectors, for many purposes, but and necessary burdens of the war. does not seem to have inspectors of food, and the services of men of this kind would pay.

ANOTHER BACK DOWN. The New York Herald has a readecision hold? son why the Wilson administration favors the German demand that the

ated in America. The Herald says that evidence has therefore not complete. been accumulating that the adminisration is willing to go to almost any length in promoting the shipping legislation, and that it would ments in order to accomplish this

"Of course," it adds, "if the Allie turned to account in behalf of the go back a foot. shipping bill.".

. Managing Director lihood of this form of boycott for Mail to be feeding Germany when will not invite or accept the German neutral countries unhindered. Neu- New York Times. programme. Whatever else may trality under the circumstances begive its approval to a policy that preach. \$6.00 means it, and can only mean continued assassination of non-combatants, \$2.50 women and children and men, on the \$1.00 high seas. No administration which spect of the American people.

ments of the Allies may be willing greatly appreciate. to give assurance that the guns upon and practice the doctrine that this in the wages the demand will mean arming for defence transforms a mer- \$23,000,000 annually, or twice the ing assertion: chant ship into a warship.

to have taken a position upon which that the average man cannot underit must eventually back down. It is stand. getting used to this sort of thing.

Germany is afraid to call for an other war loan on the ground tha cannot pay the interest charges on the public debt which it already An intimation of the financial crisis which is at hand.

BURDENS OF THE WAR.

The budget speech of Sir Thomas White has been fairly digested and most people appear to have become reconciled to its effects. The is a contingency which the Government has to meet courageous spirit, and Canada mus share in the determination of the Mother Country to see the fight to a finish at any cost.

The first vote towards war expenses was \$50,000,000; the second was \$100,000,000; the third, and probably the last, will be \$250,000, 000. Much of this money must be borrowed and the interest upon it \$36,000,000 next year, will be med by special taxation. The excess in the revenue over expenditure, under special taxation, and amounting to about \$45,000,000, can be applied on the war debt.

General business will not be al fected by imposts upon the articles that go into domestic consumption. Only oils and apples have been taxed, and the apple trade will be considerably improved or protected. The farmers will be exempt from special taxes. They will be encouraged the more to contribute to the prosperity of the country by the larger cultivation of land now occupied, and by the use and tillage of large areas not at present worked. - Commer-

as a Macawber, and appropriately so. lion dollars, and the rate per head duet, starting with a low, andante his brother. It must be depressing part, if not all, of the public loan, by a rude and calloused hand, will fall of money and escaped matrimony. to invest of their surpluses in Domin- impatient, however, and prefer to car- had better luck in the draw. Lusitania question and no wobbling, ion bonds, and to the extent of half of their net assets in 1916-17. Foreign companies doing business in Canada must put up their deposits in Canadian bonds. One way of financing the loans and yet one to which not object, when the rate of interest is as satisfactory as that which was offered in connection with the last Dominion loan.

The new taxes will not fall heavily upon the masses, but upon those who can best afford to pay them. Is any of the food supplied so The Finance Minister may therefore

> EDITORIAL NOTES. President Wilson has changed positions again and does not endorse

Germany appears to be getting all

British merchantmen that are armed the iron ore it wants for munition? be refused a landing in New York. It purposes from Sweden, Norway and that the Government ownership of Spain. It goes through Holland and merchant steamships may be stimu- is trans-shipped in barges up the Montreal Mail Rhine. The British blockade is

ate secretary. This may turn him court procedure it may be well to from thoughts of rebellion to give the prisoner the benefit of any thoughts of love and save his life. the nation's foes are the prisoners. If even go the length of involving the If he ever crosses into China and there is doubt, it is better to err the falls into the hands of Yuan-Shai side of safety, and take away from

were compelled by American accept- The Premier of Britain, in a re- Hungarians, Turks and Bulgarians ance of this new phase of Teutonic cent speech, said the Allies will registered, and, wherever any susfrightfulness to keep their ships hold their own in France. It has picion exists, examined. Appearaway from the ports of the United since been admitted that they have ance of innocence is the most valu-States, there would be a shortage of lost six hundred to eight hundred fore, where inquiry casts any shashipping that would deaden Ameri- feet of valuable trenches in the last dow on the allies he should be concan industry, and this might be drive and the Allies cannot afford to sidered an enemy, not necessarily to

The Herald thinks there is no like. Britain is declared by the London the reason that the United States it allows supplies to go through happen, the Government will not comes a by-word or a word of re-

German officers in Constantinople told an English correspondent that Philippines, with the possibility, still they wished they had British, Aus- dreaded, of a settlement of the Lusi-One year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 did this could hope to retain the recommand. A tribute to their brav-It is intimated that the Govern- ery which the Canadian troops must tie Party more than it can or will

> profit of the operators. There The American Government appears something about this calculation

> > The anthracite coal operators published in the American papers statement to the effect that the ne profit on hard coal is 20c a ton. Coal sells at \$7.25 a ton. The ference between these figures represents the expenses and profits of the middlemen. Here is something for one to thing about

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

successful drive around the city.

They held a dinner at the Windsor Hotel afterwards Kingston horses did well in

Saving Money.

An old couple who used to buy quart of ale every night were persuaded by a friend to purchase a keg of the beverage on economical grounds. The evening that the keg was broached, and the first quart consumed, the old wife said:

"Well, George, we've saved cents on our ale to-night, and cents saved is five cents earned. "That's so," replied her husband.

LIBERAL PRESS.

Register The Aliens,

try but to see they are put where they can do no hischlef-in prison Sun Yat San has married his priv- or internment camp. In ordinary doubt, but it is not good policy when Kai's gunmen his troubles will be aliens the power to work barm, than

It is high time that action was tabe willfully punished, but to be

AMERICAN PRESS.

Government In Danger.

The defeat in Congress of the President's plans for national defense would provoke the public indignation If to that he added the shameless breach of trust, involved in withdrawing our protection from the tania case incompatible with the national dignity and honor, the country will have had from the Democra-

Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University, in a speech at Utica on Saturday made this sweep-

Had the President advocated preparedness in 1914, as he is doing in 1916, the most serious international difficulties which now confront our Government would never have ari

The criticism of the halting course of the Wilson administration contained in this short statement is un inswerable. In fact, the President himself admits his mistake, when he asks for the military and naval power that will guarantee the notes he writes serious attention. He concedes that his writing of notes has been most futile because no force lay behind them and yet, when he wrote them, he was standing with Bryan

INDEPENDENT PRESS.

. Mr. Fallis' Failure,

other nomination. By so doing he has put his party in a situation which must prove awkward. While may be technically guiltiess of any thing more than thoughtless conduct for which he has tried to make am ends, nevertheless, he has forced his party either to condemn an offence or to suffer defeat in a constituency Under such circumstances the electors of the county of Peel are to be asked to decide between voting for a candidate of the Liberal party who does not represent 'their political views, or to cast their ballots for a man of their own party whose con duct is subject to periticism from those who hold that every public mar should be above criticism. Whether Mr. Fallis is elected or defeated, the Conservative party will always be

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cial corporations of all kinds, with Twins are a soul-satisfying form of face of a hardwood floor with cold, taxes will be one-fourth of the net much alike that nobody can tell them without danger of detection. that his wife is color blind in both the baleful overdraft. .

for a collection of between \$25,000,- for a husband to be presented with a rial saving. If there were more The Republican candidate will be 000 and \$30,000,000 next year. Mu- pair of twins, and, after seeing that twins in this world, there would be

nomination, or Mr. Roosevelt, but over seven per cent. without regard It is much easier to raise a pair of ever recorded in history was the Siamto those who have tried both methods, could be persuaded to go to the pic One reason for this is that dual twins ture show or anywhere without the The public debt was in March, learn at an early age to sing each oth- other. Nobody ever saw a Siamese 1914, \$335,000,000. When the war fer to sleep. When two enthusiastic twin go off by himself without being ends it will probably be half a bil- twin vocalists begin to engage in a followed at a respectful distance by movement and working up to a thrill- to be a brother of a Siamese twin, who will have increased from \$1.60 to ing climax on high B-flat, they will is forever tagging one around and \$4.70. The insurance companies appear to be in a sleepless mood for wearing the same colored necktie, and will be required to supply a large the time being, but, if not interrupted yet these twins earned a great deal

peacefully to sleep along toward sum. Twins come to rich and poor alike. under the act which obligates them rise. Most owners of twins grow but it sometimes seems as if the poor

Rippling Rhymes

AFFECTATION



side, or get swelled up with futile pride. The wise in addition to the two other largest man's every action states, "I'm just like other mortal banks in South Germany, have pracskates; I'm here a while to toil and spin, and to get tically gone into bankruptcy. About my harvest in, and when I leave this vale of groans, £25,000,000 are involved. like Tom and Dick, I'll make dry bones." It gives me stitches in the side to see a man swelled up with pride, assuming divers foolish airs, and who, in every act, declares, "The clay I'm made of is so fine, there wasn't any more like mine. When I was formed, one fateful day, the Maker threw the mold away, and said. Improvements now shall cease-I have produced the masterpiece !" When your importance seems so American Surgeon Says Russians Are ing his remarks, as he said they were serving gratuitously, and by the German demand against armed wall Maximus self a while, my friends, and let your affectation end. merchantmen. How long will this Sit down in silence and review the foolish things you say and do, and realize, with many a jar, how blamed ridiculous you are !



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Fallis would have saved his party from this charge by voluntarily retiring into private life for at least made a record for himself which would have long been quoted as a

political precedent. Caring For The Soldier.

Montreat Star Where an old soldier candidate and a civilian candidate are on equal terms, then the old soldier should certainly get the preference. But it will be poor patriotism, and little! better than a gilded insult to the returned hero, to make him feel that sinecure where he is supposed to per-than 3,000 surgical operations, since humiliated by asking him to take He is now chief surgeon with the rank with the party pensioner,

might show its good faith by provid- the beginning of the war by the noble ng much more suitable receptions families of the Province of Grodno, or our wounded as they come back and he has the rank of colonel.

"Smash in April."

men accompanying Col. House's mis- in the world, and he doesn't hesitate sion to Berlin confided to a friend to say so now staying at San Remo that Col. House was convinced that financiers in charge of the financial affairs of that a catastrophe to the German Empire is inevitable, says a cable from Havre, France.

A despatch from The Hague to-The men of simple manners please; they boast day confirms the report from Geneval not of their pedigrees, or look profound, or put on that the greatest bank in Stuttgart, Another despatch received at The

Hague from Berlin is quoted as savbank there said: "If the war lasts

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form duties for which he is not the war began, most of them within Twenty-ninth Regiment of the Sibe In the meantime, the Government rian Corps, which was fitted out at

to us. There ought to be more Dr. Hurd has had several narrow bands and banners" about it all escapes from death or capture, as There ought to be feastings and pub- his favorite post of duty is within a lic rejoicings. It ought to be an mile of the front trenches, in adevent in a neighborhood when a Ca- vance of the heavy artillery positions. nadian soldier, mustered out, comes A hig man six feet three in hi stockings-and weighing 225 pounds.

he is idolized by the Russian soldiers. For his part, he believes the Rus-New York, Feb.; 17. -One of the sian soldier is the best fighting man

QUICKLY STOPS SLANDER.

the German Government fully realize Makes Man Who Hinted at Graft Retract Statement.

London, Feb. 17 .- Thomas Gibson Bowles, in his speech attacking the Government's policy, referred to David Lloyd-George, the minister of munitions, by saying: "Mr. Lloyd-George perorates about silver bullets for the enemy and provides golden billets for

his friends. Mr. Lloyd-George wrote to Mr. Bowles asking him: "Will you be good enough to provide me with a list of the friends I have provided golden billets for? As your remarks will probably have wide publicity, I should like to have your an-

swer at once." liable to be misconstrued.

Petrograd, Feb. 17 .- Dr. Eugene Mr. Lloyd-George, on accepting the Hurd, until recently the only Ameri- declaimer, said that most of the high (Dack Tlastian army, has performed more were held by business men who were coin.



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servants from other departments.

can surgeon at the front with the places in the munitions department it's usually the legs that land the