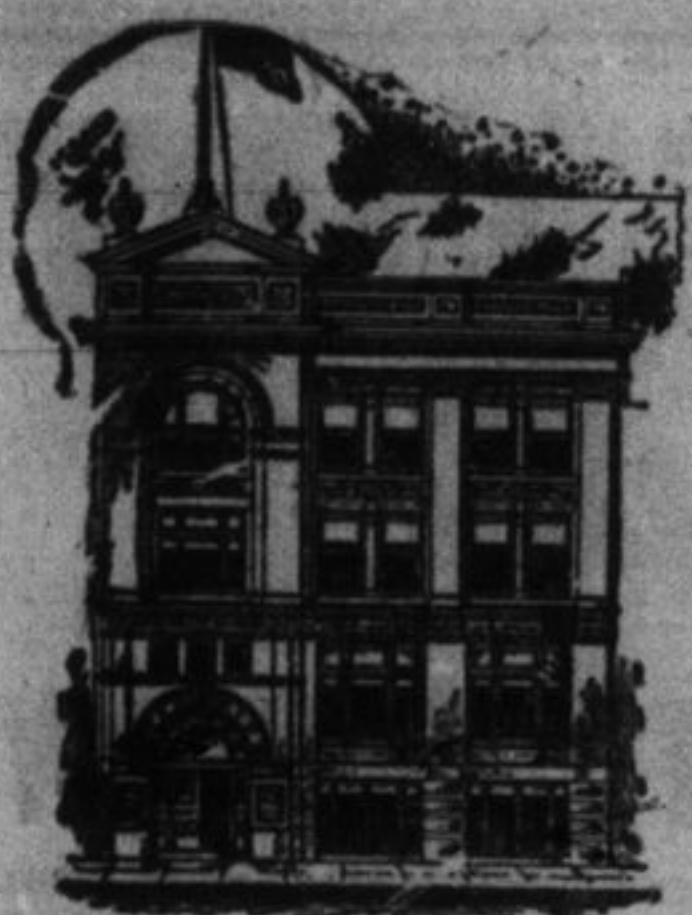


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THE PEOPLE'S HAND BOOK.

The federal government has set itself vigorously to the propaganda of "Production and Thrift."

Certain things are precisely set forth, and in an official and reliable way, and the arrangement of the matter is very attractive.

Therefore, there is prepared and embodied in this hand-book a great deal of valuable material, and it is for the people through the press and platform to acquire and assimilate it.

This call is loud and clear and should be heard by everyone. In essence it is: Produce all you can. Serve all you can. Save all you can. Thrift and economy are necessary to the salvation of the cause which you espouse.

The School Board and the City Council have no money to waste in law. They are serving a common cause and purpose. They should be able to harmonize their plans.

A VERY POPULAR FUND.

"The Chaplain's Fund" has been opened by the Rev. A. E. Lavell with the object of supplying a phonograph, books, etc., to the men of the 125th Battalion. It is urged that in addition to the entertainment provided by the Y. M. C. A. for the camp as a whole it is very important that each battalion should have its own social centre, and this "Chaplain's Fund" is intended to provide.

Here is a movement which is very popular, and to which all classes of the people will willingly contribute. A fund which will be expended in refining influences takes precedence surely over any other in the public esteem. The demand was once for machine guns, and the people subscribed millions of dollars for the purpose. They contributed so much that part of the money paid over to the government has not yet been expended.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Redmond suffers by reason of the outbreaks in Ireland. He is a leader of the parliamentary party and what he does is largely nullified by the violence of the unparliamentary party.

Birrell talks of retiring from the British government. He must feel that he is somewhat responsible for the riots in Dublin. He should have seen what was coming and been ready to meet it.

Canadian church men who are engaged in the war, who realize that they are enveloped in a great shadow, have no time for amusements or for grousing over them. They are generally in a meditative mood. It is the most becoming of the times.

"Coal will be \$10 a ton this season," said a citizen to-day. This alarming announcement cannot be verified. Indeed the report of the agreement which has been reached between the coal barons and coal miners in New York leads to the conclusion that the outlook is much better.

POSITION OF THE PRESS. The press, it is said, is responsible largely for the secret session of the British parliament, the one secret session held in many years. There were some things certain parties wanted to know. These things could be learned from the army and war councils, and not from parliament. They could have been imparted to the inquisitive confidential...

ly. But these did not want to receive them in that way. They wanted the information delivered in the place where the public business of the empire should be transacted, and they will succeed in their contentions.

The press is expected to lay before its readers all that is of a public nature, and all that interests and concerns the people. Incidentally, the press criticises passing events, and in a way which circumstances, in its opinion, justify. The freedom with which the Northern papers have criticised the government of Britain is typical of all criticism under the British system. Public men must accept criticism. It is always useful and sometimes very helpful.

In Montreal the council or the board of control contemplate the closing of the reporters out from their meetings. Why? These public bodies are not serving the people to the highest advantage, and the press makes this fact the clearer by giving lucid, and sometimes lively, descriptions of the civic by-play. But the press will not be deterred from doing what it considers to be its duty. It will print reports and editorial criticisms as usual, and eventually it will triumph in Montreal as it has done elsewhere.

If Ireland had Home Rule could she control the situation? Not while the Sinn Feiners, or any body similarly constituted, are about to make trouble. The party of force is always a nuisance or a menace.

LATEST BRITISH CRISIS. The die has been cast by the British government on the conscription question. There is to be no compromise upon it. The voluntary system of recruiting has been abandoned. The Derby measure of registration and selection, with the single men in groups first, has been regarded as ineffective. Gradually, the opponents of conscription have been compelled to yield until at last Mr. Asquith has announced that the needs of Britain will be provided for on the compulsory plan.

This is one of the results of the Kut-el-Amara surrender, and at the end of a siege which has been painfully contemplated for some time. The government is blamed, of course, and made to feel the full force of public opinion. John Bull is typical of his class. He wants to know how it happened. He is feeling somewhat depressed, and grips himself for a fresh attack on his enemies. But he must have a word with some one over present difficulties, and has it with the government. The crisis is the more serious because Britain is not speaking for herself in this emergency, but for the Allies. Some reverses follow their technical blunders, and they suffer more in consequence. But the British government, as the nearest and only object of public disfavor, realizes that the people are very much chagrined and disappointed.

Britain cannot lose in the conflict. Britain's cause is in safe hands, notwithstanding the crude criticism to which she has been exposed. Britain's policy may not always be sound, but it is represented and backed by a power which is invincible. The feeling is, however, that the politicians have talked and quarreled too much for the good of the nation. The blunderers and the plunderers should of course be driven into obscurity, but it is difficult to disassociate them from a war which must go on until it is satisfactorily finished. Then it will be in order to deal with the state offenders according to their merits.

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LIBERAL PRESS. Ontario Government Weakening. Prohibition and Hydro are the two things which made the Ontario Legislature hum this year. The prohibition attraction was expected; the Hydro excitement blew up more suddenly, and yet held the centre of the stage during most of the session. Neither of the two big features of the session has strengthened the Government, and one of them has certainly weakened them perceptibly. The weakening factor is the Hydro affair. The matter is very complicated, and it is impossible at present to fathom all the motives of the principals engaged. Out of the confusion, however, emerge clearly two facts. First, the power of Sir Adam Beck has been curtailed by the Government; and secondly, there is a serious split between the Government of Ontario and the representatives of municipalities, Conservative and Liberal alike, interested in the Hydro scheme, in both Eastern and Western Ontario. The bitterest attacks which the Conservative Government has faced since its accession to power in 1905 have come within the last few weeks from Conservative newspapers and Conservative mayors, who claim that the Government are doing the Hydro movement grievous harm.

THE GOLD MERGER. A big merger of Ontario gold mines is announced. If there could be another merger of those who have lost in mine enterprises, there would be a dozen overflow meetings. CHAPLIN'S LUCK. Charles Chaplin no sooner started drawing his comfortable salary of \$870,000 a year than one concern sued him for a cool \$500,000, charging breach of contract. What's the use of anything? CANADIAN PRESS. Guelph's Last Grouch. The trouble with a Board of Trade, or nearly any other organization, for that matter, is that its membership is not indicative of its real energy. That is, there may be a large list of members; they may even be rounded up for a membership fee; but experience has shown that in every large there are a large number of drones, and that in every organization there are a lot of members who do nothing more than pay their fees, and occasionally attend a meeting or a banquet. Their real value to the completion of any object that the association may have in view can be represented very adequately by a good-sized cipher. It will be a question for the Board of Trade to consider when it comes to a matter of reorganization, whether a large body of workers and loafers gathered together, and paraded as a big Board of Trade is as good as a hand-picked number, representing all the interests of the city, but every one being able and willing to work to advantage. It might be better to have a fifty-man organization with a fifty-man power, than to get a 200 strong collection, with the power of about 25 men when it comes to a matter of doing things.

the current rules. They want to be only governed by the conscience. Safe enough, if conscience is only allowed to assert itself.

The new agreement with coal miners means an increase of from 7 per cent. to 15 1-2 per cent. in the wages of 176,000 men. The additional pay of these men will amount to \$9,000,000 per annum. This contribution will be made up by the coal consumers and at the rate of about \$1.00 a ton.

PUBLIC OPINION

Talks Too Much. (Hamilton Times). Speaker Landry talks too much and the Senate wants to put a muzzle on him.

A Forlorn Hope. (Ottawa Free Press). Anyway, Germany may rest assured that the war won't be won in trenches in Dublin.

Thanks Sir Sam. (Ottawa Free Press). Napoleon used the words "my soldiers," but even at the zenith of his power he never had what he could call "my shell committee."

Villa's Chance. (Montreal Mail). The Carranza Government is tottering and expected to fall. Here's a chance for Villa which map tempt him back into politics and the land of the living.

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RANDOM REELS

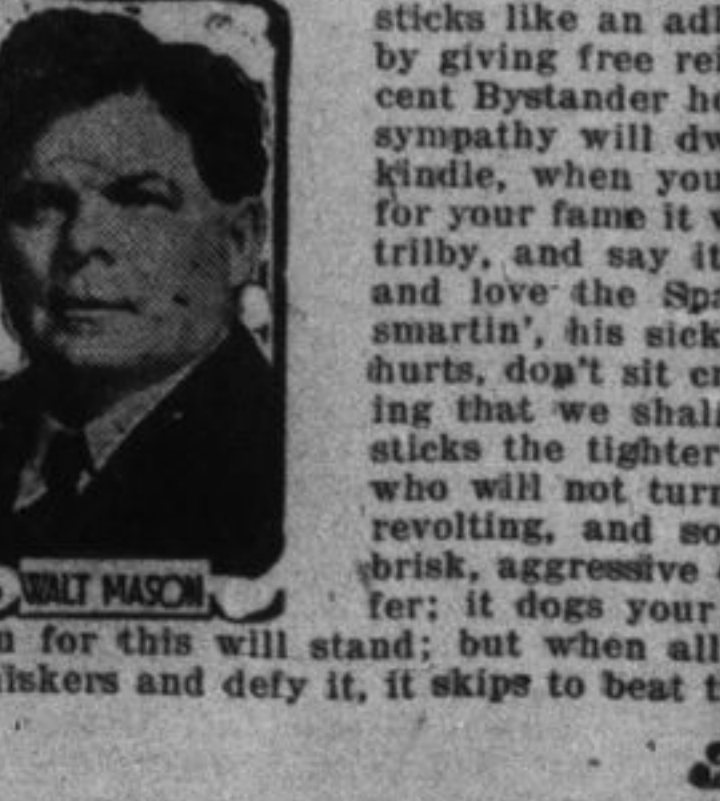
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A section of the Conservative press, led by the Toronto Telegram, goes so far as to demand the formation of a new party, which shows that the Conservative Government with all their nominally large majority are actually in a precarious position.

Meanwhile the Government deserves credit for introducing the Prohibition Bill, and the co-operation between the parties on this measure was an encouraging sign for good government in Ontario. Yet everybody knows, and it is becoming more apparent every day, that the Prohibition Bill, in all its essentials, is an Opposition, rather than a Government triumph. All through the session the rejoicings for prohibition with a few scattered exceptions, came from the Liberal side of the House. Never was the characteristic more marked than at the final passage of the bill in its third reading, when the measure would have become law without any demonstration at all, if it had not been for the joy-making of the Opposition. This is not to say that the Conservative voters in the province are not enthusiastic about prohibition, but the official Conservative party is certainly not holding any celebrations over it.

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