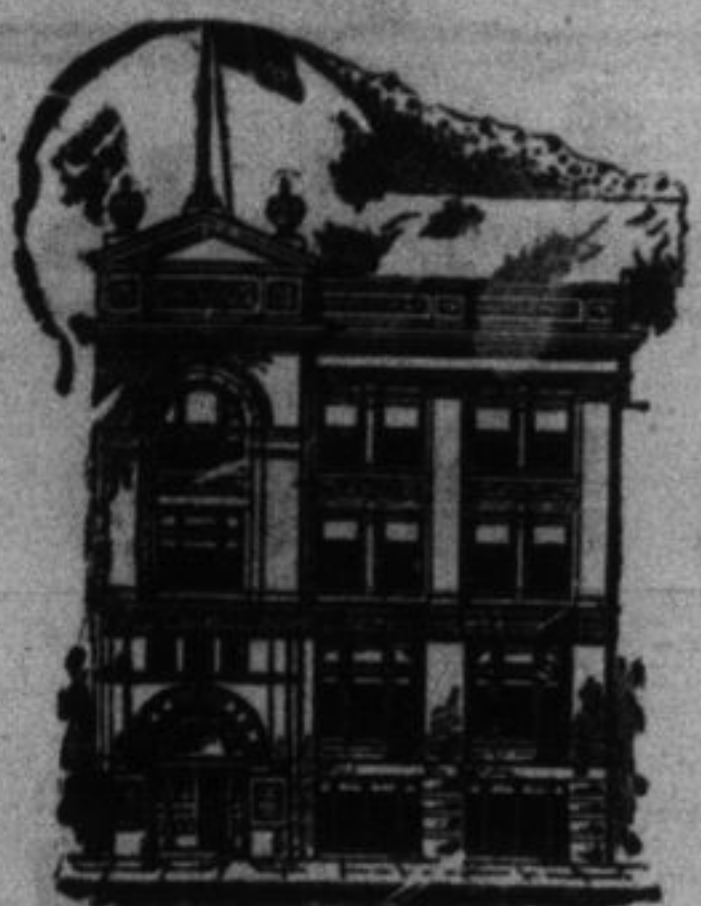


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A ROW IN TORONTO.

The differences between the mayor of Toronto and the provincial government, with regard to war taxes, have been accentuated by the attacks of the provincial treasurer upon Sir Adam Beck. The mayor does the people outside of his own city a favor by resenting the disposition of the provincial government to usurp the functions of the municipalities, to exact taxes which are in some cases purely municipal, and to impose upon the municipal councils by requiring them to collect and pay these taxes over to the province. But Mayor Church does even better in protesting against the uncalculated reproach of Sir Adam Beck by coupling his name with Toronto's rebellion.

Sir Adam Beck has certainly had nothing to do with Mayor Church's action, and Hon. Mr. McGarry shows his animus towards the former minister of power and the present chairman of power by insinuating that he is behind Mr. Church in his abuse of the provincial government. The Whig says "abuse" because all that Mr. Church could have contended for could have been said in a more moderate language, and accomplish the same purpose. The fact that Sir Adam's name is used at all in this connection is an evidence of how far the figures in the affair of the province and how far he and his former colleagues have differed in certain particulars. When, in a side issue, the provincial treasurer becomes offensive towards the chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, it can be taken for granted that it will not be long until there is an open rupture between them, and the local government will have occasion to regret it.

Mr. McGarry and Mr. Ferguson are great men in their own estimation, and the premier has spoiled them by letting them pose as political gladiators. But there is a greater, Sir Adam Beck, who has behind him the western municipalities. Sir Adam has tried to serve them, and their confidence in him the premier had occasion to observe very recently.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT.

The United States government has a serious issue on its hands. It is to determine, as it seems to be willing to do, whether the German government has administered to the commanders of the submarines that sank the Lusitania, the Arabic, the Ancona, and Sussex a punishment that fits the crime. With the torpedoing of each there was first a denial of liability on the part of Germany, but gradually, as the evidence established the crime, the Germans admitted this liability and promised to make amends in the usual way. The loss of life and property are to be made good as far as possible, though in paying a sort of life insurance for the men and women and children who went down with the ill-fated steamships it cannot be said that the bereaved friends have been adequately compensated.

In addition to money payments the commanders of the piratical craft were supposed to be properly punished. The question arises, what is the nature of this punishment? An admonition, a castigation, a degradation in or a dismissal from the service will not do. The United States had it within its power, under the circumstances, to define what the award shall be, and death is usually prescribed. Whether the German government will, if insisted upon, concede that this is reasonable, remains to be seen. One thing is certain, that the

United States will not be content with any partial atonement. The punishment must be made to fit the crime, and when it is, and the commanders of the submarines which torpedoed the Lusitania, the Arabic, the Ancona, and the Sussex, have been treated as capital offenders, there will be some guarantee that Germany's reign of terror is at an end. The story printed in some of the European papers and copied in the American papers is to the effect that the Kaiser has decorated with double cross the commanders of the submarine referred to, and this only aggravates the situation to a marked degree.

WHAT THE CHARGES SHOW.

In presenting charges against the shell committee, and indirectly against the government, Mr. Kyte did not rest his case on what the representatives of the defence would admit or prove. The data on which he depends came from other sources. Early in the case unexpected developments occurred. The counsel for the government expressed surprise at the relations of the shell committee and the war office. The committee seemed to be the servants or agents of the war office at the outset, and then these relations changed and members of the committee became contractors of the war office through the minister of militia, who was its agent. In this connection avenues of information were touched, but not opened up because the commission was confined in its enquiry to four particular contracts, those with which Mr. Kyte charges scandalous things.

The question of widening the scope of the enquiry became a parliamentary issue, and here is where the members of the house expressed themselves in a remarkable way. The minister of justice insinuated that Mr. Carvell was trying to get away from the case which Mr. Kyte presented, after staking his all on the endeavour "to cast reflections on the government through the shell committee." Mr. Meighen emerged from his retreat, after nursing the wounds which had been given to him in his conflict with Mr. Kyte. He indulged in a sarcastic criticism of the form of motion, believing it to be Mr. Carvell's, when it turned out to be the handiwork of the speaker. The government and its friends interpreted the motion as a sign of weakness and defeat for Mr. Carvell. They voted it down.

Then the defence began to open up, and parliament and the country have been scandalized by the revelations brought to light. Out of the mouths of the government's witnesses the charges of Mr. Kyte have been supported, and there is a lot of evidence yet to be heard.

Mr. Carvell falling in his case and wanting to get away from it! Surely not. What one thinks of it now can only be surmised. What he may think of it later, when the record is complete, cannot be imagined. Meanwhile two things stand out conspicuously: (1) The manner in which the contractors for the war office have or have not performed their duties, and (2) the shabby and inexcusable manner in which Canadian contractors have been ignored by the agent of the war office.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Lindsay Post refers to the Whig as "one of the newest and most enterprising of provincial dailies." Thanks.

Sir Roger Casement is the last of the capital offenders to meet his trial. With the disposition of his case the nest of Irish traitors will be disposed of.

The provincial license commissioners are not inclined to close down on the clubs that sell liquor after eight o'clock during the next three months. This is very kind of them.

War has made some people to economize. But there is no economy in the public life of the nation. The expenditure of the Dominion Government, in some respects, is very much open to criticism.

Anglo-French bonds, which yield an interest of over six per cent., are gilt-edged securities. Thousands of dollars in this city have been invested in them. They are not subject to taxation, which make them very desirable for one thing.

A broker is quite sure that Kingston is a good place in which to sell debentures or bonds. There are, he says, heaps of money on deposit here. The difficulty is to get the people to put this money in circulation through investments.

A conservative paper has it that Col. Allison does not appear in the shell or fuse business at all. Another conservative paper has it that it is no one's business what the American contractors do with their money. What does the one "higher up" think about it?

Mr. Yoakum was willing to set apart, at some one's suggestion, \$105,000 of the fuse spoils for Miss Edwards, who is Col. Allison's secretary. What was her part in the very suspicious transaction? Who was she setting for? The money

was not intended for her. No one believes that.

In Peterboro, in one day, the Women's Patriotic League picked up twenty-three tons of waste paper, and it represented a value, at current rates, of \$300. As much waste paper could be probably picked up in Kingston in any day, and for three hundred days in the year, and it is not hard to figure out what the result would be financially.

PUBLIC OPINION

Now For the Fun.

(Hamilton Times.) Roosevelt's hat is now in the ring. He has definitely announced himself a Presidential candidate.

It Might Indeed.

(Ottawa Journal.) Judge Duff intimated that he would not continue to sit in the fuse investigation if the counsel continued wrangling. Wouldn't it be better to put out of court offending counsel?

Maligning the Boys.

(London Advertiser.) One of the greatest honors won by Canadians of overseas battalions is that congratulation on their sobriety

at Shorecliffe. Some who have maligning the boys in khaki will feel small.

A Big Rake Off.

(Toronto Globe.) The million-dollar rake-off would have been impossible if Col. Carnegie and General Hughes had made reasonable inquiry into the prices paid by the British Government through Morgan & Co. for similar fuses.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Since the first of the year D. Cays has shipped 200 horses to the United States. Market Clerk McCammon seized four bags of potatoes under weight from a Camden farmer. R. H. Elmer, T. Sloan and George Hentig had a narrow escape from drowning at Kingston Mills while fishing. Their boat sank and they had to make a scramble to get to ashore. Number of applicants for the position of Medical Superintendent of the General Hospital has reached thirty. C. F. Gildersleeve and G. M. Macdonnell interviewed the Dominion Cabinet and asked for a bonus for the Kingston-Smiths Falls and Ottawa railway.

Random Reels

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

The Dentist.

The dentist is a mild-mannered mechanic who tinkers with the human mouth at \$8 per tink. Owing to the frequency with which people are obliged to have their mouths tinkered with, re-lined, re-decorated and re-shingled, the dental profession has become highly lucrative and pays larger returns than any other form of investment except stock in a machine-gun factory.

For a great many years the dentist was almost unknown in this country, and the teeth of the common people were allowed to decay and fall out with depressing frequency. Every once in a while some travelling dentist would come along on a roan saddle horse and true up the teeth of an entire family in exchange for a night's lodging. How different it is to-day, when it costs more to sit down in a highly-perfumed dental chair and drink a couple of bags of laughing gas than it does to go through the Yellowstone Park in a wheel chair.

Every successful dentist knows exactly how many teeth there are in the average mouth, and if necessary can call them by their first name. The laws of most states prescribe that the dentist shall be able to tell one tooth from another, so

that the raw and untried amateur will not settle down in some secluded village and render the inhabitants toothless. After a patient who is of a hopeful and parsimonious turn of mind has been experimented upon for a few days by some unledged graduate whom nature intended for the horseshoeing business, he will retire thoughtfully to his domicile and order some new teeth by parcel post.

The dentist does not like to inflict pain, as it interferes with his aim, and this has given rise to the school of painless dentistry, which does not cost any more than any other kind. It is a great treat to sit down in a dental chair and be played upon by a four-horse power drill without desiring to murder the dentist and his entire family back to the fourth generation. Some people would rather be operated on by a painless dentist and wake up with a mouthful of off-colored porcelain pegs than have their feet toyed with by a crude, butter-fingered chiropodist and be obliged to wear felt slippers down to the office.

The dentist should always be treated with respect, so that he will not become disgruntled and cause two cavities to grow where but one grew before.

Rippling Rhymes

PECK'S BAD BOY



WILT MASON

George Peck is dead; and 'er his head they'll place a slab of granite, on which I'd write, "Old friend, good night! You filled with glee this planet. How oft with joy your wicked boy in bygone days has filled me! How oft I blessed that imp possessed, while laughter nearly killed me! Old Comrade Peck, you were on deck, in after days, as speaker, did sober deeds, wrote heavy screeds, for lofty fame a seeker. You governed well, so people tell the province of Wisconsin; as magistrate you hit a gait that doubtless wasentravncln". But no one cries, 'How nobly wise was Peck, the statesman, thinker; on statesmanship he has a grip, he surely was a clinker!' But by your bier we shed a tear, and draw our sackcloth closer, and say, 'Good night! Old friend, sleep tight with Bad Boy and the Grocer!'"

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