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RESOLUTION NOT RESCINDED

Alderman Newman should have begun earlier in the season upon his daylight saving scheme, and given it effect through a by-law. A by-law cannot be repealed except by a by-law, and the council of 1916 does not seem to know this, since it recently undertook to deal with the case of an official who had been appointed to office by a by-law and could not be removed except in the same way. Alderman Newman depended upon a resolution, which, once adopted, could not be rescinded until it had first been reconsidered, and on the demand of a majority of the whole council, namely, twelve members. The resolution respecting daylight saving was not reconsidered, and hence it is still in evidence, though inoperative because there is no way of enforcing it. No one who has any regard for the council wants to see it further reflected upon or humiliated, but some of its members have earned the reproaches that have been heaped upon them. They should proceed legally, and, if necessary, under the direction of the city solicitor in the matter of legislation.

Lloyd George has given a further proof of his political genius in securing even a temporary Irish agreement, and one that may lead to permanent peace. The acceptance of home rule temporarily by Ulster is a great achievement.

HAS NOT CHANGED.

The Monocle Man, in the Canadian Courier, has written a manly defence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He does not see that the veteran statesman has done or said anything amiss upon the bilingual question. He certainly has not invited and deserved the ebullitions of the Winnipeg Free Press. Notice this from the Courier:

"It is not as if Sir Wilfrid has abandoned any political principle for which he has stood, or had asked his party to accomplish a change of front on a public question. He has long been known as a champion of provincial rights; and he championed this same provincial rights in his speech on bilingualism. He declared at once against any interference with the Province of Ontario in the educational field by the federal government. He maintained the right of Ontario to do as it pleased in the matter. That has been his attitude on every educational question that has ever come up. All he did was to rise in his place in parliament and petition Ontario to use its great strength with a tender and tolerant consideration for such of his fellow French-Canadians who happen to live in that province. He did not think of coercion. He did not dream of trying to get the Dominion parliament to intervene. But he stood up as a French-Canadian spokesman to put whatever personal influence he might possess at the service of his own people."

Such is a correct and graceful description of the Laurier position on the school question, and who can, reasonably, find any fault with it?

The government says it supplies every regiment with all that it requires. "Every man who has had anything to do with organizing a battalion knows that it is not true," and the Board of Control granted Col. Ripley and his officers \$1,000. Better that the fighting men should receive more and Allison less.

UNITED STATES PROSPERITY.

The prosperity of the United States has been expressed very fairly in the report of the secretary of the treasury. The internal revenue for the ten months of the fiscal year, exclusive of income and emergency taxes, exceeded the revenue of the corresponding period of the previous year

by over \$12,000,000. The receipts for the full year will be over \$600,000,000, and this will represent an increase of about \$85,000,000. "The great boom in business," says Mr. McAdoo, the secretary of the treasury, "is largely responsible for the increase in the receipts from ordinary internal revenue. The prosperity of the country, with the attendant wider scope of employment and increase in wages, has in itself resulted in a larger consumption of taxable articles, greatly augmenting the government's revenue."

Notwithstanding the alleged spread of prohibition—and it covers a wider area—there has been a greater consumption of liquor, and the increased collections on account of this are over \$10,000,000. In tobacco and cigars the increased collections amounted to \$5,000,000. The common people, in good times, or times in which they earn the larger wages, spend the more, and a larger percentage of their money goes into luxuries without which they would be the better off.

The Wilson administration will, of course, rejoice that the financial exhibit is so good. There was a great drop in custom collections through the tariff tinkering which followed the enforcement of the Underwood Act, and the administration had to do something in order to fulfill the promises made by the Democrats. What they have lost in customs receipts, however, they have made up, or more than made up, in internal revenue, and financially the position is most favorable for election purposes.

Some time ago it was suggested, or moved, in the council that the officials should be present at the sessions of the aldermen. Not a bad idea. If the officials were occasionally consulted some of the mishaps of government would be avoided.

LO, THE POOR INDIAN.

The ten Indian chiefs who haunted Ottawa for some weeks are reported to have despondently departed for their various reservations in British Columbia. They are less satisfied than before respecting their positions and less disposed to accept the overtures that have been made to them by the federal and provincial governments.

These red men, the original owners and occupants of the land, feel that they have been cramped and restricted too much, and practically dispossessed of their inheritance. Gradually and bit by bit they have been pushed back into smaller reservations upon which they are barely able to eke out an existence. What they have they cannot hold except under irksome conditions, and the time has come when they felt that they must protest loudly and lustily or forever hold their peace. They first told their distressing story to the British Columbia government, and then to the Dominion government, and apparently without much result.

The chiefs referred to are leaders of their race. They speak English, and have become well versed with the ways of the politicians. What they think of the wily white man has not perhaps been expressed in words. In number the tribes may not be increasing, or they may not be expected to increase; otherwise they could not hope to succeed upon their present reservations. One thinks of them occasionally as he thinks of the buffaloes, the other occupants of the great lone land, in the days when they roamed at will upon the prairie and enjoyed the freedom that is theirs no more. The buffaloes have practically disappeared from their haunts. A few of them have been preserved as a sort of national curiosity in the public parks of the western provinces, and they suggest that forlornness which is rapidly becoming the lot and the fate of the poor Indian.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now that the army in the making has been pretty well advanced, would Lord Kitchener not do greater execution in the field? That is the question of the hour.

The Herald reports that many of the business and industrial organizations of New York have approved of the daylight saving scheme. A large committee has been appointed to promote it.

What will Lord Kitchener say in reply to Winston Churchill? My lord has been hitherto silent under the attacks of the Northcliffe press. The situation is, however, becoming a little warm.

It is time the New Brunswick government resigned. Its members are in such bad repute that in an election they would suffer severely at the hands of the people. Politically, if they escape with their lives, they can thank their stars.

Independent of the action of the council, and without waiting to see whether or not its resolution with regard to daylight saving will be enforced, some people are acting upon the spirit of it. They are rising and going to work an hour earlier.

The daylight saving resolution, moved by Alderman Newman in the city council, and carried some time

ago, has not been legally rescinded. It may not be enforced, but it stands as an example of the irregular way in which the council is doing its business.

New Brunswick is passing through an experience which is very similar to that of British Columbia. The people have rebelled against the local government and have demonstrated this by rejecting the newest member in an election by an overwhelming majority. An ominous outlook for the next election.

If the clocks generally were put on an hour the school children would not be going home at eleven o'clock and the fathers at twelve o'clock, as one alderman asserted at the last meeting of the council. The fathers and the children would return home the same time and share at the dinner table the food which industry had provided.

PUBLIC OPINION

Italians Again Gaining.
(Port Arthur Chronicle.)
The Italians are on the offensive again. They have not been making mountain trails all winter just for the Austrians to walk over.

Great Man Withal.
(Hamilton Spectator.)
Winston Churchill, like all human beings, has his faults; but he still remains a giant among his pigmy critics.

A Phenomenon.
(Ottawa Journal.)
What a good many people among us may feel to be a phenomenon is the seemingly utter disappearance in Great Britain of opposition to conscription.

Out Out the Frills.
(Ottawa Free Press.)
Col. Winston Churchill would make army officers do without servants. After a while, they may cut out all the frills, but we in Canada will still have honorary colonels.

Mr. Kite's Service.
(Hamilton Times.)
The Montreal Mail is not disposed to whitewash Col. Allison yet. It says that Mr. Kite would have done the country a disservice had he not done what he has done.

Right Royal Pair.
(Montreal News.)
"Quhat says they" asks the Ottawa Free Press in connection with the Kite charges. It might be said that y-allison and y-hughes be a Righte Royale Pair to ydraw to.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Prof. Fowler and Goodwin have been elected members of the Royal Society.
Three brick houses known as "Maple Row" on Barrie Street, were offered for sale by auction today. About \$1,000 per house was bid, but was refused.
E. W. Mullin has commenced the study of law.

Random Reels

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

CARRANZA

Venustiano Carranza is, or was, when this was written, the president pro tem. of all that part of Mexico which is not being pro temmed by somebody else. Carranza has several competitors in the pro temming line, and by the time this is read may have been quietly and skilfully disposed of by drinking a poisoned high ball, but as we write he is still on the throne, having his vitals tasted for him just prior to each meal.

When your Uncle Samuel found it necessary to send a few thousand fearless American boys into Mexico for the purpose of dispersing Pancho Villa, Carranza did not warm up to the proposition so that it was necessary to turn on the electric fan. He had been trying to disperse Villa for some time, and has succeeded in doing one of the poorest jobs of dispersing ever undertaken up to the present writing. It grieved Carranza, therefore, to see a parcel of Yankee boys, any one of whom can do 400 yards in ten seconds flat, come right down into his front yard and scatter Villa in so many different directions that when he is captured he will have to be put together like a sectional bookcase. This injured Carranza in the place where he carried his pride, and when you

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Criticising The Commission.
(Montreal News.)
Why should Sir Charles Davidson attempt to discredit testimony such as that offered by the Auditor-General? Witnesses should be encouraged to throw all the light they are capable of throwing on suspicious deals. This is particularly essential in tracing the transactions of an operator with the adroit and devious methods of J. Wesley Allison.

Recruiting Not Organized.

(Toronto World.)
A great deal of the difficulty is no doubt due to the attitude of the Government, which has been satisfied with the laissez faire policy in everything concerning recruiting. One of the worst features of the present system is the lack of discrimination by which men who would be better left in the industrial positions which they are filling to the advantage of the army as well as of the nation, are taken off to be drilled for service, while other men who should be serving in the army are put to learn the work of the men who have enlisted, which they cannot do with any celerity, and consequently the industrial machine is put out of order.

The waste of effort and cash is evident, and the Government is on its defence for having failed to organize the recruiting business as it has organized other branches of army service. Whether enlistment is to be voluntary or enforced, the recruiting of the men should be an organized business and the best workers in this business should have charge of it, and the recruits they get should be distributed among the various corps as they may desire and as their suitability for service may dictate.

INDEPENDENT PRESS.

Manliness Of Sir Wilfrid.
(Canadian Courier.)
Yet because Sir Wilfrid does not play the coward and the cad for the sake of some people's precious party, they club the old man over the head with a brutal threat to turn him out of the leadership in which they have kept him grinding corn for their grist through the best years of his life. He has spoken his mind, forsooth. Crucify him! We will not have a public man in Parliament who has any convictions which he will not stife or any opinion which he will not sell at bidding of any exigency. That is a magnificent way to induce men of decent instincts and loyal natures to enter public life! It declares, as plainly as it could be put, that a public man who has by sheer ability and faithful public service risen to a high position in any political organizations—and he can do little if he stays outside of political organizations—must be ready to spit on the grave of his mother, or betray his brother as Joseph was betrayed if he would keep that position or escape bitter humiliation in his old age.

Works Both Ways.

(Guelph Mercury.)
A medicine book says: "If women would eat more onions, they would make fewer calls on the doctor." Oh rats—it works both ways. If they gobbled onions, folks, would make fewer calls on the women, too.

Caroline Henrietta Waterman, wife of Sergeant Edwin J. Waterman, of the 139th Battalion, Cobourg now at Barriefield Camp, died on Tuesday. Deceased was born in Campbellford fifty-two years ago.

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Rippling Rhymes BIRTHDAYS A birthday is a solemn thing; a fellow realizes then, how speedily the days take wing, the days that do not come again. A little grayer than last year, a little slower in my gait, I feel the dump is drawing near, and still I keep my smile on straight. A little failure of my sight; a bit more deafness in my ears; a few more aches—but that's all right! I would not stop the scudding years. My bald spot is a bit more wide, my muscles grow a trifle slack; I have more stitches in my side, a few more cricks are in my back. But yonder vault of azure brinks above no gladder heart than mine, for all about me there are friends, who keep an old gent feeling fine. Their kind words make my bosom swell and fill my piebald eyes with tears; they tell me I am looking well, and hope I'll live a hundred years. A few more symptoms of the goot have vainly tried to kill my joy; a few more teeth have fallen out, but I'm as happy as a boy.