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LESSONS FROM THE WAR.

The tragic events of the war, so distressing in their character, are teaching their lessons, and one is that Canada, as part of the empire, is depending upon the protection which Britain affords in her army and navy. Without that far-flung battle-line in France, and the farther-flung line of battleships across the North Sea, preventing the escape of alien cruisers, Canada, in common with the rest of the empire, would be the sufferer.

The daylight saving scheme is apparently settled for this year. Ald. Newman has had another vote upon the issue and lost. The division was 9 to 9. An evidence in itself, if it were needed, that the original resolution had not been rescinded.

STRAINING THE LAW

The legislation of British Columbia, in extending the life of the legislature long enough to enable the government to perform certain acts, will be tested by the court to which an appeal is being made. This appeal will likely travel to the Privy Council. An interpretation of law by a lower court, and one that will probably be against the legislature and the government, will not be accepted, and perhaps it is as well.

Granted that the Pioneers whom the militia department is calling to its aid should, or must, be made up of men of a certain stature, that the work in which they will engage requires unusual strength and endurance, the fact remains that they should be searched out by the slow and even expensive process that is open to all recruiting officers. Every member of the 146th Battalion has been, as it were, hand-picked. He has been looked up, interested in the national service, and enlisted at a considerable cost, and this cost met or borne by the regiment, and out of its own funds.

The price of beer has suddenly risen in the city to ten cents a glass. Why? The license commissioners may be asked to look into this question.

It is estimated that \$10,000 a day is spent in Kingston by the officers and men of the various units in camp beyond Barriefield. Most of this money finds its way into the city.

The dancing masters of New York have met and solemnly declared that "bunny hugging," and all that this implies, must in their august presence cease. The young folks will kindly take notice.

So Ulster, or part of it, is to be excluded from home rule when it is put into effect. Too bad. United Ireland should try the virtues of a government which should mean everlasting peace to the Emerald Island.

The United States naval bill has been passed by Congress with an estimated expenditure of \$270,000,000. The measure lacked just six votes of carrying with it a further expenditure of \$100,000,000. Uncle Sam means to have some navy.

The commanding officers at the Niagara Falls camp call for the closing of the pool rooms on the ground that these are detrimental to recruiting. In time the government of Canada may be impressed with the necessity for national registration. Then the visitors to the pool rooms may not be so numerous.

As the result of acute criticism to which he was exposed in the Jewish press, which appears to have misunderstood him, J. H. Schiff, of New York, and one of the most active and generous Jew in America, has withdrawn from all Jewish societies. He is still at work, however, in the interest of his down-trodden countrymen in Poland and Russia.

Who authorized the raiding of the local regiment in the interest of the Pioneers? Is there any excuse or justification for it? The country is not depleted of its stalwarts. There are some still at large, and they may be secured if the government is willing to pay for the cost of the canvass. The government has certainly no right to appropriate the work which has cost it nothing.

PUBLIC OPINION

Hard on Canada. (Hamilton Times.) So defective ammunition was sold by Canada to the British Admiralty. What next? Considerable Damage Going On. (Columbia State.) At the present rate, there isn't going to be much left of the earth for the meek to inherit.

Properly Sized Up. (Montreal News.) Having been in politics for some time, Mayor Mitchell, of New York, was probably prepared to be called "a little shrimp."

Kaiser At Home. (Guelph Mercury.) The spectacle of the Kaiser riding on a street car and tipping the motor-man convinces us that His Majesty is planning to run for office.

Worth Their Salt. (Calgary Daily Herald.) The Germans are working their Canadian prisoners in the salt mines presumably because they have learned that these young fellows are worth their salt.

Trafficking With the Nationalists. (Ottawa Citizen.) The penalty of gaining office by a compact with the Nationalist party has dogged this Government. It has lost the confidence of the country by its trafficking with the political underworld, and it has gained nothing by such deals.

Imprudent Act. (Montreal Herald.) Sir Robert Borden has expressly ruled that there shall be no inquiry into the very matters on which Sir Sam Hughes has issued his statement. Yet Sir Sam Hughes, in spite

of this denied investigation, to which, as a member of the Government, it must be supposed he was a party, has seen fit to issue a blanket endorsement of himself and Col. Wesley Allison.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The strawberry crop will be almost a failure owing to the lack of rain. J. McCammon went to Enterprise to-day and purchased a carload of cattle. J. Waddell was elected high senior headle of the Grand Lodge of Canadian Order of Foresters.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Progressive Defence. Montreal Mail. Col. J. W. Allison was praised by Sir Sam Hughes in Parliament, before the latter went to Great Britain, as a pure patriot.

The Meredith-Duff Commission proceedings put a different complexion on Col. Allison's operations. They gave denial to Hughes' boasts. Col. Allison took commissions right and left; and he was shown up in a light that utterly belied General Hughes' estimate of his purely patriotic interest. He took his pound of flesh; and he took the wind out of his ministerial friend's boasts.

It having been established that Allison took commissions, Sir Sam Hughes was forced to abandon his denials of knowledge of that fact. But he did not denounce the taking of toll; he defended it. When he learned that Allison, whom he boasted would be entitled to his "expenses," held both hands in the commission bag, he was still for Allison—for him to such an extent that his eulogy was refused consideration by the judges. Sir Sam kept step with Col. Allison as the revelations were brought out; he was progressive in his praises, and concurrent in his justification as the truth was revealed. It looks very much as if Sir Sam Hughes has made up his mind to stand by Allison, just as it looks as if other powerful influences were bound to stand by Hughes. The Allison-Hughes alliance seems to grow stronger as the evidence against Allison, in a profiteering sense, increases in scope.

LIBERAL PRESS.

The Election in Quebec. Manitoba Free Press. Strictly speaking, there has been no organized Conservative party in the provincial field since the catastrophe of 1897, when the Flynn Government was destroyed by the Liberal party, led by F. G. Marchand. Every general election since that date has been a Waterloo for the Conservatives.

In 1912, following the change of government in the Dominion, an attempt was made by the Conservatives to make headway, but a mere handful of members were elected; and this year there was a return to the conditions of 1904 and 1908, when the Opposition all but disappeared. The other theory, that the Liberal

Random Reels

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

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The United States National Convention is an enthusiastic gathering called for the purpose of nominating a President who will listen to reason. It is held once in every four years at heavy expense for badges and delegates, which is cheerfully defrayed by the second-class postmasters and the candidates for Federal office with which every town of over 400 population is so thickly congested.

One of the first acts of the National Convention is to open with prayer, thus injecting religion into politics, but not enough to spoil the programme. After the national committee has seated all of the delegates that will stand without a rope halter, the polls are opened and a number of worthy citizens are voted for by their own states. When this has proceeded far enough to permit the manufacture of 1,000 feet of moving-picture film, the leaders decide to nominate somebody who is strong with the masses and at the same time is ace-high with the classes. Sometimes one of the leaders will become obdurate and have to be promised the post-office or a position as guardian of a filing cabinet in the census bureau, and if he becomes too obdurate he is given a massage by the driver of the steam roller.

Rippling Rhymes

THE GRAYBEARDS. We relics of a bygone time insist that old things were sublime, that modern things are punk; but our old domes are full of hats, and we are talking through our hats, and all we say is bunk. The lovely dames come down the street, logged out in raiment slick and neat, and we look on and sigh; "The modern fashions," we declaim, "are nothing but a burning shame—they shock the purist's eye. They make the tired spectator ache; and how the womenfolk can make themselves a holy show, is something that we can't explain; oh, for the fashions safe and sane, of forty years ago!" We make such statements free and bold, but if you take an album old, and view the women there, with gowns that look like circus tents, and shawls that look like twenty cents, and nets upon their hair, you'll say, "Those girls were surely shrieks! The world was overrun with freaks when those tynettes were made; if any woman should appear in such a spread of rags this year, the cops would make a raid!"

INDEPENDENT PRESS.

Is It True? Canadian Courier. The other day, a commercial traveller was discussing party politics in the smoking room of a train. "Party political lines are breaking down," he said. "At one time, in our organization at Kingston, there were only Grits and Tories, but now we still have some Tories and some Grits, but the great majority of the members are for principles and men. We gave a machine gun to a local battalion, and a discussion arose over its disposal. Politics were dragged in. The dyed-in-the-wool Tories stated their position, and the dyed-in-the-wool Grits stated theirs, and they were as far apart as the poles, and then the majority of the fellows just settled the dispute in a common-sense way without regard to politics. And that is what is going on all over the country."

DEMAND REMOVAL OF CONSTANTINE.

Russian Press Urges Vigorous Action Against Greeks—Would Occupy Athens. Petrograd, June 7.—The Russian press urges the Entente powers to bring pressure to bear on Greece because of the antagonistic attitude of that country. Something of a sensation has been caused by the articles especially that in the Bouras Gazette, expressing the opinion that the King of Greece "would do well to take a rest of some duration at some place better for his health than Athens."

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COMMISSION TO FRANCE.

Canadian Representatives Going to Cement Relations. New York, June 7.—A Canadian commission, headed by Senator Charles P. Beaubien, sailed on the French liner Chicago for Bordeaux. The Senator declared the object of the trip is to cement the relations of pride and love between France and England. He was accompanied by Louis N. Patenaude and Paul Spurter, secretaries of the French Chamber of Commerce in Montreal.

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strength in these provincial contests is a reflection of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's prestige, is true only in small measure. The real explanation is that after 29 years of wasteful and incompetent government the province had the good fortune to secure a careful and efficient administrator, first in Mr. Marchand, and afterwards in Sir Lomer Gouin; and it had the good sense to reward their effective service by steady support. It has been the easier for them to do this because no possible alternative government has ever been offered to them by the Quebec Conservatives.

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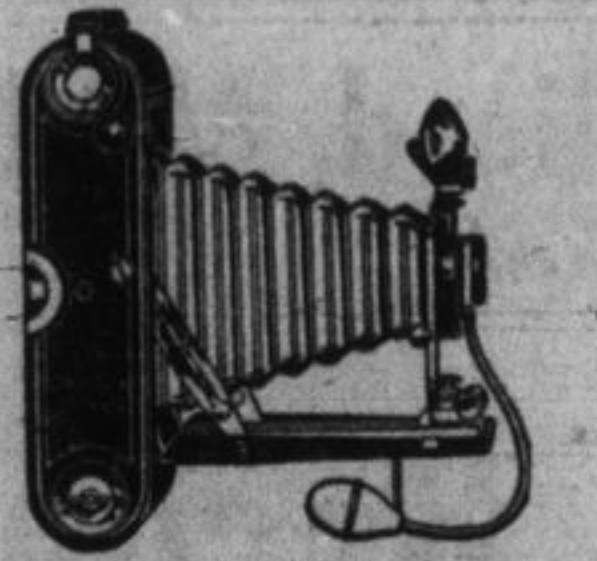
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