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NEW LOCAL REGIMENT.
It is understood that another local
regiment will be recruited in King-
ston and with officers to be appointed
from the reserve or experienced staff.
Canada must go on recruiting, and
there are many eligible young men
yet to be enlisted. The one draw-
back to the projection of another
corps at the present time lies in the
fact that the 146th Regiment is still
recruiting, and has not obtained its
full complement of men.

The regiment is in camp fitting out
for the overseas service, for which it
is impatient, and the militia depart-
ment would be justified in transfer-
ring to it from other corps enough
men to complete its muster. The
time spent in recruiting in the sev-
eral local stations, and in Kingston,
by the 146th Regiment, has not been
lost. The men have been developed
physically, and from now on will de-
vote their energies to the training
for the military efficiency, which, ac-
cording to the British standard, is
very high.

Members of the regiments that are
now in England write home to say
that the British system is very exact-
ing, and the Canadians are realising,
as never before, what it is to be a
Tommy Atkins. All the qualities
that make up a perfect soldier are
found in the British soldier, and
hence the value of that preliminary
work for instruction in which some
Canadian officers are now on their
way home.

The women are to be given votes
if the Republicans succeed to power.
The Republicans are pledged to do
this "as a matter of justice."

HUGHES FOR PRESIDENT.
The expected, and yet the unex-
pected, has happened in Chicago,
where Charles H. Hughes, at present
a Justice of the United States Su-
preme Court, was given the nomina-
tion of the Republican party. Thus
the Republican forces, largely un-
organized, and with a sentiment that
was freely expressed without any en-
gineering, brought about a result
which is very surprising in its nature.
The Progressive party, so severely re-
buked in the last election, had reason
then to die a natural and peace-
ful death.

The ambition of one man, Mr.
Roosevelt, took it into the campaign
and the ambition of the same man
has tried to galvanize the corpse and
give it the semblance of life. The
ex-president and his immediate fol-
lowers made some attempt at a re-
surrection, and it failed. The last
futile act was to appeal to Mr. Roose-
velt to visit the convention and influ-
ence it with his presence or with his
speech. He responded in an epistle
in which he warned the convention
against the possible election of one
who would not be anti-German to the
core, and he certainly referred to Mr.
Hughes, who was alleged to be the fa-
vorite of the hyphenates without any
evidence to justify the statement.

Mr. Hughes was always in the lead,
and would have sooner been the
choice of the convention but for the
sparring between different elements
for a basis of peace and with a desire
for some arrangement which would
guarantee the candidate-elect the
unanimous support of the party. It
remains to be seen whether the con-
vention has reached a wise decision
with the acceptance by Mr. Hughes
of the nomination and the acquies-
cence in it of Mr. Roosevelt. It will
take some days to make the situation
clear.

Justice Hughes is a man among
men. He is one of the Lincoln type,
in having exalted ideas and the pow-

er and courage to express them. He
did not seek this nomination, and if
he accept it he can be depended upon
to conduct a campaign which will be
a model of its kind. He will be re-
membered as the governor of New
York State who had a rare and unique
conception of his public duty, and
who, though offending some of the
old guard, won the confidence and re-
spect of the people.

The Sherman faction in Chicago,
taking advantage of the absence of
Roosevelt and his big stick, visited
the Progressives' headquarters, ham-
mered some of the moss and tore up
the banners. After that the peace
conference adjourned.

THE ENQUIRY IS OVER.
It is well that the end has been
reached in the Meredith-Duff en-
quiry. It had to take place. The
country had a right to know what
there was in the statements made in
the Commons, and the country is sat-
isfied with what it has heard. Noth-
ing in the statement? One has only
to read the proceedings of the last
day of the Commission and meditate
upon the comments of the commis-
sioners in order to get a different im-
pression.

The report of the Commission must
not be anticipated. It will prob-
ably absolve the minister of militia
from the charge of personal corrup-
tion. He enlisted a committee
whose purpose was to undertake the
production of shells in Canada, and
he left the work to this committee,
and it, with the help of Allison, plant-
ed most of the orders in the United
States, ignoring Canadian appeals
for orders, and under circumstances
that have to be passed upon by the
Commission.

Of Allison, the personal friend of
Sir Sam Hughes, one can imagine
what is coming by what has already
passed. The minister stood by his
friend through everything. He was
surprised to hear of the commissions
that were exacted and taken by All-
son, but Allison was a broker, and
of course was entitled to what he
could make out of the public con-
tracts.

The counsel for Mr. Allison plead-
ed that he had heard the names of
men in high positions in Canada who
were connected with contracts, but
these names were carefully excluded.
"There was nothing," said Mr. Hen-
derson, "illegitimate on the part of
Allison, although his name does not
appear on the fact of the contracts." Then
followed this dialogue:

Justice Duff—As the confidential
agent of the Minister of Militia, he
put his hand in the till and took
\$250,000.

Mr. Henderson—That is a strong
expression.

Justice Duff—I know, and I in-
tend it to be strong. Although he
got all that money his name was not
on the contract. I am not concern-
ed about the names of others. It
is the principle.

Mr. Henderson—You use the ex-
pression of a man in an official posi-
tion. I cannot accept that Allison
occupied an official position for the
Government of Canada.

Justice Duff—You can take his own
evidence.

Mr. Henderson argued that All-
son was a broker and known by Gen-
eral Hughes to be in that business,
and known by General Hughes to be
taking a commission on business
done for the British Government, or
for them through the Shell Commit-
tee. There was no suggestion that
he ever repudiated the taking of
commission in regard to this con-
tract, though he told General Ber-
tram and Col. Carnegie that he was
anxious to oblige the Shell Commit-
tee. "I know you want to be chari-
table," he said.

Justice Duff—There is a little in-
cident that shows the feeling towards
war contractors. Gen. Picton threat-
ened to shoot a war contractor, and
the latter complained to the Duke of
Wellington. The Duke replied:
"Picton is just the man to keep his
word."

Mr. Henderson—Can we get along
without war contractors?

Justice Duff—We can try to make
them honest.

These are illuminating extracts.
The Montreal Mail, which is a Con-
servative paper, says that Mr. Kite
would not have been doing his duty
to the country if, possessing the in-
formation which he did, he refrained
from using it and bringing about the
exposure that has taken place. The
pity is that the whole shell business
was not gone into, and perhaps it
will be yet. The counsel who said
that Canada had been shocked by the
revelations is correct, and if four
charges led to so much what would
have happened had the lid been com-
pletely lifted?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The destruction by zeppelins and
submarines seems to be limited. The
British war on the air craft and Ger-
man sea craft seems to be telling.

Allison's counsel lauds him to the
skies. When the war is over he
says that Allison will appear "as a
giant in business." He certainly is
a man of colossal cheek.

Roosevelt has pronounced upon
the Wilson Government in the United
States. Its evil service has been
the greatest, he says, that can be re-
ndered to a great democracy.

The American government must,
in time, in order to be really efficient,
take on some of the features of the
British government. Its permanent
offices must be filled by men who are
skilled in business and diplomacy,

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Random Reels

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

LEATHER
Leather is a tough, hardy sub-
stance which at one time was used
in the manufacture of shoes. For
years the people of this country wore
large, bunion-producing shoes, of
pure leather which could be put on
in May and worn until death with-
out showing the least sign of ex-
haustion, but they cannot do it today.

Owing to the European war and the
inexorable law of supply and de-
mand, which also controls the price
of steel, rails, genuine, hand-buffed
leather is getting harder to find than
a pure politician. This has caused
the price of shoes to leap straight up,
describe a graceful parabola and fall
on the neck of the ultimate consum-
er with a sickening plunk. One of
the greatest disappointments a mar-
ried man can have is to lead a fam-
ily of nine children into a shoe store
and try to surround their feet with
shoes, at the present market price.
A pair of vic kid shoes which a year
ago could have been bought for \$2.95
will now look a \$5 bill in the face
with a stony silence. And yet peo-
ple continue to wear shoes, instead
of going barefooted and saving the
price of corn cures.

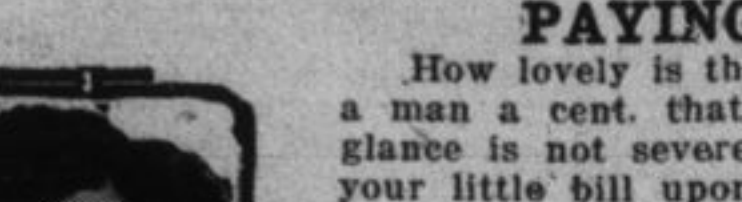
Leather used to be grown on the
person of a milch cow, but it is now

produced by mixing wood pulp with
graphite. This brings forth a pleas-
ing material which cannot be told
from real leather until the owner has
stepped into a rain storm without
rubbers on, in a blithe and fearless
manner. The old-fashioned, all-
leather shoe could be thoroughly
soaked in rain water without being
affected in the complexion, which
could be at once completely restored
by a thick coating of tallow, this
treatment taking out all the blemish-
es except the squeak. The scarcity
of leather, however, has ushered in
the blotting paper sole, which is one
of the most melancholy devices that
ever sprang from the brain of man.

One reason why leather is scarcer
is because the milch cow is allowed
to live longer than she used to. This
causes one to ask why some Luther
Burbank does not produce a dog that
will grow leather instead of hydro-
phobia and fleas. There are thou-
sands that apparently have no mis-
sion in life and could be spared as
easily as the male goshawk, and yet
man struggles to perfect the seedless
cucumber instead of grafting the
canine family onto a horsehide trunk.
Sometimes it seems as if American
inventive genius is running into the
ground.

Rippling Rhymes

PAYING UP
How lovely is that princely gent who never owes
a man a cent, that he won't gladly pay; whose
glance is not severe and chill, when you present
your little bill upon collection day. He scans your
little bill and cries, "I is a pleasure, bless your eyes,
to deal with folk like you, who charge a reasonable
price for shredded prunes and boneless rice, and
other things we chew. Just wind a smile around
your neck, while I sit down and write a check, with
my large fountain pen; you sold me god and honest
junk, and I am glad to pay the plunk, the kopeck and
the yen." This man may be a honely skate, he may
not wear his sideboards straight, his necktie may be
red; he may have warts upon his ear, his awkward
feet may interfere, and bald may be his head. But
other things we chew. Just wind a smile around
men will say he's quite in style; they'll praise the
beauty of his smile, the contour of his nose; they'll
overlook his features mean, and say, "We've really never seen a man with
finer toes." No man is ugly when he hauls his bundle from his overalls,
and blithely pays his bills, who pays the tailor for his duds, the washer-
woman for her suds, the sawbones for his pills.



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