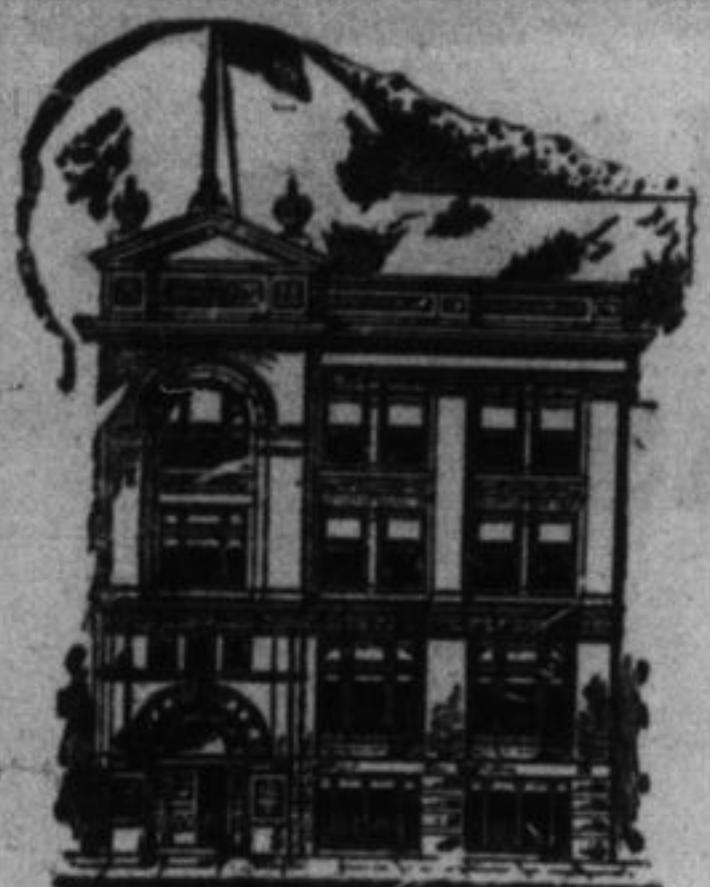


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THE MAN OF DESTINY.

The call of Lloyd-George to the War Office is a compliment which can be understood after a little reflection. He is not the only man of energy, of ability, of perspicacity and power in the coalition government, but he is the man of greatest resourcefulness, and has proved this during his long and remarkable career. He has surprised every student of British history—he may have surprised himself—with his capacity for work and adaptability to new contingencies.

He assumes a new responsibility while yet loaded with other cares, and proposes to carry them all for the present. The danger is that he may suffer a breakdown under the tremendous strain. Pictures are given of him with his merry eye and pleasant face, and they are the pictures of the man as he looked perhaps ten years ago. Pictures of him as he is to-day reveal his stooped shoulders, his grizzled hair, his face marked with the lines of passing years, an old man with all the evidences of falling strength, but with the fires of his remarkable nature smouldering and ready to burn up and glow with fervent heat as crisis after crisis comes. In short, Lloyd-George is the man of destiny, the man whom God seems to have raised up to perform prodigious tasks and who will, like Kitchener, whose place he takes now, be forever remembered with the nation's gratitude.

Says Presidential candidate Hughes: "I stated my position very clearly in my telegram to the convention. My attitude is one of undiluted Americanism, and anybody that supports me is supporting an out-and-out American policy; absolutely nothing else." Yet there is a belief abroad that Mr. Hughes has the support of the hyphenated Americans.

GETTING SOAKED.

The cartoon in to-day's Whig, and by the artist who has so cleverly illustrated the various features of Community Building, is peculiarly appropriate—"Soaked." "In the summer," the ancient poet wrote, "one lightly turns to thoughts of love." In the summer, also, a summer like this, one fretfully turns to thoughts of rain, and if his covering is not ample or complete he is sure to be soaked.

Fancy a man setting out on any of these days without protection against the showers that follow each other with drenching effects. Yet that is the performance of the man who has been cutting out the sections of his umbrella, one by one, until there is nothing left but the handle and the ribs. Or, as the artist puts it, he knocks one shingle off his neighbor's house and two off his own with startling results. The point is that those who continually send their money out of town for what they can get in it, wake up sooner or later to find that what they want at home they cannot get because they have been destroying the co-operation with others upon which they depend until there is nothing left of it.

There is not one who will fall to resent as insulting the insinuation that he is boycotting his home or his home town. He do anything to hurt local interests! He lend a hand to any scheme which will prevent local growth or expansion! Perish the thought.

Still there are some, notwithstanding all that has been said in these community articles, who will buy prize packages, as it were, abroad. They see them advertised and do not want them but cannot resist a bar-

gain, and they hope the merchants of their own town will go on prospering. Progress? What makes it? Union, co-operation, support. Are these your strong points in local trading?

PRODUCERS, GET BUSY.

The Whig's young men who have been interviewing the industrial leaders in this community have an interesting story to tell. It can be summed up in a few words. The times are perceptibly better. Business is good. Orders for productions are freely coming in. There is one complaint only. Labor is scarce, and hard to hold. Men would rather enlist for active military service than work, even at an increased wage. They cannot resist the lure of the colors.

The manufacturers who have been in session at Hamilton express a grievance. It is that there is no discrimination with regard to labor, and that men are being taken for military service who are really and urgently wanted for industrial purposes. This grievance was felt in England as the war proceeded, and when it was accentuated by some striking incidents, and by a threatened shortage of munitions, Lloyd-George acted. He organized his department so efficiently that the men who were needed in the shops were left there, especially the skilled artificers, and when necessary some of them were called out of the trenches.

The war may be long continued, or it may come to an end sooner than some people expect. It is going, however, to take some time to drive the Germans out of Belgium and France, and until they are driven out the recruiting must be carried on. The question, then, is why should it not be conducted on something like system or an approved plan? Various protests have been made against the current, haphazard policy of the government. It is generally condemned. Something better is demanded, and the men to insist upon a change are the manufacturers. I, they followed the example of the manufacturers of Britain and insisted that of the men who are eligible those should be taken who are not productively occupied they will have conferred a favor upon the country and upon the people generally.

There are fourteen vacancies in the Commons. No reduction in the size of Hansard is yet apparent, but next session may bring a more satisfactory showing.

MEN NOT AVAILABLE.

The United States is passing through an experience with regard to recruiting which tallies with that of every country where progress or success depends upon the voluntary system. "For nearly three months," says the New York Times, "efforts have been made to get 20,000 recruits under an emergency law passed when the Mexican trouble was unusually vexatious. Only 9,000 have been enlisted thus far, and a large number of these are required to fill the normal vacancies in the regiments."

The drawback to soldiering lies in the fact that it is not a remunerative occupation, and it does not attract people during a period of prosperity. The United States was just beginning to feel the effects of bad times when the war broke out, and then all the available workers were in demand providing the materials which the belligerents wanted and could not themselves supply. The industrial life of the American people has been most active during the last ten years, and during that time the army and the navy have lost in their attractiveness.

The United States government resorted to the expedient of the British government, when it wanted men, and the best of them, for its army and navy. The pay was increased. The service was improved. The life of the men in the field and on the ships was made as comfortable as possible. Great posters, with artistic colors, called attention to what Uncle Sam would do for those who entered into his national service. The distinctions of society or caste were to be blotted out. The way to promotions was to be open to every man. All these to no purpose.

"Slowness in upbuilding the army," says the New York Times, "if it continues, will provide material for criticism. The adjutant-general should arouse himself to the end of putting more energy into the recruiting system. If all the old methods fail he must try new methods. The men are in existence. They can be obtained by getting at them."

No, they cannot, outside of national service and conscription. The United States will realize this presently. The dream of better times and better pay and better treatment will disappear. The bald fact will remain that without compulsion of some kind the men, robust, brawny, brave, the flower of the land, will not be secured.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

If the rain keeps up the Canadian military camps will have nothing on Salisbury Plains.

The growing crops—but, by the way, outside of hay, we have none. So why speculate?

Canada and the Canadians are

making glorious names for gallantry and bravery. The boys have the blood and capacity to fight courageously.

Church union will be a strength to Canada accordingly as it is made a means for the spiritual uplift of the people. If it is made social or fashionable its ruination is already in evidence.

The Canadian Press Association is working for the co-ordination of the newspaper publishers. Hitherto they have worked at cross purposes and with few ideals in common. A better day is dawning.

It is usually the very old and conservative men who balk at reforms and advances. Dr. Campbell is one of the venerable fathers of his church, but he evidently values the form of Presbyterianism more highly than the spirit of Christianity.

The Canadian Press Association is asking the postal authorities to seek to reduce the postage on home papers sent to Canadians in France. The rate is higher than is paid on newspapers sent to England or Australia.

The reform plan for the amelioration of the masses outlined by N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.P.P., are catching hold. The public are desirous of learning more of the proposals to help the workers, and are asking that Mr. Rowell and his lieutenants take the platform and expound the new doctrine, at least new in Canada.

The city notifies the property owners on University avenue to make new water and gas and sewer connections opposite their houses forthwith. The reconstruction of the roadway, it is announced, will commence on July 1st. Will the city supply the labor? If the works department cannot get it how is the property owner to succeed?

Several Presbyterian congregations in Kingston and vicinity voted against union, but we have little idea that they will ally themselves with the minority and thus become members of a comparatively small and struggling body. There will be some trouble over the temporalities of the church, and legal and legislative action will have to be obtained, but this will be worked out advantageously.

Hon. J. J. Foy is another of the "Whitney type" of Ontario cabinet ministers to pass away. Sir James liked seasoned men, and did not seek to have a galaxy of intellectual gems set about him. He asked for good solid Conservatives, and Mr. Foy with his personal charm of manner and lack of ostentation, served well his part for his native province. The London Advertiser in the above expresses the Whig's views.

The latest enterprise of the New Zealanders is the development of 750,000 acres of Kauri gum territory. Kauri gum is used in varnish making, and the lower grade quality in making linoleum. In 1914 \$3,000,000

000 worth was exported, and Germany before the war used to take \$300,000 worth a year. The acreage is valued at \$900,000,000, as each acre yields about \$1,200 worth of gum. It is found three or four feet below the ground in the Auckland district, and 5,000 men are employed in getting it out.

PUBLIC OPINION

After Me, Alphonso.

(Hamilton Herald)
Toronto decides not to put on its clocks an hour. So Toronto will continue to lag after Hamilton all summer.

Masterly Retreat.

(Montreal Mail)
Having failed in his defence of the Allison salient, Sir Sam Hughes has retreated to the Maritime Provinces.

Millions Lost and Won.

(Hamilton Times)
The farmers may have lost millions of dollars by these rains. But many is the time that the rain has enabled them to make millions.

Not Dreamt Of.

(Brantford Expositor)
Sir Sam Hughes seems to think himself a wiser man than Kitchener was, but all the same the British Government does not seem to have dreamt of him in selecting Kitchener's successor.

How is This?

(Hamilton Spectator)
Nearly 4,000 auto licenses are now in use in Ontario. At the Presbyterian Assembly now in session in Winnipeg, it is stated that their various funds are much over \$100,000 in arrears. Is there any correlation between these two items?

He Didn't Act.

(Montreal News)
All Sir Sam Hughes had to do was to "write" Lord Kitchener, and the Canadians would have been removed from near Ypres. If he had returned to Canada meanwhile, why didn't he send his views by wireless?

The Songs of To-day.

(Guelph Mercury)
The performance of "Robin Hood" here makes it increasingly certain that the songs written some time ago were infinitely better than much of the trash that is served up to the public nowadays in the form of entertainment.

KINGSTON EVENTS
25 YEARS AGO

Dr. Fred Sparks left to open a dental office in Oswego or Fulton, N.Y.
Five young ladies went to the top of St. Mary's Cathedral tower to-day in a bucket hoisted by steam power. Kingston firemen will attend a firemen's tournament at Belleville.

Mrs. James Marchen died at Tweed on Friday from cancer. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison, Thomasburg, and was born on July 31st, 1831. A husband and four children survive. She was a Methodist.

Random Reels

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

THE BIG HEAD

The big head is an affliction of the upper part of the human skull which is caused by feeding conceit into a vacuum. After Nature has gone to the trouble of providing man with a large, unoccupied space in which to store thought and ready-to-wear information, it would seem that this opening could be used to better advantage than by filling it with a low grade of conceit and allowing it to evaporate in the direction of the general public.

There are several kinds of big head, all of which are accompanied by intense swelling of the think chamber. This swelling does not cause pain to the owner, but creates a great deal of personal discomfort on the part of the average listener. The Why is it that a man will not be able to sleep nights on account of the swelling from an ulcerated tooth, and yet not be disturbed in the slightest by an attack of the big head that resembles a toy balloon at a distance of three hundred feet? This shows braggart and the bob-tailed fust-arant favoritism on the part of Nature, which is supposed to be impartial in all her acts.

A certain amount of big heads is in itself a good thing, but when

it begins to run out at the top and spin weird yarns faster than a cotton gin it should be provided with a wire muzzle and a hip reducer. No body ever got very far in the race of life without enough of the big head to prevent him from being pawed over on the remnant counter. Some of the biggest men this country has produced have had a noticeable enlargement of the cranial cavity, but they did not attempt to use it as a substitute for the intellect. A small quantity of the big head, driven with a high check, will not injure any man's chances so long as he keeps his fan belt tight.

It often happens that the man who has the most conceit to carry around a violent case of the big head is the last one to show any signs of it. The genuinely modest man who does big things in a quiet way does not have to convert himself into a billboard with megaphone attachment. One of the things that can be said about American manhood is that the braggart and the bob-tailed fust-arant so seldom sit at the head of the board of directors.

Time will cure the big head, but it is liable to get mighty leg weary before withdrawing from the case.

Rippling Rhymes

A LITTLE SLEEP



WALT MASCO

I like to sleep some after dinner; post-mealtime slumber is a winner. It makes a hit with me; but when I'd do some fancy snoring, all kinds of pounding, ripping, roaring, start up immediately. About a thousand dogs assemble, close by, and make the welkin tremble, with barks and yips and yowls; the cattle all get busy lowing, and I can hear the bughouse crowing of countless nutty fowls. Out in the kitchen the domestic, a damsel haughty and majestic, drops dishes on the floor and grows boys and cranks and peddlers, and fifty other kinds of meddles, are thumping at the door. I can't describe a fourth as third of the blameworthy din you ever heard of—a Dutee it demands—when I of snores would have a number, a little sleep, a little slumber, some folding of the hands, I rise, all sore and Katzenjammiting, denouncing all the frantic slamming, the rumpus and the rush; and now that noise would be no matter, there is an end to fuss and clatter, there comes a solemn hush.

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