



PATRIOTISM

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INCIDENTS CONNECTED WITH GERMAN OCCUPATION.

The Military Governor Was Very Brazen In His Demands—Carried Off the Goods in Many Homes—The Citizens Made Very Vigorous Protest.

Paris, July 12.—History may repeat itself for the sixth or seventh time, if the town is taken by the French. It was a pretty peaceful, sleepy town, in the valley of the Oise, with no more apparent pretension than that of attending to its own little business, and it is all the more a wonder that it has succumbed to nearly every attack.

There can scarcely be any other reason than that its situation makes it a sort of stumbling block in the way of forces bound for Amiens from the north or for Bapaume or Cambrai from the south.

King Charles the Simple first gave Peronne right to immortality by dying of hunger while a prisoner there in 920.

Charles the Bold began its series of captures by imprisoning Louis XI. there two days. The latter avenged himself on both Charles the Bold and town by capturing it in 1477. The Duke of Nassau is the only one who ever failed in an assault upon it; he was beaten by a woman, Catherine of Poix, who right- ly has her statue in the public square.

The Duke of Wellington captured it in his turn in 1815, and the Germans started the town in 1870, in the closing days of the war of 1870, but were obliged to allow it to march out with the honors of war. During nine days' bombardment eighty-two of its 700 houses were demolished, and 600 were rendered uninhabitable. In this case the German commander consented not to levy a war tax on the town and dispensed the inhabitants from all requisitions, which was all the same to them since there was nothing left in the place worth having.

The circumstances of the entry of the Germans are characteristic of the present campaign. After an unequal struggle between a small detachment of Alpine chassours and infantry on the French side and a strong contingent of cavalry, the Germans entered the town August 27th, just as the sub-prefect left at the other side in an automobile carrying off the receipts of the post-office and the tax department, amounting to a million and a half francs gold and several millions in bonds payable to bearer. The Mayor and his substitute were both absent.

Finding no one at the hotel de Ville, Col. Götberg, the German governor, sent for Monsieur Line, a city councillor, and informed him that it would be necessary for him to get together a commission of a dozen important citizens who should answer for the lives of the benevolent behavior of the citizens toward the German troops, and that the commission must present itself to the governor within an hour or Monsieur Line would be shot. From this commission the governor demanded a war contribution of 500,000 francs, which must be forthcoming the following morning.

"We certainly shall not pay it," replied Monsieur Line, "because all the money of the city and the receipts of the fiscal department have been transferred to Rouen, and all of the rich citizens are at the sea-shore; all we can do is to supply your troops with what they need while here."

"I must have money," persisted the governor. "We have no money," persisted Monsieur Line. "You must pay me 3,000 francs in gold this very evening," said the governor, "and you shall furnish 400,000 francs worth of supplies; furthermore, if you've lied to me I'll know it and I'll have your hide and that of the cure."

The following morning, declaring that the requisitions were not being filled with the necessary promptitude, the governor inflicted a further punishment on the town in the form of a permission to the troops of two hours' pillage of the houses whose inhabitants were out. They were told to commence with the sub-prefecture to punish the sub-prefect for having gone away with all the ready money. Everything movable was taken, even to the bedding, carried to the station, and taken away by train the same evening. After the furniture had been removed the soldiers descended to the cellars and then started an orgy that ended in the burning of a dozen of the more important buildings in the centre of the town.

The citizens' committee protested strongly against these depredations, and convinced the governor that it was not the most likely means of securing the willing co-operation of those who were able to contribute to the supplying of the troops. From that time to the flight of the Germans before the advancing French the town was quiet. On September 15th the 3,000 men who occupied the town departed, but the colonel, as he got on his horse, declared: "We shall soon be back." And they were. A few months later they returned, and have occupied the place ever since.

S. Stinson, section boss, Athens, on the B. and W. for several years past, has been transferred to Brockville, where he will be in charge of work in connection with the freight train. A. Robinson has been appointed section boss here. Mrs. Emma Bredin, Athens, moved her household effects to Phillipsville, where she will take up residence with her brother. Merrilee is had enough, but Mrs. rule is worse—a married man says.

ALUMINUM SHARES SELL AT \$500 EACH.

This Price Puts Valuation of \$100,000,000 on Original \$2,000,000 Concern.

Boston, July 14.—Shares of the Aluminum Company of America, quoted a year ago 325 bid, 350 asked, recently sold at \$500 per share. This price puts a valuation of nearly \$100,000,000 upon the concern, as the company has a capacity of 19,400,000 common and \$600,000 six per cent. non-sharing preferred stock.

President Hall, the inventor of the process underlying this company's success, died last year and left an estate of \$10,000,000.

The company is completing expenditures of \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 on plants which are expected to raise the production of aluminum in this country to 200,000,000 pounds per annum. Aluminum sold for delivery this year at 30 cents per pound to old consumers, is taking orders from the same for next year at 35 cents, as well behind in its deliveries, and watches all sales to see that no goods go into speculative hands.

The original investment here was about \$2,000,000. The expansion has come from earnings. For the operation of its plants at Messina, N.Y., the company takes nearly 60,000 h.p. from the Cedars Rapids Manufacturing and Power Company of Montreal.

New Maple Leaf Board.

Toronto, July 14.—At the adjourned annual meeting of the Maple Leaf Milling Company Sir Douglas Cameron was re-elected president and Hedley Shaw was chosen vice-president. W. E. Milner, the new director, has jurisdiction over the mills at Kenora and Medicine Hat, and the company's numerous elevators located in the west. As president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange he has been a prominent figure in the Canadian wheat trade during the recent stirring times.

Bond Sales in Canada.

Toronto, July 14.—The municipal bond sales in Canada for June, as compiled by the Monetary Times, amounted to \$4,428,100, compared with \$2,649,000 for May and \$2,395,744 for the corresponding period of last year.

The Man on Watch

No, Robert, it is not because the Tories have all gone to war that the Grits are winning the elections everywhere. According to Sir Sam Hughes, more Grits than Tories have been sent to the front.

The Lampman hears that three-quarters of the women of Kingston are reading about Roxane and her confessions. The war news comes second.

"Nurses buy cigarettes," says a Whig headline. But of course this does not mean that the nurses smoke them. They say dentists can tell if a person smokes. So girls beware!

When the road to Cataragui is built again it should be made less monarchical. Its crown should be lower.

Speaking about roads, the Lampman feels sorry for that favorite old forty-foot road leading into Portismouth. The upper part has been sadly neglected and reminds one of University avenue.

The General Hospital governors are being asked to allow that institution's nurses the privilege of wearing low collars in summer instead of the clerical type of neckchokers. The Humane Society should have long ago petitioned on behalf of the nurses, who not only have to keep their necks enclosed within collars, but also keep their ankles hidden from view behind long skirts.

In a certain church last Sabbath the people were invited to turn up a map of St. Paul's travels and with the Acts of the Apostles before them they would get better acquainted with the ground over which Paul went on his missionary journey 1,850 years ago. The Lampman would almost risk offering a ten-dollar gold piece to each member of that congregation who did as the good minister suggested. The only map-reading the people do now is with regard to the movements of the Entente Allies, with whom St. Paul would no doubt be associated were he alive to-day.

If there were more judges on the bench like the late Judge Price there would be a much smaller prison population. The Lampman more than once mentioned this fact to the deceased judge, with whom he often conversed. In his later year Judge Price tempered justice with mercy to a greater extent than in the days when he saw only the cold letter of the law to be administered. Many a man who is now a good citizen gives thanks that he was tried before Judge Price, and thought found guilty of an offence which could easily have landed him in prison, yet he was given a chance and made good. Judge Price once told the Lampman that he had probably allowed 100 men their liberty on suspended sentences when he could have sent them to prison for as long as five years, but he chose to put confidence in them doing the right thing, and in all his experience on the bench he said that only one suspended sentence man had failed him. It was with great satisfaction that he looked back on that array of principally young men and saw many of them doing well and at the head of comfortable homes, when by administering the strict and stern letter of the law he might have branded them for life by sending them to prison. The judge, who has passed from earthly scenes, is gratefully remembered by many a home which might have been darkened had he not possessed the quality of being merciful. THE TOWN LAMPMAN.

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