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ANOTHER GERMAN PLOT.

There is evidence, which will be
clearer upon investigation, that
the explosions in Jersey City are
the result of a plot to hinder the
shipment of munitions from the United
States for the Allies. In the first
place, the explosives were put upon
barges that were tied up - contrary
to regulations against the piers, in
place of being each night conveyed
down the bay and to the point where
munitions were usually trans-shipped
into ocean liners. This was noticed
about the explosions, that the first
occurred in a barge in which a fire
had first broken out, and that the
pouring of much water from a con-
venient fire apparatus had no visible
effect. The fire burned as fiercely
as ever, and as if fed by oil or some
other inflammable material. Other
explosions followed on other craft,
and some distance from each other,
and from causes that were not ap-
parent.

Incendiarism is suspected. "The
opinion prevails," says a correspon-
dent of the New York Herald from
Washington, "that the boldness of
the plotters who have attacked mun-
ition factories all over the country,
who have set fire to vessels bound
for England and France, and who
have placed bombs in railroad tun-
nels through which trains carrying
arms and ammunition passed fre-
quently, can do nothing else but
warrant the suspicion that this may
be another effort towards the same
end."

The remarkable feature is that a
representative official of the railway
says he has expected something like
this for a couple of years, and took
no special pains to prevent the car-
rying of the plot into execution.
Standing regulations were ignored,
and the way was therefore open for
the trespass and disaster which fol-
lowed.

Fred Dane is a fortunate man. He
has been a license commissioner, a
railway commissioner, and a govern-
ment loan commissioner in turn.
He is the Pooh-bah of the Hearst
government. When no one else can
be found, or fits into a job, Dane is
assigned to it.

MAKER OF POLICIES.

The Canadian Courier gives a char-
acteristic sketch of Joseph E. Atkin-
son, the man who has helped, and
principally, to make the Toronto
Star. The article is one of Britton
C. Cooke's best. It shows how Mr.
Atkinson came into contact with the
syndicate that "swarmed," as it were,
from the staff of the Toronto News in
1892, and undertook to publish an
evening paper. The enterprise had
its varied experiences until Mr. At-
kinson became its financier and policy
maker.

The Whig knows him very well. It
has watched his progress and rise in
political power until at this date he
is one of the men to be consulted
when great issues are at stake. The
fact is remarkable that he was a
force at the recent liberal meeting at
Ottawa, that he impressed on the men
he met there the necessity of social
reforms, and that he became the
chairman of the committee which
will give form and cohesion to these
ideas.

Mr. Atkinson does things, great
things, nonetheless. This is not to
his disadvantage. The big noise is
not always the forerunner of success.
The Star's "quiet song" is efficacious
because it carries with it a sense of
earnestness and conciliation. The
editorial page of the Star is so well-
balanced that, as Cooke puts it,
"there is a capacity for suspending
judgment, for waiting patiently, for

attacking good naturedly, for defend-
ing with well-sustained energy—and
for an amazing candour in defeat."
Never so distinctly in Canadian
journalism has a man found his
place, or earned it, as Atkinson has
found or earned his. His is a rising
personality—Cooke says he has
traversed less than half the parabola
of his flight—and of him Canada, and
the liberal party, will hear a good
deal in the future. He may not as-
pire to leadership, but whoever is
the leader of the party in the Do-
minion will do well to seek out and
act upon his advice.

Over one hundred and thirty wo-
men teachers sought employment in
St. Thomas, and their applications
are still on file. There is no scarcity
of teaching talent now. The dirth of
two or three years ago has passed.

HENRI BOURASSA REBUKED.

The readers of Canadian history
will remember Louis Jos. Papineau,
who, in 1837, opposed the union of
the two Canadas, and, in the intensi-
ty of his views, antagonized the
Imperial Government, and for a season
became an exile. Later his zeal
was reappraised. His patriotism
was recognized. He was restored to
public favour and recognition. A great
grandson of this famous man is now
serving his country in France, and as
a member of the Canadian army. He
was one of the first to enlist in
Montreal, where he practised law,
and as an officer of the Princess
Patricias, passed through several en-
gagements, was wounded, retired
from the front for a time, only to re-
turn to it and win the military cross
in the battle of St. Eloi.

From the trenches, and their
grimy experiences, he takes the time
to write a long and most interesting
public epistle to his dear cousin,
Henri Bourassa, and this letter, pub-
lished in the Montreal Herald, will
be read and re-read because of its ex-
ceptional merit.

Capt. Papineau discusses the whole
situation as it affects the French-
Canadians. He points out the in-
appropriateness of academic discus-
sions as to whether Canada should
or should not have been consulted
before war was declared, and whether
Canada should or should not partici-
pate in a war when she has not been
directly attacked. The fact is that
Canada as a part of the Empire be-
came involved with Britain when war
was declared, and her interests de-
mand that she shall help to defend
them by all the power at her com-
mand. He points out that the situa-
tion has become the more serious as
the campaign is continued, and that
there was nothing else for Canada to
do than unite her forces for the de-
fense of the Empire. The crisis
should have emphasized the place and
value of nationalism and the prin-
ciples it represented; and Mr. Bour-
assa had by his indefensible conduct,
"made the fine term Nationalist to
stink in the nostrils of his English
fellow-citizens." More than that, after
the war, Mr. Bourassa would, if he
did not look out, be the "object of
suspicion and possibly of hatred in
Canada."

The closing lines of the letter con-
tained a warning. The French who
return to Canada, after the war, will
have passed through an experience
they will never forget. "Beware,"
writes Capt. Papineau, "lest we re-
turn with revengeful feelings, for I
say to you that for those who while
we fought and suffered here remain-
ed in safety and comfort in Canada,
and failed to give us encouragement
and support, as well as for those who
grew fat with the wealth dishonora-
bly gained by political graft and by
dishonest business methods at our
expense—we shall demand a heavy
day of reckoning. We shall inflict
upon them the punishment they de-
serve—not by physical violence—for
we shall have had enough of that—
nor by unconstitutional or illegal
means—for we are fighting to pro-
tect not to destroy justice and free-
dom—but by the invincible power of
our moral influence. Can you ask us
then for sympathy or concession?
Will any listen when you speak of
pride and patriotism? I think not."

No such epistle has before been ad-
dressed to the French-Canadians.
Young Papineau shows himself to be
a true Nationalist, and when he re-
turns to Canada it will be to assume
the leadership for which he appears
to be so qualified. French-Canada
has the need of his services at home
as well as abroad. At once he has,
through a great crisis, mounted to
the place in public esteem which he
has earned by his wise counsel and
public service.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The government should have held
back the date of the election in South
West Toronto until it had a candi-
date who would stick.

A settler takes his life in his hand,
as it were, when he undertakes to do
pioneer work in Northern Ontario
under present circumstances. He has
absolutely no protection from fire.

Now that the housewives have
about completed their preserving for
the season, or performed a large part
of it, the refiners have made a cut
of 20 per cent. in the price of sugar.
This is very kind of them.

Hon. Mr. Hearst is not now quite

sure that he made much, if anything,
out of stealing Mr. Rowell's prohibi-
tion policy. But he seems to be in-
clined to stand by his choice, and
that is very much to his credit.

Case must suffer the penalty
of his high treason, probably on
Thursday, and it is fitting enough.
Why should he, an arch conspirator,
escape his deserts when so many of
his dupes met their fate by order of
court martial.

Our local government and local
legislators will now get very wise
about fires, and the way to prevent
them, when nearly five hundred
people have lost their lives, and prop-
erty and timber worth many many
thousands of dollars have been de-
stroyed in Northern Ontario.

Hal B. Dooly, who publishes the
Simcoe Reformer, has been visiting
Camp Borden. He writes glowingly
of all that he saw. According to him,
Camp Borden will be presently the
greatest and finest military camp in
the world! Paradise seems to be lo-
cated in Simcoe County, and the
people didn't know it.

The Montreal Gazette says that if
the majority in South West Toronto
goes as it did in North Perth the
outlook for the government will be
serious and the present prohibitory
law of Ontario may not be long lived.
Oh yes, the law will stand. The gov-
ernment will simply suffer wreck-
age from the men who helped to
save it in the last election.

PUBLIC OPINION

He Surely Is.
(Ottawa Journal)
The words are the Kaiser's.
Our fellow who goes around giving
advice on how to keep cool.

A Fairy Tale.
(London Advertiser)
A Saskatchewan wind whistled a
school away and carried the children
with it. There's a fairy tale for
future generations to build upon.

Kaiser's Worry.
(Toronto Star)
The Kaiser is reported to have
said that "the haberdashers of the
Thames years for our holiest things.
This must refer to German dyes for
neckties."

The Government Afraid.
(Guelph Mercury)
It looks as if the Ontario Govern-
ment would comply with the demand
to refine nickel at home. When the
people speak of the government must
act, else we find new governors.

Candid Admission.
(Hamilton Herald)
"Only the depths of the sea are
open to us." The words are the Kaiser's.
They are in strange contrast
to his proud boast of a few years ago:
"Our future is on the sea."

South York's Billy.
(Hamilton Spectator)
Let's see. Isn't this W. H. Mc-
Lean, M.P., who is discussing the
nickel question so learnedly, the
same Butter Billy who once asserted
that cheese was made in a churn?

A Prophecy.
(Ottawa Free Press)
Some shoe experts predict that we

Random Reels

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

THE TRAVELLING MAN.
The travelling man is one of Na-
ture's handiworks who works mostly
with his feet. A thoughtful and far-
seeing Providence has supplied the
travelling man with a pair of pointed,
rubberized feet which never give out
until Saturday night, when they are
taken apart and allowed to breathe
in a free, natural tone of voice until
Monday morning.

Travelling men are not hired be-
cause of their personal beauty, but in
order to prevent the hotels, restau-
rants and railroad eating houses of
our country from going broke with a
load of muffed report. If it were not
for the vast hordes of hopeful travel-
ling men who drop off the train every
day in crash suits and scatter money
all the way from the ticket window
to the sample room, the business of
running a hotel would be about as
profitable as selling proskint under-
wear in Iceland.

Every hotel man who ever made a
success of the business greets the
travelling man with a seductive smile
and an outside room, and sees that
he is followed to his room by ice wa-
ter, fresh towels and the evening pa-
per. Whenever you read of a ho-
tel being closed in order to allow the
husband to pursue the proprietor into
an adjoining state, you will find that
all of the travelling men who had to
stay over night in the town, on ac-
count of the train service, preferred
to sleep in somebody's hay mow and
tackle the frugal but hardy short or-
der menu. The travelling man has
made the hotels of our land what
they are, which impels us to remark
that in some instances his work
could be improved upon without set-
ting back the dial of progress more
than a notch or two.

Rippling Rhymes

THE TIGHT HUSBAND

"I wish you'd give me half a plunk," said timid
Mrs. Spry. "Some calico and other junk I think I
ought to buy." "You're always thinking up some
plan for blowing money in," her husband said, "and
that is why I'm always short of tin. A trouble here, a
koeck there, 'tis thus the money goes, a doubloon
for some hand-made hair, a yen for furbelows. It is
no wonder married gentlemen think more, are up
now, I will give you fifteen cents, so spend it wisely
well." A million wives, and doubtless more, are up
against this spiel, when they approach the husband,
bore, to touch him for a wheel. It is not strange the
modern maid cuts out the wedding veil; she'd love to
love, but she's afraid she'd have to beg for kale. That
husband leads a misfit life who's stingy with his mon, who doles out pen-
nies to his wife, and groans for every one.

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all will be wearing wooden shoes be-
fore long. Anyway they won't
sneak, and if they are properly
creosoted they won't let in the water
and they won't crack.

Change of Name.
(Montreal Star)
The Kaiser speaks of the British
as "the ice-cold haberdashers of the
Thames." That will bring you bad
luck, Wilhelm. Napoleon called the
same breed "a nation of shop-keep-
ers," and he lost his job.

KINGSTON EVENTS
25 YEARS AGO

Cheese sold at 9c and 9½c to-
day wholesale.
The walls of the new Oddfellows'
Hall are completed.
The vegetables grown in this vic-
inity are the best that can be pro-
duced. Visitors to the market are
delighted with the offering.

THE ALLIES ARE
WINNING OUT.

New York Evening Post.
It is, in fact, the knitting together
of the moral alliance against German
militarism which is the great feature
of the close of the second year of the
war. The resources and the men
were always there, to make head
against the German armies, but they
could have been got together and
utilized only by nations having a
great issue and a great moral unity.
And these Germany, as if led by an
evil genius, has herself furnished to
her enemies. Against another, they
might have been clearly shown
what they had to fight, they were
thrown back upon those springs of
the soul which your material-mind-
ed militarist can neither understand
nor conquer. This is what really
makes the Allies invincible. They
have now wrested the initiative from
the German strategists. Their
military prospects seem of the fair-
est, as they now close in upon Ger-
man forces from all sides. But as
to this we make no predictions. All
that we would point out is that an
invisible ally has all along fought
against Germany, and still presses
her back. This is the adverse moral
judgment of impartial men.

LESSONS FROM THE
LATE AWFUL FIRES.

Toronto Globe
The late and disastrous
catastrophe at Cochrane and Madoc-
son should shock the people of Onta-
rio into demanding more efficient
protection for the remaining forests,
for the pioneer settlers, and for the
towns and villages which eager enter-
prise has established. The slash
from lumbering operations or from
the cutting of pulpwood is the great-
est source of danger, for it becomes
highly inflammable, and can give a
fire sufficient headway to destroy the
greenest of living forest growth.
The virgin forests can scarcely be
regarded as inflammable, but where
the dry debris of a wind-fall or the
refuse from lumbering gives a fire a
start it sweeps away everything in
the line of its destructive course. Onta-
rio should follow the more progres-
sive lumbering States in requiring
the removal of all slash by lum-
bermen. The saving through fire pre-
vention will many times repay the
expense.
More efficient and extensive fire-
ranging should also be provided.
Mining prospectors, tourists, and
campers have greatly increased the
danger. Settlers, too, have been on
some occasions careless to an almost
criminal extent in starting fires for
clearing the land. Such fires are al-
most certain to get beyond control
if there is material in their course,
for they are always started when
there is a strong wind. Now that
the deplorable loss of life has resulted
from the sweep of a great conflagra-
tion it is reasonable to expect a com-
plete change of policy. There should
be compensation, however poor, for
the adding loss in the assurance
of defence against such disasters in
the future. While concentrating now
on the relief of the victims, we should
neglect no effort that can serve to
make a recurrence impossible.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Would Knighthood Be An Honor?
Ottawa Citizen.
Some of the most prolific war
profiteering in Canada has been
put through by Canadian knights
in close touch with the political tool
shop on Parliament Hill. One To-
ronto knight boasted of having made
a profit of \$200,000 on an order for
machining 100,000 eighteen pounder
shells: the total cost of the work
amounted to \$180,000 and the Do-
minion Shell Committee awarded
him \$380,000 for doing it — with
more war fat following.
When knighthoods have been con-
ferred upon Sir Rodmond Roblin, Sir
Richard McBride, Sir Rodolphe For-
get, Sir Henry Pellatt, and other
comrades in arms and ammunition
and bonds of empire (guaranteed),
what can the King do to honor a
plain man like Frank Baillie, presi-
dent of the Baillie and Wood Com-
pany of Hamilton? The company,
under the name of the Canadian
Cartridge Company, has manufac-
tured one million 18 pounder car-
tridge cases and handed back the sur-
plus of \$758,248 above cost to the
Imperial treasury.
The Dominion Minister of Mil-
itia, Sir Sam Hughes, thanked J. Wes-
ley Allison from the Government, side
of the House of Commons for the
services he had rendered. The
Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden,
supported Sir Sam Hughes in de-
fending the sale of "defective" am-
munition, through the agency of
Wesley Allison to the British Ad-
miralty. What public recognition
is the Dominion Government pre-
paring to give to the firm of Baillie
and Wood, or to Frank Baillie, of
Hamilton? Will there be any hon-
or in receiving recognition from such
a source?

Senator Lodge had made an ap-
peal in behalf of Roger Casement to
Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who transmit-
ted it to the British Foreign Office.

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the ICE

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COAL

When bitter winds are howling, streets are slippery and winter has the town in its icy grip, coal deliveries are apt to be difficult. Save yourself trouble by ordering your coal now.

A story is going around that James Norris refused the Conservative nomination in Southwest Toronto because the Hearst Government refused to agree to issue wine and beer licenses.