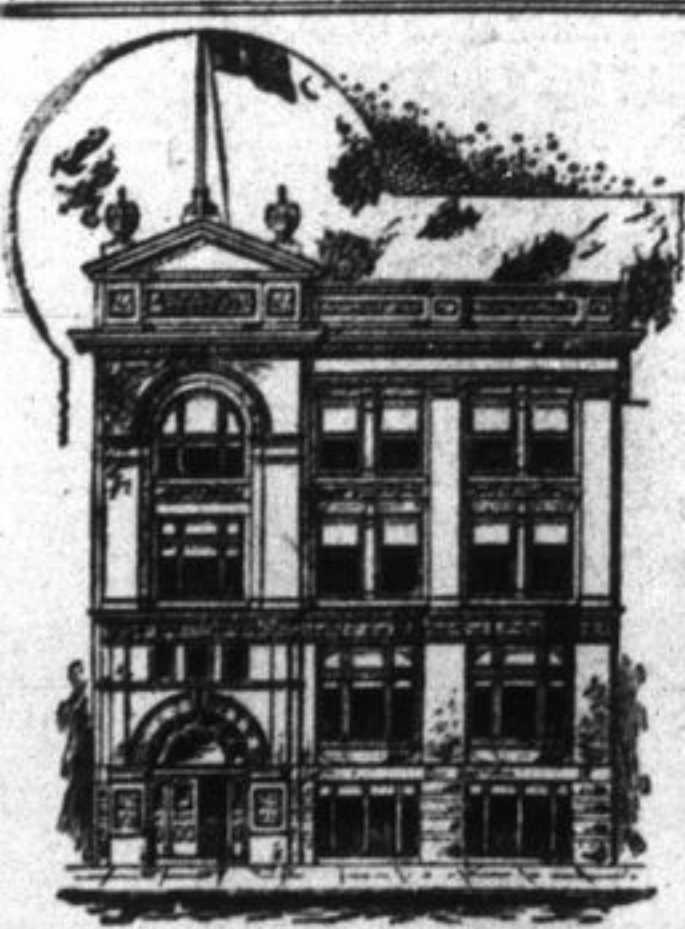


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THE ISSUE IN BRIEF.

If this war is going to continue more than another year, unless there is a considerable improvement, the same conditions will again prevail. AND WE MUST EITHER WITHDRAW OUR DIVISIONS FROM THE FRONT, OR WE MUST ASK GREAT BRITAIN TO FILL UP OUR DIVISIONS WITH HER MEN, OR WE MUST PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REINFORCEMENTS FOR OUR MEN AT THE FRONT.—Mr. Rowell in Woodstock.

A great deal of the talk about the high prices of food is likely to end in talk.

THE PRESS ON THE PRESS.

There is a difference of opinion, in certain political circles, upon the wisdom of rooting out or evicting the Germans of every type from business in London. Lord Northcliffe has been relentless in his antagonism upon all sides of every creed and breed. He has been dissatisfied with the manner in which the chancellery was performing its work. He got after Sir William Pender, as the government's controller, and intimated that he was not doing his duty to the state. My lord incidentally dispensed with Sir William's services as the auditor of The Times' business, and his personal bitterness or persecution—and it all depends on how one looks at these matters—the Toronto Mail, conservative, approves.

The Montreal Gazette, also conservative, takes a different view. The London press, in its opinion, has been guilty of partisan proceedings. The London newspapers are not representative of the mind or temper of the people. Some of the Germans that have been driven out of office, or forced to resign, have served the people in a notable way. There was some justification for the attitude of the government towards them as it knew them better than their assailants.

Thus the press of Canada is divided, as the press of Britain has been, upon the great issues of the war, and it is hard for some people to properly appraise the facts and reach a sound judgment with regard to them.

Congress, in session, is being asked to legislate against the high prices of foods. Many bills are being prepared. "It is doubtful," says a report, "if any of them will pass."

THE STRENGTH OF UNION.

Sir Edward Carson's denial, that he had made any offer with regard to Home Rule in modification of his demands if conscription in Ireland were accepted, is a sad disappointment. It is the more keenly felt in view of the elaborateness with which Sir Edward's views were set forth in the London Chronicle. Apparently, some keen-witted one presumed to read his thoughts, and with the usual results. This is to be seriously regretted in that it leaves Ireland in a state of discontent, which state will be accentuated now that the Asquith party has retired from the government. There is no promise that the Home Rule Act will be enforced by the new government.

There was some point in the supposed challenge of Sir Edward Carson to the Nationalists of Ireland to slink their differences and become reconciled on the great issue of the day, the war, in comparison with which every other issue, including Home Rule, dwarts into insignificance. The change of government is assumed to rest upon

the demand that the war be prosecuted with increased vigor, and there can be no hope of this while Ireland's attitude is so unsatisfactory. True, it has sent to France some of its best troops, and they have left, in their sacrifice, a record of which the country has reason to be proud. But the recruiting has lagged; it is practically at a standstill; something must be done to stimulate it in Ireland. Nothing can do this but conscription, which applies to the rest of the United Kingdom.

The programme for a settlement, launched in the name of Sir Edward Carson, and since repudiated by him, may suggest a favorable consideration later. There are some people who fear the outcome of the war without a union of all the parties and the contribution of men and measures to which present emergencies point; and this remark applies as much to Canada, its governments and provinces, as to the Mother Country and its divided interests.

The cities which front on Lake Ontario, on both the American and Canadian sides, are deeply concerned about the water. The cure is a strong legal enactment against present sewage systems. Canada and the United States should agree upon a policy.

POLITICAL HORIZON OVERCAST. The outlook with regard to the war is somewhat discouraging, and because in some parts of the British empire there is an apparent indecision on the part of the government, which is ominous to say the least of it. All the facts in respect to the present situation in Britain may get known. There are some things which, at a time like this, cannot be revealed. There is a secrecy which is sacred when a lurking and unscrupulous enemy is eager to take advantage of anything it may learn.

There may be surmises, however, and they must be expressed in cryptic, rather than in comprehensive, terms. The circumstances must be tremendously important which can mar the political relations of Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George. They were the warmest of friends. Their political alliances were cemented by service and sacrifice of a most uncommon order. They drifted apart because they did not see certain political contingencies eye to eye. Mr. Asquith's judgment is based on a deliberate examination of every fact and feature, and when he speaks, usually, it is as a logician whose scrutiny penetrates far beyond the vision of his fellows. Mr. Lloyd-George is the man of tireless energy. He works with dynamic speed and force. He is feverishly anxious to accomplish great things and has no patience with anyone or anything which intervenes between them. The separation of these men now may be fraught with the greatest consequences.

In the retirement of Earl Grey, the foreign secretary, with Mr. Asquith, one can see the climax of that dissatisfaction with his conduct of the department which has been growing for some time. The Balkan entanglements were attributed to some misunderstandings in his department. In the retirement of Earl Grey, the foreign secretary, with Mr. Asquith, one can see the climax of that dissatisfaction with his conduct of the department which has been growing for some time. The Balkan entanglements were attributed to some misunderstandings in his department.

EDITORIAL NOTES. An Italian ship was sunk by a German submarine, and there were on board forty-seven Americans. Will the United States protest? What's the use?

The farmers of the west suffered on account of a short crop this year. Now they are suffering because they cannot get cars with which to move this short crop to the market.

Recruiting can be helped very much by a more efficient method of receiving and caring for the returned soldiers. The remarks of the Brantford Expositor, quoted in an adjoining column, are particularly pertinent.

Frank Burgess, the former manager of the Canadian government's elevator system at Winnipeg, is short \$200,000 in his grain transactions. He undertook with his knowledge of the business, to bear the market and it bore him.

On dit that early in the next session the government will propose an enlargement of the parliamentary term until after the war. If this is not agreed to there will be an immediate dissolution of the house and an appeal to the country. The first session of the new parliament will be held in July.

The suffragettes have resumed their activities in the United States. They are thronging the house of representatives and dropping down yellow

banners from the galleries with this question upon it: What is the president going to do about women suffrage? Did he promise the women votes?

Sir Sam Hughes was practically dismissed from the government because he was running his department like a little government of his own. Sir George Perley is doing the same thing in London. He has appointed men to the war council without the sanction and endorsement of the Canadian government. Will he be reprimanded?

PUBLIC OPINION

Should Stay in Canada.

(Montreal Mail) Lady friends of the Canadian soldiers are going to Great Britain at the rate of 500 a month. Which is magnificent, but not war.

Wealth in Eggs.

(London Advertiser) The gent who stored up those 72,000,000 eggs must be trying to outdo Cecil Rhodes and other diamond kings never heard of such wealth.

Absence of English.

(Toronto Mail) It looks as though the duty of saving England would have to be imposed on a Welshman, a couple of Scotchmen, and two or three Irishmen.

Money in Law.

(Oswego Times) Mr. Hughes will resume law practice, and make more money arguing cases than he did sitting on the bench deciding them. And that's what's the matter with Hughes.

Ending the War.

(Everyman) The end of the war will not come to an end before the end of next summer, and that 1917 will see a series of big German defeats. Beyond that it is impossible to foresee. Early in 1918 we may hope to see the end.

Half of Canada for Bulgaria.

(Telegraph, Kingston, Ont.) Do not our friends know that Bulgarian leaders have boasted that they have an agreement with the Government of Berlin that Bulgaria is to receive half of Canada when the British Empire is carved by the butchers and slave-drivers of Belgium and of Serbia.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The water tank at Williamsville was emptied to-day. A subscription fund has been opened to reduce the debt on Sydenham street church.

Major Drennan and Robert Meek went to Guelph to-day to attend a meeting of the Agricultural and Arts Association. The business in which they are interested is the proposal to hold a provincial fair in Kingston.

Fall Caused Death. Peterboro, Dec. 6.—Through falling down a flight of steps to the cellar at the home of her brother, Harry Zealand, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. G. Firth, of Garden Hill, sustained a fracture of the skull, which later caused her death. Mrs. Firth came here for a visit and had been at her brother's home only a few hours when she met with the accident.

Random Reels

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

WATER RENT

Water Rent is a form of tribute which people pay rather than be deprived of the Saturday night bath. There was once a time when water was as free in this country as political puffs, but that was long ago. Our forefathers never had to pay for any water, nor were they called upon to look into the crust and threatening countenance of the ball-bearing water meter every time they went down cellar to put coal in the furnace. Every home had a cistern full of rain water and autumn leaves or a drive well which froze as far down as the knee joint every morning in winter. If anybody had told our forefathers that we of the present generation would be buying plain drinking water at about the price of linseed oil, and forgetting to turn off the faucet, he would have been labeled as a 14-carat idiot.

Water Rent occurs on the first of each month and if not paid by the tenth the water is turned off with a sickening diminuendo. It is a melancholy experience to enter upon a long-deferred bath and before getting fairly started have the water turned off by the calloused and unfeeling hand of the city clerk. There is nothing more discouraging to a man who can get treated at every grocery store in town than to be left stranded high and dry in a semi-porcelain bath-tub, just because he failed to sweeten the city council.

There are two ways of paying the water meter—by meter or the flat rate. People who have tried both say that one huris about as much as the other. The modern, high-speed water meter has done a great deal to reduce man's propensity to water the lawn all night, and has also discouraged thousands of frugal citizens from filling the bathtub up to its chin. The most simple and efficacious method of encouraging frequent bathing on the part of weary husbands would be to restore the flat rate and make it as flat as post-horn the water is turned off with a sickening diminuendo.

Rippling Rhymes

GREAT MEN

One can't be great in many ways. One man is great at writing plays; one beats all others twanging lyres, and one invents new rubber tires. But when a great man leaves his stunt, and pushes boldly to the front to show his great in other things, the universe with laughter rings. A herding goings I excel; I do that job exceeding well, and people, as they go their ways, oft hand me packages of praise. They often say they will be derved if they can fathom how I learned to herd those infant geese thus, without a bonthead or a fuss. I treasure up the things they've said, and praise like this goes to my head, and I begin to say, "It's clear I'm fitted for a higher sphere. If I do so well can herd my geese, it is clear as a glass, that I would shine upon the stage—I'd be the Hamlet of the age." So then my geese I desert, and with the tragic mimes flirt. When people of my venture hear, they buy the henruff of last year, and I am left all dripping wet with a potential omelet.



WINT MASON

HAD A VERY CLOSE CALL

ARTHUR BUTLER IN SHELL HOLE IN NO MAN'S LAND.

When Fritz Discovered Him And Opened Up a Pierce Fire—Suffering From Small Blister on His Cheek.

Arthur Butler, son of Mrs. Mary Butler, of Portsmouth, reported as wounded on Tuesday, had been in France about six weeks. He went over with the C.M.R. and was afterwards transferred to the Lord Strathcona Horse. Word of his wounding and a letter from him came to Mrs. Butler on the same day. The letter was written on November 14th. He was admitted to hospital on November 13th.

"No doubt you will be surprised to see my name on the casualty list," said the writer, "but if you could see the cause you would laugh. I have a small blister on my right cheek caused by a piece of spent shrapnel. I was in a shell-hole in No Man's Land when Fritz spied me. He blew in the trench and just as I thought he had quit he put in an eighteen pound shell (shrapnel) in the back of the hole. An Engineer who was in there with me did not get a scratch. All I got was a splinter, and I think it was a great piece of luck, because one shell has a radius of two hundred and fifty square miles."

The writer had a jocular remark to make about the rates, stating that the French people had started to train rates that they were so large. "One big fellow took a puttie from a fellow's bedside and took it down the hole," he added.

"UNWARRANTED VICIOUSNESS."

Said American, Victim of Marina Torpedoing Incident.

James Spence, Randolph Hotel, has given the Whig a copy of the Commercial of Wilmington, Del., which contains a graphic story of the torpedoing of the British steamship Marina. Survivors just reached their home in Wilmington, and in an interview said that it was due to apparently unwarranted viciousness of the attack made by a submarine on the Marina off the Irish coast, that several lost their lives. No effort was made to succor the innocent victims, forty-nine of whom were Americans.

CAPT. G. G. ANGLIN WOUNDED.

Is Nephew of Lieut.-Col. W. G. Anglin, Kingston.

Capt. G. G. Anglin has arrived in London from the front suffering from "shot in legs and left hand, slight," according to the official announcement. Capt. Anglin is a nephew of Lieut.-Col. W. G. Anglin of this city and a son of Dr. J. D. Anglin, superintendent of the St. John's N.B. asylum. The wounded captain went overseas with the 64th Battalion.

George Eades, student pastor, has been transferred from the Calabogie mission to Beachburg circuit as assistant to Rev. J. B. Robeson, who has been a sufferer from typhoid-pneumonia. E. E. Sykes, Cobden, lay preacher, has arrived to officiate on Calabogie circuit.

George B. Cough, former resident of Cape Vincent, N.Y., died at Watertown, Saturday, following a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Cough was fifty-one years of age. He was born in Cape Vincent, his parents being the late Benjamin and Clotilda Chase Cough.

Advertisement for Bibbys Suits for Young Fellows. Features King Hats \$2.50, Borsalino Hats \$4.00, and Overcoats for Young Fellows. Prices range from \$15 to \$22.50.

Advertisement for Moore's Electrical Shop. Offers everything electrical, including Mahogany Parlor Lamps.

Advertisement for Sunkist Raisins. First Car New Raisins Just Arrived. Available at all grocers.

Advertisement for Good Coal. P. Walsh, Barrack St. Phone 109.

Advertisement for Daly Garage. 335 King Street. Phone 363.

Advertisement for Downey's Garage. Open Day and Night. Repair Work of All Kinds.

Advertisement for Purina Scratch Feed and Purina Chowder. Makes Hens Lay. D. Couper, 241-3 Princess Street. Phone 76.

Advertisement for Kodak cameras. A Kodak would be appreciated as a Christmas Gift. Stock includes cameras from \$1.25 up to \$25.00.

Advertisement for Chocolatta. Ready to use chocolate. Add boiling water only. No cooking nor milk required.

Advertisement for WE ADVERTISE OUR COAL BECAUSE IT'S GOOD COAL. CRAWFORD, Foot of Queen Street. Phone 9.

Advertisement for McLeod's Drug Store. Brock Street.

Advertisement for Farm For Sale. 100 Acres Near the City. Good Buildings, and land well fenced. Price \$4500. W. H. Godwin & Son, 89 Brock Street. Phone 424.