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NATIONAL V. MILITARY SERVICE. There is evidence that the National Service Commission is having its difficulties and that they are not so easily solved.

Following this comes the registration for industrial purposes, and it is hoped the work will be expeditiously and efficiently done.

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THE WAR; ITS DEMANDS. The one clear thought that rises out of the mass of written language during the last few days is this: That Germany is not looking for or expecting peace.

The premiers of Britain and Canada have promised the last man for military service. Where? At home or at the front?

The idea of assessing the big house according to its size or worth cannot be carried out. Ald. Hughes will discover this when he begins to investigate.

Some officers have been parading around Kingston for months. When are they going to the front? Cannot the invalided attend to all the local services?

The Toronto Star does not believe that Canada can rise to the position it ought to occupy in the war until it has a national government and a purely national and new political policy.

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government to this end, as in England, may have to be changed or reconstructed. But what is the government or any parliament to the needs of the hour.

ALDERMANIC CONTESTS.

Saturday evening saw many retirements from the aldermanic elections, and in three of the wards there were acclamations. In only one electoral division—Victoria—were the old members elected, and they are to be congratulated.

In four wards there are to be the keenest contests, Frontenac, Rideau, Sydenham and Cataract, and in all the electors have what they usually desire, namely, the opportunity for a choice. The want in Kingston, before voting day, is a vigorous discussion of the questions which affect the city and its interests.

There is a lot of looseness about the city business, and the people have a right to know who is responsible. For instance, with regard to the machinery hall. The Property Committee handed over the use and repair of it to the Works Committee.

Again, the Works Committee cannot escape criticism for the manner in which its business is being done. The mayor cannot be blamed for over expenditure with regard to which he was not consulted.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Toronto has elected Mayor Church for a third term. Mayor Richardson deserves a second term, and will surely get it.

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The inventor of the sleeping-car had a bright, thoughtful intellect, and he arranged it so that a man who had slept in an Upper Berth once would sit up in the chair car on the next trip, with both shoes spread carelessly by his side.

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PUBLIC OPINION

Bribery in the East. (Montreal Gazette) A two-dollar bill once sufficed to bribe the dishonest elector and to put the "telegrapher" to work. But that was in the East.

All Coming In. (Brandon Expositor) The Toronto World and the Mail and Empire announce that they will accept no more liquor advertising. Next!

A New Version. (Brandon Courier) "Will you walk into my parlor," said the Hun with aspect sly. "Not much," replied the Allies as they winked the other eye.

The Suffering Belgians. (Pro Belgica) There are 2,575,000 Belgian children whom the Germans still hold captive and oppressed in Belgium. Of these, no less than 1,845,000 are under 12 years of age.

Bar on Princesses. (London Advertiser) In a few years a European cat will find it rather difficult to look at a king. Few of the royal houses will be anxious for intermarriage after this war.

What Can They Do? (Montreal Herald) The United States Government have been supplied with the names of the seventeen Americans who were slaughtered by a German submarine in the Mediterranean last Thursday.

DEMAND FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

The reception accorded fervid appeals makes it quite evident that there is a disposition in both political parties at Ottawa to resist the wave of sentiment sweeping over the country in favor of a coalition or national government.

Because the name of Hon. W. T. White has been mentioned as that of a possible leader of a national government some of the lesser men that know that they would not be let in, were a national government formed of the best men, regardless of politics, to be found in the country.

Random Reels

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

THE UPPER BERTH.

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Rippling Rhymes

TAX PAYING

The time has come to pay the tax upon my chattels and my dwelling; of rupees many hard-earned lacs from my strongbox I must be shaking.

when somehow and from somewhere must come the leadership that will lift this country out of its state of indifference to the tremendous issues that confront it on every side.

WASTE IS MUCH WORSE THAN WAR

Mr. Rainy in Congress. "If the war ends one year from the first of next March England will have an annual budget of \$1,200,000,000; Germany will have one of \$1,300,000,000; Austria-Hungary will have one of \$1,400,000,000; Russia, with a budget always heretofore the largest in the world, will have one of \$1,000,000,000.

KING SENDS GREETINGS TO HIS FIGHTING MEN

Also a Message of Cheer and Sympathy to Sick and Wounded.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The following messages have been received from his Majesty the King by the Governor-General, to be communicated to soldiers and sailors:

"I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you, for victories gained, for hardships endured, and for your unflinching cheerfulness.

Also the following "cable to the sick and wounded: "At this Christmas the Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers.

BIG PENSION LIST IN CANADA BY 1918

Hamilton Canadian Club Hears Address by Members of Government Board.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—That there were 30,000 Canadian women relatives of the soldiers of the Dominion, in England, was the assertion of George McLaren Brown, London, representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway, speaking to the members of the Canadian Club at the Royal Connaught.

A Vancouver syndicate has let a contract for building three or four thousand eight hundred-ton vessels with a local shipbuilding company.

Bibbys Men's & Boys' Wear Store. It's the old wish we're sending to you and it's the best one. May your Christmas Time be joyous and full of happiness and may the New Year bring all good things to you-- So here' s o your health and your prosperity. BIBBYS LIMITED 78, 80, 82 Princess Street :: :: :: Kingston

Electrical Christmas Suggestions. Table Lamps. Electric Irons. Electric Toasters. Electric Vacuum Cleaners. WE CAN SETTLE THE CHRISTMAS QUESTION FOR YOU. Moore's Electric Shop Wellington Street.

Sunkist Raisins. First Car New Raisins Just Arrived. At all Grocers. Insist on SUNKIST.

XMAS WANTS. Table Raisins. New Bulk Dates. New Package Dates. New Package Table Figs. Fresh Prunes. Wagstaff's Mince Meat. New Nuts, all kinds. Mol's Chocolate Bon Bons. Christie's Plum Pudding. Christie's Fruit Cake. Malaga Grapes. Full assortment of mixed candies, creams and chocolates. E. H. BAKER. Cor. Montreal and Charles Sts. Phone 1203.

McLeod's Drug Store Brock Street. DR. HESS. Poultry Pan-a-cea. A remedy for the diseases of fowls, such as gapes, cholera and roup. An excellent tonic and egg producer. — At — McLeod's Drug Store Brock Street.

Downeys Garage. Open Day and Night. Repair Work of All Kinds. Cars Stored Until May 1st: Small Cars, \$10.00. Large Cars, \$12.00. Cars for Hire. Gasoline, Oils and Greases Always on Hand. We Store Furniture. George Downey, Prop. 156 Queen Street. Phone 564. AN EXPLANATION. We regret exceedingly that owing to pressure of business on Saturday we had to close our doors at 7.30 p. m. This was made necessary to enable us to put up and deliver our orders taken through the day, and even then we are afraid that some of our friends did not get their goods as early as they or we would have liked. We ask the kind indulgence, both of those who did not receive their orders as early as they should and also of those who were disappointed at not being able to get in the store Saturday evening. Jas. Redden & Co. Phones 20 & 990.

DALY GARAGE. 335 King Street. Phone 363. We furnish auto supplies of all kinds: gasoline, motor oil, etc. Cars washed and stored at reasonable rates. Repair work promptly attended to. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. P. Daly, Prop.

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