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CANADA'S AMAZING WEALTH. The finance minister is asking through the various patriotic clubs for a championship of the thrift policy which he has advocated in several public addresses.

No one discounts the pluck of the army in the great struggle of the day. But next to the army, and ranking in a sense the equal of it, are the people who give of their savings towards the financing of the war.

Sir Thomas White, in one of his addresses, said that the American people had been amazed and non-plussed by the wealth of Canada. Where did the money come from? No one could imagine there was so much of it in the Dominion.

Bethmann-Hollweg is insulting towards President Wilson. The Chancellor says the president of the United States is the factotum of the Allies.

GERMAN-MEXICAN PLOT. An ambassador that can serve Germany successfully is the one who can, in a dignified manner, reflect the mind of his government in international matters.

he were not ready, from past experiences, to accept of any surprise or shock as a common occurrence. When Ambassador Dumba was in America, as the Austrian representative, and he had the connivance of Von Papen and Boy-Ed as arch conspirators, there was reason to believe that they were hatching out mischief for the United States through Mexico.

The Admiralty say they captured more German submarines in February than in any previous month during the war. Why not give the number? What is the meaning of all this secrecy with regard to these details?

THE SWARNING OF TEACHERS. The Education Department has had a superannuation plan before it for some time. It has been carefully studied by representatives of the teaching profession.

In suggesting a more definite scheme and one resting upon a sound foundation, it is argued that if put in operation it will grow in usefulness. This depends upon a general approval by all who will be parties to it, and it has failed, for some reason, to win the support of many of the younger teachers.

All teachers do not qualify for the profession, and for a life work. Perhaps not so much as formerly, and yet to a very large extent, many teach for a while only, and these are not concerned about the superannuation project. They do not want to contribute to the funds or to worry about them.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Let us have more sand on the icy walks. More sand will cost much less than some accidents and the worry over their settlement.

Col. Williams, the chief recruiting officer, has been hurt in an accident. He has had several ribs broken. He can now sympathize with the fellows who suffer casualties at the front.

The sooner a pension officer is located in Kingston, a competent head, the better for all concerned. The returned soldier is entitled to the fullest satisfaction in the payment of his rewards.

Hon. Mr. Rogers as high commissioner of Canada in England! Surely not. Canada's official representative in the Mother Country should be a man of the highest standing in our public life.

Are the women eligible for public positions in the council, the school board, the pulpit? They should be. If they are entitled to all the privileges of the men they should be able

to preach as well as teach and act as aldermen and school trustees. John Howard Payne's manuscript of "Home, Sweet Home," which he wrote when in the greatest poverty, sold the other day for \$360 at an auction of relics in New York.

Lloyd-George will have the sympathy of the Anglo-Saxon world in his bereavement. He has lost by death the uncle who took him as an orphan, educated him, and put him on the way to distinction.

Mr. Ruddick, the dairy commissioner for Canada, quotes the American secretary of the treasury as saying that since 1902 over 2,000,000 lbs. of oleomargarine have been sold in the United States, and most of it has passed as butter.

Why don't the people buy up the war bonds in denominations of \$50 and \$100 more readily? There is nothing better in the way of a small security. The demand is growing, of course, and the city banks are now disposing of these bonds at the rate of about \$5,000 a day.

PUBLIC OPINION. It Can Be Done. (Boston Transcript) It is as difficult to get out of Germany as to go through the eye of a needle. Nevertheless it has been done.

What is it anyway? (Hamilton Spectator) National service is either a mean ingless term or all that it implies. You pay your money and you take your choice.

No One Surely. (St. Catharines Standard) Secrecy of fish in Canada is due to its immense export to the troops overseas. But who would not endure higher prices for such a worthy object?

Running Up Bills. (Toronto Globe) Germany acts suspiciously like the dead beat who knows that he is bankrupt and execution proof, and doesn't care how many more bills he runs up.

A Municipal Coal Yard. (Toronto Mail) While Hamilton is discussing the question of possible municipal action to relieve the fuel question, scores of St. Catharines families are rejoicing in the heat from municipal coal.

More Rubber Stamps. (Ottawa Journal) The referendum is a political instrument which can be used occasionally with satisfaction. Regular use of the referendum must inevitably reduce the status of public servants to that of automatons.

Any Old Way. (Ottawa Citizen) The Ontario Government is evi-

Random Reels

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

LEONIDAS Leonidas was a Spartan hero who earned a large bronze monument by holding the pass of Thermopylas with 300 men and a shoestring.

Sparta was a small, irritable country about the size of a Florida town site, but it was never stepped on with any success. The inhabitants lived on cayenne pepper and red beefsteak and practiced shooting at a mark eight hours a day.

Xerxes did not get far before he ran into the pass of Thermopylas, which was a short cut between the mountains wide enough to allow two men to pass without being telescoped. Here Xerxes found Leonidas drawn up in battle array, defying the whole Persian army in some of

Rippling Rhymes

THE SOLDIER

The soldier comes back from the carnage and wreck; he's minus an arm and a leg and a neck; ah, never again will he swagger and swing! He walks with a crutch and his head's in a sling. As long as he lives he will sit by his door, and tell how he waded in enemy gore, and young men will list to his harrowing tale, and blush that they're standing unscathed and hale. I'd rather come home from the war in a dray, all broken, dismembered, my head shot away, than stand around telling, by day and by night, that I was too proud or too moral to fight. The soldier comes home for a season of peace, he carries his legs in a trunk or valise, his lungs and his wishbone were shipped by express, his body is filled with the keenest distress. But people will listen, their hats in their hands, to all his adventures in war stricken lands, they'll call him a hero, a soul brave and true, they'll praise him and bless him and give him a chew. Then sad is the bystander wight who feels that it's wicked and cruel to fight. The girls turn him down and the boys hoot his name; he crawls 'neath a culvert to bury his shame. —WALT MASON.

dently prepared to stumble forward, backward, or sideways whenever violently pushed in any direction, as witness prohibition and woman's enfranchisement.

The Beer Question. (London Advertiser) Cables say that the British Government has approached the beer question, not from a temperance viewpoint, but from a tonnage aspect. That's the way the sincere drinkers approach it too.

Money in Potatoes. (Windsor Record) The British price of potatoes fixed by the Government is \$1.17 a bag, and if it were not that Britain needs the supplies, we could import potatoes from here, 3,000 miles overseas, and lay them down here at one-half the price asked by Canadian dealers.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

A prize of \$40 was to-day offered at Queen's University in an elocution contest, and the students will work hard for the money. The thermometer dropped below zero during the night. The wind was piercingly cold.

F. A. Bibby has moved into his new lively stable on Brock street.

Legislative Snapshots.

By Don Hight. Scott Davidson, M.P.P. for North Brant. He's a roarer; he's a roarer. When he talks— Cyclones blow, Sand flies, The Government ducks its head. This time it was for money Spent in luxuries For Government House; Relish jars and garment rods, Grate blowers and poker, Mounting up into the hundreds. "B-r-r-r" growled Scott. The watch dog of the funds.

MR. CROTHERS AND HIGH COST OF LIVING

Montreal Herald, Ltd. We advise our readers to watch Mr. Crothers very closely. We shall soon see if he means business. What about the sellers of coal at from \$12 to \$20 a ton? What about the sellers of milk at 11 cents a quart? What about the sellers of butter at 50 cents a pound, with their demands that nobody shall be allowed to eat margarine who cannot afford butter on pain of fine and imprisonment? What about the canners' combine? What about cold storage eggs? What about cold storage meats? Mr. Crothers has power to deal with all these things and many more. Watch him. We shall soon see if he means business. But never forget—he has the power.

Hasn't Heard of Reduction. Toronto, March 2.—Hon. W. D. McPherson, Provincial Secretary, stated to-day that he had never heard of any suggestion to reduce the Ontario License Board from five to three members. The proposed amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act will wholly relate to changes intended to make the better enforcement of the act possible.

OTTAWA'S GREATEST NEED AT PRESENT Belleville Ontario. What Canada needs now is a thorough house-cleaning at Ottawa, where the waste, extravagance and corruption in the midst of this world-tragedy of war is the most shocking exhibition of cold and brutal indifference to the interests of the nation that this young country has yet known. We might forgive Sir Robert Borden his weakness, indecision and amiable inefficiency if he had not called to his counsels the very elements that have bedeviled politics in the provinces, that have set a ban on recruiting and promoted anti-British sentiment in the Provinces of Quebec. Even now the Conservatives have adopted the discredited Flemming as the federal standard-bearer in Carleton, N.B. and the equally discredited Garland as their standard-bearer in Carleton, Ontario. And there is no protest from headquarters at Ottawa.

How long can a Government such as that hope to stand? Three Actresses Drowned. Baltimore, Md., March 2.—Four persons were drowned, three of them actresses, when a taxicab containing a party of seven, plunged into the harbor from a light street wharf yesterday.

Chicago Recruiting. Chicago, March 2.—Army and navy recruiting offices here to-day reported increases in the number of applicants. The exposure of the German in figure was said to have acted as the stimulus.

Bibbys Young Men's Suits! We've rather spread ourselves this season on "snappy" clothes and we want every young fellow hereabouts to see our showing. See Bibbys \$18.00 Pinch Back Suits, new overplaid, check tweeds. See Bibbys \$15.00 Bud Suits, new pencil stripe cheviots. See Bibbys \$20.00 Regent Suits. Form Fitting coat, soft roll lapel, straight trousers, fabrics are blue, grey and brown cheviots and plain grey worsteds. See Bibbys \$15.00 Pinch Back Suits. Fancy grey cheviots. See Bibbys new \$2.50 Hats. The King and The Moores. See Bibbys special \$5.00 Shoe Values. New models, tan and black!

DRINK MORE WATER IF KIDNEYS BOTHER Eat Less Meat and Take Salts For Backache or Bladder Trouble. Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from back-ache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

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