

Ottawa Glimpses

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Ottawa, March 31.—The talk at the capital is that the Borden Government doesn't want an election particularly, but is resigned to have one come. It realizes that to ask for further extension would be crowding the mourners.

The next blow was Prince Edward Island, which reduced a Conservative majority of twenty-six to four. That election took place in September, 1915, and was enough to hold the Borden Government for that year.

The year 1916 was a horrible one for the Borden Government—it got three wallops in rapid succession. Quebec had a general election which increased its Conservative majority in the Legislature from forty-five to sixty-nine. Nova Scotia followed suit and showed its confidence in a Liberal Government which had been in the saddle for thirty-five years by raising its majority from sixteen to twenty-one.

These blows were probably expected, but when British Columbia took the rotten Conservative-McLure crowd in hand and turned a Conservative majority of thirty-six into a Liberal one of twenty-seven, the Borden Government felt that the end was in sight. At any rate that was all they wanted for 1916.

Early in 1917—only last month, in fact—came perhaps the worst of all. New Brunswick, which had a Conservative Government boasting a majority of forty-three and about as many scandals, threw the scandals out with such force that a landslide took place. The Liberal Government in that fortunate province now has a majority of six and New Brunswick goes on Premier Borden's black list.

The final proof to Premier Borden and his colleagues that the majority they expected in the Maritime Provinces has gone glimmering. Thus Premier Borden, who had at his back what he came into office five provinces with Conservative administration, now has only two. Evidently the rapid are near and the cautious souls in the cabinet are beginning to advise their independence and one understands why Premier Borden has that haunted look.

Meanwhile the Government is getting ready to meet its fate with a good front. To do this a little window-dressing has to be done. The first effort along this line was firing Sir Sam—after he had done his worst. The next thing was the resignation cards—twenty-four questions instead of a straight answer to the volunteer problem. The next thing was the application of a de-learned militia Act to coax fifty thousand men out of employment.

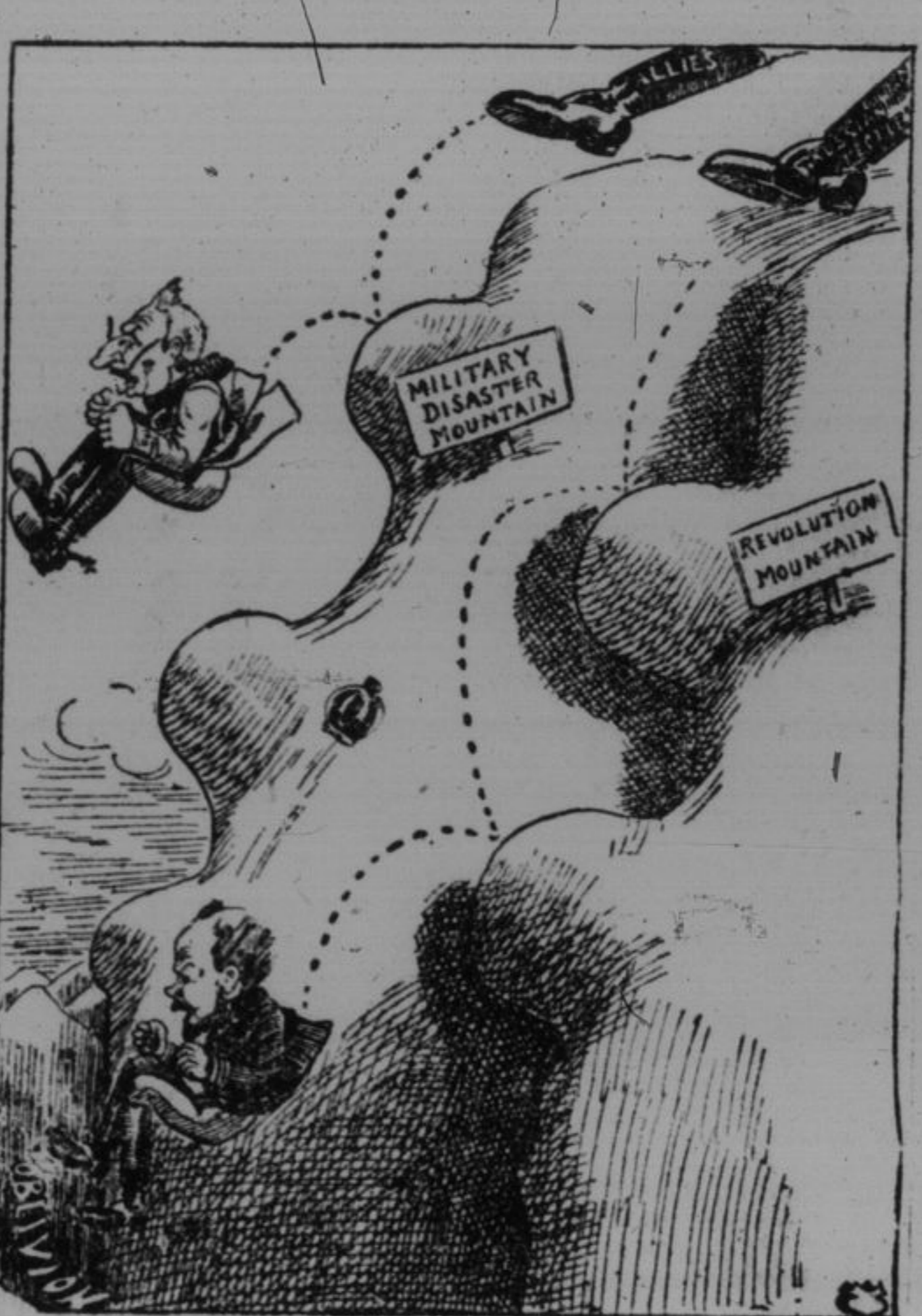
The Ross rifle contract and expropriate the factory, thus throwing two thousand men out of employment, after they had been kept working two years and a half on the rifle the British authorities refused to make use of on the battlefield. Incidentally some seven or eight million dollars was wasted in this way before the government made up its mind to stop the expense at a time chosen with a view to doing the least harm to the shareholders and making the most of it as a campaign argument.

Doctor Advised Operation As Only Cure for Piles

Wife Objected to Use of Knife and Cure Was Effected by Use of Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Grimby, Ont., Apr. 2.—Here is the affidavit of a well-known fruit-grower, who was cured of bleeding Piles some years ago by using Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Chase's Ointment. I did so and have used it according to directions while living in Manitoba, and obtained a complete cure, for I have never been troubled with Piles since. I am now 70 years of age and want to recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to all sufferers from Piles. My wife has used it for itching skin and obtained complete cure.



BUMPING THE BUMPS. Emperor William—"Nicky's there already, but I'm on my way."—Shields in Toronto Telegram.

A MESOPOTAMIAN VETERAN

DR. A. C. JOHNSTON, HUMBOLDT, SASK., WAS WITH BRITISH TROOPS. Tells of the Dash Towards Kut-el-Amara—Dr. Johnston is a Kingstonian and Graduate of Queen's, Regina, Sask., Leader.

On the day that General Townshend surrendered, the relieving forces were only a short distance from Kut-el-Amara and Dr. Johnston was with the party of officers who received the historic message, "I surrendered today at two o'clock. I thank God I have done my duty."

BRITISH SUBJECTS KILLED

Manager and Cashier of Mexican Oil Company. Galveston, March 31.—W. H. T. Buckingham, general manager of the Agulla Oil Company, on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and his cashier, named Bannerman, both British subjects, were killed by bandits at Nanchital on March 9th, according to information brought here by passengers arriving from Mexico on a tank steamship.

EVEN CROSS, SICK CHILDREN LOVE SYRUP OF FIGS

If Feverish, Bilious, Constipated, Give Fruit Laxative At Once. Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. Such bad tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

BELIEVE COMET IS BETHLEHEM STAR

"It is Precursor of Armageddon And Thousand Years of Peace." OLD PROPHECIES FULFILLED. UTTERANCES OF ANCIENT AND MODERN SEERS ARE RIPENING. A Great Mass of Interesting Evidence Has Been Collected—Quite an Extraordinary Combination of Figures—An Old Latin Prophecy.

SHIPS OF MERCY

A Fleet That Has The Freedom of Seas. Up from the South Atlantic, or across the ocean from Canadian and American ports, up through the English Channel, or riding down the North Sea, a certain fleet of vessels goes about their business as though submarines, floating mines, torpedoes, were mythical, and did not exist, or were not to be feared if they did.

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Canadian Soldier's Letter.

Says Dr. Cassell's Tablets Have Kept Him Fit Through Two Wars. Sapper A. Hartley, of the A Company, Canadian Engineers, whose home address is 906, Trafalgar-street, London, Ontario, is one of many who have written in praise of Dr. Cassell's Tablets.

Combination of Figures.

A correspondent of the London Times has described a conversation in which a gypsy woman foretold to the old Emperor William, grandfather of the present Kaiser, the events of this year.

Latin Prophecy.

"People will imagine that they have seen him many times, for all the slayers of the Lamb resemble one another, and all the wicked are precursors of the great wicked one."

The Kaiser.

From the French point of view this prophecy points clearly to the German Kaiser, who, as most people know, has only one arm. The other monarch referred to as having an eagle in his arms is the Austrian Emperor.