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## AN ANTI-GERMAN CAMPAIGN

The United States is realizing what it means to have, at large, and with the country at war, the men who did not hesitate to plot against the Allies and do them all the harm possible. These men have been known, and as far as possible, they will be arrested and interned. There are of them between 200,000 and 300,000.

Two classes are affected, and for these some sympathy has been expressed: (1) The men who have built up large businesses and feel that they must step aside, or out of sight, while the war is on; and (2) those who have been long enough in America to become identified with its institutions and have no heart or liking for what is known as Kaiserism.

These do not want to be regarded as hyphenates, but as Americans, in spirit and in truth, and they will willingly take the oath of allegiance if they are allowed to do so. They suffer for the frightfulness which is the fixed policy of Germany as it has been exemplified through its submarine attacks.

The Toronto News is most solicitous about the soldier votes. All of them must be cast, it says, in the next federal election. Certainly they must, and the government will get from them the condemnation which it deserves.

## SUFFERERS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

The school trustees of the cities, outside of Toronto, were opposed to the proposition that the care of the school children's health be transferred to the Board of Health. They did this because it did not appear that the Board of Health, notwithstanding its efficiency and equipment for any kind of service, would be as thoughtful of the children as the school trustees and their medical inspectors have been.

But the people of Toronto voted in favor of the change, in the interest of economy largely. One Board was deemed sufficient, and perhaps it is. All depends upon the success of its operations, and some things have been said in favor of the change. The medical health officer of Toronto contends that some of the defects peculiar to juvenile life develop between the birth of the child and his fifth birthday. During this period he is not in the school, and does not come under the supervision of the school officials.

Adenoids is a particular common physical defect, and the chief medical officer of Toronto says that, unattended and unremoved, adenoids causes suffocation, in the sufferers. If the children at the earliest period of life are free from adenoids, (to say nothing of anything else), great and praiseworthy things will be accomplished by the Board of Health.

The New Zealanders are the best paid soldiers in the world. They get, according to their standing, from \$10 to \$20 a week. That is, they receive, above the ordinary pay, enough to give them their old wages in civil life.

## A WRECK IS IMPENDING.

Persistent rumors from Ottawa are to the effect that an election is at hand. Before the dissolution takes place, however, there will be a reconstruction of the government in all probability. Six of the ministers are slated for retirement, seemingly

because there is no hope for their reelection in the several provinces from which they hail.

One of them is from British Columbia, Hon. Martin Burrell, and he knows what he may expect from a party in power, which he fought with all the bitterness possible, and with all the influence he could exert as a member of the federal government. He wants to go to the Senate. Hon. Robert Rogers, and Dr. Roche do not relish the idea of facing the electors of Manitoba under changed conditions. Mr. Rogers would like to be made the high commissioner of Canada, and the government is afraid to appoint him to it with Judge Galt's certificate of disqualification standing against him. Dr. Roche would willingly accept a civil service commission.

Hon. Mr. Hazen will not go back to New Brunswick for re-election. His name is mentioned in connection with chief justiceship of the province. Hon. Frank Cochrane and Hon. Mr. Crothers represent Ontario in the cabinet, and both are willing to retire to positions of less anxiety.

The fact that all these are ready to desert the government, in its extremity, is very ominous. There is a general expectation of defeat, and it should be shared by the men who helped to pave the way for its abandonment. A wreck of the Borden dynasty is surely impending.

The federal government, according to the Toronto News, may be defeated in the next election, but not on its war administration. Yes, that election against it. The management of the war has been, in many respects, the very worst.

## NEW DANGER IN RUSSIA.

Revolution changed the government of Russia in a day. The unrest of long years suddenly reached a climax. The machinery of a monarchy was destroyed, and, of course, it could not be replaced by other machinery and made complete and run smoothly at once. The Duma, through its leaders, though very wise and discreet men, could not deal with the demoralized condition of society without some difficulty. The new organization was, too, burdened and cumbered by a war which had been grossly mismanaged. Consecrated as well as concentrated effort will bring order out of chaos in time.

Meanwhile serious dangers confront the provisional government. The masses, so long denied their freedom, so long made to submit to the most arbitrary measures, so long regarded as the serfs of the monarchy, are inclined to resent the pressure of the new government. Education and persuasion as contradistinguished from oppression and force will work wonders in time. In England, after the war had been begun, and before its needs had been fully demonstrated, there was rebellion against the demands of the government. It required a Lloyd George to make the situation clear, to consolidate the working men in a service which produced the desired results. Two years ago no one would predict that Britain would be disciplined through this war into making the greatest sacrifices, and leading in these reforms are the men to whose devotion to duty and zeal is a sacred cause, its success in arms is due.

Russia will have to pass through it now. A Lloyd George may not perhaps be visible for the time being, and he cannot rise suddenly and assert his power in a empire which has been cursed with an autocratic rule. At the bottom of the present industrial strife are some of the old disturbers of the peace, the officials whose incompetence precipitated the revolution. They must be dealt with like the men higher up, and then there will be some hope of abiding content among the people.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Have you got your assignment of land and become a gardener for the season? If so, you are doing the better part and will not regret it. The Kaiser has promised to give his people in Prussia all sorts of political advantages. The democracy shall reign after the war, but the emperor may not be on the old job then.

The German people have been impressed by events in Russia. A revolution may not be at hand—the spies have not been as active in Germany as in other countries—but it is certainly on the way.

The Russians offer to give the Germans help towards the dethronement of the emperor. The Kaiser must have seen the hand-writing upon the wall when he promised "his people all sorts of reforms."

Liberalism in Britain protests against the suppression of the Nation because it criticized the government. Lord Northcliffe defied the government, which he criticized in his papers, the London Mail and London Times, again and again. He practically dared it to take action against them. Is the great imperial government only equal to the suppression of a liberal press?

## PUBLIC OPINION

## The First Consideration.

(Toronto Globe)  
Enver Bey is no Saladin. The Crusaders of the twentieth century will drive the infidel from the Holy Land, and he will never return.

## Very Costly Sport.

(Ottawa Journal Press)  
John McGraw, baseball leader, is to get a salary of \$50,000 a year. However, since he gets more criticism than President Wilson, possibly he earns it.

## Sign of the Times.

(Hamilton Times)  
Down in Kingston they are preparing to close the stores at 5 p.m., so that the clerks can get home to do gardening. Is this the end of the wedge of daylight-saving?

## Succeeded in This.

(Hamilton Herald)  
Anyhow, old man Hindenburg has succeeded in "getting the boys out of the trenches before Christmas," and must therefore be accounted a bigger man than Henry Ford.

## Getting Into Line.

(Exchange)  
There is some talk of Premier Hearst springing an election on the Province. Well, that would almost make it unanimous. Prince Edward Island would then be the only Province in Canada with a Tory Government.

## A Great Present.

(Toronto News)  
The New York World suggests that a billion dollars ought to be given to France at once, and the idea is generally commended in the American press. When it comes to handing over other folks' assets newspapers are rarely pickers.

## Canada Must Redeem Lands.

(Toronto News, Can.)  
Sir Thomas Tait has a solution of the Canadian railway problem. He would have the Dominion acquire the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific railways and lease the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways in perpetuity for a rental equivalent to an agreed return on the common stock and dividends or interest on the securities. But all agricultural lands still belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railway in the west would be withheld from the country. These lands, exempt from taxation, would be made more and more valuable by increase of settlement. The business of running the railway would be taken over by the country while the country would continue to work for the shareholders of the original company. Surely whatever else is done the railway lands of the west will not be overlooked in any purchase of railways by the Dominion Government.

KINGSTON EVENTS  
25 YEARS AGO

W. J. Arniel was to-day elected school trustee for Sydenham Ward. Superintendent Thomas Hewitt to-day gave the city solicitor a written statement regarding the suction pipe for his information.

The total amount collected from the city and county churches for the general hospital was \$684.73.

The working men have caught the spirit of the day. They are going into gardening with a vim. Success to them.

## Random Reels

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

## THE GARDEN SEED

The garden seed is a melancholy disappointment which is planted in hope and yields the same kind of returns on the investment.

When winter begins to die a slow and reluctant death and the front lawn is covered with budding verdure and the pigeon-toed robin, the furtive garden seed makes its appearance in package form. These packages are handed to people who own a few square feet of soil which has never grown anything but sand-burns and dandelions, but which is capable of sustaining life in a willow milk cow for an indefinite period.

The average garden seed is very deceptive in appearance. It is almost impossible for the amateur gardener to open a package of seeds with a label on it and tell whether the contents will rise to the surface of the ground or die a miserable death in a submerged state. It is a sickening experience to pay \$4 for having planted rubber bands and harvest a small, three-cornered garden.

## Rippling Rhymes

## REJUVENATION



WALT MASON

When the winter's done with snowing, and the vernal winds are blowing, and the husbandman is hoing, hoing in the fertile glen, I cast off the robes of sadness, and I whoop around with gladness, with a joy akin to madness, for I'm feeling young again. In the winter I am weeping, for the rheumatism is creeping up and down my system, keeping me so sore I swear aloud; then I seem an ancient geezer, feel as though I'd lived when Caesar fell beneath the snickersneezers of the looted Brutus crowd. In the winter I totter, like a sheep that's led to slaughter, wishing death would bring his swatter, and remove me from the scene; nothing then my gloom can break up, nothing then my soul can shake up, and I do not even wake up when you talk of gasoline. But when frost's farewell is spoken and the birds have brought the token, when through woodland, glade and dell, orioles and wrens are winging, and the joyous catbird's singing and the flowers from earth are springing, then you ought to hear me yell.

—WALT MASON.

THE FOOD ISSUE  
PUT VERY PLAINLY

Toronto World  
All the citizens should know why the whole world must take an interest in farming. The main fact is that the people of the world are in great danger of being starved. It isn't always said as plainly as this, but the official facts do more than whisper it.

There are forty million men fighting in the war, and twenty million more behind them producing munitions, clothes and other things needed, not edible. This means sixty millions who are non-producers of foodstuffs. The nations engaged in the war are living on rations. Six are suffering starvation at present. Canada is the only big grain field very near to the field of battle and able to supply the chief Allies.

The United States is on a par with us in this respect. It is essential, in the first place, for our food and the food of Britain and the other Allies, that we produce all the harvest material that we can induce the ground to yield. In the second place, we need to do that to maintain our credit, our wealth. In Ontario we actually decreased last year in the production of wheat, oats, barley and potatoes by over 75,000,000 of bushels. Potatoes alone went down from 26,717,587 bushels in 1914 to 7,498,429 last year, or about one-fourth.

We need all the help that can be sent to the farms of Ontario to go there. Any outdoor work that can be spared should be abandoned for this first necessity—the production of food.

NICKLE TRUST  
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Ottawa Citizen, Ind.  
The international nickel profiteers are fattening at the expense of the Allies, from the nickel they secure in this province. The provincial government, under pressure of public opinion, has been compelled to do something at last. A government commission has recommended a tax of 6 per cent only, on nickel profits. The Liberals' demand for a tax ranging up to 20 per cent, would seem to be deserving of criticism because of its excessive moderation, if anything. Furthermore, as Mr. N. W. Howells points out, the tax should apply to net profits made over the preceding four years, and not merely to begin with 1916. Premier Hearst and Hon. G. Howard Ferguson seem to think it their duty to let the nickel profiteers get away with \$14,000,000 or more while the provincial treasury would receive less than one million. This province is entitled to something rather more on the square.

## Little Girl Drowned.

Cornwall, April 9.—Violet Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, Lancaster, aged four years, while playing, fell off a log that is across the creek near her home, and was swept by the rush of waters under the ice of the St. Lawrence, making recovery of the body impossible.

Charles McDonald, brother of Mrs. James McN. Austin, Renfrew, has been chosen as the Liberal candidate for the Saskatchewan Legislature for the Prince Albert seat. G. H. Leggett, mail clerk, on the B. & W. train has been quite ill.

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