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TIME FOR A CHANGE.

The Veterans' Association of Kingston began with a membership which was composed largely of men who had served during the Fenian excitement of 1866. They received recognition from the government in grants of land which possessed more or less value, according to its location.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Watch President Wilson. He is out for conscription. Will he see it through? Whatever the president lacks it is not courage.

The Kaiser's family suggest that he abdicate. Better that than a de-thronement such as came to his esteemed friend the Czar of all the Russias.

The school children are now gardening, and with a rare good spirit. They may have something to show for their service later on.

The farmers are not irresponsive to the call for larger crops, but they want potatoes and beans for seed. Without these there cannot be greater production.

The labor unions of Hamilton want the parliamentary deposits abolished. They prevent the working men from becoming candidates, and that is a serious matter.

Why does the Militia Department not enforce its regulations against the wearing of uniforms by those who are not entitled to don them. What is it afraid of?

A western deputation has waited upon the local government to urge that the new provincial highway follow the industrial centres of Woodstock, Ingersoll, Brantford, London, Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Mr. Jarrott, the author, does not think the soldiers who did not see service at the front and have not been hurt can claim and be honestly given as high a pension as the men who imperil their lives for the King. He is right. There are some who fear that the returning soldiers—the many thousands of them—will turn things upside down by and bye. They will have occasion to do something with the government of the day on account of its inefficiency.

Call From Farmers. The farmers have sent out the Macedonian cry. Who will be the first to respond? What is more important than that the land should produce enough to keep the people from starving?

TAXING WAR PROFITS.

Sir Thomas White made his budget speech in the Commons on Tuesday according to promise. Tariff changes were not announced, but there will be changes in the taxation of war profits.

It was only a day or two ago that the Whig referred to the £140,000,000 which the imperial government had collected from the war-profits of Great Britain last year, and Canada's finance minister, realizing that there could be no defence of any policy which permitted the rich men to dodge their responsibility, has ordered a new and most reasonable impost upon them.

On all profits which exceed fifteen per cent, the government will collect one-half; and on all profits that exceed twenty per cent, it will take three-quarters. Just what this will mean cannot be conjectured, but the sum will be a very large one. Of that there is no doubt.

The public debt of Canada when the war began was \$326,000,000. It will be, at the end of this year, \$1,300,000,000. This suggests that for several generations at least the heaviest taxes that the people can carry will be levied and collected, and the disappearance of the huge debt will be very slow.

Another loan, on account of the war, will be floated in the fall, and at a rate which will yield five per cent or over. It will be quickly secured. There is an immense amount of money on special deposit and awaiting investment, and the new loan will be as rapidly subscribed and perhaps over-subscribed as the other loans have been.

A war, many years ago, was regarded as essential to prosperity. But not a world's war. The present outbreak of the war lords means poverty and suffering for countless multitudes.

THE MYSTERY IN RUSSIA.

The position of the Russians at the present time is somewhat uncertain. The provisional government has the good-will of the people. It has the support of the army. The element that had its play during the administration of the Romanoffs may be greatly restrained. The governments of the Allies may have heartened the revolutionists by approving of their acts. But the government is weak and its future is not certain. Why? It has no parliament, elected by the people and expressing their mind behind it. This parliament will come in time. It will possess all the force for which public opinion has stood. But it cannot be created during a war and while the social conditions are as at present. When the election does take place the people will be sure to show that they appreciate democratic rule, and the probability is that the new government will represent all that is progressive and safe in national life. What it is doing meanwhile is a mystery and for the reason that nothing is being said to reveal its plans in the diplomatic world.

PUBLIC OPINION

Duped Again. Those who voted against reciprocity because it was called disloyal have been duped by their leaders.

Will See it Through. Dr. Alexis Carrel says the war may last for 50 years. All right. We will be compelled to stick around and see it through.

What Greed Have Some. Greed on the part of the manufacturers and Ottawa's failure to restrain their greed has weakened the whole principle of Canadianism in this country's trade and industry.

Good to the Aliens. When odd aliens, alleged to be drawing upward of \$100 a month, walked out of a local steel plant yesterday, it is to be regretted that a like number of returned men could not walk in to fill their places.

Slackers Were Caught. Slackers from Canada who went to the United States to evade forced military service are now wanting to return because the United States may adopt that system. It was jumped from the frying-pan into the fire, it serves them right.

KINGSTON EVENTS

25 YEARS AGO

The girls of Cataract ward are organizing a bicycle club. Michael Dolan has been appointed purser on the steamer Parsport. Primrose & West's Minstrel's played to a packed audience at the opera house last night.

ILL-ADVISED ATTACK ON MR. LEMIEUX

Mr. Sevigny made a violent personal attack on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Lemieux at Montreal on Saturday night. He declared that Laurier was responsible for any differences that may exist between the two races in Canada today. He asked, "Have you seen Mr. Lemieux helping in recruiting work? No; he makes fiery political speeches." What are the facts? Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Lemieux addressed that great gathering at Sohmer Park, Montreal, which marked the beginning of the first French-Canadian battalion for overseas, the 22nd. Mr. Lemieux was chairman of the committee which raised \$10,000 for Col. Oliver Asselin's regiment. Mr. Lemieux has a nephew at the front. One of his nephews laid down his life at Ypres. His own son has qualified as a lieutenant and offered himself to Col. Blondin. Mr. Lemieux has a brother who went through the South African war. Innumerable meetings have listened to Mr. Lemieux's eloquent appeals on behalf of the war in which we are engaged. Yet Mr. Sevigny considers it good politics to make personal attacks on Laurier and Lemieux. If this be politics, let us have less politics and more patriotism.

Be one to help make prosperity contagious in your community.

Random Reels

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

THE MAYFLOWER

Two hundred and ninety-seven years ago the good ship Mayflower landed its precious cargo of Puritan fathers and mothers on Plymouth Rock and also discharged a large quantity of iron-bound rock-balist-ed conscience which was not allowed to play outside the yard at home.

It has always been a mystery why the Mayflower landed at Plymouth, instead of picking him up in a place where there was a good hotel with modern conveniences, like Palm Beach or San Diego. It must have been a cheerless sight which greeted the eyes of the Pilgrim Father as he left the Mayflower and saw nothing spread out before him but a large, three-cornered rock totally lacking in the vegetation of any New England simpeled untanned red man and his feet. It was an uninviting spot. Good table board was scarce, the steam laundry had not shown up and the first open saloon had yet to protrude its shy head into the landscape.

Despite these drawbacks, which would dismay the stoutest heart in these days, the colonists who came over on the Mayflower did not falter. After sitting around on Plymouth Rock for a few days, in order to remove the seasickness from their heads, they went briskly to work and built a meeting house, where they could assemble on Sunday and listen to 12,000 feet of sermon. Earnest efforts were made to convert the red man and induce him to wear something besides a scalp lock, but no progress was made in this direction, owing to the tendency of the red man to fill his visitor full of arrow heads before the subject was properly introduced.

The Mayflower was a small boat, estimated at about 54 per cent water-tight, and when caught in the trough of the sea refused to sit upright. It took several weeks for the Puritans to reach Plymouth, and at times they were out of sight of land. We would like to ask how many people to-day think enough of their conscience to undertake a trip, like that, if they were able to escape.

Rippling Rhymes

AMERICANS.

SINCE talk of war is flying wide, and flags hang from the outer wall, I note, with pleasure and with pride, the hyphenated crowd is small. The men who came across the sea, to make their home upon this shore, and found the country of the free is all the blue prints claim, and more, are seldom traitors to their salt, this has become their motherland; and if war comes they'll gladly vault upon their spears, lance in hand. "We are Americans," they cry, "and will be while this life endures; the flag that waves its stripe on high is ours, as much as it is yours. Our loyalty to Uncle Sam, who gave us welcome to his shores; if warfare comes just watch us slam the stuffing from the foreign borer." Americans, wherever born, in Berlin or in Broken Bay; The hyphen is a thing of scorn, when there is threat of war and woe. Americans, when shades of gloom are on our Uncle Sam's brow! Americans, there is no room for any other people now! -WALT MASON.

GREATEST SOMER-SAULT OF TIMES

A country already sated with wonders is now informed that the Dominion Government, elected upon a policy of opposition to reciprocity with the United States, has been converted to reciprocity. It is true that for the present only wheat and flour are included, but wheat was the chief subject of contention in 1911. It was upon the subject of wheat that the most eloquent sermons on loyalty were preached. It was for wheat the flag was waved and the drums beaten. The argument was that reciprocity in wheat would practically cut the Dominion in two, and render useless the great transcontinental lines which Canada has constructed at such enormous expense. The hard Canadian wheat would be ground by American millers and would lose its identity. Canada would be drawn into the United States and severed from the Empire.

All this was nonsense, and we are glad that our Conservative friends now see the point. The measure is described as a war measure, but the strongest arguments for reciprocity will hold good after the war and no Government will be bold enough, when the war obtains full representation, to go back to restriction.

Letters to the Editor

Americans in Canadian Forces. Kingston, April 23. (To The Editor.) Last week I read a statement in your valuable paper, made by someone, whose name I do not now recall. This party gave figures to show that 30,000 Americans were not serving in the ranks of the King. I don't know whether this statement like many others, was made to attract from the war the worth of the American people and as a refusal to admit the truth about the same people.

I want to say that the United States are the best friends Canada has. All the best articles made in the world, come from them: Printing presses, elevators, automobiles, motors, electrical goods, boots and so forth, too long to mention.

We have seen many statements in Canadian newspapers and magazines, that they are 30,000 Americans serving in the overseas forces. No later than Saturday April 21st, the Montreal Standard, on its front page, carried a fine article by Frank H. Simonds, author of "The Great War." The following comment was made to him in the third week of February, by the British Prime Minister, Lloyd George, in the big cabinet room of the latter's official residence in Downing street: "Why, there are already 30,000 Americans at the front in our armies now." I think that such statements, regarding this subject, as appeared in your columns last week, are an offense to Americans, like myself, serving in the admirable legions of the King of England. SERGT. F. X. DESRIVIERES.

The statement referred to above was made by a Canadian parliamentarian, who had access to the official figures and he stated that there are, about 7,500 Americans serving in the Canadian Expeditionary force, about one-half of this number being overseas now. Hundreds of former Canadians have come back from the United States to enlist here. There are no doubt fully 30,000 Americans serving in all the British armies (including Canada's forces). These would include doctors and nurses.

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