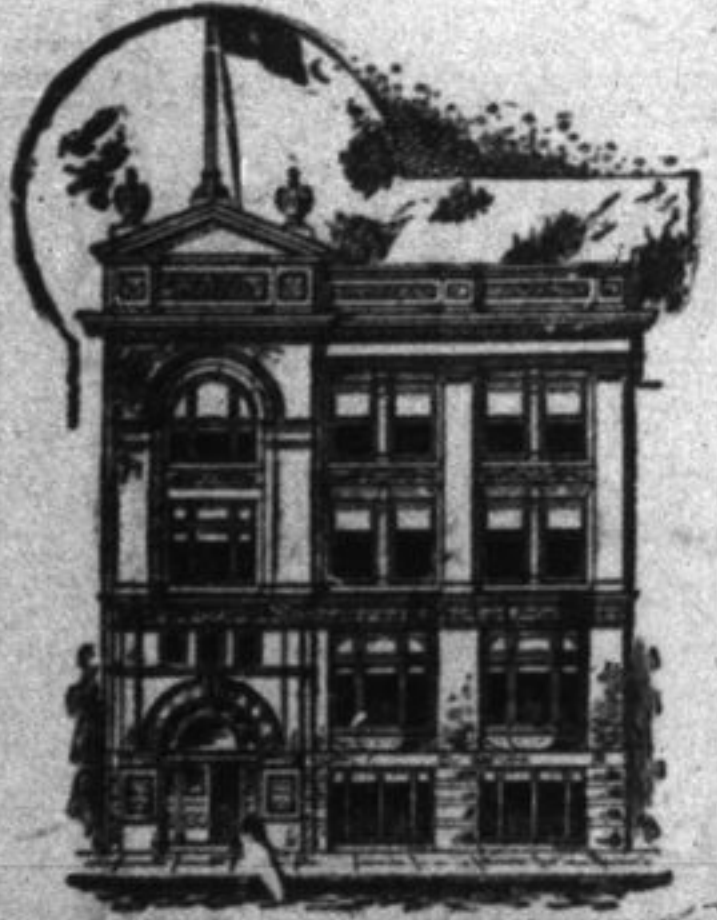


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RED CROSS APPEAL.

It is announced that in order to meet the requirements of the Red Cross Society a popular appeal will be made to all who are in a position to contribute to its funds. Of all the agencies in the world, for the relief of suffering incident to the war, in all its diversified forms, this institution stands at the head. It does this because it knows of no national or religious or racial lines. With a keenness for every situation that presents itself, with a freedom for service as broad as the universe, with a passion for usefulness without limitations, the Red Cross carries everywhere the symbol of its virtues.

How it has accomplished so much in this great war words cannot tell. The Whig has read of its many enterprises. There are no boundaries, on land or sea, beyond which it cannot go. There is no power, civil or military, which bars the way to its most humane work. There has seemed to be no end to its resources, no emergencies too great for its reserves, no service too severe or trying for its devices. In that supposition one is surely mistaken. The prophet of sunshine has been its constant attendant, and still he has not vouchsafed the barrel of meal and the cruse of oil shall not fail.

The tremendous demands upon the Society's treasury have depleted it, locally, and somewhat reluctantly the leaders in the movement look hopefully to the people for an outpouring of their bounty. It is assumed, with good reason, that it is only necessary to make known the Society's needs in order to have them met. It will not be accepted as a surprise, then, that the Red Cross Society on the 30th of this month will enlist such liberality that Canada's soldiers, at the front, will have the assurance in Red Cross supplies that all their needs will be met, and this will excite the greatest gratitude. Kingston will not fail them.

The Hamilton Herald says Mr. Rowell in his address at Woodstock did not favor conscription. No? He said "We must call out our young men still available or desert our men who have fought so gallantly at the front." What is that if not conscription?

SOME POLITICAL CONDITIONS: Alberta and Saskatchewan have made the political plunge, and the legislatures, being dissolved, the election in these provinces will be over during the next month. The time has been wisely chosen—during the short period in which the crops will be growing. When the contest is over the farmers will be free to resume their avocations in the field and to give their undivided attention to the harvest.

The issues will be local, and on their record the two governments will probably be sustained by large majorities. The members of the federal house, who always dabble in local affairs, will be taken at a disadvantage. They cannot leave Ottawa. Ordinarily they would be through with their parliamentary duties and at home for the summer. But the premier's absence deferred the work of the session, and, since the resumption of business there has been little done.

The government's programme is incomplete. No minister has undertaken anything in the absence of his chief. The demands of the opposi-

tion for light or legislation have been postponed. The session has accomplished very little so far, and it may accomplish little yet. Probably one of the first acts of the premier, after giving an account of the imperial conference, will be to suggest, perhaps to insist, that the parliamentary term will be extended. A good deal will depend upon the assurances that accompany it.

If these be no promise of a change in the policy of the government, of progressive legislation, of active ministerial leadership such as the times require, there will be no agreement with the opposition. A continuance of the present ministerial incapacity cannot be for a moment justified.

Conscription in two months? That is now the proposal. Why should there be any delay? There is a crisis in Europe. Must it be accentuated by Canada's inability or indisposition to send relief?

AN ELECTION AT HAND.

The right to vote is to be extended to all soldiers in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, irrespective of age. The idea was opposed a year ago by Solicitor-General Meighen, who wanted "mental maturity" made as the basis of political enfranchisement. Now he is willing to surrender on this point, but on this point only. To Indians he would accord the franchise while they are in military service, and lose it as soon as they return to civil life. To the nurses in the war the franchise will be given, but they will enjoy a monopoly of this privilege. Hon. Mr. Meighen, the voice of the government in legal matters, gives no hope of the women generally enjoying in the federal election the freedom they will exercise in the local election. Meighen and Bennett, (R. B.), disapprove of aliens voting in Canadian elections, and they manifested no change of attitude when reminded that the men who had become naturalized should not be deprived of the rights of citizenship. All the talk of voters' lists and voters' privileges is suggestive of one thing, an early election.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The United Irish Societies of New York demand that the American support of the Allies be made contingent upon the "complete independence of Ireland now." The difficulty is to make this demand binding upon the Wilson government.

There is a cure for the German spy system! It is to hang a few of the conspirators to the nearest trees. Or, as in England, make them the targets for some real sharpshooters. Uncle Sam cannot safely have any of these snipers around him.

The demand of the bakers, irrespective of party, for a food dictator, cannot be ignored. The government at Ottawa will find a movement afoot some of these days for its displacement if it does not wake up. The people are becoming rebellious in spirit.

Billy Sunday still holds the fort in New York, backed by hundreds of ministers. The collections at his meetings have reached about \$100,000. But they by no means meet the expenses of the campaign thus far. Sunday's is a most efficient, but expensive aggregation.

Under the new French criminal law, the Crown Prince of Germany, the Duke of Mecklenburg, et al, will be indicted for grand larceny, perhaps for murder, and duly punished after the war. They will not forget meanwhile, that serious indictments have been preferred against them.

David Lamer, the pro-German manipulator, has heaped humiliation upon Byron and Ford by showing how they were duped into their peace proposals. They were serving the German cause without knowing it. A lesson to some men to avoid the advertising of themselves without knowing what the effects will be.

Fancy the German socialist, Scheidmann, telling the Reichstag that Germany will be the lot of Russia, "unless the gang of robbers who infest it abandon their plans of conquest." The war lords must be pretty well tamed when they allow a challenge of this kind to pass without imprisoning or impaling the disturber.

PUBLIC OPINION

To the Irish League. (Hamilton Times) Some of these days the Kaiser may send Hindenburg to the bench or back to the bunk league.

Will Look Better. (Peterboro Review) The boy doing his bit on a farm or garden plot will look better than if yelling himself hoarse at a baseball game or some other athletic contest.

Daylight Saving Again. (Brantford Expositor) A bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate, drafted by the National Daylight Saving Association, which provides for setting back the clock by one hour every year, during the five months of summer. The

been drawn on the laws adopted in Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Portugal.

Wilhelm's Danger.

(Montreal Star) The man who attempted to assassinate the Kaiser was a German. Wilhelm hasn't been near enough to an Englishman or a Frenchman in the last two years to run any risks.

Change of Plan.

(Windsor Record) When you cross the river the U.S. immigration officials conduct a search of your character and on your return there is a search on this side for "life preservers."

Difference of Opinion.

(Hamilton Times) Dr. John Ferguson, president of the Academy of Medicine, has seemingly a pretty poor opinion of chiropractors, osteopaths and Christian Scientists. But some of these people may have a poor opinion of the doctor.

THE MAILED FIST IN POLITICAL LIFE

Ottawa Citizen. M. A. MacDonald, attorney general in the new government of British Columbia, failed to appear before Justice Gregory on Thursday to deny the transaction of political barter between himself and Dr. Robert Mackenzie's brother. After Mackenzie gave evidence of having given \$15,000 to the young, but likely to become powerful, politician, now At-

Random Reels

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

THE PNEUMATIC TIRE

The pneumatic tire is a rubberized article of commerce which retains air, tacks and horseshoe nails with the utmost impartiality. Some times it will take in a long, inquisitive ten-penny nail on Tuesday and hold it in a firm grasp until the family starts out for a drive on Sunday morning, when it will let go with a soft, sibilant noise ten miles from a garage.

The purpose of the pneumatic tire is to prevent the inmates of a seven-passenger tonneau from being thrown through a brand new mohair top every time the car steps on something in the road. As this happens frequently when the inmates are thinking of other things, the only effect is to disarrange the conversation and shatter a few nose-glass lenses.

It is very difficult to figure out what a pneumatic tire is going to do next. It is apt to blow out in a resonant tone of voice, like a wooden-legged carpenter falling through a slight hole, and leave the entire family stranded on a side hill, but this never happens except when the spare tire is at the garage, being vulcanized. In case an extra tire is handy, it will not take over half a day for the average man to get it on the rim and blow it up with a hand pump, especially if his

wife is a born mechanic. Pneumatic tires are caused by some foreign substance entering the inner tube and allowing the air to retire to some spot where it will not be of any assistance whatever. Punctures can be cured at about half the cost of the original tire, but a blow-out is usually fatal to everybody but the garage proprietor.

Pneumatic tires are generally guaranteed for 5,000 miles when driven by people who prefer to ride on the road-bed. Automobile owners with abundant means usually carry an extra tire on a rim in the rear. This is done so that in case of a puncture there will be nothing to do but remove the cover from the spare tire, unclamp four bolts and wriggle it out of the tire carrier, jack up the car in a sitting posture, unclamp four more bolts, take off the wheel, tear down the differential, hammer the old rim into submission with a sledge and drive on the new one with an axe. When this is done on a hot day by a stout citizen surrounded by several admiring relatives, it is a very pleasing operation.

The pneumatic tire is cheaper, hotter and less brittle than it used to be, and if the price continues to decline it will take its place as a household necessity, along with the fire-iron bathtub and electric curling iron.

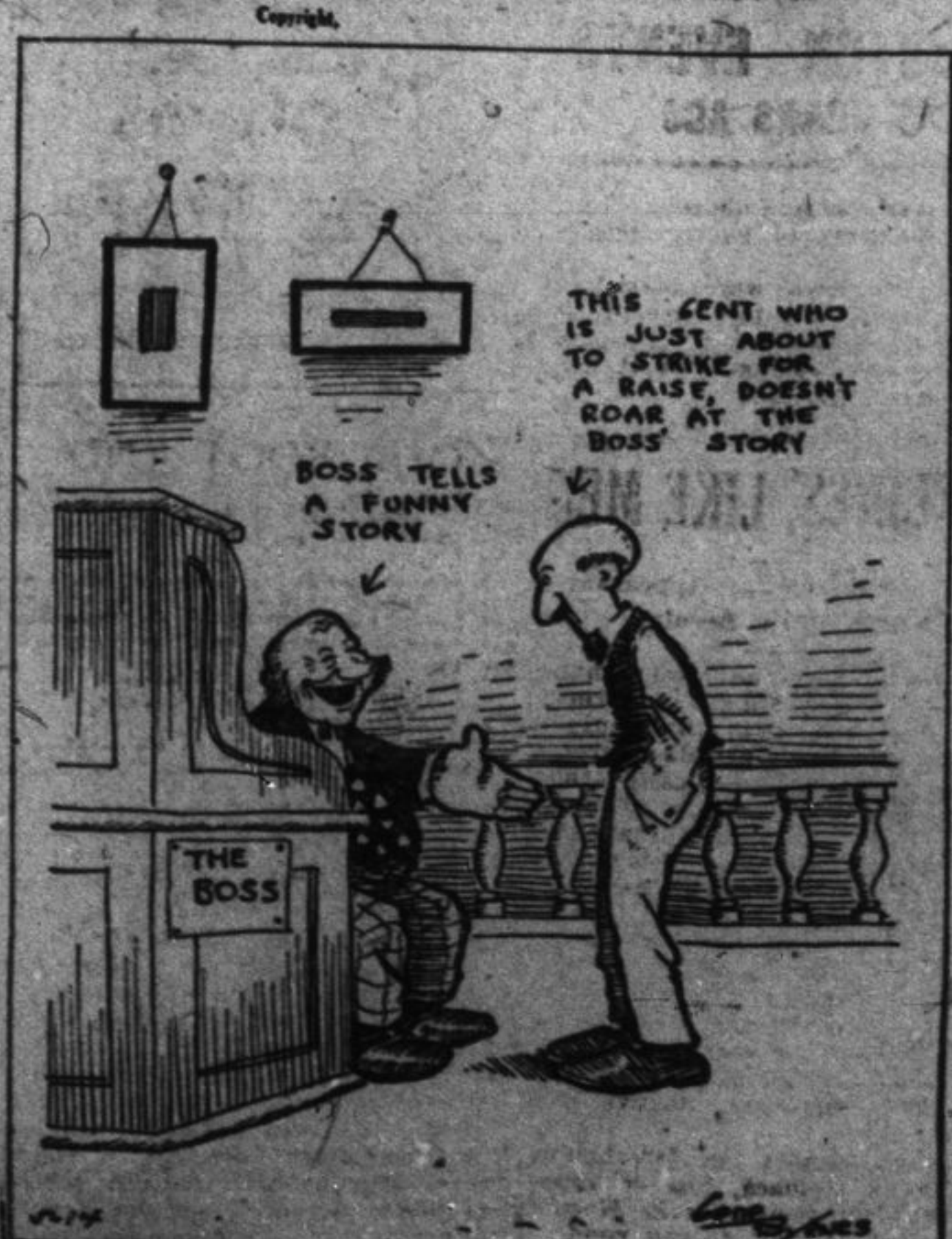
Rippling Rhymes

ANOTHER SLACKER

That citizen is somewhat phoney who hastens into matrimony, that he may dodge the fray; it ought to shame his soul, doggone him, to see how people look upon him, upon his wedding day. Methinks I see him humbly kneeling, his voice all choked with maudlin feeling, before some maiden fair; "The thought," he says, "of doing battle out where the noisy cannon rattle is whitening my hair. So long as I'm remaining single, the chance are I'll have to mingle with men whom I abhor; I have no use for soldier's labors, I have no use for guns and sabres, I have no use for war. I'd rather hear my neighbors hoot me, than have a husky German shoot me, or prod me with a sword; I'd rather men should call me Rabbit, than fall into the beauty's habit of being carved or bored." So marry me, sweet Isabelle! Have pity on a cringing fellow, who hates the thought of blood, for if you won't avert disaster, by chasing with me to the pastor, my given name is Mud." You'd think the girls would deem him dotty, that they in angry tones and haughty, would order him away; but Slacker prospers in his wooing; girls like his billing and his cooing, and—

—WALT MASON.

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