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ROBBING THE PEOPLE.

One of the great food supply houses harked back upon the government with regard to the report of the high cost of living commissioner. The president challenged the accuracy of the report, and demanded that the premier have the facts reinvestigated by a new commission, which does not seem to be a proper proceeding.

Sir Joseph Flavelle demands a review of the labor department's reports upon cold storage. There is no sign that the premier is weakening upon this subject. On the contrary there is evidence that the people will not consent to another up these reports as to the high cost of living.

In June the minister of labor, for whose department revelations are now taking place, expatiated on the large quantities of food that had passed through the cold storage plants of one firm—valued at \$1,000,000 a week—and assured parliament that there was no imposition and no deception.

The Montreal Gazette is opposed to the sandwiching of the extension of parliament resolution between the second and third readings of the Conscription Bill.

Herbert C. Hoover, the food controller of the United States, is understood to have perfected his plans for directing trade so that of the products of the year there will be no waste, and that the surplus of any crop will be available for use by the Allies.

Marc L. Regua, of New York, is the personal representative of Mr. Hoover, and at a meeting of the merchants he undertook to say what would be required in order to make

the movement a great success, and the Whig, desiring to get at the heart of the matter, read his address. The result was not very satisfactory. According to Regua, speaking for Mr. Hoover, co-ordination and co-operation were aimed at; the consumption at home of vegetables and fruits and other perishable foods in large quantities, while meat, wheat, sugar and fats, would be shipped abroad; that there is a need of stabilizing and standardizing with regard to the prices of commodities, but that it is not the desire to dictate as to the channels of trade.

He has not to watch very long. The House of Representatives appropriated \$2,500,000 for the payment of the officials in the food department, appointments to be made under the Civil Service rules. The Senate, in passing the budget, eliminated the condition which involves service on merit, so that an army of officials may further fatten on the spoils system.

A preliminary to cabinet reconstruction of some kind is the house-cleaning for which Sir Robert Borden shows no particular anxiety. When is he going to begin the work?

THE IMPOSSIBLE IS EXPECTED.

Mr. Germain, M.P., declares, from his experience of it, that the militia department at Ottawa is so cluttered up with useless materials, in the form of an untrained army of officials that they are in each other's way, and utterly useless. Sir Edward Kemp is a good business man, and probably has his own establishment in Toronto pretty well organized, but the militia department is a different matter. Political expediency regulates everything that is done.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The new leader of the liberal party, whoever he may be, will hardly be the nominee of Sir Clifford Sifton. That much is certain. Nationality in the trenches? There is none; says a returned soldier. There is a common brotherhood, and it will, if continued after the war, revolutionize the world.

Sir Robert Borden is said to be having the time of his life in selecting new cabinet material. What to do with some of the material he has is worrying him not a little.

Has the federal government surrendered to the demand of Sir Joseph Flavelle, that the labor department and the cost commissioner be investigated? There is no appearance of it.

One has only to read the report in the English papers of the Mesopotamia disaster in order to realize that punishment is due—and severe punishment at that—to those who are responsible for it. The details are sickening. No one can read them without a shudder.

The distribution of senatorial distinctions is making trouble. These big plums of preference are being sought by many, and everyone who is turned down at once becomes unfriendly. This is a time, too, when Sir Robert Borden wants all the friends he can get and keep.

A little paper at Sault Ste. Marie was suppressed by the federal government some time ago because it printed seditious articles. But Le Devoir can go on tempting the fates and the federal government is afraid to attack or suppress it. The premier can never forget how much he owes to Mr. Bourassa for a seat among the mighty.

Mr. Meighen's amendment to the Military Service Bill will put a sudden stop to the unpatriotic activities of Socialist and Nationalist agitators and their newspaper organs.

PUBLIC OPINION

Too Much Law. (St. Thomas Journal) There are 4,991 lawyers in Canada. Is it any wonder we have so much trouble in this country?

Economy in Gaol. (Toronto Globe) Chatham's jail governor is fighting the high cost of living. His cost is 12-2-3 cents per day for each prisoner, but details of the living are not furnished.

Sir Roberts Sowing. (Peterborough Examiner) Sir Robert used the elements of disloyalty—fostered and encouraged embodied treason, in order to kill Laurier; now he blames him for the harvest Sir Robert's sowing has yielded.

Russia Comes Back. (Montreal Herald) The prophets are coming out badly in this war. Not long ago men of reputation, among them Dr. Dillon, were sadly informing the world that Russia as a military factor in this war had simply ceased to exist.

A German Cemetery. (Belleville Ontario) Another German governor of Belgium is said to be dying. The Huns are finding Belgium a most unhealthy country in which to remain, and they may decide to spend the summer and autumn farther east.

The West in Earnest. (Montreal Star) The western Liberals, women and men, are busy naming delegates to the party convention to be held in Winnipeg in the first week in August. And they are all "win-the-war" delegates at that. The West is earnest. Its recruiting figures have shown that long ago.

Check the Gambling. Sir William Hearst has some claims to be regarded as an active supporter of moral reforms. Does he, as head of the Government, approve of a policy that regards race-track gambling as a means of adding to the revenues only, or is he concerned in taking steps to check what he must know is a grave and growing evil?

GERMANY WANTS TO BUY UP CANADA

Prince Frederick zu Lowenstein recently made an address in Munich. He dealt with the question of how Britain might pay to Germany the indemnity the Germans intended to exact. His plan was that Britain could sell Canada to Germany. This was a more generous proposition than is usually heard in Germany, for commonly they propose to take Canada without paying for it.

Rippling Rhymes

THE SOLDIERS It's sad to see the young men go, away from all they love and know, and poignantly it pains the heart to feel, while watching them depart, that they may not return. We calmly read of others' sons who went to face the Prussian guns in yonder endless fray; we gave the tribute of a sigh to Englishmen who went to die—but they were far away. We cannot truly sympathize with foreigners; an ocean lies between them and our doors; the story of their sorrows seems like some vague horror seen in dreams, when wintry tempest roars. Now we behold our own depart; through hists of tears we see them start, the laddies we have reared, perhaps to see our home no more, perhaps to come back to our door all stricken, maimed and seared. It racks the soul to see them stride away with noble pride, so young, so brave, so strong; we see them march in line array, and then kneel down somewhere and pray that war may cease ere long. It breaks the heart to see them go; but better far to face the foe and for their country fall, than to pursue a peaceful trade, and by base stratagem evade that country's urgent call.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



war, as this would permit the German-Americans to shake the dust of the United States from off their feet and pass across the line to Canada where they would live under the folds of the German flag. Can there be any doubt that our boys are fighting for the defence of their own hearths, the honor of their own women, the safety of their own people?

BREAD FROM WHEAT WITHOUT GRINDING

The Italians are credited with having invented a method of making bread without grinding it. After being well washed the wheat is soaked in warm water for three days by which time it has become quite soft. The grain can then be kneaded in the ordinary way, made into loaves and baked after being allowed to rise. Bread made in this way has a much higher food value than the ordinary article as even the husk has useful dietic qualities. The wheat should be of good quality for this process and of course should be free from dirt, seeds or other species of grain. Hence, though no grinding is needed, the processes which preceded this operation must be carried out. In view of the shortage of labor and fuel this process of making bread should be particularly worthy of adoption at the present time.

BOTH SIDES PLAYING POLITICAL GAME

The Liberal press of Ontario and of Western Canada as well as fairly well agreed that the Liberal-conscriptionists in parliament should form a coalition government so that an election might be avoided. On the other hand, however, it is believed that a number of the Liberals who voted for the second reading of the conscription bill will not favor further extension of the parliamentary term and in the face of any considerable opposition it is unlikely that the imperial parliament will agree to give the Borden regime another lease of life. The trouble is that party leadership on both sides continues to play politics in spite of a very evident desire on the part of the people of all classes that petty party politics be absolutely eliminated from the government of this country during the balance of the war.

MAY BE IN MONTREAL

Two Hamilton Girls Missing Since June 16th. Hamilton, July 17.—Since June 16th, Louise Easthope, 257 Young street, and Jennie Bonnedell, 137 Forest Avenue, aged 14 years, have been missing. The former is the daughter of Pte. Charles Easthope, who is at the front. In answer to a recent cable asking if his daughter had been found the heartbroken mother had to reply in the negative. She is making a diligent search. The police believe that the girls are in Montreal.

DUTIES OF HANNA FURTHER DEFINED

Food Controller's Powers Are Emphasized in Labor Gazette's Announcement.

Ottawa, July 17.—The duties of Hon. W. J. Hanna, the food controller, are set out in the Labor Gazette as follows: "He is directed and empowered to investigate the quantities, location, ownership and sources of supply of food commodities, the prices of same and the causes of such prices. He is to ascertain the food requirements of the country and to facilitate the export of the surplus to Great Britain and the Allies, and he is empowered to make regulations as to prices, storage, distribution and conservation of food; and the consumption of food in houses, restaurants, cafes, private houses, clubs and other places. The food controller may also make regulations respecting the manufacture, transportation and storage of food, and may purchase, requisition, store, sell and deliver food." Prices of grain, live stock and dairy products showed some decreases for the month of June, but there were advances in many other lines, especially in fruits and vegetables, textiles and metals.

A Successful Lawyer.

Hon. Frank H. Philpott, K.C. Toronto, who has been elected a director of Tooke Bros., Ltd., is well known as a successful corporation lawyer and capitalist. Born at Belleville, Ont., in 1862, he received his education at Albert College, and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1885, and later to the Bar of Manitoba. He was associated with the Macdonald, Tupper law firm for a long period, and appeared in many important cases, pleading frequently before the Privy Council of Great Britain. In 1906 he was appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal in Manitoba, but three years later he resigned from the bench to become general counsel for the Canadian Northern Railway, a position he still holds. He is a director of Brazilian-Traction National Trust Company, the Columbia River Lumber Company, Kamin's Aquia Power, Canadian Collieries, Ltd., and others.

Awarded Military Cross.

Ganmoque, July 17.—Sergt. Ivan Scott, of the signifiers, has been awarded the military cross for devotion to duty in the Vimy Ridge battle. He is the youngest son of Mrs. Sarah Scott and brother of Mrs. W. Bates, of this town. He left here as a private and has received two promotions in addition to this latest honor.

H. A. Thompson, Owen Sound, (formerly of Trenton) has been moved to Fort Arthur as manager of the Molsons bank.

Summer Drinks

- Welch's Grape Juice, 10c, 25c, 50c; Orangeade, 25c; Lemonade, 25c; Grape Vln, 25c; Montserrat Lime Juice, pts., 40c; Montserrat Lime Juice, qts., 75c; Montserrat Lime Juice Cordia, 40c; Rose's Lime Juice, 40c; Rose's Lime Juice Cordia, 40c; Raspberry Vinegar, 25c.

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