

## Ottawa Glimpses

BY H. F. GADSBY

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—The five hundred thousand women enfranchised under the War Time Election Act are no doubt taking a great interest in the Flavelle investigation now in progress in Toronto. In spite of a corps of highly paid lawyers and a Royal Commission whose object is to paint the bly and gild the flimsy Sir Joseph Flavelle is being more and more discovered by his fellow citizens.

The evidence will bite despite the efforts of the best counsel to draw its teeth. Perhaps this is due to the presence of Mr. Gordon Waldron, a good Liberal, a lover of the people, and the legal representative at this trial of Saturday night, the one Toronto paper that was fearless enough to come to grips with a big advertiser like Sir Joseph Flavelle.

Of course the evidence would be more revealing if the Royal Commission included one expert cost accountant instead of two auditors with Flavelle affiliations in Big Business which they must take care of. These two auditors do not go behind the figures presented to them by Sir Joseph's crack mathematician, General Manager Fox.

Naturally, Mr. Fox does not make out a bad case for his employer, and just as naturally two auditors looking for future commissions, do not disagree with him. They say, "These figures check, therefore they must be all right." And expert cost accountants on the other hand would say, "Figures cannot lie, but some bars can figure. How do you make up this item?" Then he would enter into a searching analysis of the cost elements.

However, murder is coming out in spite of handicaps, and the five hundred thousand women who have been given the vote by the Borden Government would do well to keep a sharp eye on the evidence from day to day and see what it means. It is not so much to say that of the five hundred thousand soldiers' women folk who have been enfranchised, four hundred thousand belong to the working classes which feels the high cost of living most acutely. They are on short commons most of the time and very little would push them over the dead line into actual starvation. Their separation allowances have not been able to keep pace with the price of Sir Joseph Flavelle's bacon.

Sir Joseph is more responsible than any other man in Canada for the high cost of living. It is his calculating brain that has built up the pork trust and perfected the system by which the fourteen cent hog became the thirty-seven cent bacon. The high cost of Butter, eggs and other staple products can also be traced to his pernicious activities. Sir Joseph is not only the guide, philosopher and friend of the Borden Government, but he is said to own Finance Minister White, who runs chores for him. Sir Joseph has such a hold on the Borden Government that he hasn't even offered to resign from the chairmanship of the Munitions Board while he is being investigated. Sam Hughes did it, and Bob Rogers did it, but the pious Sir Joseph, who deplores everybody's profits but his own, refuses to do it.

He makes the excuse that he doesn't do it because his is an imperial appointment, but the general opinion is that if the man had any delicacy he wouldn't let a little thing like that stand in his way. The fact seems to be that Sir Joseph has associated with hogs so long that he has caught some of their manners. Anybody but Sir Joseph would have taken it as a hint to quit his chairmanship of the Imperial Munitions Board, when the British Government stopped buying his bacon, but his hide is thick and he didn't feel it. Sir Joseph is also said to have an appetite not unlike his favorite animal.

So far as Big Business goes Sir Joseph has long been known as one who had all his feet in the trough at once, but since the war started he has done even better. Rumor has it that his

beef stew contract will net him thirty million dollars and that, what other enterprises, shells, fuses, munitions, carried on under various aliases, he will be in the Rockefeller class when the war is over.

Unluckily all the Royal Commission is authorized to do is to look into his bacon. All his other grafts escape inspection. A Royal Commission that would thoroughly investigate Sir Joseph Flavelle would need to investigate every spot where a dollar shows its head in Canada, not to mention choice spots in the United States and England. A Royal Commission with these plenary powers would also find him and his Toronto group of looters up to the neck in the C. N. R. deal by which they hope to fleece this country of \$15,000,000—\$7,000,000 for the bonds they bought up in England, and \$8,000,000 for the watered stock. They would also find Sir Clifford Sifton somewhere in ambush. This is why Sir Clifford is so anxious to continue the Borden-Flavelle Government in office. Where the treasure is there shall the heart be also. One hundred and thirty-five million dollars is worth gambling for. You see now why Flavelle and the other big fellows are all playing the same game. As long as there are so many dollars in sight the Borden Government can't lose Sir Joseph. What he gave to the campaign fund in 1911—rumor says it was a cool million—he wants back a hundred fold.

The Borden Government has given five hundred thousand more or less poor women the vote. They asked for cheaper food and they got the vote instead. The Borden Government said, "Here are your pretty little votes. Use them to keep Sir Joseph and us in power and you'll feel better."

This is the old story of the bread and the stone over again. You can't eat votes. They won't keep the children from starving. Food Commissioner Hanna issues an inspiring manifesto ever and anon, but so it is his words are they don't fill an empty stomach. Votes from the Borden Government and kind words from Mr. Hanna—these are pretty thin diet. It will be interesting to see how many of the five hundred thousand women vote for Borden and fifty-seven cent bacon.

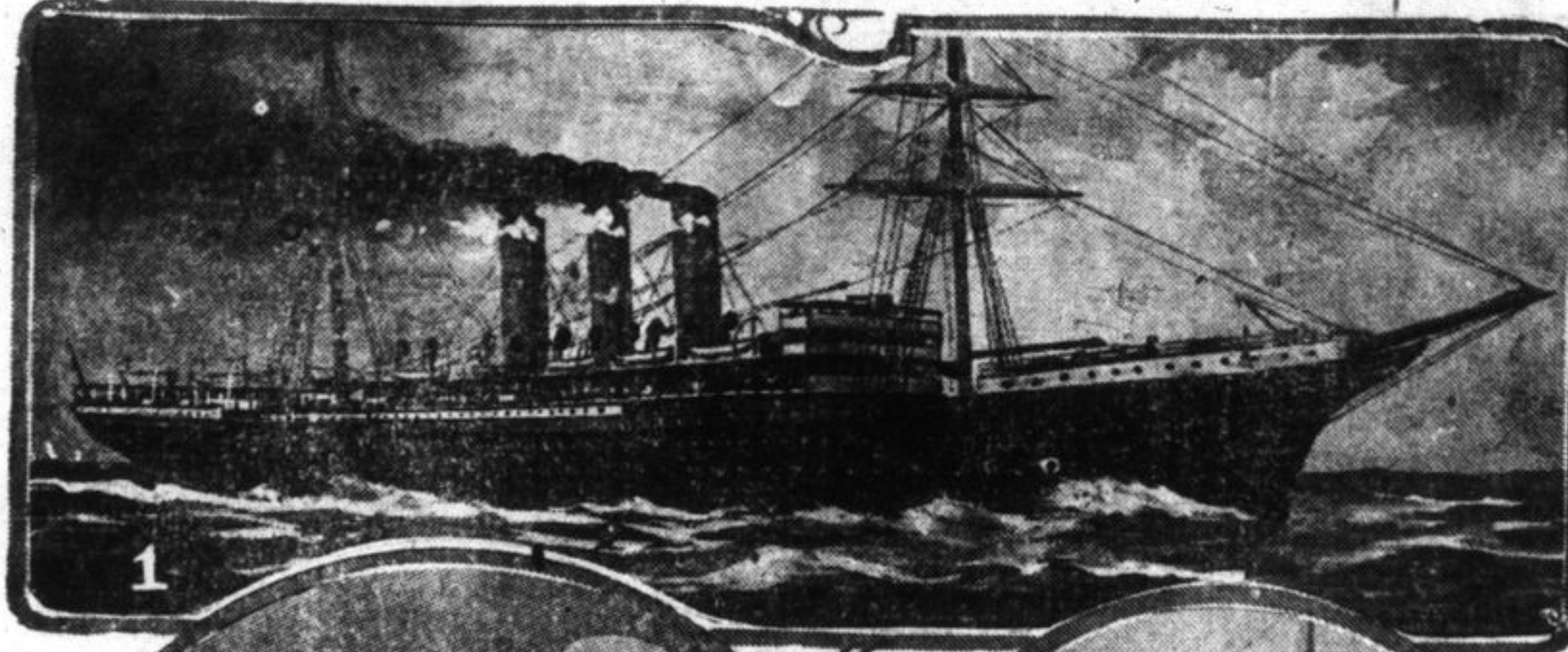
Meanwhile housewives all over the country who have been trying to make a dollar do fifty cents' work, will be interested to learn that Sir Joseph Flavelle's company made two million dollars this year on the bacon it sold to England. The William Davies Company it made a million on the bacon on this side of the ocean, and as Sheed-Thompson & Co.—another disguise of Sir Joseph—it made a million on the other side of the ocean.

This is what you might call working both ends for the middle. The process of collecting twice for the same article is very simple according to Sir Joseph. As the William Davies Company he puts on a profit on this side of the water and then sells to himself as Sheed-Thompson & Co. on the other side of the water, which company puts on another profit, adds a commission and hands the bacon over to the British Government. It is well that the bacon has only one ocean to cross. Apparently the number of profits increase in geometrical progression. That is to say, if one ocean means two profits, four would mean sixteen.

This probably explains how the Davies Company made two hundred and fifty per cent, during one year of the Boer war. The bacon had a number of oceans to cross, and doubtless Sir Joseph, in some disguise or other, was waiting at all the strategic spots where another profit might be expected to happen. Incidentally there is a rumor about that the bacon Sir Joseph sold to the British army in South Africa was bad, and that a lot of it was condemned. If the Commission had full powers it might inquire into that.

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## KAISER AS MASTER PLOTTER AND TSAR A FEEBLE DUPE



The intimate correspondence between Kaiser Wilhelm and Tsar Nicholas has been unmasked and shows the Kaiser as a master plotter and the Tsar as a dupe. The correspondence revealed the Kaiser conspiring against Britain and endeavoring to deceive France, ensnaring Russia and seeking to violate Denmark. No. 1 is the Russian cruiser Smolensk, which had stopped the German steamer Prince Henry, over which the Kaiser protested to the Tsar. No. 2 shows "Willy" and "Nicky" aboard the yacht Hohenzollern. No. 3 is the German steamship Scandia, which was seized by the Russians and to which "Willy" objected in strenuous tones to "Nicky."

## POSED AS VIMY HERO, FLEECED THE PUBLIC

### Admission of Ex-member of C.E.F. Discharged in England—Addicted to Drugs

Windsor, Oct. 3.—Posing as "the hero of Vimy Ridge," and lecturing on his "experiences" in trenches of Flanders and France, Pte. William Hambleton, late of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, fleeced citizens of Seattle and other western cities out of hundreds of dollars, according to his own alleged admissions here today to officials of the Canadian Immigration Department.

Newspaper clippings found in Hambleton's suitcase show the pseudo-hero was lionized at Seattle, where he took part in a big Liberty loan meeting, at which Governor Lyster presided. The Rotary Club of Seattle, Hambleton said, paid him \$50 to lecture on "The Somme," "The Battle of Courcellette" and "How the Tanks Work."

Other cities visited by Hambleton include Sparta, Kilbourne, Portage and Madison, Wis., and Billings and Butte, Montana. Before the Rotary Club of Butte, Hambleton lectured on "My Eighteen Months' Experience in the Trenches."

That he was also under contract to lecture in many "movie" theatres in Washington, Montana, Wisconsin and California is shown by advertising-matter found among his belongings. At Everett, Wash., citizens tendered him a reception and presented him with a purse of money.

In his "lectures" Hambleton represented that he had been wounded by machine gun and shrapnel fire no less than sixteen times, and illustrated his "heroism" by displaying a scar on the abdomen, which he told his audience was the result of a bayonet stab.

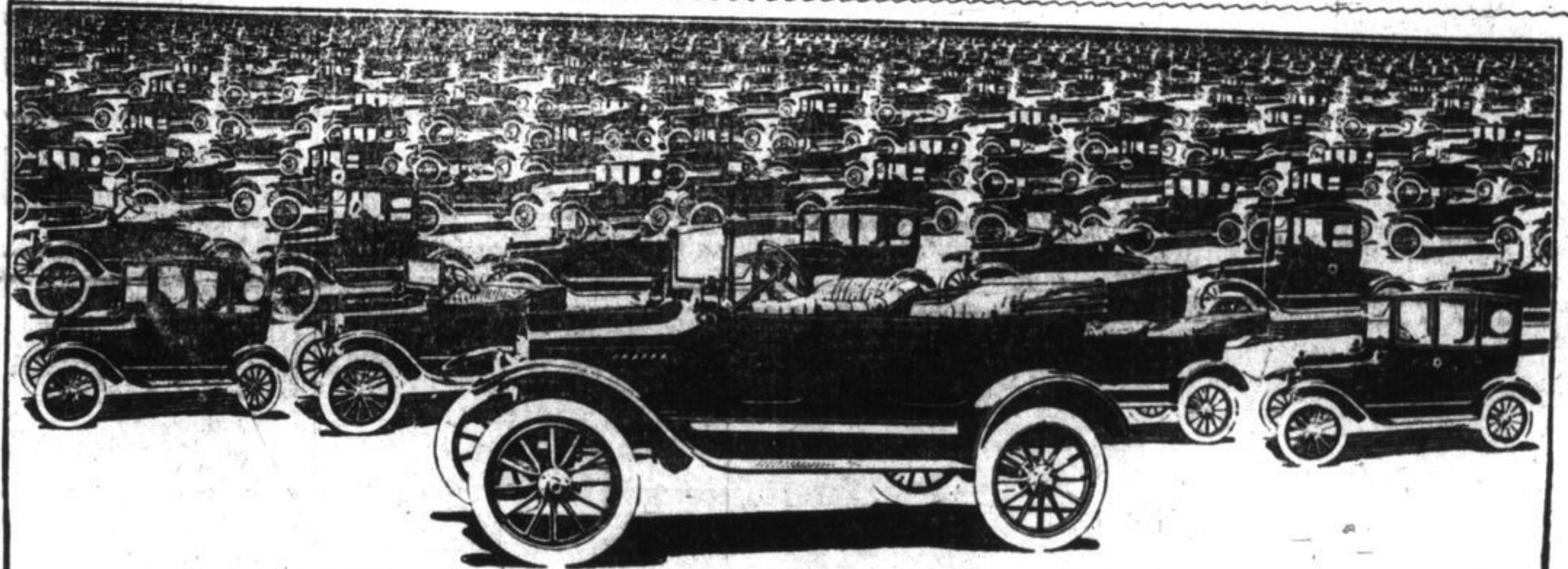
"Sure, the interviews I gave to newspapers were all lies," Hambleton admitted frankly to-day, "but I got the money and spent it to buy drugs."

Hambleton is a native of Philadelphia. He was enlisted with the 1st Canadian Expeditionary Force at London, but was discharged a month after his battalion reached England because it was found he was addicted to the use of drugs. He was picked up here last night at the Armories and turned over to the immigration authorities, who will hold him until his record is looked into.

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## STUDENTS FINED FOR PART IN "INITIATION"

### Chancellor of University Penalizes Members of Freshmen Clubs.

Fredrickton, N.B., Oct. 3.—Because many of the students of the University of New Brunswick last week participated in the "initiation" of members of the freshmen clubs, in violation of orders of Chancellor C. C. Jones, the chancellor to-day announced that each student who took part would be fined \$25. The students will be suspended from all privileges until the fines are paid and will be debarred from all prizes and scholarships during the academic year. Scholarships already awarded

ed will be cancelled. The students affected declare that they will appeal to the university senate.

## Great Herd of Caribou.

Dawson, Y.T., Oct. 2.—A great herd of caribou is reported at the head of Forty-Mile River, west of Dawson. One traveller waited for three hours for the herd to pass him so that he could make his way along the public road. The number of caribou ranging across the entire belt of several hundreds of miles is estimated at more than one million.

Capt. A. G. E. Smith of the Six Nations Reserve, who has made good at the front, is mentioned for a candidate in Brant on a "Win-the-War" and "Voice for the Indian" platform. The hand of fate is always ready to grasp an opportunity.

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