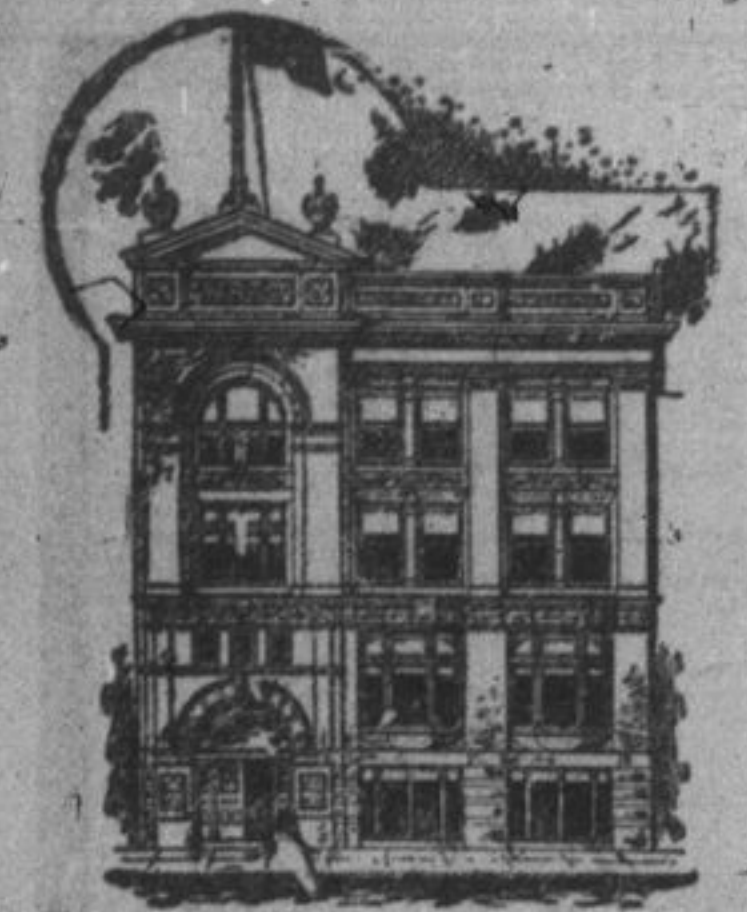


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1918 must be for us a year of re-nunciation.

About time the Government appointed a weather controller.

This weather is enough to freeze even the milk of human kindness.

Russia declares she cannot accept the peace terms dictated by Germany. Who could?

Fire has just destroyed the International, one of the oldest hotels at Niagara Falls. But honeymooning will go on at the Falls as usual.

Over 2,000,000 Germans have died in this war. The Kaiser's six sons, however, are safe and well. The German people might well reflect on this fact.

The first draft, now being called to the colors, are all unmarried men, and consequently no further demand will be made upon the separation allowance fund.

A man may have a heap of wisdom stored away in his dome, remarks the Quelp Mercury, but it's worth an awful pile more just now to know where to go and locate a ton of coal.

"Thousand Ways to Please a Husband" is the title of a new book. Had this volume been announced before Christmas many wives would probably have received a copy among their holiday gifts.

Three women have just been elected as members of the Toronto Board of Education. When are the Kingstons women going to take a part in the direction of educational matters in the Limestone City?

Brookville churches have agreed to get together and hold union services during the winter in order to conserve the coal supply. That is a commendable form of church union which Kingston might well follow.

Quebec announces her intention of defying the federal order-in-council providing for the supervision, by the minister of finance, of all provincial and municipal bond issues. Quebec is in a highly defiant attitude these days.

The growth of the city manager plan in the United States shows no abatement even during war time. No less than 98 municipalities have now adopted this form of government. The salaries paid the managers range from \$4,000 to \$10,000 per year.

It is reassuring to note, as announced in the Whig yesterday, that Kingston has sufficient coal for the winter's needs. Instead of criticising the local coal dealers, let us pass them a vote of thanks. Their foresight has saved Kingston much suffering.

THE WHIG'S NEW STORY.

"Inside The Lines," the Whig's new serial story, begins to-day, and we heartily commend it to the attention of every reader. It is a stirring war drama and, perhaps the best of its kind since "Secret Service." Its author, Earl Derr Biggers, is known to fame as the author of "Seven Keys to Baldpate." The story opens at the outset of the present great war drama in Europe. Caught by the swirl of events, a lovely American girl is detained in Europe and becomes innocently en-

meshed in the machinations of spies and of the secret service of two contending nations. Every chapter is replete with mystery and incident, skilfully woven threads that blend to a surprising climax. The first instalment of this interesting story appears on page fifteen of to-day's paper.

CLEAN, WHOLESOME PLAYS.

"Out There," a strongly appealing comedy-drama of the great war, was enjoyed by a large audience at the Grand Opera House last night. The theme and the presentation of it, as well as the stirring appeal for recruits, aroused their patriotism, while the hospital scene evoked their unbounded pity and admiration. The author cleverly succeeded in depicting the attitude of the various nationalities when called upon to undergo the sufferings of the hospital wards. Few elements of human emotion were left untouched and unrevealed.

Theatrical producers who claim that a clean, wholesome play or other forms of stage entertainment would die of starvation, were proven wrong by the patronage accorded this play. Modesty and decency are inherent qualities of the men and women of 1918 as they ever were. Many theatre-goers have tolerated things they abhorred. When a wholesome play is presented it meets with the success it deserves. "Out There" contains a strong human appeal. The players wore all their clothes and there wasn't a jest in it with a double meaning. The audience wept and laughed by turn and were ashamed of neither emotion. Good plays with good actors will be patronized by the decent public, and will prove successes also from the point of view held by the man in the box office.

A UNITED WAR EFFORT.

As a result of the inter-allied war council, recently held at Paris, more efficient co-operation in the conduct of the war will undoubtedly result. Independent and individual action will henceforth give place to collective, co-ordinated endeavor. That is as it should be, because in union there is strength, no less in time of war than in time of peace. The very term "Central Powers" denotes union and centralization of power and purpose on the part of the enemy. How necessary, therefore, that the Allies should present a strong and unified front; that they should pool all their resources in the common task of winning the war.

This they have now done, with these important results:

- 1—American troops are to be rushed to Europe in as large and constant stream as is humanly possible. 2—The Allied nations will so arrange their shipping as to provide the necessary transports. 3—The merchant shipbuilding programme must be rushed. 4—There is to be closer co-operation of all the co-belligerents to present a single and united front to German autocracy. 5—The part of the United States has been clearly defined and arrangements made to carry it out. Such co-operation is designed to hasten the day of victory. A gigantic programme has been outlined, and the part each nation must play in the new team work of the Allies has been made clear. Such a definite plan will go a long way toward gaining the goal which civilization desires, and which must be, disguise it as we may, the complete smashing of Prussian militarism. There is no other possible ending to this war except it be a German victory.

PUBLIC OPINION

Given a Good Send-off. Paris, Mo., Mercury. Very few visited him during his long illness, but there was a big crowd at the funeral.

Same Thing in Kingston. Auburn, N.Y., Citizen. Talking about prohibition, we have a law that "prohibits" house-holders from leaving their sidewalks covered with snow and ice, but like other kinds of prohibition, it doesn't work.

That's the Spirit. Syracuse, N.Y., Post-Standard. It is time to cheer up; no war ever lasted forever.—Philadelphia Press. One lasted 100 years and the current edition is going to last till the Kaiser is licked if it takes a quarter century.

An Interesting Incident. Scottish-American, New York. Two British soldiers went into a restaurant at Saloniki and asked for Turkey with Greece. The waiter said: "I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I can't serve," whereupon the Tommies cried: "Fetch the Bosphorus." When that gentleman arrived and heard the complaint the manager said: "Well, gentlemen, I don't want to Russia, but you cannot Russia." And so the poor Tommies had to go away Hungary.

May Be Taken Over. Washington, Jan. 5.—Mr. McAdoo is considering whether express companies should be taken over for Government operation.

PROUDFOOT IS A FIGHTER

FOR PROGRESSIVE MEASURES IN THE LEGISLATURE

Was a Leader in Battle Against Liquor Traffic — His Son Recently Won Military Cross at the Front.

William Proudfoot, K.C., the new leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, is a Liberal of long-standing in Provincial politics. In 1902 he was tendered the nomination for the Provincial Legislature,



WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, K.C., M.P.P.

but declined to stand until 1908 when he successfully contested the riding. He has never been defeated. Since his election to the Legislature he has been one of the most prominent members on the Opposition side of the House in fighting for progressive legislation along temperance lines; in fact, he was one of the strongest supporters of the abolition of the liquor license system in Ontario.

The son of the late Chief Justice Proudfoot, and a mother of Scotch and Irish descent respectively, the new leader was born on February 21st, 1859, at Colborne township, county of Huron. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, and private tuition, following which he graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1881. He was made a K.C. in 1902, prior to which he was a partner of the late Judge Garraw at Goderich, where he practised law for several years. In 1903 he came to Toronto and became head of the firm of Duncan, Grant and Skeans. At present he is head of the law firm of Proudfoot, Duncan and Grant. Before coming to Toronto he was County Crown Attorney of Huron, and also filled the office of Reeve for ten years. He was President of the West Huron Liberal Association for several years, and a director of several prominent manufacturing industries in Goderich.

Mr. Proudfoot is also the proud father of a son who, for his bravery on the fields of Flanders, was awarded the Military Cross, and who was among the first of Canada's hon-

ored sons to enlist for service at the front.

While always looked upon as one of the most progressive Liberals on the Opposition side of the Ontario Legislature, after his election, it was not until the eve of adjournment for prorogation on April 23, 1913, that he became prominent in the public eye. On that occasion, on the floor of the House, Mr. Proudfoot charged Sir James Pliny Whitney, the leader of the Government, and the Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, with "corrupt and improper acts," following the outcome of an investigation instituted by Mr. Proudfoot before the Public Accounts Committee, arising out of the settlement of the claim of Taylor, Scott and Co., Toronto, in respect of a Central Prison contract. Mr. Proudfoot made the charge on his responsibility as a member of the House, and subsequently secured the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the charges. The substance of Mr. Proudfoot's charge was that \$500 had been accepted by Mr. Hanna, as a campaign contribution, and that there was manipulation of certain tenders for supplies.

WHAT WITNESS SAID.

Claimed a Legislator Was Given \$20,000.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 5.—George B. Jones, of Apohaqui, a member of the Legislature, received \$20,000 from W. B. Tennant, a director of the Nova Scotia Construction Company, according to Mr. Tennant, who was a witness at a short session of the investigation into the construction of the St. John Valley Railway, by Commissioner John M. Stevens. Mr. Tennant said he paid the money to Mr. Jones to give to Thomas Bell, of St. John, Conservative Treasurer, about the time of a provincial election. He could not say whether Mr. Bell received the money.

Before the hearing was resumed, Commissioner Stevens read a recommendation from Hon. W. E. Foster, Premier, in which the commissioner received enlarged powers to investigate fully amounts of \$120,000, \$20,000, \$40,000 and other items of interest which developed in previous sessions.

TRAIN CUTS SAVE COAL.

The C.P.R. Alone Will Save 6,000 Tons a Month.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—It is estimated that on the Canadian Pacific Railway system alone the curtailment of passenger traffic which is to go into effect immediately will mean a saving of 6,000 tons of coal per month, in addition to facilitating freight haulage, which includes coal. A similar saving will be effected on the Grand Trunk lines, and a lesser saving on the Canadian Northern, where services are not being reduced to the same extent.

Tentonic aviators again bombed Treviso and Padua in spite of protests from the Pope, who reminds the Tentonic emperors of assurances previously given.

"So far this year," said a British official statement, "the enemy has lost in the air by our gunfire, 23 aeroplanes and two captive balloons on the western front."

Rippling Rhymes

GERMAN CHEMISTRY

The German chemists work all night, and hustle all the day. "We'll make for everything in sight a substitute," they say. "The people say they're needing meat, but meat is not for sale; we'll make a substitute of peat, and sell it by the pail. They cry for bread throughout the realm, but bread no merchants sell; we'll treat a block of slippery elm, and that will do as well. Though there's no sugar in the land, let this be understood: "We're busy now refining sand, which will be just as good." The chemists make their turnip jam and toastful marmalade, until the weary people damn their dark and mystic trade. The chemists brew their noxious done, and say to hungry folk, "Cheer up! cheer up! don't give up hope—we're making flour of oak." The German parent, sick and sore, beholds his children starve; there comes a chemist to the door—"Here is a brick to carve! It's made of shavings and old shoes, excelsior and tar; you're needing bread? Don't have the blues, for this is better far." If famine comes to this our land I think we'll starve and die before we'll take from chemist's hand a bootjack for a pie.

WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



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CONSUMPTION OF FISH SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Food Controller Has Greatly Stimulated Market—Further Expansion Coming.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—As an indication of the increasing consumption of fish in Ontario and Quebec it was stated at the food controller's office that one fish company had reported that the weekly shipments from one of its nine branches were now approximately 85,000 pounds. By far the larger part of these shipments are made up of cod and haddock, the consumption of which had been greatly stimulated by the work of the food controller's office has called for reports from fish dealers all over Canada. These reports will give a definite idea as to the extent to which consumption of fish in the Dominion has been increased.

ONLY A JUST CAUSE.

Could Justify Allies Continuing War Even a Day Longer. (Canadian Press Dispatch.)

London, Jan. 5.—Premier Lloyd-George, addressing the trade unions to-day on the subject of war aims, said that only the clearest, greatest and most just of causes could justify the continuance even for a day of this unresolvable agony of the nations. The Premier continued: "We ought to be able to state clearly and definitely not only the principles for which we are fighting, but their definite, concrete application to the war map of the world."

Family of Eight in Fire.

Dawson, Y.T., Jan. 5.—As the result of a disastrous fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Day, on Saturday in which the whole family of eight were severely burned. Joe and Clifford Day, aged one and four years respectively, are dead. Mrs. Day and the remaining four children are in a very precarious condition.

A Shocking Accident.

Trenton, Jan. 4.—A shocking accident occurred at the British Chemical smokeless department, Monday, when a heavy weight, probably some 100 lbs., fell, instantly crushing the life from one of the employees, A. Cole, who came here from Montreal, to which city the body was sent.

J. D. Adams, representative of W. T. Pember, Toronto, will be at Randolph Hotel, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 9th and 10th, with the finest stock of hair goods for ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Adams is capable of suiting every lady and gentleman and will give them the best of satisfaction in every case. Remember the date.

At Denvers John Knowles, sixty-seven years of age, who died in the county hospital December 29th last, alone and apparently penniless, was the owner of an estate which real estate men have valued at \$250,000. He left no heirs.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, recovered from the fatigue of the recent campaign, is going to Montreal to consult with his Quebec colleagues on the situation in that province and also to determine, on a programme for the coming session, Canadian commandants are specially warned to prevent boys under nineteen, being included in drafts for overseas service.

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