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General Maurice has paid the price for his indiscretion, having been retired by the War Cabinet. He could have expected nothing less.

Sir Sam Hughes wants to know if the proposed Civil Service Commission is to control the appointment of senators? Few of the present members would be able to qualify under its provisions.

The Collegiate Institute ought to be very proud of its roll of honor, unveiled on Friday last. It is a noble record, a glorious record, and will prove a source of patriotic inspiration to coming generations.

Reports from various sources indicate that the wheat crop in the western provinces will be far in excess of that of any previous year. Manitoba alone will produce about 5,000,000 more bushels.

The new Russian ambassador to Germany refuses to meet the kaiser or bow down to him. Would that there were a few million like him back in Russia. His attitude, however, may not be lost sight of by those now under the German yoke.

The appointment of a woman constable is being considered by the Board of Police Commissioners. There is plenty of work awaiting such an official in Kingston—work that only the right kind of a woman is capable of performing.

History, as Principal Bruce Taylor happily points out, has never yet recorded a triumph of might over right, and it is not likely that it ever will. Those who are inclined to pessimism to-day ought to find much of comfort in that fact.

In order to avoid long night sessions, the city council of London, Ont., will probably change its hour of meeting from 8 p.m. to 2 p.m. The giving up of two afternoons a month to the city's affairs ought not to impose too great a task upon any alderman.

The farmers are not the only ones who are suffering because of lack of help. This paper has given eighteen of its employees to the cause, but by putting forth extra efforts those that remained have been enabled to "carry on" some way or other. Nearly all other city organizations could tell a similar story.

The resignation of Col. Labatt affords proof that the criticism was justifiable. He now offers to resign his position as a member of the Board of Pension Commissioners so that he may have the amount of his pension deducted from the salary attached to that position. The whole system of the administration of pensions in Canada may be benefited by the exposure of this one case of injustice.

The exposure that W. F. Nickle made of the intrigues of deputy ministers in securing the appointment of a favorite through transfer from Ottawa to Kingston was timely and should lead to an enquiry and the possible removal of the intriguers. Civil service reform cannot be secured if favorites are passed around to meet their desires at the expense of the country.

AN ENORMOUS WASTE.

The fire marshal's report for March, 1918, shows the large total of 812 fires, with a loss of \$851,170, to have occurred in Ontario in this one month. Nineteen of these fires were reported from Frontenac, where the loss was \$49,575. In a summary of losses reported during the last fifteen months, curiously enough, February, though the shortest month in the year, showed the greatest number of fires, viz., 1,020, with a loss of \$1,329,369. Though most of these losses are covered by insurance, the marshal wisely points out that fire insurance does not replace lost property; it is merely an assessment on all to pay one. Using ordinary precautions and eliminating carelessness will reduce the fire loss over 50 per cent. Millions of dollars can thus be saved annually, and our resources conserved. It costs every man, woman and child in Canada approximately \$3 each per annum to pay for the fire wastage in this country. In England, where greater precautions are taken, the loss is only 64c per capita. The use of matches as a plaything is still the most prolific source of fires. Perhaps the new tax on matches, making them more valuable and costly to the household, will result in the supply being more carefully watched. At any rate, they should at all times be kept beyond the reach of children.

IS THE SUBMARINE HELD?

The latest official report of submarine activities shows a decided drop in the losses inflicted upon Allied shipping by this arm of the German war services. The closing of the occupied ports of Zebruggo and Ostend, the most important U-boat bases in the hands of the enemy, and the constant bombing of these places by British aircraft, are operations of a most effective nature. The Hun must now, for a time at least, launch all his submarine campaigns from his own ports, 300 miles or more to the east. The laying of a new and extensive mine field just outside this territory, which work the British have but lately completed, is going to further restrict this menace.

When the U-boats sank the Lusitania Germany lost the war. Not only did this monstrous act deepen the determination of the Allies to once and forever put a stop to such barbarism, but, what is vastly more important, it brought the United States into the war. The average submarine sinkings for the last three months, if continued for a year, would result in a loss of 4,500,000 tons of Allied shipping. To offset this we have the assurance that the United States will build at least 3,000,000 tons this year. England will launch about 1,500,000 tons, while from Japan and other sources at least 500,000 tons will be secured. This gives a probable total of 5,000,000 tons. The present great drive is Germany's acknowledgment that she must win now or never. She realizes that the submarine has failed to starve Britain into submission and that it has totally failed to prevent the landing in France of a vast and ever growing American army. If she cannot win a decisive victory in the field within the next two or three months her cause is lost, and no one knows that better than Germany herself.

OUR RAILWAY PROBLEM.

The most important problem confronting Canadians to-day, outside of the prosecution of the war, is that having to do with the railway situation. The Canadian Northern will be taken over by the government as soon as its valuation has been arrived at, and it is likely that the Grand Trunk will also be absorbed into the Government system. There are those who advocate the nationalization of the Canadian Pacific, but the same arguments do not hold good in this case. The C.P.R. is a model transcontinental and world-around shipping route, efficiently managed and extremely prosperous. A writer in the Wall Street Journal points to this railway as an example for Americans to emulate. He writes: "If the government continues in its policy and soon has \$2,000,000,000 in Grand Trunks, Grand Trunk Pacific, National Transcontinentals and Intercontinentals, etc., Canada will have a \$3,000,000,000 railroad system, of which \$1,000,000,000 will be Canadian Pacific and \$2,000,000,000 government roads, and the Canadian Pacific under private management with one-third the property will be found earning two-thirds of the total railroad money. "If any railroad man in the United States or at Washington wants to study railroad efficiency, let him take the train to Montreal and see the operating sheets of Vice-President Bury before he seeks that master mind in transcontinental transportation, Lord Shaughnessy. Bury can show him \$4,000,000 increase in freight revenue the past year with no increase in rates and a saving of \$0,000,000 car miles in the car movement." That is a wonderful record in transportation efficiency, and will be pointed to with pride by advocates of private ownership. This result was

obtained by a shrewd and far-sighted policy. No freight congestion was permitted on any part of the line. No train started for any port until the ship was in harbor, and no ship had ever to wait an hour for its railroad freight. "A hundred per cent. efficiency road," this writer calls it, and he is not far astray.

PUBLIC OPINION

What Bothers Him.

(Macon Telegraph) Of course, the German fleet may come out, but what bothers the all-highest, alias, Gyp the Blood, is the thought it may never come back again.

"Gott Be Praised!"

(Louisville Courier-Journal) The Kaiser's last joyous telegram to Mrs. Holenzeller was: "With Gott's help our most gracious long-distance gun tore a hole in a French church and killed many women and children, for which Gott be praised."

Good in Principle.

(Ottawa Evening Journal) However, the admission must be made, we think that the principle of graded taxation of incomes is a more sensible revenue-producing principle than the flat taxation of tea or of any other desirable commodity used, by the mass of the people, unless the latter sort of taxation can be shown to have some useful purpose in addition to mere production of revenue.

Grow With Your Garden.

(Louisville Courier-Journal) Grow a garden so you may have the satisfaction of being a producer. Put your hands in the soil so you will be a real soldier of the soil, a piece of the backbone of the country. Dig deep into the soil with the feeling that you are really getting back again to first principles in living. Watch the tender green things grow with a reverent spirit, so you may be made over spiritually, mentally and morally. Grow with your garden.

No Cause For Gloom.

(Toronto Star) In every particular the facts today regarding the essentials of success encourage confidence. The allies are holding magnificently in France and Belgium. American troops are pouring by the hundred thousand onto the continent. The enemy submarines are being checked severely. The allied output of ships has caught up with the enemy's destruction of tonnage. The factories of the United States, whose production fell behind expectations, are about to produce on a colossal scale. The supply of food-stuffs is immeasurably better than we had any right nine months ago to expect it to be. It seems probable that the allies have taken the measure of the enemy on the western front, and that American reinforcements will turn the tide during the summer. There is reason to believe that already 250,000 American troops are available for fighting, that 800,

MILITARY PAYMENTS

Made For Supplies and Services a Year Ago.

The following amounts over one thousand dollars were paid out in Kingston during the year ending March, 1917, for military supplies, and services, according to the Public Accounts:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Anderson Bros. \$40,875.20; Booth & Co. 7,130.84; S. M. Cairnes 1,056.03; Campbell & Wright 12,083.82; T. B. Carnovsky 3,365.17; James Crawford 6,919.22; Thomas Copley 2,176.72; W. J. Crothers 19,232.40; W. B. Dalton & Sons 2,947.28; Dominion Fish Co. 4,669.74; James Eason 4,617.15; Finkle & Co. 1,047.50; W. H. Gollygry 5,835.45; J. Green 1,775.99; S. Green 26,923.44; Hooper & Slater 4,249.42; Henry Hunter 1,008.26; John Kelly & Son 1,371.69; City of Kingston 9,826.61; Kingston General Hospital 15,972.75; Hotel Dieu Hospital 5,523.75; Kingston Ice Co. 1,707.13; Kingston Milling Co. 12,753.20; Mowat Memorial Hospital 3,113.00; Lemmon & Sons 14,229.04; H. W. Marshall 1,275.53; W. J. Moore & Son 1,714.77; R. N. F. MacFarlane 2,550.83; A. Maclean 1,342.36; H. W. Newman Electric Co. 1,142.54; J. Y. Parkhill & Co. 37,148.47; John Peters 2,318.60; Jas. Richardson & Sons 1,350.00; Roney & Co. 1,416.00; Simmons Bros. 4,354.88; Sowards Coal Co. 31,601.41; Standard Printing Co. 1,225.95; Jas. Swift & Co. 1,730.50; Taylor & Hamilton 3,531.10; Warwick Bros. 1,768.26; George C. Wright 3,750.01; T. F. Burke 1,266.40; Coffee & Bruce 2,451.59; A. Glover 1,266.00; J. W. Litton 42,000.00; McKelvey & Birch 6,479.22.

CURIOS GERMAN CHAIN

Taken From German Prisoner in France and Sent to Canada. Mrs. John Tupper, Brock street, has received an interesting memento from the great war from her son, Pte. Jack Tupper, who went overseas with the 146th Battalion and is now in France with the 20th Battalion. It is a silver chain of curious design taken from a German prisoner captured in some of the recent fighting. The owner was evidently a member of the Free Masonry from some of the insignia on the chain, and little charms at regular intervals bear the German inscription, "Gluck Auf," meaning good luck for the wearer.

Rippling Rhymes

SPRING MOTORING. The choo-choo season has arrived, the roads are good, the fields are green; I'm thankful that I have survived to burn a lot more gasoline. The winter, cold and long and drear, killed off a lot of jays and robbers; how glad am I that I'm still here to buy myself for inner tubes! Sometimes I thought, when tempests shrieked, I wouldn't live to see the spring, for rheumatism through me streaked, and wrenched my joints like everything. When blizzards, whooping down from Nome, were bawling angrily and loud, I called morticians to my home, to figure on a bier and shroud. But I hung on through sleet and snow, the lamp of life maintained its flame; and now that spring-time breezes blow, you'll see me in the motor game. I'll buy some bonds to save the boons inherited from martial sires. I'll spend some bones for bread and prunes, and blow some more for rubber tires. I've cut out rich cigars and wines, and made a simple bill of fare; I'll need my change to pay my fines for hunting apples here and there. I'll blow a portion of long green to help the Red Cross work, that's best; the bulk will go for gasoline—mechanics then will get the rest. —WALT MASON.

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