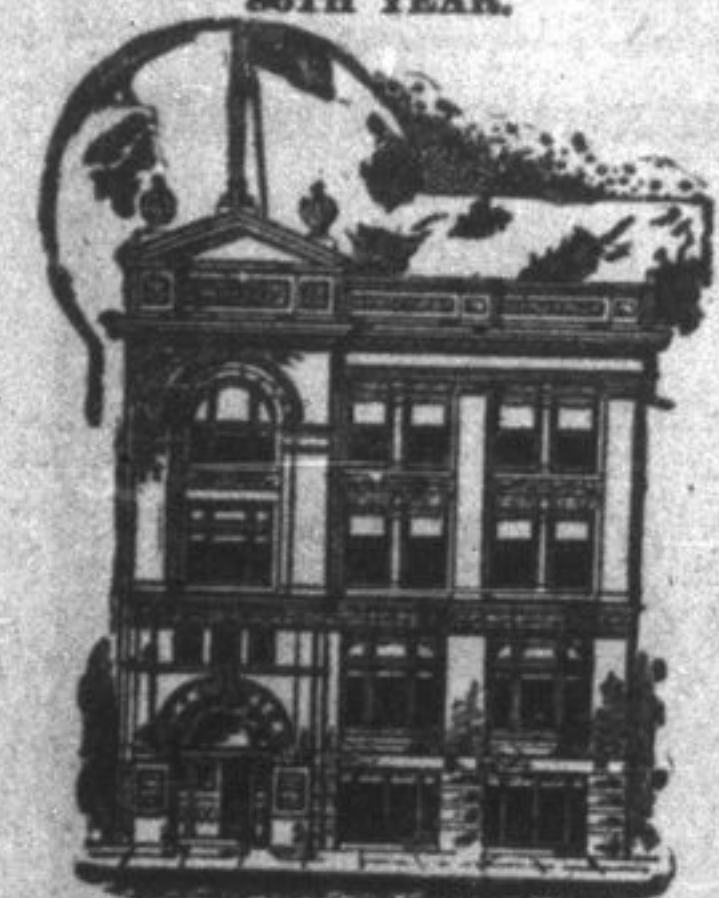


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It's a pretty slow town that cannot boast of a labor dispute these days.

Hobble skirts, though very criticised, are still encircling enough to catch many a husband.

The flight of the flyers is not as speedy as people could wish. They are waiting for the thrills that they apprehend are coming.

It is predicted a new war will come in 1926. For goodness sake, then we must hurry up and get the present one off our hands.

The farmers declare that the wetness in this "dry" country is certainly damper than any they encountered in the good old days.

The only creature the Crown Prince of Germany has been able to beat is his wife. He never got near enough to the enemy to meet his fate.

Corsets in the United States are to be taxed if a luxury, but not if a necessity. So far the authorities have been unable to decide which they are.

There are scores of men who will rejoice that they cannot pick dandelions on their front lawn. It suggests something that their wives do not relish their husbands being accused of.

At no time in the history of the world has the necessity for thrift been so apparent as to-day. Let every patriot's motto be "Produce, save, invest."

Students entering Columbia University must hereafter know something about the Bible. Such an announcement marks an interesting departure in educational policies.

The Vancouver Province has come to the conclusion that establishing international boundaries is about as hazardous a task as determining the location of a "line fence" between the properties of two belligerent farmers.

The Kingston streets give emphasis to the statement that Ford is the greatest evangelist in the world for he has shook the devil out of more people than any other individual. The streets and the Fords are resourceful in their work.

The average daily circulation of the Whig during April was 6,424—a record figure. More and more the people of Eastern Ontario are realizing that they do not have to buy a big city paper to get all the news. They find the Whig covers the entire news field.

Nations differ greatly in their fiscal policies but they all agree on the necessity of promoting thrift among their people, practically all having adopted a systematic method of saving that makes the laying by of even the smallest sums not only easy but profitable.

In Europe, is the world, approaching an irredeemable chaos? Is our civilization to be swept away? That is the question many thoughtful men are asking to-day. On the contrary, we prefer to believe that the present unrest of the world will but

serve as the stepping stone by which we may rise to higher things.

Curiosity is inherent in the human anatomy. More than 500 citizens tried to get into a small room on Monday night to listen to the dreary details of a coroner's inquest. A prayer meeting would do them more good, but a dozen can hardly be gathered together at one time for such a service.

The Canadian press has nothing but contempt for the parliamentarian who suggests it was bought to support the Union government. The high purpose of the moulders of public opinion in the war's darkest hours brought about the best of results and they can smile at the asinine statements of men who took no part in the Canadian crisis.

A large trade on our Atlantic coast is stagnant, and 2,000 people are idle. There is a glut stock of \$300,000 worth of sardines, and canneries will not reopen until this is sold. The amount, the Canadian Trade Commission points out, is almost the exact value of imports of foreign sardines into Canada last year. If the canners want this surplus stock disposed of, why in the name of all that is sensible don't they advertise their goods? Yet who ever saw Canadian sardines advertised?

KINGSTON MUST BE NEXT.

On Thursday morning J. A. Ellis, director of the Bureau of Municipal Affairs for Ontario, who is also director for the Ontario Housing Act, issued a statement announcing that over sixty municipalities have taken advantage of the act and are borrowing money for house building purposes. In a number of cities and towns building has already started, while other localities are planning to acquire land and to erect houses on a large scale. The sum of eight million dollars allowed to Ontario by the dominion government will be consumed by the loans already asked for, but there still remains in reserve the two million dollars set aside by the provincial government. Amongst the cities which have come under the act are Ottawa, Sudbury, Port Dalhousie, Sault Ste. Marie, Guelph, London, Niagara Falls, Gait and St. Catharines, all progressive, growing municipalities. These cities have decided that the Ontario Housing Act is going to benefit their citizens, and are not afraid to take the chances attached.

It is now time for Kingston to do likewise. The city council should have sufficient faith in the future of the city to go into the providing of houses, as the act will enable them to do, in order that the citizens can secure their own homes, and in order to relieve the present congested conditions. If the act is a good thing for these other municipalities, which represent the best cities in Ontario outside of Toronto, then it is a good thing for Kingston. Time is pressing. The building season will soon be upon us and it is short. The city council must delay no longer, but must see to it that Kingston is the next to be added to the list of progressive Ontario cities which are alive to their responsibilities to the people within their gates.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET.

Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain presented the Budget in the Commons of Wednesday, and its perusal, aside from the colonial preference, is most interesting as conveying some idea of the enormous burden of taxation that must be carried by the British people in consequence of the war.

The national debt at the outbreak of the war was \$645,000,000; on March 31st, 1918, \$7,980,000,000, and this year it is \$7,435,000,000. From April 1st, 1918, to Nov. 10th, 1918, the day before the armistice was signed, the daily expenditure was \$7,443,000, and since the latter date it has been \$6,476,000. The reduction would have been greater but for the payment of \$52,700,000 for gratuities and \$13,000,000 for unemployment allowances. Some idea of the national resources is shown by the fact that of the debt incurred \$6,085,000,000 was internal, represented by national war bonds repayable at a premium of \$51,716,000, and \$1,350,000,000 was external debt.

Her heavy loans to the Allied nations are shown by the amounts due the government: From overseas donations, \$171,000,000; from France, \$434,000,000; from Italy, \$412,520,000; from Belgium, \$86,799,000; from Serbia, \$18,643,000; and from other Allies, \$47,515,000. The liability of India is \$36,000,000. Making allowance for the payment of these accounts, the debt is still a formidable one. Russia owes \$43,996,000. A 20% off was effected with Canada by which \$80,000,000, and the chancellor hoped to carry through a similar transaction during the coming year.

The tax on luxuries has been stepped, but that on beer and spirits is considerably increased. The brewers are permitted to increase their output fifty per cent. The income tax and death duties re-

main unchanged. A colonial preference is introduced in order to stimulate trade with the Empire.

An Empire Calendar.

Sinking of the Lusitania, May 7th, 1915.

Long after many of the most amazing incidents of the war have been forgotten, when Nature has obliterated many of the evidences of the colossal struggle that are now being graven on the land of France and Belgium, when heroes and statesmen have gone to their last rest, the incident of the sinking of the Cunard steamer Lusitania will stand forth as a monument to German brutality and the callous cruelty of Kultur. It was about 2 p.m. on this day four years ago that this splendid vessel on a voyage from New York with 1,918 persons on board was sunk, without notice, by the German submarine U-20, within ten miles off the Old Head of Kinsale. The vessel went down in twenty minutes, with a resultant loss of 1,154 lives, including men, women and children, of whom 114 were Americans. The Berlin Government, in extenuation of the sinking, said at first that the Lusitania was "armed" and German agents in New York secured affidavits to back up this testimony, which was subsequently proved, in the courts, to have been perjured. The United States Government protested on June 9, in the following terms: "Whatever be the other facts regarding the Lusitania, the principal fact is that a great steamer, carrying and chiefly used as a conveyance for passengers and carrying more than a thousand souls who had not part or lot in the conduct of the war, was sunk without so much as a challenge or a warning, and that men, women and children were sent to their death in circumstances unparalleled in modern warfare. Three notes were written by the United States regarding the sinking of the vessel, and in answer the German Government excused the outrage on the ground that it was impossible and impracticable to conduct submarine warfare without such incidents. One of the most amazing features of the sinking of the Lusitania was the fact that on May 1, the day on which the vessel sailed from New York, a warning to passengers was sent by the German embassy for insertion in the New York newspapers.

EDWARDS AND NICKLE

Give Their Views in Commons Upon Military Matters.

W. F. Nickle and Dr. J. W. Edwards took part in the discussion on military matters in the House of Commons. Dr. Edwards said he did not know whether there would be any annual camps this year or not, but he heard it intimated that there would not be. Speaking about recruiting men for the front, he stated that there were men who went to camp year by year who did splendid service. A great many joined up and did their part nobly. The fact that, however, who for years had been connected with the militia, but who had never shown any disposition to go overseas. In any re-organization of the militia it would be a great mistake to give these men their old rank.

The country generally would resent this. The men to carry on instructional work would be the men who went overseas and did their bit. W. F. Nickle said that when Canada returns to a peace basis it would be well that the minister and his deputies should be active to see that there is readjustment of the staffs so that the consolidated revenue fund should not be unduly called upon to meet large expenditures for men of exalted rank who will be discharging duties of no very onerous character—that demobilization should be proceeded with as promptly as possible to the service of all superfluous officers of high rank unless these gentlemen are prepared to accept much less remuneration than that to which their present rank would entitle them.

Pray for Faithfulness.

The Liberal press can be proud of the part played in shaping the policy of the country during the war. The attack upon it by men of the type of Mr. Lemoine, whose reward may be believed by some credulous persons, is one of the penalties it is paying for its moral courage, but Canadians who believe that party is a means to an end, and not an end in itself, should pray that Canadian newspapers will continue to serve Canada as faithfully as they served it in the emergency of 1917.

Rippling Rhymes

AKRON

One thing my panting soul desires, which is to visit Akron town, and see the people making tires, the white, and black, the red and brown. I know the notion is a boot's, yet 'twill not from my mind retreat; I'd see them making inner tubes, and rubber up and down the street. I drop my feeble, halting pen, and interrupt my half baked poem, to wonder why the rubber men selected Akron as their home. I wonder if they've grocers there, and editors who print the news, and barbers who will prune your hair, and boot-makers who will shine your shoes? Is Akron much like other towns, or is it in a class alone? Do clothiers sell handmedowns and butchers saw off lengths of bone? I'd like to walk where Akron lies, on shoes that have a non-skid tread, and see the wives make rubber pies, and bakers vulcanize their bread. I hear of Akron every day, I taste that city in my dreams, and every hour I hear saloons say, "These Akron tires are surely screams!" I never hear of Akron odes, of Akron music, Akron art; but she has tires for all the loads men pile on lorry, truck or cart. Some time I'll pack my grip and go to see the town of my desires; it's where my hard earned savings go—I'm busted buying Akron tires. —WALT MASON.

ALMOST BLIND

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WORK OF COL. W. A. SIMSON.

Former Kingston Officer Has Done Excellent Work Overseas. "The Beaver," a little magazine which is being issued in England for the Canadians in khaki, contained in a recent issue a splendid cut of Col. W. A. Simson, C.M.G. and D.S.O., and a lengthy article about his military career. Col. Simson was assistant director of supplies and transport at Kingston from 1911 until 1914.

The article is well written and shows what the overseas authorities think of Col. Simson's work. After referring to his previous history and mentioning his service in the South African campaign, the article details the appointment of Col. Simson as senior supply officer of the first Canadian divisional train at Valcartier. He reached England in October, 1914, and remained until the following February as officer commanding the C.A.S.C. He since served almost continually in the war zone and received for his work the D.S.O. in 1916, the C.M.G. in 1919, as well as being mentioned in despatches in 1915. He has been complimented on his work by the Duke of Connaught.

Need Letter Drop Boxes. The letter carriers in Kingston are experiencing some trouble in distributing their mail in houses where they find the doors locked, and the post office department is asking the citizens, through the local authorities, to consider the installation of drop letter boxes.

It is officially stated that the Italian credentials were presented to the German representatives at Versailles Tuesday morning.

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