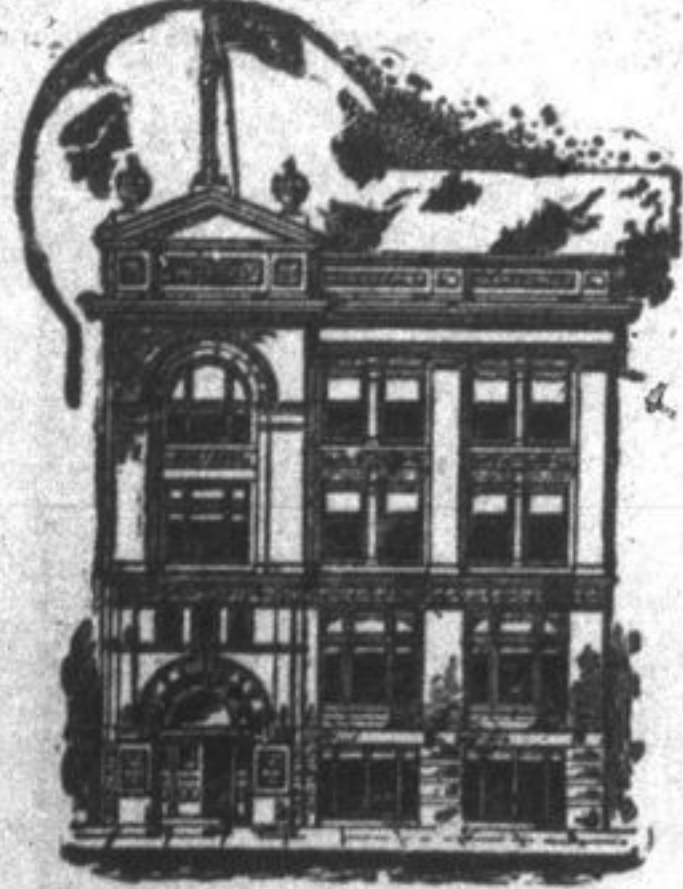


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Who took Vimy Ridge? Well, we know it wasn't the slimy Hun.

Things are brightening up. The long siege of rain was very depressing.

No more ships are to be christened with a bottle of wine. It is too precious these days to be sacrificed even for one's devotion to his country.

Steffansson thinks the Garden of Eden is to be found in the Hudson Bay country. Maybe he is right, but he must demonstrate that it can be made the food supply house of the world.

And now they say there are new signs of life on the planet Mars. The Bolsheviks and the Spartacists may have broken out on that far away shore.

The witty Bradford Expositor finds that there is no (k) night in heaven, and adds: This fact, however, will not make some Canadian politicians we know of any-the-less anxious to get there.

A joker in the Grand Rapids News thinks trousers are really a necessity, and therefore should not come under the luxury tax; they cannot safely be done without, in this northern climate at least.

A man rejected by the U.S. boards for the army has just won a Marathon race in Boston. The doctors, however, declare they had no intention of choosing men to do the Marathon race in the war. They were looking over fighting men.

The bald headed man has a cinch; he hasn't to dig up 50c monthly for a hair cut. One old coddler with a mere fringe objected to the high figure as he had so little to cut, but the barber told him it was worth really double, as it was so hard for him to find it.

Kingston retail merchants are showing their progressiveness by voluntarily reducing the hours of labor in the stores. They realize that the clerical worker suffers more under existing conditions than almost any other class of employee.

The township councils of Frontenac still continue to vote thousands of dollars as compensation to farmers whose sheep have been killed or worried by dogs. One marvels at the patience of the sheep-raisers—or, rather, of those who attempt to raise sheep.

The new luxury taxes put on goods in the United States is not for the whole price of the article. A \$25 lady's hat will pay a duty of ten per cent. on the cost over \$15. Silk stockings and ties will be taxed in excess of \$1 a pair. There is an easy remedy for people who "klick," i.e., get down to simple living and accepting the kind of goods that appeal to the great run of the people.

The Anglo-Saxons have always shown respect for the religion and ancestry of the tribes of the earth and this is why, in the greatest peace treaty since the time of Moses, there is a paragraph taken up calling on Germany to restore to the British government a stolen Koran and the skull of the Sultan of Okwovaw. Britain shows re-

spect for the feelings of her dependents.

RURAL POSTMASTERS.

By all means let the rural postmasters be paid more money for their services. The postmasters are asking for stated salaries, as commissions from revenue are altogether too inadequate to meet the high cost of living. Last December they were given a bonus of \$100, which was a very slight relief. Now, living costs have further advanced and the men who are responsible for the operation of the rural mail are no better off than before the bonus was voted.

It is pointed out that an accounting rural post office has the same work to perform as a city office where a clerk is supplied for each department. It is further pointed out that a civil servant should present a good appearance to the public, but a case is known where a rural postmaster is wearing patches on his clothes, as he cannot afford to buy new garments. Furthermore, a civil servant should be remunerated so that he will not become a charity when too old for efficient service. The rural postmasters are certainly worthy of consideration, and without delay.

THE 21ST BANQUET FUND.

The latest news from England states that the 21st Battalion sailed from England on Tuesday. They should therefore reach Kingston in about ten days' time. That means that the fund for providing a banquet for the battalion will only be open for a day or two more. Subscriptions have been pouring in this week, and more are still needed. Time is now short, so it will be necessary for those who wish to contribute to do so without delay.

The banquet is to be held in the Armouries, and it is anticipated that about twelve hundred men will be present. This will be the biggest affair of its kind ever held in Kingston. The boys certainly deserve it, and it is to be hoped that it will not fall from lack of funds. The Whig would like to point out that this banquet is being given entirely apart from the reception given by the civic committee. One of the local organizations has taken exception to the banquet on the grounds that it is showing discrimination in favor of the 21st Battalion. That view is hardly correct; however, as it is being organized entirely by the 21st Battalion Club, a club of returned members of this unit.

The civic reception committee has nothing whatever to do with the arrangements being made for the banquet, so that no charge of discrimination can be laid at their doors. The members of the club believed that the citizens would be only too pleased of an opportunity to contribute to such an event for their returning boys, and the subscription list has shown that their belief is correct. The club deserves credit and hearty support for their courageous action in tackling so big a proposition, and they are determined to make it a great success, thanks to the generosity of the people of Kingston.

STAMPING OUT BOLSHIEVISM.

The news of anti-Bolshevik military successes in Bavaria and Hungary is highly significant as well as interesting. In Munich, after a period of extreme turmoil and violent street fighting between Herr Noske's forces and the Reds, Communism has been completely crushed. The Bolshevik government in the Bavarian capital is already a thing of the past.

Budapest, the seat of Bela Kun's Hungarian Red republic, is close pressed by Rumanian, Jugo-Slav and Czech-Slovak forces, and its encirclement was practically assured when the Allies, for political purposes, called a halt to the advance. As in Bavaria, so in Hungary, the extreme radicals have demonstrated their inability to build up a defensive organization strong enough to cope with the forces aligned against it.

The defeat of Bolshevism in the first phase of its march from Russia toward the west is an important event in the history of the movement that has menaced the foundation of orderly society from Vladivostok to the Rhine. It reveals the falling power of the army of disorder and disruption, and demonstrates the capacity of the same part of the world to protect itself from the disease that has laid Russia low.

If the world now develops a realization of the importance of removing the cause that gave the Russian Bolshevik propaganda an initial start west of the Russian frontier, it will be performing an act that will guarantee the end of the menace of an extension of the Russian madness to the rest of the European continent.

A man named Smith stubbed his toe against a spike in the sidewalk at Campbellford and fell, cracking his shoulder blade. He has brought suit for \$500 against the town. J. C. Allen, a well known Smith's Falls contractor, has accepted a contract to erect a bungalow for Mrs. D. Hillman, Brockville.

An Empire Calendar.

Florence Nightingale. Born May 15, 1820—Next year the world will celebrate the centenary of the woman who by devotion to duty, capacity for organization and unquestioned ability, revolutionized nursing, making of it a calling which women of birth and education are today very proud to take up rather than an offshoot of domestic drudgery, which it was before her day.

THE PLEBISCITE AREAS SOUTH OF DENMARK.



Denmark is said to be not eager to obtain all the German territory south of her borders that the Peace Treaty permits her to annex, providing favorable plebiscites are secured. A commission of five, including a representative named by Norway and another by Sweden, is to take control and arrange for a vote in three districts, as indicated on the map.

Rippling Rhymes

GOOD WORKMEN. When I am sick, in punk condition, when I am lame and blind and halt, I hire the city's best physician, then if I die it's not my fault. The big physicians charge like thunder, they charge each time they draw a breath, but they give value for the puffer; they show us how to sidestep death.

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