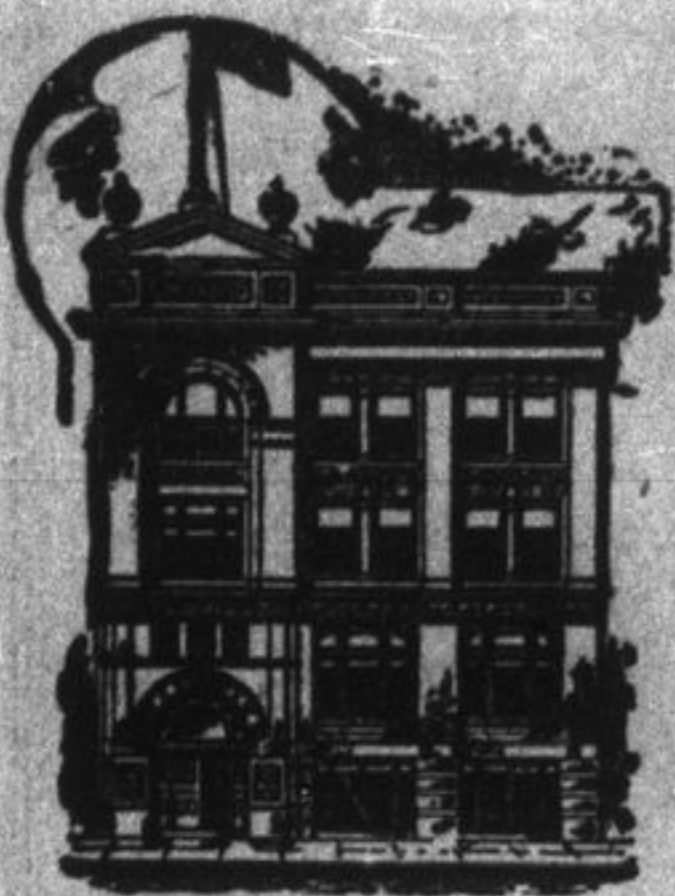


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Two more women prisoners have escaped from the Toronto jail. Very soon it will be harder to get into it than it is to get out.

Now let the Unionists call a national convention, formulate their policy and choose their leader. That would clear the political atmosphere, and enable the voters to make an intelligent choice.

The Prince of Wales is now on the ocean en route for Kingston. It is not a bit too soon for Kingston to begin arranging the programme to be carried out when His Royal Highness comes to this city.

Bernhardt's statement that Germany will have her war of revenge before long should be sufficient warning to the whole British Empire to be in a state of preparedness for whatever the future may hold.

Great Britain will establish a central authority to deal with profiteering, and will increase the penalties for violation. Meanwhile the Canadian government does nothing to curb the activities of the profiteers.

Hon. Mr. Rowell is far away on his fruit ranch in British Columbia, but his ears must have burned during the session of the Liberal convention at Ottawa. Like Russia, he seems to have walked "out into the night."

Canadian politics are to-day in a very unsettled state, owing to the changes in the cabinet and the prospects of a permanent Unionist party. The Liberal convention at Ottawa will go a long way towards straightening out the political tangle.

Chief Justice Reading of Great Britain is also of the opinion that the welfare of Canada depends upon the people producing more and consuming less. If a few more people tell us that, we will soon realize that it is quite true.

When the United States profiteers were threatened with prosecution, there was a remarkable decline in stock and grain prices. That shows that only drastic action can make these fellows change their tactics, and it should be taken in Canada without delay.

Alderman Graham is making a hard fight to cover up his great errors of the present year in council. But the working classes of Kingston are not likely to forget that he was responsible for the defeat of the housing-by-law, and that he has been more or less of a nuisance in council since he was elected last January.

The allowance for Rockwood Hospital nurses has been increased. A third year nurse-in-training received \$360 a year. The Kingston General Hospital nurses receive the sum of \$20 a year, not enough to pay their laundry bills for six months. But Rockwood is a Government institution, and nursing the gungie and nervous is not very unusual.

There is said to be a possibility of coal selling at \$14 a ton in Kingston during the winter. Very soon the places that have not made any special effort to get their supply will be seeking it, and then the general distribution will become tighter. Kingston has received a fair supply so far, thanks to the ability of its dealers to get fuel, but in the fall the vessel cargoes will be fewer.

HUMANE INSPECTOR NEEDED.

Several cases of the abuse of horses brought to the attention of the Whig of late show the need of a humane inspector. The late Police Sergeant Arnel acted in that capacity for some years, and performed valuable service, but since his passing the city has not had an official specially designated with police powers to continue the good work of protecting the dumb animals. A driver who would fill the mouth of a horse with fine stone because it balks owing to ill-treatment, or leave a horse attached to a carriage standing in a yard for twenty-four hours, as was done here this week, should receive police court attention. It would be better to jail this type of person than men whose only failing is their lack of strength to keep from imbibing too much liquor. A member of the police force who is interested in humane work would be the best one to appoint to the position of inspector.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SAUCE FOR THE GANDER.

The Canadian dollar to-day will buy more sterling than perhaps ever before. And England's financial integrity, notwithstanding the tremendous strains upon it, is undoubted. Yet in the face of this our friends across the border refuse to recognize our dollar as standing for more than ninety-five cents. This refers to hand-to-hand dealings. There is no valid reason for this except a desire to make easy money, and it should be stopped. The Canadian dollar is just as good any day as the American dollar, is worth as much, and will buy as much sterling. The way to solve this situation is, first, for Canadians to spend their money at home until the Americans recede from their arrogant position; and, second, for our people to refuse American money except at ten per cent. discount, until they acknowledge ours at par. Economy is a national necessity just now. A spell of staying at home and saving money would be good policy and sound practice for Canadians until our reconstruction is accomplished.

THE COMING REFERENDUM.

The enumerators are now hard at work preparing the list of those entitled to vote in the coming referendum on the prohibition question. It is absolutely imperative in the interests of both sides that this list be as complete as possible, and that no name be left off. Roughly, those who are entitled to vote are as follows:

(1) All British subjects, men and women, who are twenty-one years of age and over, and have resided in Canada for one year, and in the electoral district of Kingston for three months.

(2) All British subjects, men and women, who have served or are serving in the forces of Great Britain or Canada or any of Great Britain's dominions or Allies during the war. It is not necessary for those in this class to be over twenty-one years of age.

(3) Students residing in Kingston and who are not able to have their names on any other voters' list. Temporary or occasional absence from the Kingston electoral district does not prevent a person's name from being entered on the list.

From this classification it should be very easy for any person to know whether or not he or she is entitled to vote in the referendum. It is the duty of every one to see that his or her name is on the list. As this list will probably be used in the next provincial election, and possibly in the coming by-election to fill the vacancy in the Dominion Parliament, this is a very important matter. We would suggest that the lists be posted in a number of prominent places in the city so that the citizens may have an opportunity of inspecting them and finding out whether their names are on them. This has been done in previous elections, and it should be done on this occasion in order to prevent any names being omitted. The referendum on the prohibition question is one which is awakening great and widespread interest, and to make it fully effective every vote should be polled, and every eligible person included in the list.

THE OTTAWA CONVENTION.

The National Convention of the Liberal party has closed at Ottawa. It formulated its platform and chose its leader, and upon this platform and under this leader they will appeal to the people of Canada for support. By a very close margin it elected Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King as leader, rejecting that veteran liberal, Hon. W. S. Fielding. The fact that Quebec province was sold for King and opposed to Fielding turned the scales. The attitude of the lower provinces on the night before the election indicated that they would have none of Fielding, undoubtedly because he forsook Laurier and supported the Union Government. Regrettably he said, it appears still as if no Unionist who supported the Liberal government need apply. The election of Mackenzie King as leader and the attitude of Quebec to have nothing to do with any Liberal who favored a coalition government for war purposes will give the country food for serious thought. There was a hope in many

quarters that this narrow sectionalism would not prevail, but that in the last analysis liberalism would present a united front. There were many stalwart liberals who supported union government a few years ago who did not take part in this convention, and what their attitude will be remains to be seen. On the other hand the men who opposed the formation of a coalition government in order to carry on during a crisis in the history of Canada and the Empire are in control of the Liberal party today. That is not the most hopeful sign for the future.

The platform adopted by the convention is one that for the most part will commend itself, we believe, to the majority of the people of Canada. The British preference and the pronouncement on the labor question, as well as on the tariff, are admirable planks in themselves. The demand of the west as voiced by Premier Oliver of British Columbia for a complete measure of free trade was voted down, the west compromising in order to bring about harmony. The Whig has been the supporter of a wide measure of free trade for long years, but the war has altered the situation and policies must change with changing conditions. The greatest task before this country today and for many years to come will be meeting the burden imposed by the colossal war debt. Immense revenues must be found for this purpose, and for this reason a tariff for revenue purposes must be maintained. The concession of free trade to the farmers is class legislation of a sort, going as it does far beyond what the farmers' associations and the grain growers themselves demanded.

Now that the Liberal convention is over, and its policy is declared, we believe it to be the duty of Sir Robert Borden, and his government, to call a national convention of the Unionist party to formulate its policy and choose its leaders. This would clear the political atmosphere and enable the people to make a choice along clear-cut lines.

As to the Liberal-Unionists.

Simcoe Reformer. Either the Unionist caucus decided on the formation of a permanent Unionist party or it did not. Why this attempt to beg the issue?—Toronto Globe.

What blame for these men if they did? Deserted by such fair-weather friends as the Globe, ignored in the attempted reorganization of the Liberal party, were Liberal-Unionists in the House of Commons to sit quietly waiting for their funerals? What sin were they committing, in coming to an understanding with their Unionist colleagues, of Tory derivation, that, at the proper time, a permanent Unionist organization shall be formed? Because the Globe wishes to get back into party harness, it does not follow that all Canada does.

Trouble at Napanee.

There is trouble in Napanee over a reward paid to Jailer Loyt by the New York authorities for the return of a criminal. The matter was laid before the Napanee council, and the town solicitor will be consulted. The prisoner was arrested by Night Constable Beard while burglarizing The Fair grocery, and the contention is that the reward should go to him. Whatever action will be taken will depend upon the advice of the solicitor.

It was announced on Friday afternoon in Chicago that a decision has been reached to recall the troops whose presence in the stock yards district was one of the alleged causes of the stock yards strike.

PUBLIC OPINION

Not Available Yet. (New York Evening Sun) It is a little early for any real plot to restore the Kaiser. He is still too subject to alterations and repairs.

Known Willy. (Washington Post) Crown Prince Willy threatens to do away with himself, but we predict that he will have to be helped.

An Excellent Reason. (London Advertiser) Bernhardt says that Germany will have her revenge before long. That statement furnishes an excellent reason for the league of nations.

Two Versions. (Ottawa Journal) London judge holds that threats of suicide by a husband do not constitute cruelty. Perhaps he thinks they give grounds for hope.

Best War Picture. (Watertown, N.Y. Times) The one war picture we'll enjoy best is that of Bill Hohenzollern handcuffed to two Tommies and walking through London on the way to the Tower.

Time To End It. (Toronto Star) The censoring maintained during the war is no longer necessary. It is not the business of the Government or any official to dictate to the people as to what they shall or shall not read.

Harsh, But True. (Brantford Expositor) The United States loves to pose as "Liberty enlightening the world," but the race rioting at Chicago and Washington, and the unseemly partizanship being shown by the United States Senate in the discussion of the League of Nations issue shows that Uncle Sam has not yet come into the full enlightenment himself.

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IN THE WOODS.
I wandered to-day in the wonderful woods, a forest majestic and grand, where solitude, silence, and similar goods are spread with a liberal hand. Far from the hurry and noise of the town I journeyed through alleys of pines; I thought 'twould inspire me 'to sit myself down and write you some soul-searching lines. The forest is noble, impressive and sad, as poets have written and wailed; but I was rejoiced to get back to the grass, and sit in a room that is screened. The forest is full of unusual bugs, which bite in unusual ways, and I am anointing my system with drugs, to soften the swellings they raise. The forest's mosquitoes are larger than hens, they're hungry and active and mean; the spots where they bite me are looking like wens, and I am a sight to be seen. The woods are the homes of mischievous ants, which thrive in the shade of the trees; they crawl up inside of the wanderer's pants, and eat all the flesh from his knees. The town has its faults; it is wild for the cash, it's swarming with callous-souled men; but if you would urge me to chase to the brush, I say to you "Never again!"
—WALT MASON.

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