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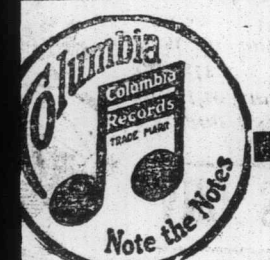
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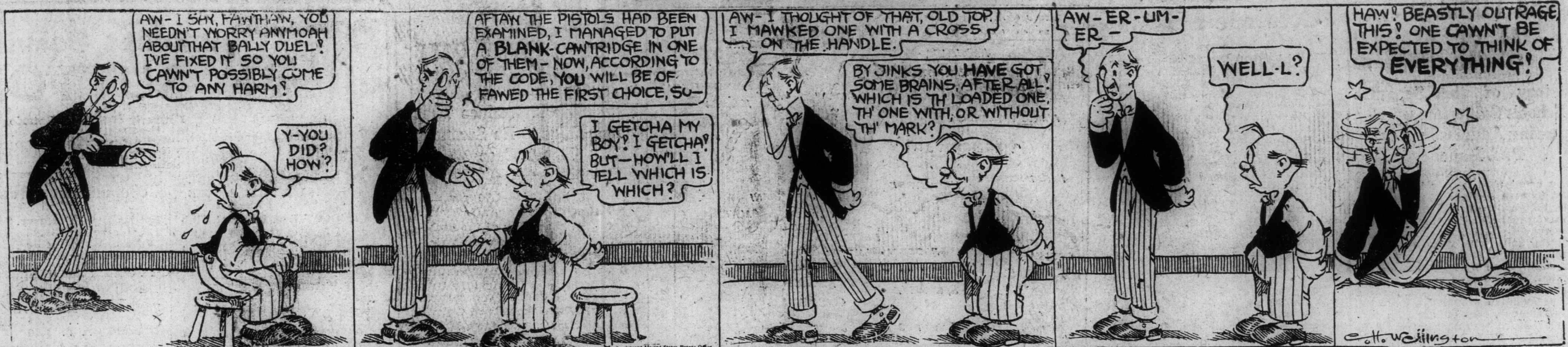
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Hon W. J. Hanna Quits Provincial Secretaryship

Is Replaced In That Office By W. D. McPherson,
K. C., But Remains in Hearst Cabinet As
Minister Without Portfolio

Hon. W. J. Hanna has resigned the portfolio of Provincial Secretary, remaining in the Ontario Cabinet as Minister without portfolio; Hon. W. D. McPherson, K.C., minister for Seat "B," North-west Toronto, has been sworn in as Provincial Secretary and, Hon. W. H. Hearst takes upon his shoulders the additional burden of the Portfolio of Agriculture, with the assistance of Prof. Creelman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, as Commissioner of Agriculture.

The foregoing changes in the Ontario Cabinet were announced by Hon. W. H. Hearst last night, following a visit to Government House and the swearing in of Mr. McPherson. In making the announcement the Prime Minister stated that for the present he would take charge of the Department of Agriculture, which since the death of Hon. J. S. Duff, has been under the direction of Hon. Finlay Macdonald as Acting Minister.

"This Department, always an important one, has been rendered more important still by reason of the war and the consequences thereof, and the conditions that will undoubtedly arise after the war," said Hon. Mr. Hearst. "I am anxious, therefore, to study the situation carefully in close personal touch with the officers

of the Department, so that such extensions of the work of the Department may be made and such foundations laid as will enable it to solve the many new as well as old problems that confront it, and be of the greatest possible service to the people of the Province at this crucial time and to the Empire in the world's struggle in which we are engaged. I am anxious also to study the means of making the greatest preparation practicable for our soldiers when they return.

"It is recognized by all that the time has come for this Province in common with other parts of the Empire to assist to the utmost of our power not only in placing men in the field, but in the development of agricultural and other necessary products as well as in the conservation of our financial strength by the greatest thrift and economy in all lines. With the object of helping on this work, I desire to personally give my attention to the organization and carrying on the campaign of the character mentioned.

Co-Ordination Needed

"It is felt that the time has arrived for the co-ordination of the agricultural work now being carried on under the government of the Provincial Secretary, the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, and the Department of Agriculture, so that the efforts along agricultural lines in these departments might not only be carried on with the greatest possible efficiency, but in such a manner as to give the public the full benefit of the knowledge acquired by the work carried on under these different departments, and it is felt that this work can be done more expeditiously and effectively under the direction of the Prime Minister than under a new cabinet minister."

In order to facilitate the work mentioned, the prime minister stated that he would call to his assistance the best advice and help available. Professor Creelman, the able and energetic President of the Agricultural College at Guelph and recognized as one of the most progressive agriculturists in America, will be appointed Commissioner of Agriculture. The prime minister will, therefore, have at his command immediately the advice and assistance of Professor Creelman, in addition to that of the many capable officers in the department of Agriculture and the other departments mentioned, in planning and carrying out the work referred to, and such other work as may be thought advisable in the interests of the province. One very important subject, demanding, as above pointed out, the most careful



QUEEN VICTORIA OF SWEDEN, Kaiser's cousin, who is reported to be seriously ill.

attention, is that of the returned soldier, and the placing of as many of these men upon the land as can successfully be done. Professor Creelman will be specially charged with the work of devising the best plans and means for accomplishing this object.

Mr. Hanna Stays in Cabinet.

In referring to the resignation of Hon. Mr. Hanna as due to the pressure of private business, Hon. Mr. Hearst paid a tribute to the work of his colleague.

"Mr. Hanna, in quitting his department, leaves behind him a record of accomplishments during his twelve years of service, unexcelled by that of any public man in Ontario," he said. "His work in connection with prison reform, and for the welfare of the feeble minded and unfortunate in the province, has made a reputation for him, not only on this continent, but in Europe, and will stand as an enduring monument of his ability and energy as a public man."

"Mr. Hanna will still continue as a member of the Government without portfolio; the Cabinet will therefore have the advantage of his mature advice and assistance in public matters, and particularly in connection with all matters pertaining to his late department in which he will continue to take the greatest possible interest."

In announcing the choice of Mr. McPherson, the Prime Minister said that Mr. McPherson, by his ability, experience and qualifications generally, was eminently fitted for his work. "The close study he has made of the many problems presented by the returned soldier, as chairman of the Soldiers' Aid Committee, has specially fitted him to give advice to the Government on all phases of this most important subject," he said.

Hon. Mr. Hanna's Record.
The resignation of Hon. Mr. Hanna

Answer of the Allies to Overtures For Peace

The announcement in the House of Commons yesterday by David Lloyd George, the new Prime Minister, that the first act of his Administration was the rejection of the proposal of the Central Powers for a peace conference constituted one of the most momentous scenes which the oldest Parliamentary veteran had ever witnessed.

During the war, the British Premier said, shipping would be nationalized.

The Allies have decided to recognize the agents of former Premier Venizelos of Greece.

An Imperial conference will be summoned at an early date to discuss vital questions. Arthur Neville Chamberlain has been appointed Director-General of National Service, with power to designate the service in which a man shall be enlisted.

"It is not what a nation gains, but what it gives, that makes it great," Premier Lloyd George.

"Let the nation place its comforts, luxuries and indulgences on an altar consecrated to the fighting men." — Premier Lloyd George.

"Without reparation peace is impossible." — Premier Lloyd George.

"We shall put trust in our unbroken arm, rather than in broken faith." — Premier Lloyd George.

"To enter into a conference on the invitation of Germany proclaiming herself victorious, and without any knowledge of what proposals she proposes to make, is to put our heads in a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany." — Premier Lloyd George.

"We must carry on the war to the last man and the last shilling." — Lloyd George.

"The policy of the new government is that the war must be conducted with the utmost prosecution." — Lord Curzon.

"How comes it after two years of war that a power which professes itself conscious of military superiority and ultimate victory begins to whisper—nay, even to shout so that all the world can hear—the word 'peace'?" — Ex-Premier Asquith.

Premier Lloyd announced in the French Senate that the Entente allies would send today a concerted reply making known "to the Central powers that it is impossible to take their request for peace seriously."

occasioned no surprise. It was taken for granted that before long the Provincial Secretary would relinquish the considerable responsibilities entailed by his place in the Cabinet. The importance of his private interests and the growing demands of his profession have been making it increasingly difficult for him to bear the double burden. His resignation comes at a time when the two great projects in which he was so thoroughly absorbed, the Provincial Reformatory at Guelph and the Provincial Hospital for the Insane at Whitby, are practically completed. Hon. Mr. Hanna joined the Whitney Government as Provincial Secretary, following the defeat of the Ross Government and his record has earned for him a reputation as a progressive administrator. In addition to his work in bringing

about prison and asylum reform, Hon. Mr. Hanna has to his credit the entrusting of Ontario's license system to the Ontario License Board, securing approval for it in the Legislature after several years of advocacy. His improvements to the License Law before the advent of the Ontario Temperance Act made it one of the most effective measures of law enforcement on the statute books of any country. Not so widely known is his work in making the public institutions of the province self-supporting, but in a few years he has utilized the labor available among the inmates and the land and other natural resources, that the solution of the problem of maintenance is in sight. Brick-making became a new and profitable industry under his direction; the institutions went into the canning business, into cattle

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raising and dairying, on a scale never before thought of. One of the most recent of Hon. Mr. Hanna's projects was the establishment of a prison farm in the northland with a view to ultimately making the farm the source from which the bulk of the meat supplies of the institutions were to be drawn.

By-election Necessary

It is rather a coincidence that when the portfolio of Provincial Secretary passes from Mr. Hanna, one of the members from Lambton County, it goes to a member who was born in that county. Hon. William David McPherson, K.C., member in the Legislature for Seat "B," North-West Toronto, is a native of Lambton County, having been born in the village of Moore, in 1863. He received his education at Strathroy Collegiate Institute and at Osgoode Hall. Al-

though he has been an active member of the Legislature, he has yet found time to devote himself to varied interests. He is the author of an excellent treatise on "The Law of Mines in Canada." He is also an enthusiastic Mason and holds the rank of Past Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge.

The appointment of Mr. McPherson to the Cabinet will necessitate an election in North-West Toronto, but Mr. McPherson's hold on the riding is so strong that he will probably be returned by acclamation.

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