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THE WAR SITUATION

The only bit of consolation the correspondents can discover in connection with the loss of Riga by the Russians is that it is a long way over a rough road to Petrograd, and the Russian winter is at hand.

It is useless to attempt to minimize the effect of the voluntary withdrawal of the Russian army from Riga. It reveals a state of demoralization much more serious than had been realized. Riga holds the road to Petrograd, and its possession by Germany gives her another naval base for operations in the Baltic.

Perhaps in the end, as one correspondent suggests it would be a good thing if Germany seized Petrograd as well as Riga, for surely that would wake up the Russian people to a sense of the suicidal folly of their course in refusing to fight an invader of their territory. The outlook on the eastern front is certainly dispiriting, and it is well that winter weather will soon hamper the operations of the Germans.

On the other hand, the approach of winter on the western front finds the Germans holding their lines with great obstinacy. Though their man power has been much reduced, they are still pretty close to the lines they held many months ago, and there is no prospect of forcing them back very far this year. The superiority of the Allies in men and guns and airplanes is not yet great enough, apparently, to smash the enemy's lines and force him back for more than a very short distance.

The Italians have been doing splendid work of late, but have not yet gained Trieste. Each small gain of territory must be followed by more hard fighting against a still powerful foe. We must look forward to the time next year when the exhaustion of the Central Powers will have reached a stage that will permit the Allies, heavily reinforced from the United States, to gain that advantage on the western front which must be gained before the German people will fully realize their situation. The war maps must be greatly changed in France and Belgium, and that will not be done this year.

MENDING THE ROADS

Critics of the provincial government, especially those who discuss repair of the roads, will perhaps bear in mind the fact that the government has been in office only five months, of which at least three were quite unfit for road work. In other words, the department of Hon. Mr. Veniot has had not more than two months of really fit weather for good work on the roads, and yet there are some critics unfair enough to find fault because in two months he has not removed all traces everywhere of the nine years of neglect which brought the roads to such a state of disrepair. Those who are fair-minded enough to give credit where credit is due are reporting a great improvement in the state of the roads, as a result of the systematic repair work done to as large an extent as possible in so short a time and under the exceptional conditions in regard to weather and labor which have prevailed this year. Hon. Mr. Veniot does not hesitate to say that the roads are bad. He knows it, for he has been steadily on the job, inspecting them for himself and arranging for as much repair as possible this year in the worst places. The Times ventures to predict that before the present legislature has lived out its term there will be a very marked improvement in the roads, all over the province. Meanwhile let it not be forgotten that the Foster government had been in office five months, of which only two afforded good weather for work on the roads, after an exceptionally wet spring and early summer.

LALUMIERE'S RECORD

Mr. Elie Lalumiere, arrested in connection with the dynamiting of Lord Atholstan's summer residence, and who has also been a most violent anti-conscriptionist, is a political product of the Borden-Nationalist alliance. An Ottawa despatch to the Telegraph says:—

"The trail leads as far back as the Borden government and the Nationalist alliance. Lalumiere was before this in the public eye. The last time he figured as an election worker for the Rogers political machine at the time of the Hochberg by-election in November of 1912 when Hon. Louis Coderre was selected by Robert Borden to be a trusted colleague and secretary of state in charge of confidential communications between Canada and Great Britain. In March of 1913, L. J. Gauthier of St. Hyacinthe started the common one night by reading a series of sensational and circumstantial affidavits detailing the conspiracy to win the by-election for Coderre through an organized group of persons. One of this group was Elie Lalumiere."

What Sir Robert Borden's Nationalist colleague, Hon. Mr. Coderre, thought of Lalumiere is set forth in the following letter, written after the by-election:—

"Respecting the position about which you spoke to me, I expect to be able to comply with your wishes in the near future. I attach especial importance to

the excellent recommendation of you from my cousin, Emile Bourassa."

No doubt the Borden press would now like to forget the political record of Lalumiere, but the record is there and cannot be hidden. The Borden-Nationalist alliance has wrought Canada grievous injury, of which the end is not yet in sight.

BETTER NEWS SERVICE

The click of a telegraph instrument in the editorial rooms of the Evening Times today marks a notable development in the news service of the Canadian press. It is nothing less than the inauguration of a national news service by the Canadian Press, Limited. The morning papers have had a leased wire from Montreal for some time past, but now there is to be a day and night service from coast to coast, the evening papers sharing in the benefits. This means that there will be more direct live news from all parts of Canada and from the world at large. Canada has for the first time a complete news-gathering organization, managed by Canadians, and bringing all parts of the Dominion in to closer touch than ever before. Canadian Press, Limited, is also linked up with the Associated Press, which leads the world, and will thus be in touch with every important news centre. The inauguration of the service is an event of very great importance in the history and development of Canada.

THE END OF A HOLIDAY.

Incoming trains and river steamers yesterday brought back to the city great numbers of people who have spent happy holiday weeks in the country. They turned city-ward with reluctant feet, for the whole summer had seen no finer days than the first three days of September, and there was still no hint of autumn in the air, other than a greater coolness in the night, while the woods and fields are still without those golden tints that are the heralds of the passing of the summer. True, the oats are fast ripening, the golden rod and wild asters make the waysides beautiful, and the rich color of the rowan berries and the bush-cranberries tell of the coming fall, while the great pumpkins in the gardens are growing mellow in the sunshine; but farmers are still cutting hay, and were it not for certain unfavourable signs and the calendar one who looks out from an eminence upon the river and the landscape might well refuse to believe that it is time to go back to the school-desk and say good-bye to all this glory and splendour of the outlying world.

And what memories, along with stored up health and vigor for the winter's tasks, the fortunate young people who spent their holidays in the country have brought home with them. The fishing, the swimming, the boating, the rambles through fields and woods, the wonderful sunsets, the glory of the stars on quiet nights, the splendor of the moon-lit river, the bonfires on the beach, the patter of the rain upon the roof, the lifting of the mists at morn, the sparkle of the sunlight on the waters, the whisper of the leaves, the search for ferns and flowers and ripening fruit, the lessons learned in the little garden, the knowledge gained of birds and other animals—all these are part of the heritage of the golden days, woven into the fabric of young lives, to relieve in pleasing reverie the drab monotony of working days at school.

Mr. F. B. Carvell's announcement that he proposed to review the record of Hon. Robert Rogers, has caused the Conservative members of the house of commons to jeer and hoot. The same tactics have been pursued at various times in the past when Mr. Carvell went gunning for big tory game, but he never failed to bring it down. Now know it better than the people of New Brunswick.



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ABOUT BOB ROGERS AND THE ANGEL

(Manitoba Free Press.)

About Bob Rogers (he may soon have a case From cares of state) with sudden, startled wheels Awoke one night from dreams that he was great, And saw an Angel, who above his pate A halo of bright tungsten bullets wore And his white nightie trailed upon the floor.

The Angel was typewriting—sometimes quick, And sometimes slow—click-clickity-ding-clickity.

"What write you?" About asked half sleepily, "Lists of men's names." "What list now?" then asked he, "Prime Ministers to be," the Angel said. About Bob Rogers then set up in bed, And said, "Now, we'll talk business! Put me next!"

Whereat the Visitant at first looked vexed, But soon he smiled. "I've other lists to write,"

"I'll come again," And vanished.

The next night,

The Angel came again, and took his stand By About's bed, and thrust in About's hand A carbon copy.

Roll of Destiny.

REGISTER I, Sub-schedule 2, List B— Would-be Prime Ministers. Who All in Yain Will Scheme and Plot. But Never Will Attain To Be Prime Minister.

About in bed

Again sat up. "Read it!" the Angel said.

Whereat About Bob Rogers, sore distressed, Gazed loud. For Jo, his name led all the rest!

LIGHTER VEIN.

Superstitious

"Willie, I crumbs. You've been at those cookies."

"Well, ma, I was counting 'em and I found there was thirteen. I just ate one to change the luck."

When a man loses faith in humanity he hits himself a fatal blow.

Add That a Vacation Does "Get rested on your vacation?" "No. Just got tired of new ways."

Go The Whole Hog

Jones painted a picture and exhibited it in the Royal Academy. In case rule and ignorant persons should damage it he put a neat notice underneath, which read:

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And a bad youth added a post-script: Take an Axe—From London Answers.

An enterprising Yankee went over to England and decided to open a shop in Birmingham. He obtained premises next door to a man who kept a shop of the same description, but was not very pushing in his business methods, preferring to jog along in the old conservative way.

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RECENT DEATHS

Frederick Arthur Flood.

Frederick Arthur Flood, youngest son of John Flood, contractor, who was accidentally shot in the mouth early Friday evening at McNamara's Beach, Red Head, when he playfully blew down the barrel of a 22 calibre rifle, causing it to go off, died in the St. John Infirmary last night soon after 9 o'clock.

The X-ray was applied on Saturday and the bullet located but not removed. Yesterday afternoon he grew worse and gradually sank through the early part of the evening. Death came at 9:15 o'clock.

Besides his parents the boy leaves four brothers—George M., John, Harry and Charles; and two sisters, Elizabeth and Helen. He was fourteen years of age.

There will be deep sympathy for the family in their great loss.

Mrs. George White.

The death of Charlotte Emma, wife of the late George White, occurred in this city on September 1. Mrs. White had only been ill for a short time. She is survived by four sons, Herbert and Wilder, of Dedham (Mass.); Tilley Harrison, of Providence, and George, of this city; and by one daughter, Mrs. Ernest Wills, of West Side.

Mrs. Harry C. Cogkins.

Mrs. Harry C. Cogkins died yesterday morning at the home of Mrs. H. W. Smith, Glenn Falls. Besides her husband, who went overseas with the 140th and Mrs. Marshall Millard, three sisters, Misses Alice and Elizabeth, of Tetanegouche, and Mrs. Smith, of Glenn Falls, and one brother, Leslie in the west. The body will be taken to Tetanegouche for burial.

Mrs. Catherine McKinney.

A large number of citizens were shocked on Sunday morning when it became generally known that Mrs. Catherine McKinney had passed away very suddenly at her home, 350 Haymarket square. She was in the best of health and spirits up to Saturday at noon when she complained of a slight illness. Her sudden death was a severe shock to her family

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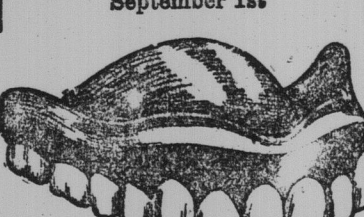
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