

Twenty-Fifth Year

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Public Ownership Favored

Kingston Citizens Vote To-Day To Purchase Power Plant

W. F. Maclean, M.P., Addressed a Representative Gathering in the Opera House on Saturday Night on the Municipalization of Public Utilities.

Advantages of Public Ownership. (W. F. Maclean at Kingston.) 1. The public utility franchise, whatever it is, is your own.

2. It's your own for all time. 3. And it's your own to do what you like with it whenever you like to do it.

4. Public ownership gives full measure and heating measure in the service supplied; private ownership cheats in the measure; puts half a horse power in an arc light where it contracted to put a full horse power; puts 8 candles in an incandescent light and charges for 16; reduces the price of gas and then gets the money back by increasing the pressure.

5. Public ownership gives the utility or service at the lowest possible price to the greatest number of people; private ownership limits the service to the least number of people at the highest possible price that will secure the highest dividend for shareholders. Public ownership serves the people; private ownership serves the few.

6. Public ownership lets a city control the entrance of all trolley lines from outside; lets the city offer the greatest inducement to industries in the way of cheap power, cheap light, aiding accommodation, etc.

France and Britain Unite

Settle Disputed Matters

Canada Freed From the Complications Caused by the French Treaty Rights.

London, March 20.—General satisfaction prevails here at the announcement that a basis of settlement has been reached regarding the main questions on which Britain and France were at issue.

The settlement as outlined follows the lines which were long ago hinted at and anticipated. England gets a free hand in Egypt and the acknowledgment of her supremacy. France becomes paramount in Morocco and her dream of a vast consolidated North-western African empire comes another step nearer realization.

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These constitute the only dangerous matters in dispute, and with the taken out of the way, the minor questions affecting Siam, the New Hebrides, the Persian Gulf and various other African disagreements ought to present no difficulty.

Will Not Be Exacted. There will be no inclination here to watch the gain and loss to the contracting parties in any very exact balance. If France gains positively in territory, Britain gains negatively in the removal of French treaty and other rights which fettered her freedom of action and caused many anxious diplomatic moments.

A Premature April Fool Joke.



The "Country" That's all right, Andy Blair, but I think I know how to kick that hat without stubbin' my toe.

Young Student is Missing

With No Apparent Reason

Left Boarding House Thursday Night and Friends Are 'Seriously Alarmed.'

The mysterious disappearance of John W. Pierce, a young college student of Toronto, is puzzling the police.

Pierce boarded at 25 Wood-street. His acquaintances here and at the School of Practical Science are equally amazed over his unaccountable absence.

There are occasional instances where persons "drop out" of sight, in Toronto, but these cases are usually confined to those of previous reckless habits.

There is no considered possibility that he could be temporarily staying with some one in the city. Altogether, there is no theory that can be advanced that would account for the disappearance.

All Is Quiet On the Yalu

Opposing Armies Far Apart

Battle Story Was a Fake

St. Petersburg Startled by Attempt of Japanese to Land in Helena Bay—No More Changes in Russia's Leaders at Seat of War.

London, March 21.—Nothing has reached here to confirm the report that a battle has taken place on the Yalu, in which it was said the Russians had captured 1500 prisoners.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says that the military authorities were startled by the attempt of the Japanese to land in Helena Bay, as the nearest Russian force that could have been used against them consisted of three rifle regiments at Newchwang.

The correspondent reported that a Japanese squadron arrived at the mouth of the Liao River Saturday night and landed a party which, after reconnoitering, re-embarked.

London, March 21.—A correspondent of The Times at Newchwang cables: "According to information received here, the reason the Vladivostok forts did not reply to the bombardment by the Japanese was because the batteries were not provided with guns.

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