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PROHIBITION IN CANADA

The city of Quebec carried prohibition by a large majority yesterday and now every large city in the Dominion of Canada, with the exception of Montreal, either is or soon will be under prohibition. Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Victoria, St. John, Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, and now Quebec are under prohibition.

One very encouraging feature of the situation is the satisfaction that every province in the Dominion now under prohibition feels with the changed conditions. Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will never vote for license again.

Except for the city of Montreal, nearly the entire province of Quebec is now under prohibition. The province is working under the old Scott act, with the small areas. There is no definite move as yet for provincial prohibition, but there seems little doubt now that a province-wide act would be carried even with Montreal in opposition. The city of Montreal is practically the only part of the Dominion not now under prohibition.

Every few minutes there is a different political situation in Canada. There is no real leader. Events are just crowding along.

It didn't take T. Roosevelt any time properly to brand the German representative who said that Roosevelt suggested that Germany should colonize Southern Brazil.

The Winnipeg Telegram saw the party hand in the action of the North Alberta branch of the patriotic fund, because to raise the fund out of taxation was precisely what was planned. That is not what was planned, and judging from the dispatches from Ottawa, that is precisely what is not going to be done, despite the pressure from Alberta. The Alberta branches are right.

WHAT IT MEANS

The Calgary bank clearings for the week just ended were higher than in any preceding week. There was no big rush of clearings of an emergency nature which accounted for any part of the big increase. The business was done, and bankers predict that the returns will go higher as the weeks go by.

There was a time when a record of this kind would have been a theme upon which all Calgarians would dilate extensively and enthusiastically. Though bank clearings are really a barometer of the business activity in any city, yet there is little boasting now about business activity.

The war has rather cured all that. It is satisfactory to know that Calgary has not failed to do its part in recruiting, and now its commercial activity is greater than ever.

With commercial activity of this kind, surely the city will have no difficulty in collecting a large portion of the taxes for the year as well as a large part of the taxes which were unpaid in years gone by.

Men who can pay their taxes and do not pay their taxes are not worthy citizens, whatever else they may be.

Winston Churchill's speech is distinctly Churchillian in its method and details. His statement about the failure of the German submarine policy is interesting enough.

Reprisals are the last thing that John Bull wants to make. But the method in this form of German madness is being discovered, and the best way of meeting it seems to be in doing likewise.

One cold storage company in Canada has made a net profit of more than \$1,200,000 for the year. A paper company cleared \$2,200,000 last year. A steel concern in the east made \$2,000,000 even after it had paid the war profits tax. Surely it would not be difficult to decide upon a policy of conscription of wealth.

Despite the most serious troubles and difficulties Kerensky is holding down his important post in Russia. He has two main enemies and, fortunately for Kerensky, each enemy is even more viciously opposed to the other, and each prefers that Kerensky should remain than that the other should succeed. Hence Kerensky, who has an enormous following of his own, is getting along very nicely.

HARD TO EXPLAIN

Sir Robert Borden has not strengthened his cabinet by adding Hugh Guthrie to it. He is not acceptable to Western Canada, because he belongs to the band of high tariff Liberals which has prevented Canada from improving tariff conditions. He is not representative of the Liberals with whom Sir Robert Borden was negotiating to form a union government. In a national government or union government, one would expect that the premier would select men of outstanding ability, whose services would be of very great value to the country. Mr. Ballantyne may be that sort of a man. Mr. Guthrie is not that sort of a man.

There is something mysterious about the manner in which the premier is reorganizing his cabinet. It is openly stated that the negotiations for union government will be resumed today, and it is more than probable that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will retire at an early date. In the meantime Sir Robert Borden is hurrying along to fill up the government before either event. He may be sincere. There may be good reason for it. But it is difficult to explain.

The allies are taking turns making the drives on the enemy. Today is Britain's turn. As Russia is resting, it will be Italy's turn next.

What has become of the German navy? Not a sign of it for many weeks, in fact not much sign of it since its remarkable "victory" at Skagerrack.

The United States embargo upon coal was rather unexpected. It is probable that the embargo is to be for a short time only. This is not a time when Canada and United States can afford to raise the bars any higher than they were or make food and fuel conditions more difficult than they are.

The Dominion premier could fare much worse than by selecting Premier Brewster of British Columbia for his cabinet. He is an able man, true as steel, a successful business man, direct and honest, devoid of most of the ways of the smooth politician. He would strengthen the Dominion government.

Hindenburg has just celebrated his first year as head of the entire war affairs of Germany. He has not been a success. Except for the Rumanian success there has been no victory. He failed to make the best use of the Russian collapse, and he has met defeat after defeat on the western front.

THE BRITISH VICTORY

At the time of writing the details of the British victory are beginning to come in. They indicate that the British have gained one of the most decisive victories of the year. The German version of the victory is that the British advance was only one kilometer, which shows that even the Kaiser is forced to admit the seriousness of the attack.

The meager reports show that the British advance was sharp, short and conclusive. They started at dawn and had gained their objectives before the sun had hardly risen. The area gained amounts to little even at the best. But what is of vastly more importance is the fact that the British gained points of great strategic value. A few more thrusts like that of yesterday will mean the general withdrawal of the Germans from some parts of Belgium, which will in turn mean pretty much the end of the submarine campaign as an effective factor in the war.

NEW FOOD OFFICIAL

T. B. McCauley, Chairman of National Committee of Food Resources.

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—T. B. McCauley, of Montreal, president of the Sun Life Assurance company of Canada, has accepted the Dominion chairmanship of the national committee of food resources. Mr. McCauley will take charge of the provincial committees, and work out with them various matters of organization and policy.



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THOUSANDS OF MEN IN THE NAVY

Many Canadians Have Joined Various Naval Services Since War Began

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Since war began, Canada's men of fighting age have paid considerable attention to the navy. Naval service has become an important feature of the nation's war activity.

From the start of the war, 5,300 officers and men have joined the Canadian naval service, cruising in home waters. Canadians to the number of 400 are officers in the motor boat patrol section of the royal navy, which includes in its duties the exciting task of looking for U-boats off the British coasts and elsewhere. Thirty-six cadets have gone from the Royal Naval college at Halifax to be officers in the royal navy and 40 are taking the course of training there now before joining the navy.

Canadians are particularly well fitted for such duties, as those of the motor boat patrol service, owing to the abundance of waterways and the great vogue of water sports in summer throughout the country. Canada is doing much essential work for the allied cause through the medium of naval service.

FERNIE'S WATER MAIN DESTROYED

Thugs Dynamited Culvert And Water Main of Mine City

Fernie, B.C., Oct. 4.—At 4 o'clock this morning a terrific dynamite explosion totally wrecked the Fernie Creek water main, the main water supply line of this city, and about five minutes later a fire alarm was turned in from the Fernie annex. The fire brigade responded quickly. No water could be obtained.

On investigation of the cause of the wreckage of the Fernie Creek water main it was found that some one had crawled under a small culvert through which the water main runs and had blown up the whole structure by means of dynamite.

A large force of men are now working swiftly to repair the damage and restore the water supply, but it will take a considerable time. No arrests have been made.



AND THE BOYS AROUND THE MONKEY'S CAGE HAD BETTER KEEP OUT OF THE WAY

—New York Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IS DR. MATTHEWS A FALSE PROPHET?

Editor Albertan: Many would read with hearty approbation your remarks about Dr. Matthews' "strange religion." His address did not breathe much of the Christ spirit, but was more suggestive of pharisaic conceit and intolerance. My object in writing is to show that one of his statements is utterly at variance with Christ's teaching as understood by the apostles and other immediate followers. Dr. Matthews denounced Socialism and communism as "damnable systems." What about the commune instituted by the disciples as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles? It was started under the guidance of the apostles and ratified by a miracle in the deaths of Ananias and Sapphira. It was the natural and inevitable outcome of Christ's teachings, as any unbiased mind may see. True, it did not last and the organized churches in the past seem, therefore, to have regarded the record as a warning for them to steer clear of social problems, so they confined their attention to constructing systems of theology, letting systems of humanity severely alone.

But the record is there, not as a warning, but as an ideal which the churches should have kept in view, and as a goal toward which they should have persistently pressed. Granted that it is at present impracticable, so was aviation 50 years ago. The churches are largely to blame for its impracticability. They have openly approved the selfish commercialism which has culminated in this war. They have shared the conflict with mammon, and now the world is suffering the consequences.

The essence of Christianity is love. The essence of our commercialism is selfishness. Therefore not Rome, but selfish commercialism is anti-Christ. People are indignant at present with the profiteers, as if profiteers were something new, whereas it has been going on for over a century, creating a thousandfold more suffering than the war. It has kept millions on millions in slavery, poverty and ignorance generation after generation. And the churches have closed their eyes. I heard an employer scolding his manager for employing old men. He said: "Do you think this a philanthropic establishment?" Evidently he regarded such an idea as absurd. But this employer was a Presbyterian elder, and if he had ever listened to the true gospel of Christ, he would have known that every business should be a philanthropic establishment.

Granted that communism is impracticable at present, but Socialism is practicable, and is a step, a very great step, in the direction of communism.

Communism means: To everyone according to his need.

Socialism means: To everyone according to his deed.

Commercialism means: To everyone according to his greed.

On the very day that Dr. Matthews was damning Socialism, another Presbyterian minister, Mr. Mahaffy, was advocating an installment of Socialism in the municipal sale and distribution of groceries, and not long ago another

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SPEED UP HUN LABOR

Leaders of Various Groups Meet Hindenburg.

Copenhagen, Oct. 4.—Leaders of various groups of German labor were received at main army headquarters this week not for the purpose of congratulating Field Marshal von Hindenburg on his birthday as first was intimated, but in an effort to have German workmen speed up the production of munitions. The leaders submitted to Gen. von Ludendorff, the chief quartermaster-general, complaints of the laboring classes. These dealt particularly with the operation of compulsory labor service law. A lengthy conference was devoted to discussing the possible improvement of labor and the maintenance of the output of munitions, which Gen. von Ludendorff declared was the cardinal duty of the hour.

BERNSTORFF FURNISHED MONEY

New York, Oct. 4.—Proof that German money was furnished in this country by Count von Bernstorff to Bolo Pasha, under arrest in Paris as a spy, will be forwarded tomorrow to the French government. It was announced by Martin Lewis, state attorney-general.

PERUVIANS CONSIDERING

Lima, Peru, Oct. 4.—The Peruvian congress is considering the international situation as it affects its relations with Germany. The foreign minister and the minister of war have been summoned before congress to give information it desires.

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WRAPPED APPLES KEEP LONGER

How best to Serve

Every Canadian can help in the successful application of the Military Service Act

THE Military Service Act is the law of the land. It will be enforced sincerely and with firmness, but fairly. Reinforcements to be raised are limited to 100,000 men, who are being selected by the country, not by the military authority. Military control does not start until these men are chosen.

The Men Called Can Help

The first call is for men between the ages of 20 and 34 inclusive, who were unmarried or widowers without children on July 6, 1917. All these men should go immediately before a Medical Board in this district for examination as to physical fitness. If they are not placed in the Medical Category A., their present obligation ceases. If found physically fit and placed in Category A., they should immediately after the issue of the proclamation calling out the first class, visit the nearest post office and report for service on a printed form supplied. If reasonable ground for claiming exemption exists, an exemption form may be obtained from the Postmaster, and filled out. The Postmaster will forward this form to the Registrar appointed for the district, and the man seeking exemption will then be advised by mail when and where he should appear before an Exemption Board to have his case taken up.

The Employer's Part

Employers will find it to their advantage to see that all the men in their employ who are in the first class under the Military Service Act appear as soon as possible before a Medical Board for examination. Should an employer desire exemption for any one of his men who is found physically fit, he may seek it on the following grounds:

- (1) that the national interest demands that a man be left at his work rather than placed in military service.
- (2) that, instead of doing military service, a man should be used in work for which he has special qualifications.
- (3) that it is expedient in the national interest that instead of being employed in Military Service, he should continue to be educated or trained for any work for which he is then being educated or trained.

Duty of Parent or Near Relative

Parents or near relatives of men in the class called may apply for their exemption on the above grounds or because of some special domestic reasons. In this, as in other cases, delay is a grave mistake.

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