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The Police Enquiry.

We have refrained from comment on the proceedings at the police commissioners' enquiry into the recent riots, believing that it should be treated as sub judice. It is impossible not to reflect at this stage, however, that it is not so much the police as the police commissioners who are now under observation, and the public will judge them strictly on the report they bring in.

It matters not in the least what the evidence is, the facts are matters of common knowledge, and if the commissioners go behind that common knowledge in search of a whitewash, then the public will go in search of a new commission.

The Board of Control Stamped.

A deputation of two clergymen waited upon the board of control to protest against a moving picture theatre being erected upon a certain lot fronting on Danforth avenue. They may have had some good reason for objecting to a movie in that particular locality, but the board of control became hysterical, and recommended a bylaw to the council prohibiting any more moving picture shows on either side of Danforth avenue.

Danforth avenue, soon to be linked up with Bloor street by a three million dollar viaduct, is bound to become one of the leading thoroughfares in Greater Toronto. In the nature of things it must become largely a business street. Yet if the board of control has its way this great thoroughfare is to come under the embargo of a residential bylaw. By a sweep of the pen the value of all property abutting upon Danforth avenue is to be cut in two.

To impose such an embargo on Danforth avenue is as ridiculous as it would be to declare that property on Queen and College streets should only be used for residences. It is so absurd that one is compelled to seek a reason not apparent on the surface.

The embargo will greatly increase the wealth of a number of people by giving a monopoly to the moving picture theatres already established.

But the most amazing thing of all is that Danforth avenue is to be changed from a business to a residential street without consulting the people who live and have property on that street. In the past restrictive residential bylaws have been passed at the request of the property owners. In this case a restrictive bylaw is to be passed without consulting the owners and in defiance of their wishes. It is certainly to be hoped that the city council will promptly turn down the recommendation of the board of control. To do otherwise would be to menace the security of every investor in Toronto real estate.

The Churches and Coal.

With the demand of the fuel controller that the churches do something towards saving coal this winter there has been some disposition on the part of the churches to demur. We think this unfortunate, as the churches have a very wide influence, and nothing is more calculated to impress the public with the urgent need for saving fuel than would be the fact that the churches have taken it so seriously to heart that they have taken hold of the problem in a policy of co-operation.

Naturally the churches are not anxious to afford the public an opportunity of judging how well they could get along without so many of them; but the main point is that the churches should not be the last to set an example of well-doing to the community. It savors too much of class privilege that everybody should save and be thrifty except the churches; and too little of the spirit of Him who said, "I will be among you as one that serves."

It would be no hardship for some of the churches to double up in one building either with union services or driving tandem. Such things have been done before in cases of fire and other emergencies, and the present emergency has never been surpassed.

Will some of the big churches not give a lead to the others?

The Kaiser is Waiting for the Worst.

German critics of the war describe Marshal Foch's strategy as demoniacal. Probably because French and British brains appear to have circumvented the Teuton "Gott." The admission, however, indicates an entirely new conception of the war as existing at Berlin. Very late indeed they are beginning to look the stable door. Maximilian, of Baden, has been invited to be chancellor. He was de-

carded last year when his name was up for consideration. The Kaiser is like Pharaoh when the plagues were worrying him. He is willing to promise anything if it will get him anywhere. But it won't. It is too late. Even the Boches will understand that if they get gifts from the Kaiser now it is because the armies of the entente alliance have compelled them. And if the Kaiser establishes any real democratic form of government he will find it like the Russian Duma experiments, which could not be held within bounds nor checked nor curbed. The reaction in Germany from the war thru democratic channels will sweep away the last vestige of autocracy.

The Berlin critic described Foch's manoeuvres as akin to boring the great holes in a rock prior to blasting it to pieces. So the German armies have been bored and so they are like to be blasted in a very short time. If panic ever starts in the German ranks the smash-up will be appalling. The best men are all gone. The survivors are for the most part a spiritless mob, ready to melt into vacancy should discipline fail.

Should the improbable happen and the enemy command succeed in extricating his forces from the present impossible positions, the defeat will be none the less real, and there is no possibility of the German army being able to stick it out thru the winter. It is now stated that Bulgaria gave Germany full warning of her intention to make peace in lieu of obtaining German assistance. The Kaiser could do nothing and had to let the situation go by default. He is in a terrible position himself when he could render no aid to his important ally, and had to sacrifice his dream of a road to the east. The unrelenting pressure now being applied by the allied armies is designed to uncover this latent weakness in the German forces, and every day brings tidings of further success. The Kaiser may prefer to accept the inevitable by a field decision rather than by diplomatic channels, but he must soon be prepared to hear the worst.

Paper Mills, Public Franchises, Watered Stock Profits and War Taxes.

The action of the paper companies unduly boosting the price of newsprint may furnish reason for this province going into the manufacture of paper, especially when the public come to know that the pulp is made from wood grown on public lands, and that the mills are driven by power generated from rivers owned by the public, for both of which franchises only nominal sums are paid.

Why should not the Province of Ontario set apart a portion of its pulp forests for the production of enough paper to supply the papers of the province at a reasonable price after paying for interest and sinking fund on any money invested. The public of Canada are paying not only the cost of manufacture and a reasonable profit on it, but they are paying immense dividends on an enormous amount of watered stock injected into practically every one of the companies producing paper in Canada.

A Winnipeg journal points out that not only are the paper companies overcharging the public from whom they get their pulp, wood and power at nominal prices, but they are not paying anything like the war time profit tax that they ought to pay to the Dominion treasury, and motions are likely to come up at the next parliament and legislature dealing with some of these phases of the situation.

Why should watered stock be allowed to draw dividends that ought to go to war taxes? We are likely to have taxes on profits for some years yet, and parliament owes it to the country to see that profits that ought to go in full to taxes are not diverted to dividends on watered stock that represents an unjustifiable capitalization of public concessions.

Why should the profiteer capitalize a public concession in the production of a public necessity?

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Ernest MacAfee, no address, was arrested by Detective Bart Cronin, charged with stealing \$69 from Arthur L. Cochran, 40 St. Alban's street.

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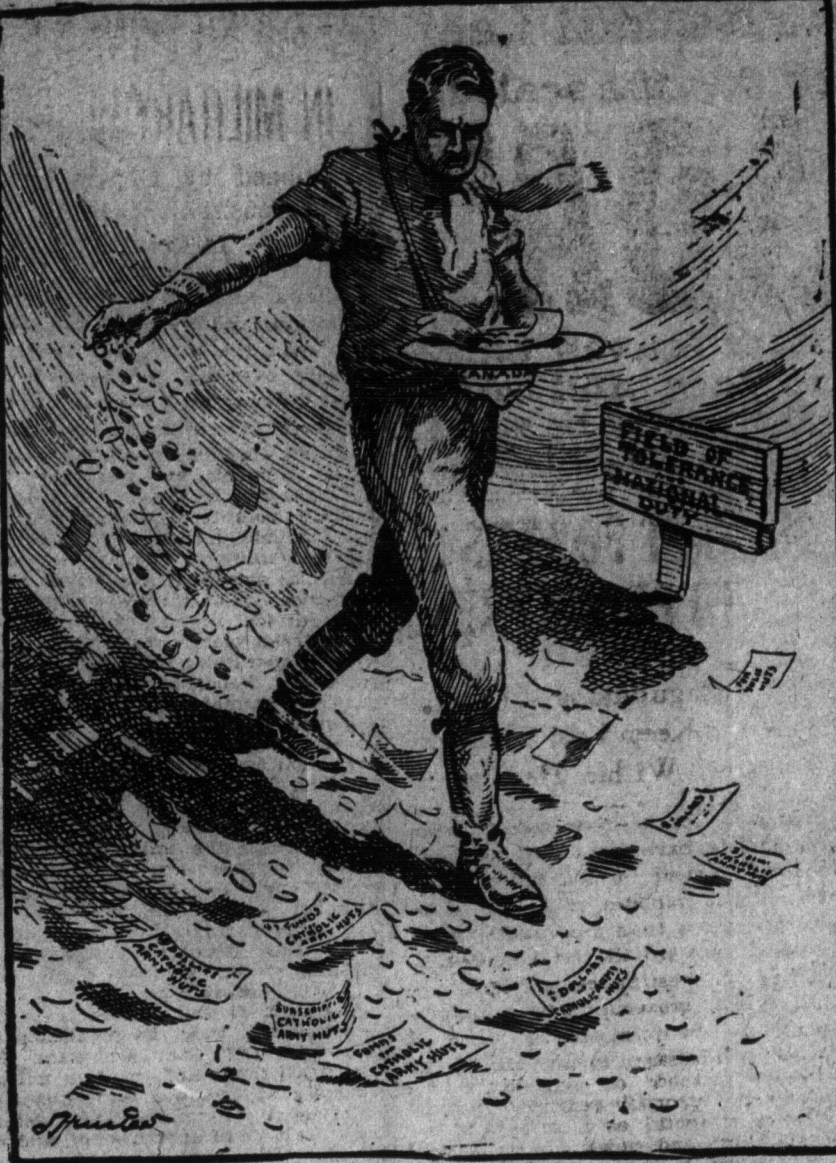
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FOR A HARVEST OF TOLERANCE AND GOOD WILL

THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

Brian Admits Lunching With Mollie, Altho Ruth is Home.

CHAPTER LIII

"When did you see Miss King last?" Ruth asked, trying not to let too much anxiety appear in her voice.

"Why—when?" Brian stammered, then, as always when he was embarrassed, he commenced to bluster.

"Who told you I had seen her at all? People are in great business. Why can't they let me alone?"

"No one told me. You told it yourself."

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WORK ON SUNDAY.

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Ida Visits the Board of Education

BY IDA L. WEBSTER

There are jokes, and jokes, in this city of Toronto, just as there are in every other large town; but, of all the jokes that ever joked, the board of education has been the best. At least, that was the impression which we gathered from the meeting last night.

In the first place, it was scheduled to start at eight o'clock, but it was twenty minutes later before the various trustees had finally been induced to take their seats, and, most unfortunately for the good of the school children in the city, all the members did not put in an appearance. Among the missing were Mr. Hambley, Mr. Brown and Dr. Noble.

Apparently in order that these school board meetings may be conducted according to the rules, or whoever the guy happens to be who first started boards of education, he is no apparent reason why it is not until such time as the chairman decides that the business has all been satisfactorily argued.

But, lo! the very necessary doctor failed to make connections, so that it was almost with tears and lamentations that the room was called to order for a beginning. Friends, we have seen them all; which arises because one man happens to be absent; it is possible that Dr. Noble is absent; he is the pivot upon which that he, and the other gentlemen whom we mentioned as being missing, are the only ones who have enough initiative to act. There were at least half a dozen matters which should have been attended to by the board, or the other members would send forth the cry that Dr. Noble was not there, and promptly someone else would shout: "Leave it until Dr. Noble comes!"

It hardly seems possible to us that any man could be so very popular and not be aware of the fact. Should Dr. Noble be wise that he is the pivot upon which the welfare of our children depends, surely he would make some effort to be at every meeting from now until the day that Gabriel blows the trumpet. His absence was simply a case of criminality, and a few more breaks like that would make him eligible for a place on the police commission board.

Indeed there is a chance that if he remains away from another couple of "gatherings" there will not be a board of education for him to be a trustee of.

The only thing which was discussed, and at that it was not a discussion, but merely a motion, was the changing of the name of Oude street to John Ross street. This was a motion, so that Dr. Noble may have his say as to what should be done. Dr. Edmunds, who is the brilliant suggestion in the first place, was of the opinion that owing to the fact that the Sick Children's Hospital was near, it would be an excellent monument to the late gentleman's name. This might be true, but why not build a regular monument, that is take up a collection in the schools? This is up to the individual citizen to right the wrongs of these various departments. But then, of course, you can but the idea is not to forget it when it comes to the election this next year.

But to get back to the immediate business of the board of education, it was a horrible dinner last night, and all because one man did not show up. We might say that the meeting lasted exactly 33 minutes, and that the trustees did more chasing in and out of a side room than

anything else. All that, and in a city the size of Toronto! Can you not see that it is up to the individual citizen to right the wrongs of these various departments? But then, of course, you can but the idea is not to forget it when it comes to the election this next year.

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