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FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 28.

## The Ship Purchase Bill

There is not much left of the Ship Purchase Bill, but if anything is left for the president to sign it will be the most notable victory of Mr. Wilson's public life. The opposition has been persistent and malignant, and the most powerful lobby ever massed at Washington has been openly denouncing public ownership.

When the bill was first introduced in congress nearly two years ago the British and French governments protested. They did not want Germany to gather financial strength from the sale of her ships interned in American harbors. Possibly the shipping trust, powerful in every capital, wanted ocean tonnage to remain scarce so that ocean rates might remain high. At any rate the opposition to the bill at first ranged itself behind the Anglo-French protest, and pro-ally sentiment was appealed to in the United States and Canada.

To meet this objection the bill was amended as to forbid the purchase of any ship belonging to a belligerent nation, during the war. Then the opposition shifted its ground, loaded up the bill with amendments in the senate at the short session which ended March 3, 1915.

Since then upon opposition to the bill has been frankly upon the ground that its passage would be a victory for public ownership and operation of public utilities. Many newspapers have carried a lot of canned news and inspired editorials. Our own International and National Transcontinental have figured as bogy men at the American capital. True, the U. S. Government owns and successfully operates a railway across the Isthmus of Panama and a fleet of vessels in connection therewith. But attention has been drawn from that fact to the extravagance of the Laurier government in building the National Transcontinental, and the alleged incompetence of all governments in handling the International.

As we have already pointed out public ownership in the case of the National Transcontinental between Montreal and Winnipeg, shines by comparison with the achievements of private ownership in the construction and operation of the National Transcontinental between Winnipeg and Prince Rupert. As to the International, it has paid for itself many times over by enabling Canada to send troops the year round to England and the front. Except for our government railway system we would have been in the somewhat grotesque situation of only helping the allies when the weather was warm, for we could only have sent them troops when the St. Lawrence was open to navigation. No company-owned road reaches the Atlantic sea board without going to or thru a foreign country.

If the U. S. Ship Purchase Bill, however mangled, gets thru congress at all, it will be a victory for public ownership. The bill has been reported from the senate committee and it will scarcely be defeated upon a ye and nay vote. It creates a corporation in which the U. S. Government will hold the controlling interest, and that corporation under government direction and control is authorized to purchase, build, lease and charter vessels for trade on the high seas. The fleet thus acquired is to be disposed of within five years after the close of the war. This is a sop to the enemies of public ownership. If, however, the bill passes and Mr. Wilson is re-elected, we should not be greatly surprised to see the beginning of a permanent merchant marine under national control. At any rate the experiment will be watched with keen interest by the producers and exporters of Canada.

## Montreal Recruiting in Toronto

Considering the immense difficulty

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generally have in filling their ranks, the protest made by Ontario officers against the permission given to the Montreal battalion, 19th, to recruit in this province will be generally approved. Whoever is responsible for the matter has authorized a silly and ill-judged proceeding, which unfortunately is not without precedent. Montreal units have already drawn upon Toronto men for their strength.

The city proposes that any men enlisting here in Montreal units will not be insured. We believe this is already adopted as a standing regulation, except in such cases as where there are no similar units being formed in Toronto. If Toronto men wish to enlist there are ample opportunities in the various corps now being formed, horse, foot and artillery, and many auxiliary corps in which every talent and faculty can be utilized.

It is somewhat surprising that Montreal should make such an open confession of her shame. It is bad enough to have to agonize over the filling up of a battalion. We know what that means in Toronto. But it must be a source of exasperation for a Montreal O. C. to be compelled to come down and drum up recruits in Toronto. Imagine the outcry if Toronto went to Hamilton for material to fill our battalions.

## Eastern Entrance to the Fair

In a month the Exhibition will be in full blast, and the new entrance should bring up the attendance to the limit and supply any deficiencies which the war might bring about. For a number of years the attendance has suffered from lack of transportation. Particularly in the evenings people living in Toronto would not take the risk of being caught in a ten o'clock crowd with threats of rain. For the last year or two the best that could be done with the Dufferin street car service was organized, but much was still lacking. With an eastern service the crowding should be largely eliminated. No doubt arrangements will be made for all who live east of Bathurst street to take the eastern entrance cars, while those who live in the west will proceed by Dufferin street. It should shorten the dispersal period by half at least. There ought to be no hitch in having the eastern route all ready for business, and according to the city hall accounts there will be a first-class service ready for the big fair.

## Holding a Bear by the Tail

No doubt the deliberation with which the entente allies are proceeding on the western front is a perplexing factor for the Germans. The latter is too weak to attack and not strong enough to retreat. His efforts at counter-attack have only been possible with the assistance of troops taken from other points of the front, and the result is to weaken the German line. Wherever he attacks he loses men. Wherever he procures reinforcements his border is weakened. When the line is sufficiently reduced we may look for a general offensive from the entente allies. If the Kaiser could retreat as brilliantly as he did in the March he may continue another year. He would be nearer his border and therefore stronger. Also he would possess shorter lines to protect, and his fewer men would look stronger. But it is a grave problem whether, with all the pressure to which he is subjected on every part of the western front, he can break away from the enemy which so closely hangs upon his trenches. To go back is as bad as to go forward, and he has lost the power to choose which he will do.

## GUNNER WALE WOUNDED.

CORNWALL, Ont., July 27.—F. A. Wale, of the Bell Telephone staff, Cornwall, has received a telegram from headquarters at Ottawa informing him that his brother, Gunner Henry Wale, is in the hospital at Calais, having been wounded in action. The wound is in the right arm. Gunner Wale enlisted in Cornwall at the outbreak of the war and left with the first contingent. Two other brothers are at the front and another is now training at Kingston. Their father is in the naval service, being now in charge of a fleet of trawlers in the North Sea.

## DANGER IN EXTRAVAGANCE

Canadian Municipalities are Warned To Beware.  
Canadian Associated Press Cable.  
LONDON, July 27.—The Pall Mall Gazette's financial editor says now that Canada has immense sums at her disposal thru the output of munitions, it behooves her to use good discretion in the disposal of such abnormal profits. The danger of extravagance lies with municipalities rather than individuals. Toronto is showing how the ratio of the annual debt charges may be increased in accordance with the annual total expenditure. If other municipalities now possessing ample funds will take steps to reduce debt charges the present prosperity is likely to prove of immense advantage.

## AUTO CAUGHT FIRE.

The firemen were called about 2.20 yesterday afternoon to the corner of Dundas and Hyde Park avenue to extinguish a fire, which did about \$200 damage to an auto owned by E. J. Purdy. The fire started in the car when the engine back-fired and ignited the gasoline causing the tank to explode. The auto was not insured.

## BRITISH SUCCESSFUL AT DELVILLE WOOD

Determined Attack Resulted in Driving Out the Enemy.

## FIGHT AT LONGUEVALE

British Regain Portion of Northern Part of the Village.

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The shells, complains that he is awakened when there is a lull at night. Concentrated Shell Fire.  
This morning the British put on Delville Wood the heaviest concentration of shell fire in a given area ever directed against the German fortifications. Even the gunners were amazed when they computed its volume per minute in preparing the way for the infantry. Counting the thousand yards there must have been three shells a minute falling on every yard.

The purpose was to leave nothing standing—nothing living. Not a single German sniper in a tree, not a single German machine gun but was to be put out of business by the tornado of blast. Delville Wood has left Trones Wood with a tame reputation. The infantry of both sides there have no doubts. The only protection is shallow trenches, and in open field operations. A shell which tears a hole among the roots of a tree killing a man makes some protection for his neighbor who surveys the scene.

Snipers and machine guns watch for any head that shows itself. Patrols which go out in the night engage in hand-to-hand encounters. The flash of a bursting shell may reveal one pair to another and give it the advantage.

The British had nearly all the Delville Wood, after the advance on July 14, but the Germans got an endless machine gun and shell fire on them and took possession of the middle of the wood and the British dead, who had fought to the last man. But the British kept the southern end of the wood and the adjoining Village of Longueval. The Germans were attacking the British with machine guns and shell fire.

When the infantry advanced this morning they did so with the expectation of the wood, but before the charge had finished they had taken all except about an acre of ground.

## New Men Fight Well.

The Germans engaged around Longueval and Delville Wood, where the fighting exceeded in ferocity that of possession of the valuable ground anything yet seen in the offensive. The new men, fresh from the English drill grounds, when put into this "hell" of a battle, showed a remarkable coolness and steadiness as the regulars.

## Miraculous Escapes.

The commander of one of the famous divisions of the British army was good boys and fought well when they attacked July 14. They would not be put permanently on the reserve, but would have another chance in the offensive. They had a week of this interrupted fighting, and when they went out to rest their commander informed them that they had made good and could go back. The dust-caked veterans, whose arms were cut with machine gun bullets and yet came out.

## WESTPORT VILLAGES SEE STRANGE THINGS

Mysterious Aeroplane Turns Out to Be Miner's Self-Dumping Ore Bucket.

Special to The Toronto World.  
BROCKVILLE, July 27.—For several days past residents of Westport and vicinity have been excited over reports of strange things seen, mysterious lights at night, and the erection of poles with wireless attachment, on the shores of Sand Lake. The excitement reached such a high pitch that an investigation was held, resulting in the discovery of a Cobalt miner conducting experiments on a self-dumping ore bucket. Some wires have been laid, but they are for a legitimate purpose.

## WANTED OUT WEST.

Out of the west comes the call for help. Farm laborers are wanted. In former years the same call has gone forth—always answered nobly. This year the call is stronger, the necessity is greater. The crops are ripening fast—the yield is abundant. With the harvest well taken care of, the wheels of prosperity will drive with greater force, and this great country will fulfill well the tremendous demands now being made upon it in supplying various products. The harvesting of the crops is therefore of national importance and a national necessity.

## Farm Laborers' Excursion Trains from Ontario via the Canadian Pacific will leave Toronto early in August. Date to be announced.

Winthrop. Earn and save money as opportunity arises.

## MICHIE'S BEAURICH CIGARS

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## TURKS AFRAID TO FIGHT BRITISH HORSE IN EGYPT

Our Cavalry Establishes Complete Ascendancy and German Wireless Lies.

LONDON, July 27.—A British statement was issued today denying the Turkish official report of July 26, that British cavalry forces in the vicinity of Suez Canal had been dispersed. The statement follows:  
The commander-in-chief in Egypt reports: "It is stated by the German wireless that our cavalry has been driven back at Romani and Katia. Our cavalry is in occupation of Katia and nowhere has been driven back. Complete superiority over the enemy has been established by it both in pushing, reconnaissance and in arriving in his covering parties at will."  
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## SAYS BILINGUALISM IS NATIONAL ISSUE

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## constitutional right of the French language in this Dominion. As to the second falsehood, no attempt has been made to deprive the people of any nationality of the use of the language spoken by them in any part of the Dominion, and no attack has been made on the religion of the French people. Many English-speaking Roman Catholics are opposed to the exclusive use of French as the language of instruction in the schools. Surely they cannot be accused of being actuated by religious animosity. But bilingualism in the schools is not what these agitators want.

The special committee appointed to investigate the Orange Young Britons' Association reported that the organization is being carried on along satisfactory lines. The treasurer's report was also submitted, and showed the association to be in a very satisfactory financial condition.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BEDFORD PARK HERO

The memory of the late Private Reynolds, whose death at the front was reported from Ottawa to his friends in Bedford Park a few days ago, will be honored by a public service in the Anglican Church, in Bedford Park, on Sunday evening, Private Reynolds was the honorary president of the Bedford Park Ratepayers' Association at the time of his death, and at a special meeting held last night the suggestion was adopted.

## TURK REGIMENT REVOLTS.

ATHENS, July 27.—Advices from Smyrna state that an entire Turkish regiment mutinied at Seveliken and took refuge in a forest on Mount Simolou. The Turkish garrison, chasing the forest on fire.

## COMFORTS OF CITY HOME DRAW YOUTHS

Commission of Conservation Considered Farm Problem.

## IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

Solution of National Question Rests in Beautifying Rural Home.

At the last annual meeting of the commission of conservation a report of a survey conducted on 400 farms during 1915 was presented. Some interesting facts were secured respecting conditions in many rural homes.

## Keeping the young people on the farm is one of Canada's national problems. Many causes have been suggested for the yearning for the city. The convenience of the city home constitutes one of the chief attractions. Notwithstanding this, however, very few farmers have introduced these conveniences into their homes.

Of the 400 farmers visited 53 per cent. have young people in their families. With this large percentage of young people it is a regrettable fact that only two farmers out of every hundred have bath-rooms in their homes. Only 5.2 per cent. have water closets, only 2.5 per cent. have a complete service, and only 2.2 per cent. have electric light. In these 400 homes, only 16.5 per cent. have the water piped to the house, and but 17.5 per cent. have furnaces in the home. These conditions are entirely within the control of the farmers, 86.7 per cent. of whom are the owners of farms averaging 126.5 acres.

## In contrast with the foregoing the conveniences which have been supplied by the government and public utility companies, and of which the farmer has availed himself, stand out prominently. The postoffice department has carried 76 per cent. of these 400 farmers rural mail delivery, allowing 77 per cent. of them to be supplied with daily newspapers, while 53.2 per cent. have the convenience of a telephone.

Only 2.5 per cent. have complete sanitary service in their homes, while 5.1 per cent. have automobile, and 5.1 per cent. have either automobile or horse and buggy for the young people.

## Much has been said and written of late to interest the farmer in the automobile, but little is heard of such household conveniences as the bath tub, kitchen sink, sanitary closet, etc. The automobile may carry the rural housewife away from her drudgery for a few hours a week, and to that extent proves a blessing, but the price of an automobile would provide a water supply and other conveniences that go with it, and render the home a home both to the housewife and the young people.

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