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OUR POINT OF VIEW**Not Creditable**

DEVELOPMENTS at last night's meeting of the Civic Commissioners can hardly be said to reflect any undue amount of credit on those concerned in the granting of an increase of pay to the city firemen.

It seems that while the increase was voted by the Legislature, nobody knows just when payments according to the new scale should begin, some alleging June was the time, others being equally positive it does not begin until the New Year.

There seems to be agreement in one respect only—that the men should have the increase. If they are paid it from June there are those who are prepared to affirm that they are getting the increase a half year too soon, while if the payment of the increase is delayed until after December, others will be equally positive that payment has been delayed a half year too long.

Surely the Government should have definitely indicated the date on which the new scale was to come into force and thus have obviated all of the bitterness that the firemen and their friends justly feel about the present disgraceful mix-up.

Had this business concerned some of the high-placed friends of the Government such a matter as an increase in salary would have settled beyond all peradventure. In this connection though, the Government were evidently more anxious to show themselves the friends of the firemen than to give them speedy and practical relief.

On Party Lines

WE are informed, on reliable authority, that the Government have butted in on business connected with the Volunteer movement, even though there were regularly constituted officers to look after affairs that were taken out of their hands by the powers-that-be.

For instance, we understand that payment for the use of the "Florizel" as a transport ship was made by the Government and not by the proper officer of the Regiment.

This is absolutely unnecessary interference and gives rise to the idea that the Government is anxious to turn the whole movement into an opportunity for handing out patronage to party favorites, not so much in connection with the transport ship as in connection with the smaller undertakings made necessary by the inception and carrying out of the movement.

This is a very regrettable feature and introduces an element of partyism unknown, for instance, in Canada in connection with the Volunteer movement.

Public-Spirited

IT is very pleasing to hear that Bowring Brothers, in addition to spending Fifty Thousand Dollars in connection with the purchase and improvement of Bowring Park have now paid Eleven Thousand Dollars for the land around Quidi Vidi Lake, which they will also improve and beautify as a public recreation ground.

In looking around this city, one cannot fail to be struck by the fact that although many Newfoundland business men in the past have built up comfortable fortunes in our trade there have been lamentably few public-spirited enough to devote any portion of their profits to the creation of works of public use and enjoyment. Apparently, their only interest in this country was to make all the money possible out of it and its affairs and then to depart hence to enjoy their profits.

Hence it is a pleasure indeed to notice that the Messrs. Bowring Brothers are an exception to this too-general rule, and we feel sure that Hon. Edgar Bowring, the chief moving spirit in the undertakings, will give due consideration to the suggestion we make here.

Would it not be an excellent thing to start work at once improving the environs of Quidi Vidi? There are many men now idle in the city and unemployment is certain to increase as the season advances. The immediate start of this work would afford an immense amount of relief to these people.

Antwerp Falls

ANTWERP has fallen. This is the news contained in despatches received just as we were going to press and which were fully vouched for by the official bureaus in both London and Berlin.

The fall of Antwerp, like the similar fate of other fortresses in this war, seems to point to the fact that the day of the fort in modern warfare is done. Apparently it is impossible to construct works strong enough to withstand the terrible force of modern high explosives, and, as the military expert of The Times remarks, the fate of Antwerp defended by the Belgians will, likely, be the fate of Antwerp, a little later on, when it is attacked by the Allies.

There have been many surmises made as to the reason why the Germans have made such a dead set on this position and the consensus of opinion is that they require it to complete a new line of defence on which to fall back when they abandon their present defensive line along the Aisne.

With Antwerp in their hands they command a string of fortifications running from this city on the north, through Namur and other fortresses to Metz on the south. Back of this line, again, they have the fortresses along their own border, and beyond this again the fortified line of the Rhine.

The possession of Antwerp, therefore, shortens their line of retreat and gives them the added advantage of a third line along which to withstand the advance of the Allies on Germany.

LIVELY FIGHTS AROUND ROZEL

Paris, Oct. 10.—An official report says: "There is no change on the battle front, with the exception of the region of Rozel, where a lively battle has taken place."

"We have taken 1600 prisoners near Rozel in the past three days."

Canadian Officer Dead

London, Oct. 9.—Col. Jeffrey Hale Burland, who arrived here a few days ago, in charge of Red Cross work in connection with the Canadian troops, died suddenly today. He was born in Montreal in 1861.

Now is the time to secure a good barrel of No. 1 or 2 Graftenstein Apples, cheaper this year than for years past, and better pack also. Bartlett's and Clapp's Pears in ½ brl. and bris. A big shipment of Preserving Plums in six quart baskets, Red, Blue and Green. California Oranges, Plums, Bananas, and a shipment of Long Island Potatoes, beauties, dry and large, at GLEESON'S, 108 Water St. East.

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A. MacDERMOTT,
 Lieutenant-Commander.
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WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR**A NEW LIFE**

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IMPATIENT WITH MILITARISTS

Providence, R.I., Journal:—"From the beginning of human history man has tried to shut out disagreeable facts, but shutting them out has not changed them. There is no doubt a growing desire in Germany for peace and an increasing impatience with the militarist clique."

GLORY NEEDS A PRINTING PRESS

Chicago Tribune:—"A hero cannot exist in a dark room. He must fill the eye. In modern times the best friend of glory is the newspaper. A hero may circulate modestly by pinning a cross, a ribbon, or a button on his coat and taking to the boulevards, but this is unsatisfactory. Glory needs a printing press."

"BUSINESS AS USUAL"

Grand Rapids Press:—"War has its slogans no less than peace. Here are the latest from the front: "Germany—As in 1870. "Russia—On to Berlin. "Belgium—Hold the forts. "France—Alsace-Lorraine. "Britain—Business as usual."

LOYAL JACK CANUCK

New York Press:—"The news that Canada has sent 32,000 men to the front is not at all surprising to those who know Canada. The Dominion is and always has been more loyal than the King. No Tory in London is more devoted to the Crown than the average citizen of Toronto. If it did not interfere with his business he would set his clock by London time."

A MICROSCOPIC POINT

New York Globe:—"The cause of the war is thus (in Russia's Orange Paper) reduced to a microscopic point. Germany declared war because Russia was making military preparations. Russia was willing to stop her military preparations if Austria would take out of her Serbian ultimatum the demands that Austria should take part in Serbian judicial proceedings and that Serbia should dismiss from her service all persons that Austria should put on a list to be furnished. Europe and the world are paying dearly for Austria's insistence on unprecedented demands and for Germany's refusal to compel her ally to modify her attitude."

RE-CASTING THE MAP

Boston Transcript:—"People talk now about the dismemberment of Germany and resolving it into a number of small states, but all such talk is premature. Germany is a great fact and one not lightly to be ignored. If it is Great Britain's consuming desire to prevent German militarism resuming its old power, it may be equal to the British desire not to see Russia throw its gigantic shadow too far over the map of Europe. France naturally will look for a guarantee against German aggression, but it will not relish becoming subsidiary to Great Britain. There are plenty of chances, therefore, that the terms of peace may be disappointing to those who now, while the war is in progress, clamor for a radical readjustment of the relations of the great Powers of Europe."

GERMANY MUST BE DISARMED

Philadelphia Public Ledger:—"It is always to be expected in a conflict between a democratic and an autocratic nation that the latter will score initial advantages. The military machine can act with a unity and precision not to be expected of a control less rigid. This is being shown in the terrible magnitude of the German advance, but it remains to be seen how far it can be carried against a united people, battling for liberty and for escape from burdens which had become well high intolerable. If Germany succeeds, the burden of militarism will be fastened anew upon the world; if the Allies win, Germany must be disarmed and the fear of German aggression, which has hung for a generation like a pall over Europe, will be removed. The immediate result must be to lighten the military burden and the spread of genuine democracy."

THE ROMANCE OF RED TROUSERS

Chicago Tribune:—"Folk have been groping around for a reason which might explain satisfactorily why a nation so alert as the French, preparing for a war they believed in-

evitable, should defy all the color theories experimented upon by military men everywhere and sent their soldiers into action in red trousers. . . . The French believe that in war the spirit of the troops is everything. It's not one of cold efficiency. It's one of inspired exaltation. It's a fury. It needs organization and equipment, strategy and tactics, but, above all, it needs soul. That is undoubtedly the French view. Their republican troops, untrained, went out over a hundred years ago and by the spirit of their attack threw back the professional armies of Europe. Elan is the supreme requirement. Exaltation needs high colors. It is not a sober quality. The red legs of France are the visible tokens of its military spirit. The French may have reasoned that they must take the chance of exposing their soldiers physically to nourish them spiritually. They may know their own men. They may know that the Germans would fight just as well in brown, black, crimson, or yellow, but that the French need their trappings; that what they require is not protective but exciting coloration. If there be not some such explanation as this red legs of France will be charged up against the authorities in France as a criminal and murderous blunder."

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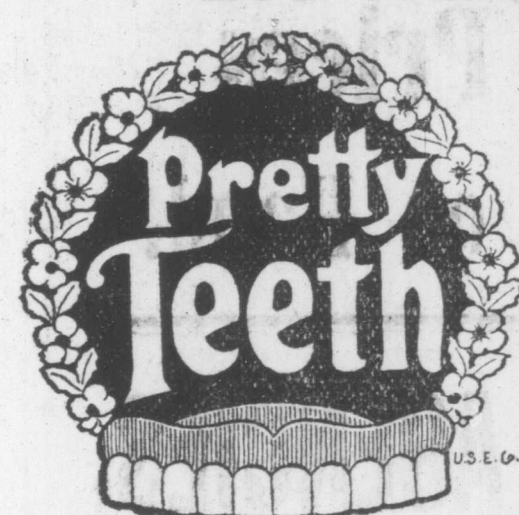
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