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A New Franchise Complication

In the latest announcement of the intention of the private corporation to acquire the franchise for the plan of purchase and for the campaign carried on in its favor, by ex-Mayor Hooker and his friends. The aim of that campaign was to clear up the franchise situation in the city, return the control of the streets to the city, and create a united street car system over the whole city area. Great emphasis was laid on the value of the radial railway franchises giving entrance to the city boundaries, which were to be relinquished under the proposed agreement. The value of these franchises was placed at a nominal sum in the agreement, but was admittedly very high, and was certainly a valuable consideration, also opportunity of purchase endeavored to minimize this point.

Some of these franchises are terminable, but the terms of others are perpetual. To have regained possession of them all without question would have been desirable for the city. As this possibility has been abandoned with the failure of the purchase negotiations, it now remains to be seen whether the city can protect itself in any way from further encroachment, or whether the opposition to purchase was aimed at the prevention of the re-acquisition by the city of control over these franchises. We have already pointed out the danger in which the city stands of losing control of Yonge Street by the persistence of the Metropolitan Railway Company in the effort to double-track that thoroughfare. Another equally acute problem is now presented.

This problem is in connection with the little regarded franchise on Danforth road. The Bathurst and Danforth line, under 87 Victoria, ch. 94, 1894, obtained a twenty years' franchise from April 20, 1891. There are two Toronto Junction agreements dating from June 8 and Oct. 5, 1891. All York County franchises are renewable. That the Metropolitan Railway Company has not a renewable franchise is disputed by the company. The city, no doubt, puts its faith in the promises of the private council. The company is neither admitting nor denying anything. The present city administration having put Mr. Hooker "out of business," does not seem particularly interested in what becomes of the street railway situation.

"At the Expense of Holland"

On Aug. 4 last, Herr von Jagow, the German Foreign Secretary, wrote the German Ambassador in London, Prince Lichnowsky, that Germany would under no pretence whatever annex Belgium. "Sincerity of this declaration," he said, "is borne out by the fact that we solemnly pledged our word to Holland strictly to respect her neutrality. It is obvious that we could not profitably annex Belgian territory without making at the same time territorial acquisitions at the expense of Holland."

The German War Book, of which an excellent translation has just been issued by McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart, of this city, states that it is well to assume a virtue and the appearance of humanity, although the necessities of warfare may require the most drastic measures. Putting these two views together, what must be the opinion of Holland at the present time of German diplomacy and art of war? Germany has already annexed by proclamation as much of Belgium as she has occupied. She has just announced her intention of making a great seaport of Antwerp, which is to be second only to Hamburg. So far as the expressed intentions of Germany go, there is no prospect of an evacuation of Belgium. But, says von Jagow, "we could not profitably annex Belgian territory without making at the expense of Holland." This is why Holland may be expected to present an ultimatum to

Germany one of these days on the subject of the occupation of Belgium.

Spies and Diplomats

All Germany's paraphernalia of spies have not sufficed and will not suffice to bring victory to her arms. These gentry were of many grades, from the official of high rank received with gracious hospitality in the stately homes of England and Scotland, to the horde of men and women in humble avocations who were paid trifling amounts for such petty scraps of information as they could gather. Yet from the highest of them to the lowest not one proved able to enlighten the authorities of Berlin regarding the true character of the British people. All of them suffered from the same obsession. Believing Britain to be a degenerate nation, they easily persuaded themselves of its truth, and no doubt found plenty of evidence—good, bad and indifferent—to strengthen belief in their own superiority. British indifference to their activities they counted a weakness, but even there they deceived themselves. The British secret service was not so inefficient as these gentry supposed, nor did they have the least suspicion that they were themselves under surveillance.

Many years of patient preparation were spent in the unwholesome and wholly despicable task of abusing the frank and generous kindness of their neighbors. In the guise of peaceful manufacturers and merchants they lent themselves to the designs of Prussian militarism, established themselves at strategic and tactical points, and laid the foundations of the siege artillery that would blow to pieces the homes and families of their hosts. Altogether a wretched business, but one that has come to naught because of the blundering diplomacy of the superiors. British diplomats, as the Infanta Duhala of Spain, who knows England well, remarks in a recent magazine article, have shown unquestioned superiority. "Most of the British diplomats I have known on the continent," she writes, "give the impression of being serenely indifferent to any intrigues that may be going on around them." Real diplomacy rests on more stable foundations.

Awaiting the Feast

"Where the carcass is there will the eagles be gathered together," is a pithy aphorism that aptly describes the situation in eastern Europe. Turkey is moribund and its demise is only a matter of time, and short at that. Already the eagles are assembling to await the moment when the lion and the bear and their allies have completed their work and the carcass is ready for dismemberment. The matter for the birds of prey that have visions of sharing in the feast is whether they will await the scraps to be thrown them or whether, by actively assisting in the fray, they will gain a voice in the dismemberment and distribution. Milton's line that "they also serve who only stand and wait," will scarcely hold good in the carving up of Turkey.

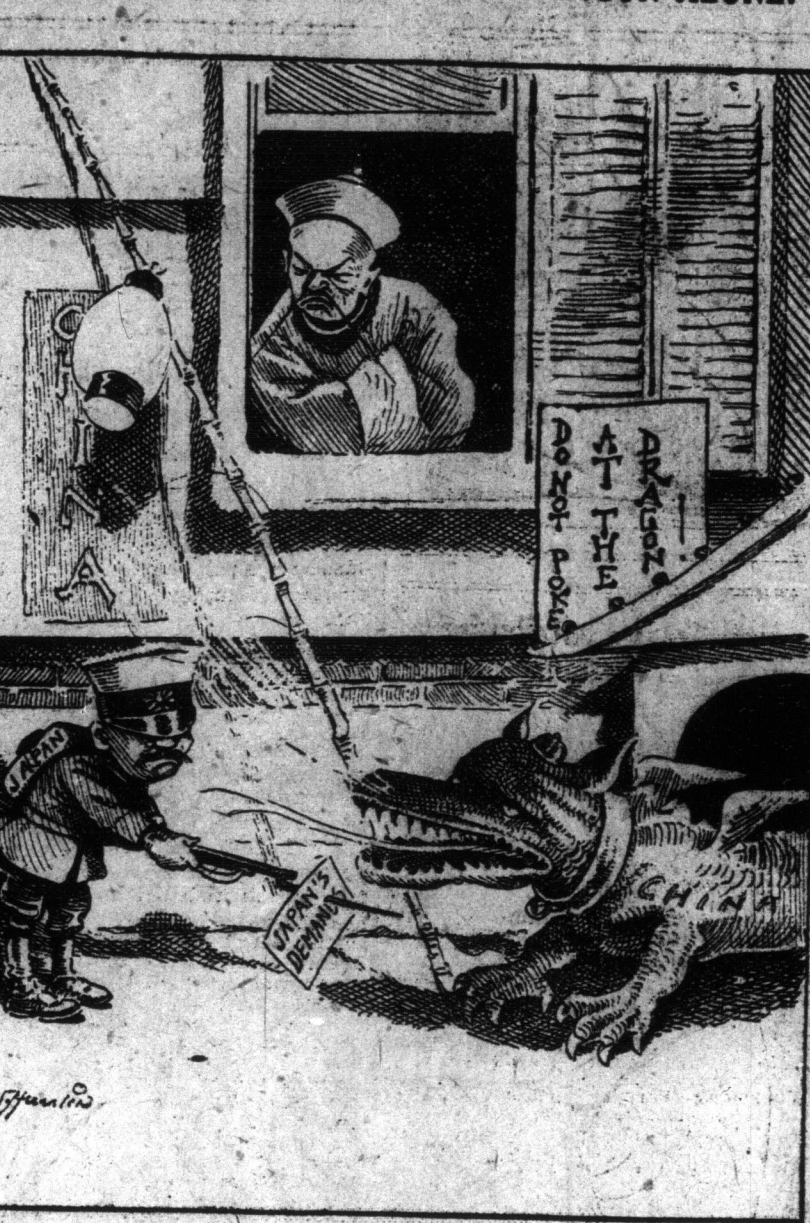
Each of the birds is expectant, but all are not yet sure whether they will gain or lose by ceasing to sit on the ring fence. For they are not without rivalries and resentments among themselves. They have not yet recovered from their last furious scrap, fomented as it was by the neighboring two-headed eagle that has his own rapacious designs, and is now fighting desperately to occupy the fate that looms over him. There are more disputes ahead when Austria-Hungary is laid on the platter and comes under the knife. The three greater powers must see to it that there is a fair apportionment—one that will meet the demands of a reasonable appetite and avoid the later pains of indigestion.

Liberating the German

For all their boasted intelligence Germans appear singularly unable to profit by experience. To do this in any sufficient measure is a good test of wisdom or of aptitude for its acquirement. But the average German who has been trained under a system that regards him as only an asset of the state has lost that aptitude if he ever possessed it. Subjected from early childhood to a process of education that deprives him of all initiative and even of the capacity for independent action, he is fitted into his appropriate niche in the economic fabric of the state. Thereafter he fills his job, does his duty according to the discipline he has learned and regards himself and his nation as the quintessence of super-humanity. Taught to endure brutality without retaliation, he becomes brutalized and satisfies his natural instinct for revenge by inflicting worse cruelties on those over whom he can tyrannize.

The German, far from being a superman, is a very ordinary type of individual. He is not, indeed, a master who commands his own soul, but the victim of a system contrived by more efficient minds and designed not to make men, but automata. Germany has produced philosophers and musicians of acknowledged genius, but with these exceptions Germans have shown little creative ability. In science and industry they have been imitators and adapters. The character of their training leads to efficiency and development of their natural faculties for patient and meticulous investigation. The state organized in all its details for the purpose of encouraging national development has turned every individual unit to account and saturated him with the duty of obedience. It remains to be seen whether the caprice of this war of aggression and

"JAP MANS BETTEL LEVE LAT DLAGON ALONE."



the dissolution of his dream of world dominion will make the German a normal human being and regain for him independent manhood.

America's Arraignment of Germany

Not the least convincing vindication of the righteousness of the cause championed by the allies have come from American pens. This is not surprising in view of the activities of German apologists in the United States. They have let loose vast floods of inspired articles all seeking to impress the people of the neighboring republic with the belief that Germany has been the victim of a wicked conspiracy directed against her rights and liberties and that public opinion has been inflamed by means of a studied campaign of misrepresentation. The claim is grotesque to the verge of absurdity, and that public opinion has been misled by a series of questions and answers, and a book which on account of its genesis is specially helpful to the man on the street who may not have the time or the inclination to clarify his ideas.

Dr. H. M. Ami delivered an illustrated address, under the auspices of the Canadian Institute, in the University of Toronto physics building, Saturday afternoon for the purpose of instructing the public in "Turkey and the Present Crisis." Most of the views were from original photographs, taken by Dr. Ami, and exhibited nearly every phase of Turkish life. Dr. Ami said: "The Turks are an unimaging people, who have been under the yoke of tyranny for hundreds of years, which at last has reached its zenith since the Germans have been the military hand upon them. The inevitable is that the allies will undoubtedly release a suffering people from their bondage, and Jerusalem will forever pass out of control of the sultan."

ZENITH OF TYRANNY UNDER GERMAN RULE

Dr. Ami Says Allies Will Undoubtedly Release the Turkish People From Bondage.

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SERIOUS CHANGES IN GAME CLAUSES

Special Committee Meets Tomorrow for Revision of Hunting Regulations.

NO DUCKS FOR SALE

Agitation to Forbid Sale of Ducks and to License All Guns.

There is a possibility that under this year no wild ducks will be offered for sale in public markets of the province. A recommendation to this effect will be brought before the fish and game committee of the legislature, which convenes this week. There are, in addition, several other radical suggestions which will be canvassed with a view to incorporation in legislation. One of these would make provision for a gun or general game license, the fee to vary from \$1 to \$5, and the age limit to be set at 16 years. The use of the pump or repeating shotgun would be abolished.

During late years the fish and game committee has been considered as one of the lesser ones of the house, but this year a large number of important affairs will be handled. Game protective associations and individuals through the Ontario Game Association have forwarded recommendations which will come up at the initial meeting on Tuesday.

Regulate the Hours

One of these would change the bag size from the 200 now allowed down to 100 per man. The open season dates, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15, in the northern district, also from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15 in the southern may be changed to a regulation season from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31 for all. Whereas the act now allows shooting between sunrise and sunset it is suggested that shooting be forbidden between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m.

CORNWALL BOATMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Club Starts Year With Membership of Twenty-Five—Fair Dates Set.

Special to The Toronto World. CORNWALL, March 14.—At a meeting of boat owners who house their boats at the upper river wharf at the office of A. J. McIntosh, the following officers were elected: From president, Richard Larmour; president, A. J. McIntosh; vice-president, R. H. Watson; committee, Gus Sandelin, John Ridley, Edgar Lacey, C. S. Klugev.

ALDERMAN IS SUING EDMONTON OFFICIALS

Clarke, Who Was Recently Exonerated, is Demanding Heavy Damages.

Canadian Press Despatch. EDMONTON, March 13.—Writs were issued here today in the supreme court in an action brought by Ald. Joseph Clarke, against the City of Edmonton, Chief of Police Hill, ex-Commissioner Booth, Superintendent of Police Cadwell, Chief of Detectives Haddock and former Chief Krong.

REV. HUGH MONROE TAKES NEW CHARGE

Special to The Toronto World. CORNWALL, March 13.—A special meeting of the Presbytery of Glenbury was held in St. John's Church this afternoon for the purpose of installing Rev. Hugh Monroe, late of St. Andrew's Church, King street, Toronto, into the pastorate of St. John's in succession to Rev. A. E. MacLeod, who resigned in November last.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES.

St. Michael's Hospital Alumnae Association will meet at the Toronto Graduate Nurses' Club to make Red Cross supplies on Monday of every week. Members are earnestly requested to bear this in mind.

St. Andrews by the Sea.

Nature has done much for St. Andrews. No prettier place can be visited by the tourist or the summer vacationist. It is the most popular of Canadian Seaside Resorts and it is now chosen by large numbers of summer visitors from New York and Boston who desire to rest away from the crowded resorts of the United States. There are excellent sea bathing facilities at half a dozen places in the neighborhood. The Canadian Pacific has rebuilt the large Algonquin Hotel, while the "Inn" affords accommodation for those who desire the quietness of cottage life.

Mrs. Wiseneighbour Says:--

"I should have told you the other day, when I was speaking of 'Eddy's' Washboards, that it is just as necessary to have an Indurated Fibreware Tub to hold your clothes in you want to make a success of washday."

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EUROPEAN BIDS ARE OUT OF LINE

Prices Three to Four Cents Below Quotations on This Side.

Canadian Press Despatch. MONTREAL, March 13.—There was some enquiry from over the cable for Atlantic spring wheat today, but as the prices bid were all from 30 to 40 per bushel out of line, no business resulted. The local market for coarse grains is without any new feature, business being quiet and prices steady for all lines. Demand for flour continues quiet, both for domestic and export account, but the tone of the market is firm. Demand for millfeed continues fairly good. The trade in butter is fair, but the undertone to the market is easy on account of supplies coming forward being larger than expected. Receipts for the week were 1341 packages as compared with 1171 a year ago. Cheese is firm with a small jobbing trade passing. Receipts for the week were 453 boxes, as against 654 a year ago. Demand for eggs is active and the tone of the market is steady. Receipts for the week were 7321 cases as compared with 7171 last year.

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If so, take advantage of the low fares on second-class return fares to certain points in Saskatchewan and Alberta, or if round trip ticket is desired, the low fare Homeseekers' Excursions in effect each Tuesday until October 31st, should appeal to you. Bear in mind that the Canadian Pacific Railway offers the finest possible equipment and fastest train service. The route is one of the most scenic in the world. It is the only line operating through standard and tourist sleepers, also dining cars to Winnipeg and Vancouver. By travelling C. P. R. you avoid the necessity of changing depots. All equipment is owned and operated by the C. P. R., affording the highest form of efficiency. If such a trip is under consideration, apply to any C. P. R. Agent for full particulars, or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

TAYLOR IS RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF VANCOUVER

He Had Thousand Majority Over Combined Opponents' Vote.

Canadian Press Despatch. VANCOUVER, March 14.—L. J. Taylor, elected mayor of Vancouver at the recent municipal elections, and Alvin Hebert, for the past three months necessary property qualifications, was re-elected at the election on Saturday by a majority of more than 1000 over the combined votes of his two opponents. The vote stood: Taylor 5481; Hebert 4556; Whiteway 85.

BROCKVILLE DOCTOR DEAD.

Special to The Toronto World. BROCKVILLE, Ont., March 13.—Dr. S. Gowan, a graduate of Toronto University in 1902, died here today. He was one of the victims of the typhoid fever epidemic, which has raged in Brockville for the past three months, and has been ill for several weeks. He was born at Greenboro, Ont., 45 years ago and for many years practiced in Brockville in partnership with Dr. H. A. Clark.

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