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FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 31.

Good Sports

Sport in Canada has made a splendid contribution to the army and to the cause of liberty and justice, for which the allies stand as champions. It is natural that the good sports should desire to have something to say about any championship, but this is a contest where all that is noble and fine in humanity is called upon to do its best. The trained athletes of the Dominion, from colleges and schools, from Y.M.C.A.'s and from sporting arenas of every kind, have flocked to the colors, and many have gallantly laid down their lives with as good a will as ever they scored a goal.

There is something very inspiring about the appeal made by Capt. Sutherland, president of the Ontario Hockey Association to the hockeyists of the province on the close of the season. In January he had suggested that when the season was over all of them should exchange the puck and stick for rifle and bayonet. Last year the boys rushed from the ice to the recruiting office, and this year, no doubt, the result will be the same. Already 750 men, players and club members, had clothed themselves with khaki. Capt. Sutherland hopes that the number will be swelled to 1150, so that the O.H.A. could announce that it had contributed a whole battalion to the cause.

The men who have gone, fine, clean fellows as they were, will be followed by hundreds of others. Capt. Sutherland's desire may easily be surpassed. Yet this is not the best thing about the rally of the hockey men and of other athletes to the flag. It is the example they set and the spirit they show, the true sporting spirit which never hangs back where the cause of honor is at stake. This is the British spirit, and its reproduction in Ontario is one of the things which the war may be thanked for having made manifest. No man who has the true sense of manhood in him will fail to follow the example that the sporting men have set.

License or Bans?

By raising the marriage license fee from \$2 to \$5, the provincial secretary has raised a problem which it may take the end of the war to settle. How much is a man willing to pay out in cold cash in order to get married? It might seem as the there were no limit, in practice it has been found that a five dollar bill is an obstacle which, even in the steeples of love, brings many a hunsman to grief. Very slight obstacles have been found in the older results in the matrimonial records than might be expected.

In Canada a few dollars one way or another does not usually make much difference. Still, when times are hard, five dollars are a consideration in many homes. Stern economists may say that the couple who cannot raise five dollars for a license have no right to get married. This is begging the whole question, however. Moreover, no nation with the birthrate of Ontario has any right to place any more obstacles in the way of marriage than this can be avoided.

Marriage by bans is still open, we presume, to anyone who will adopt this oldest and most orthodox method of preparing for the solemnization of a marriage. If the fee is too high, the process by bans will be more and more resorted to, and the higher fee will defeat its main object, which is unquestionably the raising of revenue.

Wheels

With the campaign to awaken interest in bicycling many old and delightful memories must be stirred in the minds of those who have ridden the wheels of other days. No one has ever written the song of the silent wheel as it should be written. Perhaps the experience is too new, there may be too much of the association of the mechanical and the commonplace with the larger part of bicycle exercise. But there is a potentiality of the most enchanting life in the freedom for travel which the bicycle affords, and as it was originally used.

merical and economic value became apparent to city dwellers, and the saving of time and money for those who could use a bicycle for reaching their homes and their places of employment gave the sale of wheels a tremendous stimulus. While many had supposed that the "fad" for bicycling had died out, as a fact, it never slackened. Those who had taken to the bicycle as a utility stuck to it. Those who had only adopted it for pleasure and as a "fad" dropped it, but their places were taken by others. It became less fashionable, but after all, the ranks of fashion are limited and the best part of mankind belongs outside them.

Whether fashionable or not the bicycle held its own, and it is almost incredible what millions of wheels have been turned out. It is probable that the bicycle will have a renewed hold upon those who seek pleasant recreation at a cost not too great. For traveling the bicycle offers advantages which no other vehicle possesses. It has certain disadvantages also, but they are out-weighed by the good points. One decided disadvantage encountered in recent years in country traveling is the motor car. Comparatively few motorists in remote parts of the country, let us say, not to come closer than ten miles to a city like Toronto, are anything but road-hogs where bicycles are concerned. At night particularly they care nothing for their own side of the road and narrow escapes have been had by many a wheelman as he jumped into the ditch to allow the motor car to pass on the wrong side. The Motor League could remedy this, and assist in building up the love of country riding which is such a pleasure to all who have made it a habit. The dust of the motor car is quite enough of a handicap to overcome, without having to estimate one's chances of being run over for observing the rules of the road, or of being found in fault for trying to save one's life by not observing them.

Editorial Comment

On the Kyte Charges

WINNIPEG TRIBUNE.

Arthur Meighen, R. B. Bennett and other members of commonsense who have been lending their aid to the Ottawa government in the policy of smothering investigation into shell contracting and enormous profiteering are neither enemies nor real friends of Borden nor of friends of the public conscience, as they should be exposed, arrested, imprisoned and publicly executed, not only as it is today, would even go farther. In these times traitors are shot, and shooting is too good for the men who conspire against his country when its material resources in men to consist of an enemy whose strength demands all the resources of the nation to defeat it. Members of parliament who use their tongues and raise miserable technicalities to delay an enquiry into the war contracting, do not represent either the public or the country. They are fighting off exposure in the fear that they may do their party some harm. We feel that the House left to the world desire an honest probe, an honest investigation into the activities of all traitors. Surrounded by questionnaires, they seemed determined to sacrifice his following, and to pretend that the only man was only Britain's business, but on an official, final parliamentary act of investigation appears to have been an official revelation, and self-respect of a number of conservative members of parliament tells them that they cannot follow the dictation of their consciences. Despatches say that the crisis need not be averted, but it should result in government of the cabinet, which would eliminate both corruption and incompetency. Fair investigation would assuredly be the result of such a change.

The nominal head of the administration of Canada's affairs, Borden should be held in fact. He should not have allowed his minister of militia to take his departure for England at a time when the fullest particulars regarding Col. Hadden, who seems to prefer the New York climate, were wanted by parliament and the country.

Those shell charges must be investigated, and the government in the long run smothering the government in the long run.

A country that is willing to sacrifice tens of thousands of lives in a great cause will not tolerate undue profiteering or corruption in war contracting.

WINNIPEG TELEGRAM.

"The opposition at Ottawa were very much surprised at the reception accorded to the bill made by G. W. Kyte, of Richmond, N.S., in connection with the letting of contracts for war munitions. Their expectation appears to have been that the proposal to entitle into these munitions would be voted down. This was also evidently what the Liberals wanted, because they would then have had a supply of campaign material which the stump orators would have found very handy and which would have without official contradiction.

Instead, however, the Conservative members appear to be anxious for a thorough airing of all the charges.

"Premier Borden has been anxious for Hughes for particulars of his relations with J. Wesley Allison and the fuse contracts. If General Hughes' explanation is not what it should be, the Conservative members are determined that he should leave the Government party. The Conservative leader is known to be a man

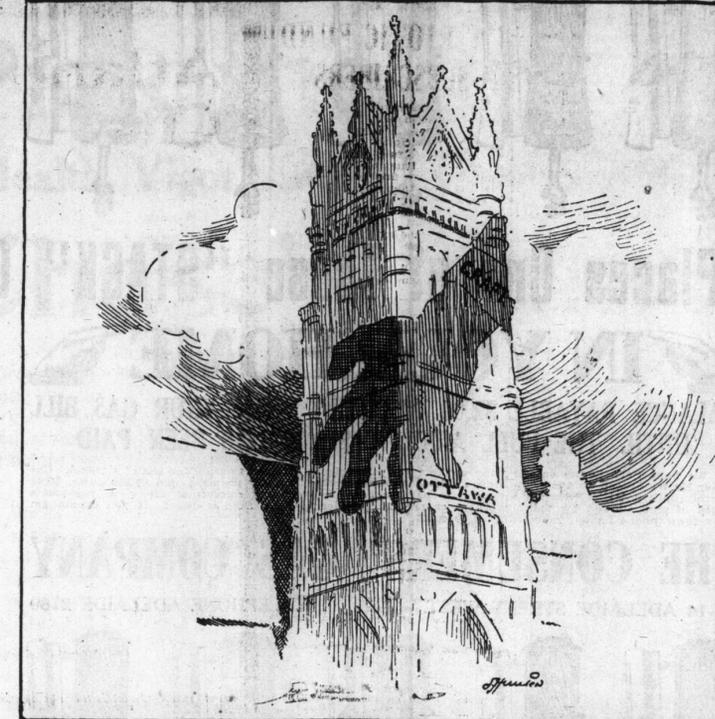
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who will tolerate no taint or wrong-doing in public life. He may be confidently relied upon to have all the facts brought to light and proper steps taken to meet them whatever they are."

TAUSCHER IN TOILS FOR WELLAND CANAL PLOT

Gadski's Husband Arrested in New York by Federal Agents.
MAKES STRONG DENIAL
Action by Authorities Resulted From Revelations of Von der Goltz.

naming of Fritzen in the complaint are said to have been the direct result of examination by the authorities of the report made by the late Bridgman Taylor, who arrived Tuesday from Liverpool on the steamship "Finland" accompanied by a Scottish man, E. L. H. Smith, manager of the Bank of Ottawa, give Frank Brunner a roll of bills one day in December, 1913, in the rotunda of the hotel. A few minutes later he saw Brunner take \$25 to Brunner's office.

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Witness considered the whole matter a joke. Judge Brown expressed the same conviction.

Bringing Smith Back.
It was announced that O. A. Mahoney of the provincial police expected to return today with E. L. H. Smith, the bank manager, for whose arrest a warrant was recently issued.

The commission agreed that Smith's evidence would be material at this stage.

MacDonald, defence counsel, pointed out that no evidence had been adduced to connect the names of four members named in the charges. He asked if Biglow still expected to connect their names with the charges.

Justice Elwood remarked that Mr. Biglow might have information or hearsay evidence which could not be connected up until the evidence of Smith and Peterson was taken.

BANDSMEN AID FIREMEN AT BELLWOODS AVE. FIRE

Damage by fire to the amount of \$500 was done to the home of Jacob Levi and family, 174 Bellwoods avenue, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The blaze was discovered by members of the band of the 204th Battalion, which happened to be passing at the time. Bandmaster Sparkes sent in the alarm from a nearby grocery store, while the bandmen gave the firemen valuable assistance by keeping the crowd back from the fire lines. The cause of the fire is unknown.

TO SPEAK AT CORNWALL

Capt. McGillivray, Chaplain of Ninety-First Battalion Will Give Recruiting Address.

CORNWALL, Ont., March 30.—Capt. (Rev.) N. H. McGillivray, St. Thomas, chaplain of the 91st Overseas Battalion, C.E.F., formerly pastor of St. John's Church, Cornwall, and lately of Taylor Church, Montreal, will deliver a recruiting address here on Thursday evening next, April 6. The subject of the address will be "Canada and Her Needs." Capt. McGillivray has been delivering a series of recruiting speeches in western Ontario and has aroused great enthusiasm where he has been heard.

BANK MANAGER SMITH WILL GIVE TESTIMONY

Man Who Advanced Funds to Brunner is Being Brought Back.

SHEPPARD'S LITTLE JEST

Witness Told of Sprightly Talk About Money Going Round.

REGINA, March 30.—J. J. McCarthy, formerly bookkeeper in the Metropolitan Hotel, was the first witness this morning before the royal commission. He said he remembered seeing E. L. H. Smith, manager of the Bank of Ottawa, give Frank Brunner a roll of bills one day in December, 1913, in the rotunda of the hotel. A few minutes later he saw Brunner take \$25 to Brunner's office.

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TORONTO MAN WOUNDED

Mrs. F. A. Tapp, 36 Humbert street, Toronto, received a wire yesterday from the adjutant-general at Ottawa, informing her that her husband, Frederick A. Tapp, was admitted to number one Canadian General Hospital, Etobicoke, on March 22, suffering from shrapnel wounds. She was told that further particulars would be sent as soon as received.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN TORONTO'S APPEAL

Justice Falconbridge Held That City Erred, and Decided in Favor of Frederick Murch.

The appellate division court at Osgoode Hall yesterday reserved judgment in the appeal of the City of Toronto from the decision of Chief Justice Falconbridge. The chief justice held that the city erred in paying \$3,765, the balance of expropriation money, to A. F. Lobb instead of paying it directly to Frederick Murch, and entered judgment in favor of Murch against the city. The question brought before the appellate division, to decide whether Murch was misled by the city solicitor's office into thinking that money due him could not be paid over to A. F. Lobb without a deed being signed by Murch.

The appeal from the decision of the County Court of Lanark, whereby Mrs. Edith Brown, of Carleton Place, was held entitled to receive \$1,093.71 from Dr. J. M. Conerty, was dismissed by the appellate court.

The plaintiff's father was insured for \$2,000 and finding the payment of premiums onerous Mrs. Brown borrowed money from Dr. Conerty. Dr. Conerty gave Mrs. Brown \$300 and a receipt for \$150 on a medical bill. Later the doctor forwarded \$500 more to Mrs. Brown, who then wanted the total insurance money equally divided. Mrs. Brown sued for the balance of the \$2,000 and was awarded judgment.

Judgments will be delivered at the opening of second divisional appellate court at 11 a.m. this morning in the following cases: Jeffrey v. Aylea; Imperial Bank v. Whaley; Keay v. Braund (three cases); Brazen v. Wilson; Lesson v. Young; Morrison v. Morrow.

WILLS PROBATED

Application was made in the surrogate court yesterday for probate of the will of Alexander McOstrich, who died in London, England, October 12, 1913, leaving an estate amounting to \$1,817.913. The will divides the bulk of the estate among nine children, the widow receiving a marriage settlement, furniture and \$25,000, while \$4,000 is left to English charitable institutions. Charles E. Williams died at Buffalo, Sept. 22, 1915, leaving \$21,825, which by his will, is divided among relatives, and erecting a monument over his after leaving \$15,000 to Buffalo charitable institutions.

Miss Hanna Kerr, who died in Vaughan Township, March 16, without leaving a will, left an estate of \$5,775, which will be divided among her relatives.

FIRST FERRY TRIP OF SEASON.
The Island Ferry, in charge of Capt. Williams, made a trip from Hanley's Point to the ferry company's city docks yesterday, arriving about 5.30 p.m. This opens the island navigation season, although ice still blocks the way to boats between the city and Centre Island.

SUCCESSFUL PARTY IN AID OF THE BEAVERS

Many Toronto Society Women Present at Gathering in Temple Building.

One of the most successful patriotic parties of the season was that at the Temple Building yesterday afternoon, given in aid of the 204th Battalion under the patronage of Mrs. W. H. Hearst, Mrs. R. A. Pyne, Mrs. W. J. Hanna, Lady Willison, Mrs. Arthur Van Koughnet, Mrs. W. H. Price and wives of the battalion officers.

Over four hundred players were at the 106 tables and others came in at the tea-hour. Three trumpeters sounded a call from the gallery when the winners' names were about to be read, and the prizes presented by Lieut.-Col. W. H. Price, M.L.A., who made a happy speech in appreciation of the services of the women in behalf of the corps of his command.

The winners were: Euchre, Mrs. Pickett, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Dutton, Mrs. Guy, Mrs. Lavallee, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pettes, Mrs. MacKinnon, Mrs. Coutts, Miss Birmingham and Mrs. Hoare.

WAS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE

BELLELEVILLE, March 30.—Before Police Magistrate Mason of this city, Pie Albert Hoekins, a member of the 204th Battalion, was sentenced to one year in the Ontario Reformatory for being absent without leave.

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CIRCUMSTANCES TELL OF A WEIRD TRAGEDY

Murder and Suicide in Shack Thirty-Five Miles North of Blind River.

LUMBERMEN TOLD STORY

Police Officials Made Long Journey to Find Conditions Indicating Strange Adventure.

Hint of a double tragedy on the edge of the wilderness was conveyed to civilization by lumbermen who found the frozen bodies of Ephraim Godfrey, a trapper and an unknown man in a shack 35 miles north of Blind River. The lumbermen told the story to Constable E. D. Jordan of the Sault Ste. Marie district, and he, with Police Magistrate Bradbury of Blind River, made the long journey afoot thru five feet of snow to the scene of the tragedy.

When the constable and magistrate arrived they found the body of a stranger crouched in the doorway of the shack, a bullet wound under the right eye showed the cause of death. The stranger had neither cap, boots nor coat on.

Ephraim Godfrey's body was found propped against a trunk in the southeast corner of the shack. A bullet hole under the left eye, badly scorched by powder, a rifle between his knees, with the muzzle near his face, proved that he had shot himself. Lying at right hand was a blood-stained stick which he had evidently used to put the trigger of the rifle. On the floor was an empty shell and another was found in the chamber of the gun. Godfrey had neither boots, hat nor coat on.

The theory of the provincial police is that Godfrey feared attack from the stranger and shot him while entering the shack, then, fearing the consequences, turned the weapon on himself.

The jury's verdict was to the effect that Godfrey had murdered the stranger, then committed suicide. No motive for the crime was advanced, although a keg of "muski" whiskey was found in the shack.

TORONTO GIVES GRANT FOR COST OF HIGHWAY

Board of Control Recommends Additional Sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars.

WELL LOOKED AFTER

Twenty-Five Guards Have Charge of Sixty-Nine Prisoners at the Jail.

On the recommendation of Works Commissioner Harris the board of control yesterday decided to recommend to council that an additional grant of \$80,000 be made as the city's share of the extra cost of completing the Toronto-Hamilton highway. The original cost was \$600,000 and the total extra cost \$320,000. The city has already contributed \$150,000 and the commission asked for an additional \$110,000, but the commissioner thought that it was unfair to ask the city to pay a greater proportion of the extra amount than the other municipalities, the cost being \$210,000, or 46.6 per cent. of the original share, whereas the amount asked for from the city was 73.3 per cent.

Well Looked After.
On March 29 there were 80 prisoners at the jail as compared with 325 on the same date a year ago, according to a report presented to the board by Property Commissioner Chisholm. There are four matrons to look after three prisoners and 21 guards for 84 men, and the board wants to reduce the number of prisoners to 60, although the employees at the jail are paid by the city. With a view to having some action taken the board will meet the provincial authorities on Wednesday.

A request from the York Highways Commission that the city contribute \$2,977 as its share of the expenditure for maintenance of roads will be dealt with when the estimates are being considered.

Three hundred of the city's Winchester rifles will be loaned to Lieut. Chambers for drill purposes.

The recommendation of the parks committee as to the draining of Catfish Pond, based on a suggestion made by Parks Commissioner Chambers, who claimed he could save about \$12,000 of the cost of filling and draining, was laid over.

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