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MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 4.

## Keep the Rate Down.

The mayor and board of control are wrestling in private considering the estimates for the current year which the first tentative program places at \$5 mills on the dollar. This is a tremendous order and the citizens will certainly expect that a rate not in excess of that of last year be put into effect this year. Even at 50 mills the rate is a 3 per cent. charge on all the property and business of the city of Toronto, and as a civic penalty it does not spell prosperity for the citizens. People are pleading for lower rents, but with a 3 per cent. taxation to start with and 7 per cent. to 8 per cent. for borrowed money there is little chance to get rents down to a point suitable to the financial ability of the worker. Public bodies all over the world are being called upon to curtail expenditures, and any amount of prodding on the part of special interests in the city at the present time should not turn the mayor and his associates aside from the fixed purpose that expenditures for the current year must be rigidly cut and kept down to actual necessities. Certain works will have to be done to help out the labor problem, but even these should, as far as possible, be projects which will be some service to the community at large.

It may be possible for the city to float new loans as its credit is still good, but it is not a question of floating the loans, but a question of meeting the interest and the sinking fund as it matures, and the difficulties that are going to be presented to ratepayers by the yearly demand occasioned by this continuous effusion of capital expenditure.

Mayor Church and his board have a great work ahead and the people will certainly look to them to bring about a program of retrenchment with a lower tax rate. The World thinks it would be better if the board of control would discuss the matter in public then the people will be able to see who are the members in earnest in connection with keeping the city's expenditures down to reasonable levels.

## The Drury Remodeling.

The experimental government in Queen's Park up to the present has not made a howling success of the undertaking. Premier Drury started in with the best of intentions, but he seems to have been switched by his assistants. Charges made against the former administration of extravagance faded out of sight when the lavish expenditures of the present government are inspected. Two departments of the administration do not stand up to the test of the present day demands. Hon. Peter Smith allowed himself to be carried away by the bond brokers and, worst of all, his confidence given to a novice in financial matters whom he sent to England. The charges against Minister Biggs may have nothing in them, but they show a lack of business capacity, if nothing else.

## Readjustment Balance.

The dislocation which is still in effect is responsible for the depression and unemployment which at present exist. The whole industrial situation is out of joint and until readjustment of prices to restore the balance has been made there can be no settlement. The various industries must be appraised so that there may be an exchange of product at fair prices. Some sections of the community have lost a great deal of their purchasing power, and this is applicable to the farmers, the prices for whose products have been materially reduced within the past year.

## May Cross Border Today.

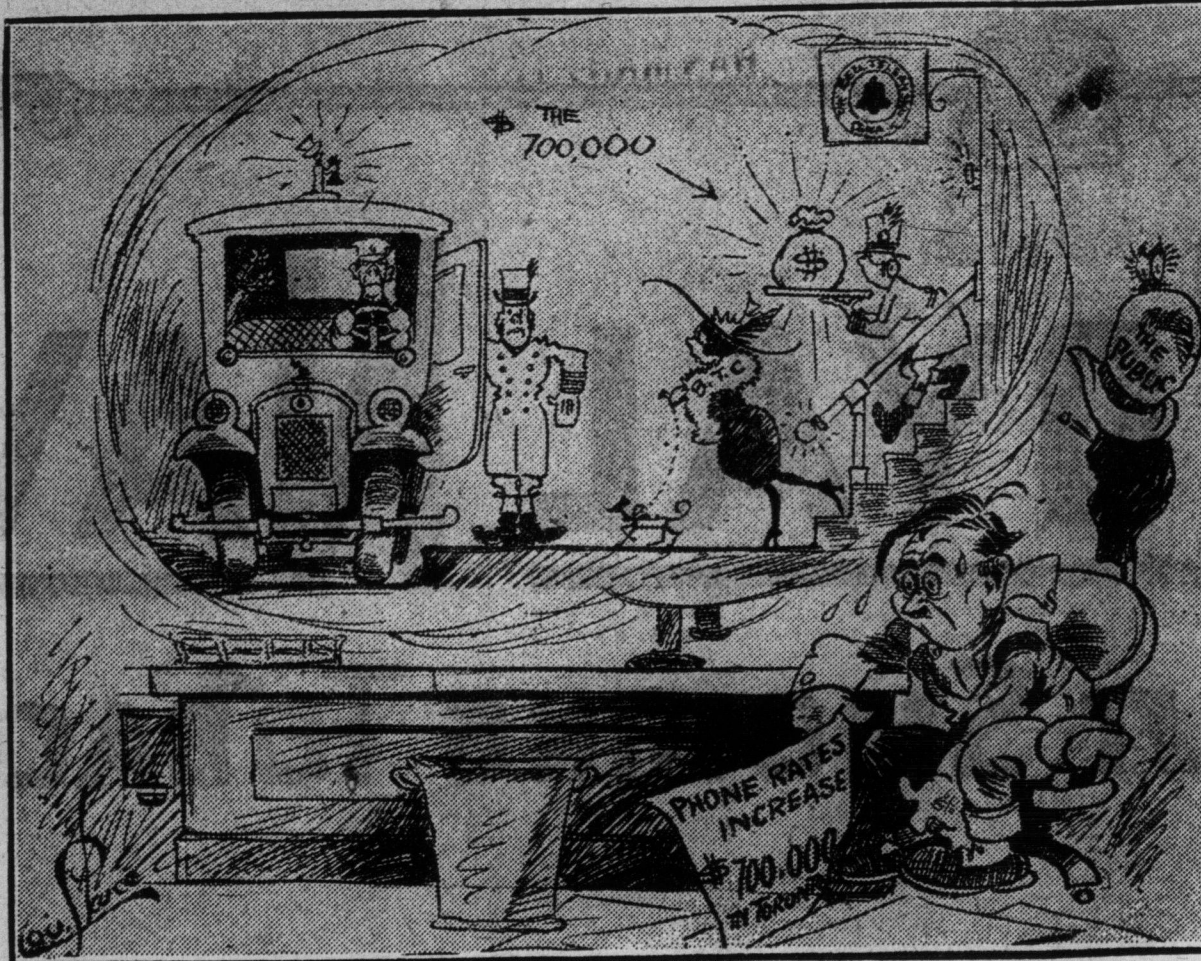
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## SHE'S GETTING TO BE AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY

up, and maintain that materials of all kinds can be reduced without interfering to any great extent with the wages which are entailed in their production.

## Remarked in Passing.

Even former Emperor Charles must have decided by now that automobiles have lost much of their one-time popularity.

A half million dollars addition to the telephone bills of Toronto citizens is apparently one of those things to which we have to get used.

An American Judge has decided that the hip pocket is immune from search by liquor detectives. Now, how can they expect to enforce prohibition that way?

The city council seems to be less interested in charges of crookedness in police courts than does anyone else in Toronto.

Hon. Manning Doherty is to milk a new public bill in front of the parliament building. This is somewhat of a comedown after milking the provincial treasury for over \$800 to furnish his room inside the parliament buildings.

## EX-EMPEROR ILL, FAKING SUSPECTED

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where it is reported that large numbers of members of the nobility are arriving.

The little town is crowded with Hungarian notables in numbers never before known in its history.

## May Resist Removal.

In foreign circles here it is asserted that Charles will resist removal pending Thursday's meeting of parliament. Andrius is said to be actively trying to save the day for the Hapsburgs by inducing Charles to abdicate in favor of Archduke Otto, his nineteen-year-old son, under a regency.

## The Difficulty of Getting the former king out of Hungary is said to be due to differences between the various interests in charge of the situation. It is understood that the socialists have firmly maintained the position that two of their army officers and six men should accompany Charles in order to continue the fiction that he is a prisoner. The allied officials and the Hungarians, supported by the Austrian police, complicating matters.

## Certain allied officers last night agreed to induce their associates and Hungarians to consent to the socialist plan, and the socialist yielded on the question of the actual presence of the escort in Charles' compartment.

It is believed that Charles will travel through Bavaria, thus avoiding passing through Styria and Tyrol, where he fears demonstrations, although there is some hitch over getting Germany's consent.

## The Salzburg Diet has unanimously protested against Charles having visited Austria and demanded that the central government prevent a recurrence of the visit. The Austrian Zeitung today asks how long Charles is to be permitted constantly to pass to and from Austria.

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## ST. GEORGE CHURCH HONORS MEMBERS

Large Increase in Imports From Switzerland Gives Rise to Suspicion.

## Impressive Service Marks Unveiling of Memorial to War Heroes.

A brief but impressive service marked the unveiling of the memorial which has been erected in the Church of St. George the Martyr, John street, in memory of members of the parish who gave their lives in the great war. The dedication service was taken jointly by the rector, the Rev. Canon R. J. Moore, M.A., and the vicar, the Rev. F. J. Dykes, B.A., while the numerous members of the congregation were performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Ingles, M.A., whose son, a former curate of the church, was the first to make the supreme sacrifice.

The design of the memorial (the work of D. W. F. Nichols of Windsor) was suggested by the churchwardens which are so numerous in England. It comprises a handsome bronze tablet bearing the twenty-eight names in splendid relief. It is in a framework of natural oak in Gothic design on a heavy base of the same. The height of the frame is approximately seven feet, surmounted by a tall, graceful cross of unusual design. At the base of the memorial was placed a simple wreath of magnolia leaves.

In a brief address from the chancel steps Canon Moore, whose younger son was among those to whose memory the tablet was erected, spoke feelingly of the fact that in almost every case the boys who gave their lives were so young.

The service included a celebration of the holy communion, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Ingles was the celebrant.

The fact that the church, including the galleries, is open to capacity, is significant of the loving memory which the church holds her departed children.

There will be a permanent honor roll erected shortly, on which there will be 280 names.

## READY TO WRECK BUILDINGS.

James C. Forman, assessment commissioner, is calling for tenders for wrecking companies to remove the two semi-detached brick houses on the premises known as 60 and 62 College street. Wrecking operations may be begun on Wednesday, April 13, but the houses must be removed not later than Saturday, May 7.

## OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under this head letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited they must not be longer than 200 words and must be on one side of the paper only.

## WHY HE VOTES NO.

Editor World: For the benefit of those who are wavering, may I state one of the reasons why I think good citizens should vote "no" on the coming referendum?

They told us that prohibition would lessen crime and reduce the costs of keeping our courts and jails running. It has not done so. Our courts are crowded to capacity and we have to employ more policemen, besides a special army of plain clothes.

They told us prohibition would remove temptation. It has not done so. Many thousands of moderate citizens who would now and then take a drink are being tempted to break the law and most of them think no harm of doing so. Thus the law is brought into disrepute and is openly mocked by a large class of decent citizens.

They say the prohibition of importation will stop all liquor traffic. It has not done so in the United States, where it has been in effect for many years. It has encouraged the making of illicit liquor and the confiscation of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property.

They say it will drive liquor out of the homes. It will not. Every man who has the right to take a drink will make what he wants, as he has a perfect right to do.

For this and other reasons I will vote "no" and thus register my protest against the claim of a minority of the right to exercise undue control of my private life.

A. C. Thompson.

## FAMOUS MINSTREL DEAD.

Columbus, O., April 3.—Alfred Griffin, "Al G. Field," famous minstrel, died at his home here today, his death resulting from Bright's disease. The funeral will be held here Tuesday afternoon. He was 72 years old.

## The World's Weekly Novel

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## CHAPTER IV.

(Continued From The Sunday World.)

MY TALK with Alice had given me much food for reflection, especially as regarded our social relations. For some reason, I found it extremely distasteful to think of her as a big, ruddy pearl cast to the capacity of the person whom I thought of as "the piggy-man."

It seemed to me that Alice, if not precisely too good for his piggy-man, was much too fine for his merits or appreciation and that she needed to be rescued from his champing snout.

With such ideas milling in my head I got up the following morning in the early dawn, and with basket and fishing tackle, set out for the crater lake.

Up I swarmed to the summit and was about to search the bright horizon, when my eye was caught by a flash from the palm fronds at the head of the lagoon where was located our camp. I said to myself that the ladies must be amusing themselves with the cutter, for the bishop was a late riser, and I was about to start down when I saw a slight white object in the distance, the knees from under me to send me rolling down the steep cliffs like a shot.

Out from under the screen of palms glided first one big, long, black canoe and then another, with a boat in tow which I recognized instantly as our cutter. The lagoon was like a mirror and the sun flashed from a dozen or so paddles in each canoe as they crept like white comets along the dazzling flat surface of the water. Even at that distance, I could see that the canoes were laden with our guests, and I realized that the marauders must have put into the lagoon, probably in quest of water, with the early morning setting out, and come down upon my helpless guests while they were still asleep.

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## CHAPTER VI.

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nervous state. After all, a fit of anger is more salutary than brooding over outrageous sensibilities, so I slipped inside, precisely as I would have done under ordinary circumstances.

A peculiar tableau presented itself. Here was Enid sitting with her elbows on the dining table, her face in her hands and her dark, wavy hair tumbling over her bare shoulders, making little gasping sobs, and at the same time instinctively protecting her ear from the inquisitive and sympathetic pecks of Dicky, a diminutive but apparently infuriated bird, who was stalling himself as her knight-errant. She wore only a flimsy night-gown.

Enid roused herself a little, pushed the hair back from her shoulders, and, thinking apparently that it was Alice Stormsby who had entered, asked in a stifled voice and without looking up: "Well, have you sent them away?"

"See here Enid," I answered, "this won't do. We are all in the same boat and you'll have to turn to and lend a hand."

"And then the magazine exploded. I doubt that she had heard what I said, because, at the first sound of my voice, she seemed to become petrified. She sprang up, seizing the stool on which she was sitting, and turned to me a face which was white as the lips.

"You—!" she cried, chokingly, and grabbed at the neck of her dress. "How dare you get out of here!"

"Don't be silly!" I answered. "This is no time for such performances. We have been stripped of all our gear, and we've got to keep our heads and study ways to make our escape. If we don't, we suffer ruin."

"Will you stop?" she gasped, and then, as, devoid of move, she stood staring about in her tracks and, swinging down, gripped the stool by one leg. I saw her anxious intention, and having no wish to receive that piece of furniture in the face, took a stride forward and gripped her wrist.

"Stop!" I said. "Haven't you any sense? Behave yourself and be reasonable. Here we are, and we've got to help me get the sense. Your aunt is laid up with her ankle, and I can't manage it alone."

She tore herself out of my grasp with a strength which I had not expected. She was a girl, then, feeling that she was launched on some attempt of violence, whether to herself or me, seized her by the shoulders. She fought like a fury, and while I was trying to control her there came a flutter of wings, and she was gone.

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