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THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 18.

Electric Power.

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the United States contracts and applied to Canadian getting power is concerned.

The government has apparently been more interested in private parties than in the people, and nothing has been done to improve the situation.

In fact the situation is worse in some respects. In spite of the warnings oft repeated that Ontario respite of the warnings of repeated that Ohtario is spite of the warnings of repeated that Ohtario is spite of the warnings of repeated that Ohtario is spite of the warnings of repeated that Ohtario is spite of the warnings of repeated that Ohtario is spite of the warnings of repeated that Ohtario is spite of the warnings of the great trust will be the entrance into the system of the great trust will be the entrance into the great trust will be the entrance into the great trust will be the entrance into the great trust will be the quired every ounce of energy derivable from her water may not be contemplated with the Long Sault power, attempts to get which for private interests are now

The average citizen who is begging and beseeching his coal dealer for delivery of the coal he paid for last summer, and the less fortunate citizen who has to buy by the ton and get it when he can, are aware whether there is plenty of coal in the city. A short time ago we were told there was 49 per cent. of the city supply right here. Last week it had risen to 68 per cent. Yesterday there were assurances that 75 per cent. of the winter's supply was delivered. Who, then, is getting it? What favored individuals are stowing it away? There are thousands of households apparently without a ton, or even a bucketful. The mayor has taken a great deal of interest in the coal situation. It would be a fine thing if he could get the households tabulated that have no coal at all. If all those who have no coal would send the mayor a postcard with their-name and address, and the note, "No coal," it might help to persuade him to get a fair allocation of Bar Association of Texas at Houston on July 5, 1917, and the coal that comes into the city. Certainly any citithe coal that comes into the city. Certainly any citizen with four or five tons in his cellar, much less those with ten or fifteen, have no right to clamor for coal of your editorial in this morning's "World": until those with none get enough to take the sting out of a zero temperature. Perhaps the mayor will open the city hall corridors and attics for those who have no coal to warm them when the cold spell arrives.

According to the statement there will be coal when navigation closes. That means that the cold weather navigation closes. That means that the cold weather Asquith, too, who threw in Britain's lot with the allies, must first come and close navigation and then coal and who conducted her affairs so ably in the first two may be looked for. But we are to have the cold before the coal, and there is no satisfaction in the pros-

When is the Grand Trunk to be taken over and the coal service systematized and taken out of the conditions that made life a burden last winter? Coal has wrecked governments before now, and our coal problem is worth looking into.

Bringing the Banks Together.

President Wilson has addressed an earnest appeal to the state banks and trust companies to join the federal reserve system. In this way only, he says, can the banking reserves of the country be mobilized for the winning of the war.

The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 was only mandatory upon the national banks. The state banks were allowed to join the system or stay out of it. In some cities like Detroit the banks with state charters are bigger and more important than many of the national banks. Some of the trust companies, too, have capital and surplus far beyond that of many banks. In short, some very small institutions are national banks and some very large institutions are state banks.

As the president points out, the Federal Reserve Act is the only constructive legislation ever enacted by congress which can be applied alike to banks chartered by the federal and banks chartered by the state authority. It enables the state banks and trust companies to come into the national system without los-

ing the powers granted them by the states. By joining the system they can safely reduce their gold reserves and reap the great benefit which comes from having access to government banks of issue and re-

discount. The Federal Reserve Act was a splendid success of the opposition in the Ontario Legislain peace; it is proving itself the bulwark of the nation ture. The actual choice will not be made in war. To some such systems we are coming in until the Liberal members of the legisla-Canada, but in Canada we will have the advantage of tario Reform Association this afternoon, being able to establish one central bank of issue and but The World is assured on high authorrediscount. Our chartered banks can take the place ity that the result is a foregone conclusion of the regional banks in the United States, and as fiscal Dewart's only serious competitor, and it agents of the government they will be able to afford is understood that he will move to make facilities for rediscount to many local or unit banks Hartley's election uranimous. that will spring up as soon as authorized in many parts Mr. Dewart was elected to the legislaof Canada, especially in the west. The United States tion in August, 1916. He has only served set the example of making all currency national and one session, but his colleagues feel that giving the government leadership in the banking busi-he is admirably qualified to succeed Minimally Eowell as leader of the opposition. H the pressing needs of Ontario for electric power. In ness. Our chartered banks have worked admirably has been pretty active in politics for many addressing the executive of the Ontario Municipal together in mobilizing their resources, in extending years past, having unsuccessfully con-Electric Association he made it clear that the power credit to the government and its allies, and in mainwhich is being sent to the United States was enormously in excess of the amount authorized by treaty. In in co-operation with and, we surmise, to a large extent under the direction of the minister of finance.

the federal government is a question worthy of Robert Borden's manifesto may be issued For four years past the Ontario Hydro-Electric thought. In Canada we do not allow the provinces to behalf of union government will be Commission has been giving notice to all concerned charter banks. In the United States banks were charamong the authorities of the growing demand for tered by the states even before the revolution, and Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the inpower, so that when required it could be switched off the power to establish banks has been exercised by the terior, and Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of industry. After four years Sir Adam finds himself notes which passed as money, just as our chartered will open the campaign in Ontario at just about where he started, as far as any chance of banks in Canada do at present. That power was Galt on the 24th inst., when the union never taken from them by express enactment, but it ination Mr. P. S. Scott, the sitting memwas taken from them in fact by a prohibitive tax on ber for South Waterloo. circulation. It may be that sooner or later the state banks will altogether cease to exist, but in the mean-time their entrance into the federal reserve system is of the greatest importance. But no less important will be the entrance into the system of the great trust

It was the feeling about town yesterday that the being made.

There has never been any certainty that either political party was favorable to the public ownership of electric power. The problem is as obscure as ever. If both parties do think more of the people than of the corporations, now is the time when they can agree, talong with other things, to establish the principle that along with other thorsepower of electric energy shall be not another horsepower of electric energy shall be allenated from the people of Canada, and that what they have been taken away shall be restored as speedily as Red Cross fund was not receiving the spontaneous supalienated from the people of Canada, and that what has been taken away shall be restored as speedily as possible.

Ontario is short 100,000 horsepower. It will be a long time before the Chippawa development is ready. The power going across the border should be recalled The power going across the

There is much mystery still about the coal situation. We are assured in the morning that all is well, and that if we wait till the first blizzard comes we shall have coal and to spare. In the afternoon we shall have coal and to spare. In the afternoon we without in order to give. Until Toronto feels what it are assured with apparently equal reliability that there is no coal to be had anywhere. By next morning the reassurances are being circulated once more; and so we have been carried on since the melting of the last snow till the snow is ready to fiy again.

Without in order to give. Onthe form to give that it is to do without, the war will not have come home to dethat Mr. Gibbons will withdraw as the Liberal candidate in London, altho willing to be the union government candidate. At any rate a new convention in West Lambton, which meets next Wednesday, and it is reported that Mr. Gibbons will withdraw as the Liberal candidate in London, altho willing to be the union government candidate. At any rate a new convention is to be called. Our sons and our brothers are ashamed of us. We our sons and our brothers are asnamed of us. We are a terrible spectacle to them. Can we excuse ourselves? We do not think about it, and the callousness time Conservative politicians. suffer hunger and cold, discomfort beyond our knowledge, danger always, death often, wounds without number. Why should we shrink from wounding our bank accounts? Have we the courage to take a bayonet thrust in the pocket?

Will the unionists organize associations. Word has gone out to hold conventions, as the Conservative and Liberal provinces. Word has gone out to hold conventions for the nomination of candidates, and in many places where men are already in the field it will be necessary out of a difficult situation, because the Conservative associations will have to do it over again in view of the constituency a unionist will be put in the various provincial governments may or a Liberal, but in the various diviof our attitude does not grip us sufficiently. They

Other People's Opinions

Lawyers Lead.

Editor World: The following potent facts taken from an address delivered by George B. Rose, Ark., before the ment," give a brief outline of what lawyers are doing in

"It is a great compliment to our noble profession that in the present crisis when the existence of freedom in the world is in peril, all those who are striving in the cause of liberty look to members of the bar for their salvation. England has been suspicious of lawyers, and rarely has a lawyer had a commanding place in her councils; but in this hour of her supreme trial it is to a little Welsh lawyer that she looks for safety. Mr. years of the war, is a dawyer. In France, M. Viviani, the prime minister at the beginning of the war; M. Briand, whose dauntless courage saved Verdun to France when the military authorities advised its abandonment in the face of the unexampled German onslaught; and M. Ribot, who is now guiding the destinies of the country, are all lawyers; and apparently it is the young lawyer Kerensky, minister of war and marine, who is to save Russia from anarchy, if she is to be saved at all. In Italy, their strong man, Sonnino, is a lawyer; and even tyrannical Germany has in Bethmann. Hollweg a lawyer for its chancellor. October 12, 1917.

Statesmanship or Politics.

Editor World: Thru the pages of your valuable aper you have been asking for other people's opinions. Those who read and do some thinking surely are not lacking for a topic. In fact, there are so many things engaging the public mind just now one scarcely knows what is most important. They range from the sublime to the ridiculous; and if there is one thing more ridiculous than any other just now, it is politics in Canada We are not lacking for parties, as some tell us. Suppose some one was successful thru the press in getting the public in general properly to conceive of a more democratic form of government than we now have in Canada.

TRIOTIC SOCIETIES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, ETC. Would be be branded as a politician? The writer of this letter has hesitated to do so just for the above mentioned reason and no other. For there is a crying need just at pleased to this opportune time that the nation's thoughts be not very beautiful set of colored lantern only turned into proper channels, but guided aright sildes depicting scenes in the Colorado Public suspicion has been aroused, and rightly so, while Mountains, Rocky Mountain National profiteering and speculating in the very necessaries of Park, Estes Park, Yellowstone Na life are rampant in our midst. It will certainly take a tional Park etc. A regular lecture lot of explaining by the present or past regime to satisfy goes along with the slides, which as the common people that all is right in high places, sures a most enjoyable and instructive is on this subject, that if no politics is better tive evening's entertainment. Boo during the war, it is also better in times of peace.

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POLITICAL NEWS

Hartley H. Dewart, K. C., M. L. A., i to succeed Hon. N. W. Rowell as leader

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focused on the federal field. The union Whether all bank charters should not be issued by country at the coming election.

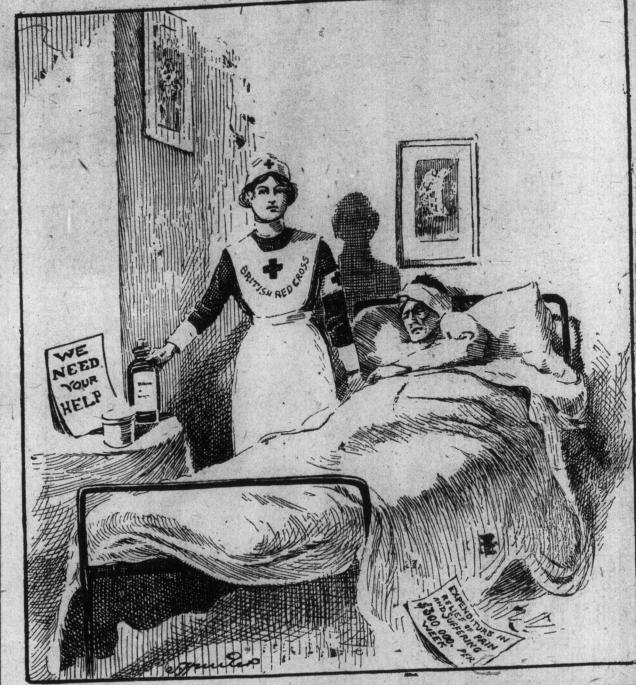
The Winnipeg Tribune declares that no

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of ma

The die-hards are having a bad time. That is what they call the Conservatives and Liberals who are holding out against unionist government, and would like to keep; each side, its old party going. The first to get the name was at Ottawa, applied to the ministers in the late government, who were slated to have their resignations accepted. Then there were certain M.P.'s who wanted to keep the fires burning as of yore on the old Tory altars. They prayed every day that the coalition negotiations might fail; and two or three times someone tried to throw a monkey-wrench into the wheels. In the Liberal ranks, men like Hon. William Pugsley were enlisted in the diehatds' ranks, but they have thrown down their arms and now are for winning the liam Pugsley were enilisted in the diehards' ranks, but they have thrown down
their arms and now are for winning the
war at all costs. Hon. W. S. Fielding
was another and is likely to remain so.
Some of the Tories, who were sore at
the prospect, are trying now to look
pleasant, but say it is hard to swallow.
Sir Sam Hughes is not quite a diehar He will support any candidate
who is a win-the-war man, with preference for the Tory. But he says in his
last manifesto that the Tory party could
have won without sharing the job of
governing the country with the Grits!
The unionist government will cause a
lot of pain to some papers, especially to
three or four that took big sums annually out of the government for rents
and for job printing. There will be no
more pickings in the printing line. One
centre of newspaper dictation, that of The
Montreal Star, is, it is to be hoped, destroyed for all time hereafter. Politically it has been the worst single influence
in Canada for twenty years. And yet
its proprietor insisted on getting the
highest rewards from both parties!
Patronage, political full and political
thumb-screwing will have to go by the
board as a result of the change. So will
the questionable influence transmitted
from one administration to another by a
little clique centred around two or three
permanent officials in a certain great
heves in the country, have to disappear. erse in the country, have to disappear. hey shouldn't wait to be asked to be relieved. Political turnovers often shake out or ought to shake out the barnacles and social and political porch-climbers.

The Union Pacific System will be

THEY NEED YOUR HELP TODAY



UNIONISTS TO OPEN

Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, and Hon, J. A. Calder will speak at Winnipeg on Monday night and at Regina on Tuesday. A fuller tour of the west will start later. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, solicitorgeneral, is to speak at Galt on the 24th, when Stuart Scott, Conservative member for South Waterloo, will be nominated as the candidate of the union government. Early in November Sir Robert Borden will go on the stump, starting at Halifax and speaking in the more important centres of

the various provincial governments may or a Liberal, but in the various divibecome unionized. sions the plan is to have only one man upon whom the vote of union forces will be centralized.

Issue of the election writs is ex-pected in a few days. Until they are out the date will be uncertain, but what the vote in England and at the front. the issue will be promulgated shortly. ives and Liberals in the cabinet.

feels the effect of the income tax who always keep a large supply on Forty Liberal candidates from easttives and Liberals in the cabinet.

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the country, including the western

head of the C.P.R., to the French press the field. He may be a Conservative of this province. His lordsnip was urged to define his attitude on posed to conscription.

In part he says: "Frothy jingoism is being figured on is nomination on and incendiary speeches, emanating as Nov. 19 and polling on Dec. 17. This a rule from those whose only contriwill allow four full weeks for taking bution to the war is in the form of language, and which may tend to en-A government manifesto outlining its courage domestic strife, should be war and general policy and defining suppressed, and every utterance that savors of disloyalty Its composition is under consideration prompt punishment to the offender. "The man with a substantial income

COUNSELS QUEBEC TO ACCEPT SERVICE has to bear."

Shaughnessy Issues Statement to French-Language Newspapers.

Montreal. Oct. 17 .- A statement counseling French-Canadians to accept the Military Service Act now that it is law, urging the extension of the measure if necessary to all branches of in-dustry furnishing war materials, has issued by Lord Shaughnessy. scription by a number of French-Canadian gentlemen. He has frequently been referred to by a part of the French papers in Quebec as op-

CAMPAIGN IN WEEK

There with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Their attitude toward the Liberals in the government, whether they are to be garded as Liberals or read out of the party holus bolus, will be the principal of the man who has neither son nor of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither son nor other than the conscription of the man who has neither the conscription of the man who has neither the conscription of the conscription of the man who has neither the conscription of the conscription of the man who has neither the conscription of the consc one to be dissected.

On Mcnday the Laberal leader will be class should be moderate and conin Montreal again consulting his Que-bec followers. Afterwards he will go the subject. Those of us who, like myself, have seen all our relatives of mill to western Ontario.

In political circles here it is extary age go overseas, and who have pected that Hon. N. W. Rowell will experienced the sadness of loss and seek election in one of the Oxfords, separation, cannot help feeling comat once; and if the corporations decline to supply the power in Canada that they have been notified is necessary, then the plants should be taken over for the benefit of the people as a war measures act.

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WIN-WAR CANDIDATE TO RUN IN VICTORIA

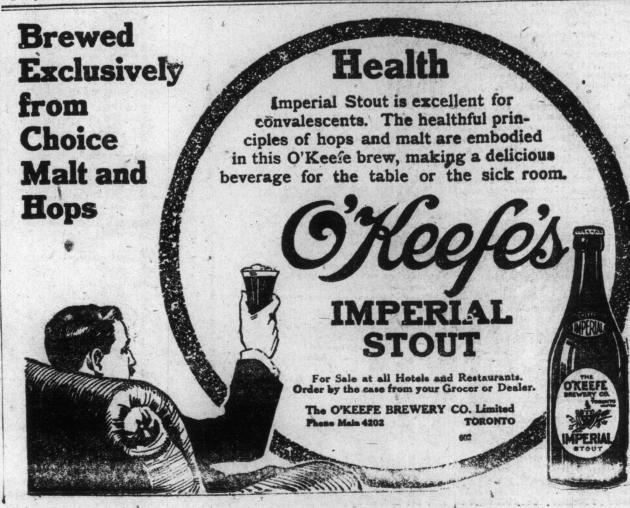
Conservatives of B. C. Capital Arrange to Choose Suitable Nominee.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 17. — Victoria Conservatives took the first step to-ward putting in the field at the forthcoming election a candidate who will be representative of all political parties and a supporter government. At a meeting of central executive it was decided to appoint a committee of five to confer with similarly appointed committees of the executives of any other associations whose aims are sympat

Both Liberals and win-the-war movement followers will be invited to co-operate and also the Great War Veterans' Association. The proposis to eliminate party conventions. endorsing union government was passed

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