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CABINET CHANGES

Sir Robert Borden is willing to reorganize his cabinet. The Conservative press makes the announcement. The Standard says he has it under consideration. If Sir Robert had taken this action two years or more ago he might have saved Canada from much humiliation. Just what he can do now it is impossible to predict with any approach to accuracy. The situation is serious, and there has been nothing in the past career of the prime minister to give rise to the hope that he can meet a serious situation with boldness and success. The Conservative press is not making Sir Robert's task any easier by attacking Sir Wilfrid Laurier and trying to fix on his shoulders the load that belongs to the premier who took the Nationalists into his cabinet. The Liberals of Canada are quite as loyal as the Conservatives, and they resent the unfair and unfounded attacks upon their leader. The present crisis in Canada is none of his making. If Sir Robert Borden were a wise statesman he would muzzle the machine organs that are making a bad situation worse. This is a time for patriots, and not for partisans.

CHILD-WELFARE

Some recent investigations by the Children's Aid Society revealed the necessity of teaching some families how to live. Consider the case of a family living in squalor in congested rooms, children ill-clad and unwashed, those of school age not at school, and the conditions such that action had to be taken, although apparently between eighty and ninety dollars per month was received in earnings. Or another case where the conditions were nearly as bad although members of the family earned more than thirty dollars per week. In each of these cases the family should have had a comfortable flat, large enough to accommodate all without incident crowding; the flats should have been neatly furnished and clean, the children at school, and everybody comfortable and reasonably happy. Yet the very opposite was the case. It is surely bad enough when the community is forced to render assistance when there is neglect through laziness, and much aid must also be given in cases where sickness or other unavoidable trouble has reduced families to extremity; and some means must be found to induce those who really earn enough to live on to give their children a fair start in life. Of course prohibition has disposed of acute cases such as those where drunkenness led to police raids and revealed shocking conditions, but there are too many cases of utter inability or lack of inclination to use money as it is needed for the real good of the family. The Children's Aid Society can do something to improve conditions by dealing with the parents; but what of the coming generation? Are the girls being taught domestic economy and the boys to use their hands so that when they grow up they will be able to save money by their own knowledge of how to use materials and add to the convenience and comforts of the home? Obviously all the children of school age should be at school, and given a thorough course of practical training. Take the case of a girl of ten years who can not read or write. What excuse is there for this handicap? Society will reap what it sows. Indifference to child-welfare will be repaid in future burdens and troubles.

MILLERS' PROFITS

There was an interesting discussion in parliament last week on the question of millers' profits. We quote from the Toronto Globe's report: "Hon. Dr. Pugsley thought the public were entitled to know what were the excess profits of every firm producing and handling foodstuffs on which large increases in price had been charged. "Sir Thomas protested that he had no desire to keep from the house information which the house should have. If a motion were made in a bona fide manner in the public interest he would support that motion, but if it were merely inquisitorial he would not commit himself as to the course he would pursue. "Hon. Dr. Pugsley reminded the minister that it was not mere inquisitorialness which caused members of the opposition to seek information concerning profits made on flour. Profits running up to 100 per cent, had been made, and the public had a right to know what proportion of such profits went into the public treasury. "Sir Thomas White replied that he did not think the profits of milling companies had anything to do with the resolution before the house. "Hon. Dr. Pugsley considered that this question had a great deal to do with the resolution before the house. Parliament had a right to know whether the profits from which the minister

proposed to take his revenue were 50, 100 or 200 per cent. Now was the time to bring down that information. It was a question in which the people were being crushed by the high cost of living. It was astounding that flour had reached the price of \$16 per barrel. Without the information desired, Dr. Pugsley maintained, the house was asked to 'put through the minister's resolution in the dark.' "The minister," said Dr. Pugsley, 'seems to have made himself a partner with the millers in the business of boosting prices. He takes his share of their excess profits and seems quite satisfied with that. Neither he nor the minister of labor has done anything to bring down the cost of living. The minister should not treat parliament as though it were a machine to do his bidding.'

The leading industries of the United States are overhauled with orders. Government buying is a notable feature. Bradstreet's says: "Industrial operations in leading lines are being pushed to the utmost allowed by capacity and the supply of labor—iron, steel, lumber, shipbuilding, machine tools and textiles standing in the forefront. Government buying has speeded up the textile industry, while also being responsible for renewed activity in the making of munitions of war. Labor, except in building lines is scarce, the effects of enlistments are being felt, and wages keep on rising, while strikes, though happily isolated, are numerous. Cotton mill hands have secured the fifth successive advance since the great war began. "Transportation facilities are inadequate and hamper the movement of bulk commodities, insufficiency in this respect being strikingly felt in the coal trades."

Practically all Russia, as represented by statesmen, politicians, newspapers and army leaders, calls upon its troops to advance against the Germans. The new war minister, in his latest appeal for action by the army, which was marking time too long and which thus has permitted the transfer of enemy forces to the sorely pressed defenses on the western front. The general support given the war minister should move the Russian troops to realization of the fact that they are jeopardizing the freedom so recently won. What the national leaders and the Allies desire is to see the Russian army at once resume activity against the Teutons. Can they refuse in face of the general sentiment?

Of the crop outlook in Ontario the Toronto Globe says: "The crop outlook in Ontario is improving with each passing week. While growth of spring grains has been slow, land in ideal condition, and recent rains, if followed by moderately warm weather, will send everything ahead with a rush. It is evident from the reports of district representatives of the department of agriculture, that there will be not only an increase in the crop area of the province, but that this increase will be greatest in such useful crops as corn, roots, and grains. With favorable weather there is every reason to expect better than an average yield of foodstuffs in Ontario this year."

Attacks by German airships on undefended English towns is no doubt regarded by the enemy as a species of "frighthfulness" which will discourage the British and make them long for peace. It can be explained in no other way. The relatively small amount of damage done does not warrant the invasion as a war measure. It does not weaken the striking power of Britain. What it does, and the Germans are apparently too stupid to realize the fact is to deepen the determination of the British to gain a crushing victory, no matter at how great a cost.

The United States will make short work of any German spies who may be exposed and captured. If Lieut.-Col. Armand Lavergne were in the United States he would be arrested and silenced. War is a serious business, and if those who enjoy the blessings of democracy know that they do not appreciate their liberties they should be taught a severe lesson. In the interests of that very democracy they must be prevented from preaching disloyalty and inciting treason.

A London cable says: "In moving the second reading of the franchise reform bill in the House of Commons, Sir George Cave, the Home Secretary, said he estimated the number of men voters that would be added by the bill to the present 8,375,000 was about 2,000,000, while the extension of the franchise to women would add to the register about 6,000,000 voters, of whom 5,000,000 would acquire the franchise as married women." What will the New Brunswick legislature do with woman suffrage?

Not in many years has the month of May seen so few arrests in St. John as that nearly closed. Prohibition has so far fully justified itself. All eyes are upon Ottawa.

THE HERALD PAID FOR ITS ABUSE

(Acadian Recorder.) The "Halifax Herald" is a very nice paper. It has so much consideration for the feelings of others. And then it is so disinterested. It is so anxious that people should not deviate from the straight and narrow path. Now some people might imagine that the waving of the old flag was in consequence of the early training its proprietor received when a resident of the old land. It would not abuse Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier Murray and the Liberal party for any pecuniary benefit it might receive from Sir Robert Borden's government. Perish the thought! But the Dominion auditor's report for the year ending March 31, 1916, lets the cat out of the bag. Here is the record on one page of that interesting report:

Halifax Herald, printing etc. \$17,594.17
Halifax Herald, advertising... 2,767.13
Halifax Mail, advertising... 1,418.83
Royal Print... 6,976.01

It is easily to be seen why the Tory organ wants the parliamentary term extended for another year, as it would mean two years' more of government pay. We are not much good at figures, but will endeavor to add up what the organ will receive by the two years' extension. \$27,838.14 multiplied by two would make \$55,676.28. Our figures are open to correction by the little ditty of the Herald, but considered general election disbursements appear the following: "Halifax Herald"—Printing voters' lists in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, \$2,651. (Premier Borden evidently intended springing a general election in 1916, but considered discretion the better part of valor.)

WORLD'S BIGGEST TELEPHONE CABLE LAID UNDER THE HUDSON

One step nearer a world telephone service, in the opinion of engineers engaged on the work, was taken recently, when the largest submarine cable in the history of the telephone was laid under the Hudson River, between the little cities of Nyack and Tarrytown, N. Y. It was designed to make an important connection between the existing system on each side of the river, but the installation involved so much experimental work and study on the part of the telephone operators, to say nothing of numerous physical difficulties, that its success was regarded as significant of what may be accomplished in extending telephone cables under sea in the future. The laying of the big cable is described, with illustrations, in the June Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Besides the fact that 14,670 ft. of this heaviest cable ever made, inched in loading posts 16 ft. long and weighing over four tons each, were laid by the use of a cable tugboat, a sand scow, and a light-draft tug, and took eight days to complete. Each step in the work had been carefully planned in advance by technical experts and involved many different operations from the arrival of the specially made cable by freight to the final splicing of the wires, the strategic laying of the line, and the anchoring of it on the river bottom by means of chains.

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RECENT WEDDINGS

Evans-Ewart.

A very pretty house wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ewart, Lorneville, when their daughter, Ellen Ann, was united in marriage to Sydney Evans, of Lorneville. Rev. A. J. Langlois performed the ceremony, in the presence of relatives and immediate friends.

Shields-Neaves.

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday evening at the residence of the officiating clergyman, when Private William Shields, of the 217th Battalion, and Miss Sylvia Grace Neaves, of Port Louis, Annapolis county (N. S.), were united in marriage by Rev. F. H. Wentworth.

Smith-Davis.

The marriage of James Smith of Smith Brothers, Sussex, and formerly of Petrolia, to Miss Hazel Irene Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Davis, of Smith's Creek, took place on Monday last at the home of the bride.

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RECENT DEATHS

Michael Whalen.
The death of Michael Whalen occurred yesterday morning at his mother's residence, 274 Waterloo street. The late Mr. Whalen was in his twentieth year and, up to Christmas, had been attending St. Joseph's College. He was a son of Anathasia and the late Frederick Whalen. He is survived by his mother and one brother, who is in the United States navy. The funeral will be held at 8.30 o'clock, Tuesday morning, from his mother's residence, 274 Waterloo street, to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem.

Miss Alice MacKay.
Newsweek, May 27.—Alice, only daughter of ex-Alderman and Mrs. A. H. Mackay, who had been ill for about a year, died yesterday afternoon, aged eight years. Besides her parents, she leaves four brothers, John, Douglas, Gordon and Ronald.

Buried on Sunday
The funeral of Miss Lillian P. Herd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. B. Herd, of 27 Garden street, took place on Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. D. J. MacPherson and the interment took place at Cedar Hill cemetery. A large number of relatives and friends were in attendance. Many beautiful floral offerings were received. Among those sending flowers were: Mr. and Mrs. B. Herd, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Herd, Mrs. B. Nason, Mrs. D. Dorman, N. B. Smith and family, Mrs. C. R. Kincaid, Miss E. Keith, Miss Lily Wilson, Miss Lily Frye, G. H. Hagerman, Eddie and Paul McRoberts, employees of D. F. Brown Company, Mr. and Mrs. L. Roberts, Miss Maude Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Simms, Miss Lillian Allison, Mrs. Hoar, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Florence Rossiter, E. Campbell, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Hatch, Miss Mrs. Fleming, Miss Fleming, Bible class, junior mission band, Sunday school class and B. Y. P. U. of the Centre Baptist church, teacher and pupils of grade 4, high school.

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