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Dangers of Inequity

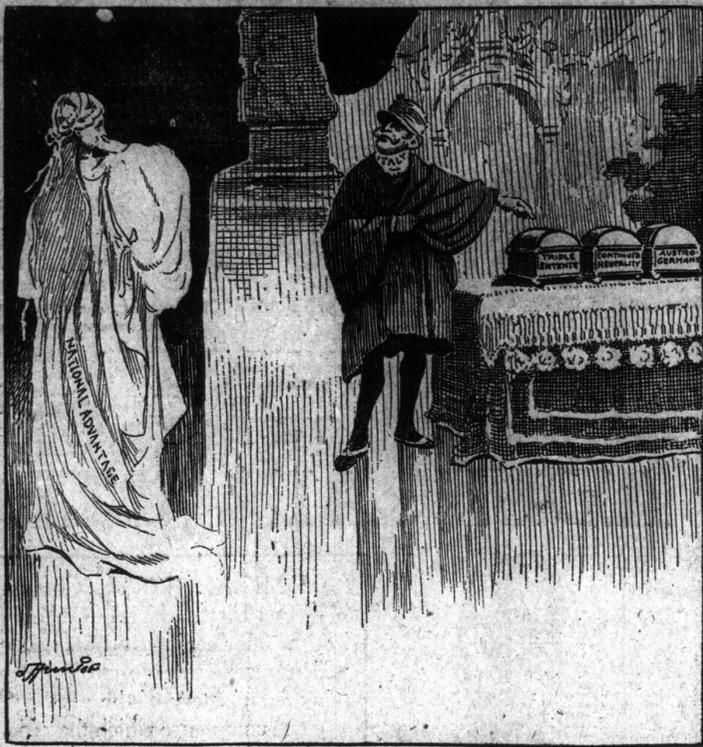
We believe that no man in Canada who understands the great issues at stake in the present war would hesitate about giving all he has if it were necessary to final victory, but there are many, at the same time, who do not fully grasp the importance of the issue raised, and whose minds are not cleared by what they conceive to be the injustice with which circumstances arising out of the war happen to bear upon them.

This is all the more necessary since there will be problems arising after the war is over which will be even more complex and more difficult of settlement than those which now confront us, and unless the leaders of society gain the confidence of the rank and file of the citizenry on every hand will be aggravated.

To many these reflections may appear trite and commonplace, or beside the mark. But the fact is that while the principle they involve is generally admitted, it is just as generally omitted in practice. Hence the necessity of urging and insisting upon the fairest application of just principles of government and the closest adherence to fair and just methods in administration.

We have constantly been bringing before our readers the inequity of the method in which the assessment Act is ignored instead of being enforced according to its terms. Nowhere more than in Toronto, perhaps, is this apparent, but there is no strict enforcement of its provisions anywhere that we are aware of in the province.

CHOOSING THE CASKET.



BASSANIO: "Let me choose; For as I am, I live upon the rack." —"Merchant of Venice," Act III., Scene II.

is that property is taxed at anywhere from forty to one hundred and thirty-five per cent of its value. It has also been shown that the small holder invariably gets the highest percentage of assessment.

Now that the province has undertaken to share in the taxation raised through this assessment it is more than ever the duty of the attorney-general or some other minister of the crown to see that the Assessment Act is properly administered. It is an inequitable, an injurious and debasing system which prompts the citizen to reflect that his millionaire neighbor is exempted \$300,000 or more in his assessment while he of the small property is assessed at its actual value.

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Undoubtedly the most severe blow the kaiser has yet received in this epoch-making conflict is the declaration made by Sir Edward Grey that the British Government is in sympathy with Russia's desire for free access to the Mediterranean Sea, and

that the form of its realization will be settled in the terms of peace. Important as the foreign secretary's intimation was as marking an entire change in the relations of the United Kingdom to the Russian Empire it is of more striking interest as being in effect a notification to the kaiser that Germany's path to that sea and to Asia Minor is finally barred, bolted and closed.

That reconstructed undertaking was opened by the kaiser on June 24, 1914, the Austrian Archduke and his wife were assassinated on June 28, Austria launched her ultimatum to Serbia on July 23, and on August 1 Germany declared war on Russia and started the European conflagration.

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SEEKS OWNERSHIP OF HER OWN GIRL

Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Asks for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

ARRESTED FOR SPY

Absentee Figures in Case Heard at Osgoode Hall.

Before Mr. Justice Sutherland, at Osgoode Hall yesterday, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, widow of Toronto, made application to get back her little daughter Gwendoline, whom she has not seen since August, 1912.

Mention was made in a judgment of Justice Middleton of the arrest of Jean Franck Armand, a British subject, and his incorporation in Germany, as a French spy.

A settlement was reached in the case of Savage v. Grand Trunk Railway. Arthur Savage of Pittsburg Township was killed last October at a level crossing on the company's line, and left a widow and three children, for whom the claim was made.

BERLIN BUSINESS MEN VICTIMS OF SWINDLER

Strange Man Bought Goods and Paid for Them With Worthless Cheques.

Special to The Toronto World. BERLIN, Ont., Feb. 26.—The separate school board of this city has de-

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WEEHAWKEN IS SAFE.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The British tanker Weehawken, about whose safety some alarm was felt, has arrived at Barry, according to despatches received here today.

EVELYN'S CREW SAFE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Minister Van Dyke at The Hague cabled today that he was unofficially reported that the entire crew of the American steamer Evelyn, sunk by a mine, was safe at Bremen.

BIG EATERS GET KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts at First Sign of Bladder Irritation or Backache.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

THE CALL TO ARMS.

Madam Marie Tasse, who is well-known as a charming member of Ottawa society, has composed a really marvellous marching song to words by Miss Laura McCully, M.A., entitled "The Call to Arms." There is a fine and vigorous ring about the music and it is not of the stereotyped order of war songs.

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