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FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 21.

### The Convention is in Favor.

The Telegram has accepted our suggestion, several times repeated, that the Conservative party in Ontario hold a convention as it did in 1904 and build a new platform for a further legislative and social advance. It is good advice and none the worse because The Telegram endorses it.

The Telegram also declares in capital letters that "the convention should declare for a free legislature." Are we to understand that this is a declaration in favor of proportional representation? Certainly that is the only system which sets a legislature free from the snares and shackles with which "interests" of all kinds try to tie up the people and frustrate their preponderant wishes.

Sir James Whitney used to emphasize the policy of trusting the people. This, unfortunately, is the last thing the machine politician wants to do. The people of Ontario are intelligent enough to be trusted, and they are also intelligent enough to see that they are not being trusted when they are asked to endorse one of a couple of machine selected candidates, and know that if they run an honest man of their own stripe they will only split the vote and elect an opposition member. Proportional representation would give the people a free legislature, and it would produce a new race of candidates who would be chosen for their merit and not for their subservience.

By all means let us have the convention.

### Reconstruction Principles.

Major-General McRae's fine address on reconstruction and demobilization is attracting a great deal of attention in the west where it has been delivered to various Canadian clubs. One of our local luncheon clubs should secure the attendance of this eminent Canadian, whose practical knowledge of Canadian men and Canadian conditions constitutes him a veritable Solon on the whole range of post-war questions. In the fourteen pages of the pamphlet containing his address, there is compacted an extraordinary amount of vital fact and thought.

General McRae sees clearly that a penny-wise and dollar-foolish policy will never do, not even in demobilization. It will be wiser in the long run to continue the soldier on the payroll until he is absorbed, than to turn him loose to become a disintegrative or obstructive element in society.

It must strike readers of General McRae's address that it is the timidity of the authorities in adopting and carrying them out, rather than any inherent difficulty in his proposals that prevents their realization. The big principle behind all of them is simply that we should be as zealous about making peace as we were about making war.

With regard to the soldiers, General McRae asks us to remember that the soldier has been giving his life at risk, and in return getting little more than a bare living wage. It is unreasonable to expect him to be satisfied when he returns with mere toleration or the attitude of sufferance, which makes people exhibit. Even the disturbances the soldier has been responsible for are the result of his patriotism and respect for the flag which the authorities took no steps to protect. Enemy aliens, says General McRae, have been no help to Canada and Canada should send them back to their beloved fatherlands as Britain decided to do some time ago.

This has a direct bearing on the employment problem, and threatens to make it acute if the returned soldiers find that enemy aliens fill the posts the soldiers feel they ought themselves to occupy. If each employer of labor would assume his share of the national obligation to provide the soldier with work, the slight increase in cost might be regarded as an insurance measure against a serious disturbance of business life.

General McRae is not a believer in farm life for the average returned soldier. Living in mud in Flanders, he says, does not beget a love of farming. Immigration from Britain where there are thousands anxious to go on the land, he believes, would solve our farm problem.

"Out of work pay," has been adopted in Britain for unemployed men and women. About a million people are on this list. Of course it is barely a sustaining amount but it is better than nothing and is at least a token of the will to serve. From this million, many recruits for the colonies could be had. Great Britain will require food products, which Canada could supply, and farm products offer a profitable revenue for some time to come. The immediate problem, according to the general, is labor. Good roads,

branch railways, land clearing schemes, water power and the development of other natural resources, he thinks, should provide much employment. We have had a hard struggle and need to be brought round by the stimulant of employment administered by the government. The country, he says, will forgive mistakes, but not inaction. The billions we would have spent on another year or two of war, would, if spread over a period of ten years, give the country a start in employment, and all the money being spent in the country would prove invaluable. Our unrealized assets make us solvent beyond any country on earth.

The favor with which these views are received in the west indicates that General McRae has struck a popular note and makes a perusal of his address all the more important in the eastern half of Canada.

### OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

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

### LIGHTS ON VEHICLES.

The editor of The World has received a copy of the following letter, which was forwarded to the board of control by John Macdonald of John Macdonald & Co., Ltd.

"I notice that you had a deputation for and against the proposed bylaw compelling all owners of horse-drawn vehicles to provide lights. I note that the representative of the Motor League stated that there were 25,000 motor cars in Toronto, while the retail merchants control 4,000 rigs and that they were all in favor of the bylaw."

"I cannot see where there would be any objection. I write you from a horse owner's standpoint. Only an ordinary safety would demand that the horse-drawn vehicles carry lights. The late Col. Mason always had his carriages with the side lights and the regulation rear light on the hind axle which was most effective."

"I am very much in earnest in this matter and if there should be any owners of vehicles, drawn by horses, that would feel they were not in a position to provide the same, I am prepared to start a fund by giving \$100 for this purpose."

"I sincerely trust that your board, after carefully considering the matter from all sides, will come to the conclusion that all vehicles, without exception, should carry lights."

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) "John Macdonald."

### Osgoode Hall News

Stipes vs City of Hamilton.  
Before Chief Justice Mulock. A motion on behalf of Susan Stipes to compel G. G. Books, mayor of Hamilton and B. R. Gray, city engineer, to the common law for contempt of court, in not putting into effect the judgment pronounced on the 24th Nov., 1911, as varied by order of divisional court made on 29th January, 1912, in that they continued to permit the discharge of sewage or waste into Stipes' inlet and upon the lands and into waters over the lands of the plaintiff and in order imposing a fine for contempt in not obeying the said judgment as varied.

The chief justice enlarged the motion to commit until March 31.  
Appellate Court—Second Division.  
List of cases set down for hearing on Friday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m.  
Anderson v. Rochester.  
Hopkinson v. Westerman.  
Martin v. Samuels.  
Pestov v. Lambton Realty Company.  
Judges' chambers will be held at 11 a.m., before Mr. Justice Kelly.

### A Line of Cheer Back Day of the Year

By John Kendrick Bangs.  
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### A QUERY.

You've sat your lunch and breakfast thru. Perhaps you had your dinner, too. Reading self on bread and meat. Until your stomach is replete. As you've run along your way. What have you fed your soul today? What thing of beauty or of cheer, Of all the lovely meagre things? What food, selfishness and Love. Have you perchance partaken of? I'm asking this about your food. With no intention to be rude. But just to put a simple question. To save you mental indigestion.

### FOR SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S STATE FUNERAL.

Extra sleeping cars will be placed in Canadian National Railways train leaving Toronto Union Station 10.00 p.m. Friday, 21st, for the convenience of those attending Sir Wilfrid Laurier's funeral in Ottawa on Saturday. Reservations should be made early—Ticket Offices, 52 King street E., and Union Station.

### UKRAINIANS RESUME ATTACK ON POLES

London, Feb. 20.—Ukrainian forces resumed the attack against the Poles defending Lemberg on the Sunday and have captured all the points between Przemyśl and Grodno, west of Lemberg, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Vienna. Railway communication in that region has been interrupted.

### Eight German Vessels Allotted To Transport American Troops

Washington, Feb. 20.—Definite information reached the war department today that eight German steamships, including the Imperator, had been allotted to the United States for transporting troops from France. They will provide accommodation for from 50,000 to 60,000 additional troops monthly.

## RIGHT OVER THE OLD PARTY LINE FENCES.



### THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

By JANE PHELPS.

#### One of Neil's Deals Goes Thru.

CHAPTER XIV.  
Neil it was whose voice had rung out in the cheer. I was waiting dinner for him, but had not heard him come in.  
"What's it all about?" He had grabbed me around my waist and was whispering me about the room for all the world like a mad dervish.  
"It's over! The deal went thru today. My, but your husband's some money-maker! Say you're proud of me, Bab! Say it quick or I'll go and find someone who will." Anxious as always for praise.  
"Of course I am proud of you, you dear boy. I'm always proud of you. Come, you shall tell me all about it while we have dinner."

Neil was very gay all thru dinner, yet he really told me nothing. Again and again he reiterated that the "deal had gone thru" and more than once I had to tell him that I was proud of him.

"We'll go and look at those apartments I told you of, on Sunday, or would you rather have a house?" he asked.

"Oh, let us have the apartment. A house isn't half so pretty nor so easy to manage. But Neil, what not stay here until our year is up? We'll have to pay unless we find someone to take it."

"Stay here! Well, I guess not! We'll get out of this joint just about as fast as we can, then we'll show them a few things." ("Them" being his friends, of course.)  
He was so boyishly happy. I said no more. Yet I dreaded the thought of change. The apartment, while not large, was comfortable and was almost luxurious in its furnishings. With the two servants, I had little real care, and we had been happy there—in our first home.

After Neil's first exhibition of joy had somewhat subsided, as we were sitting in the library, sipping our coffee, I tried again to question him.

"Never mind the details, Bab. The thing is done. You couldn't understand if I tried to tell you."

"Lorraine said today that if she married she would want to know all about her husband's business. I made me realize I knew absolutely nothing of yours."

"She probably would have to take it out in wanting to know all about their business. Women gossip too much, for one."

Once again I had been uneasy for no reason. I must stop imagining things, I decided.

The remainder of the evening we spent planning when we should move—always supposing we found an apartment that suited us—and what we should do about the disposal of the one we were then occupying.

"If you rent it furnished or unfurnished you may have the rent," he said.

"Oh, I'll surely rent it, but I hate to let anyone have our things." "We shan't need or want them. Might as well let them stay here." The very next day I found a tenant for the apartment who would take possession whenever we were ready to vacate. I had spoken to the superintendent, and he sent this man to me—a bachelor who would take it off his hands if we would leave the furniture.

Tomorrow—Bab's Mother Gives Her Good Advice.

### CONFERENCE ON IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

London, Feb. 20.—A conference to discuss British import restrictions has been arranged for between a committee of the American chamber of commerce, representing importers of American motor vehicles and British manufacturers.

## THREATEN TO BURN ALL THE OIL WELLS

Ukrainians Put Obstacle in Way of Settlement by Polish Mission.

Warsaw, Feb. 20.—The inter-allied commission appointed by the peace conference to investigate the situation in Poland, is rapidly getting settled and is preparing to face many problems, the most important of which are the food supply and the differences between the Poles and the Ukrainians regarding the oil region, near Lemberg, Galicia.

In regard to the oil dispute, the Ukrainian government announces that it will not negotiate with the Poles as long as the Poles occupy any of the territory in dispute. The announcement says that the negotiations with the allied representatives, Col. Wade of the British army and General Barthelmey of the French army failed because the officers accepted the Polish viewpoint and not the Ukrainian.

The Ukrainians threaten to burn the oil wells in their possession if they are forced to retreat. It is estimated that 500,000,000 francs of French, British and Belgian capital is invested in the oil fields of which the Poles and the Ukrainians each hold a part. The Ukrainians are obtaining arms by the sale of oil in Budapest and other places.

The inter-allied mission—also is considering plans to purchase satisfactorily the territorial disputes between the Poles and the Germans, the Poles and the Czechoslovaks, and the Poles and the Ukrainians, so that there were many matters to attend to there, including the winding up of the British High Commission which was only necessary during the war. He said he hoped to be back in England by the end of April. The ambassador was accompanied by Lady Reading.

## MANITOBA SOCIETY ASKS WHEAT PRICE

In Resolution, Agriculturists Request Quick Parliamentary Action.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—The Manitoba Agricultural Society, in annual convention here yesterday, adopted a resolution asking that a price be fixed for the 1919 wheat crop. The resolution reads:

"Whereas a large number of farmers in the west have to purchase seed grain at the present fixed price, and whereas the price is fixed on almost all the farmer has to buy, therefore be it resolved that this convention of agricultural societies assembled, representing the producers of the country, ask the federal government to fix the price of wheat for the 1919 crop, the same as for the 1918 crop."

Scores Grain Growers.  
The resolution was introduced by A. D. McConnell, president of the provincial organization, who, in the course of his address, scored the recent action of the Grain Growers' Association and the United Farmers of Alberta in accepting the platform that a fixed price for the 1919 crop was not necessary.

"It is plainly up to common public opinion," said Mr. McConnell, "to want a reduction of the tariff or better still, free trade, but until we get it we want the price of wheat fixed for this year."

The society put itself on record as opposed to the daylight saving scheme as being detrimental to agriculturists, voted its approval of the Kansas City exhibition and recommended the standardization of removable parts of farm machinery.

### EX-KAISER'S YOUNGEST SON ARRESTED FOR INTRIGUE

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—Prince Jovachim of Prussia youngest son of former Emperor William, has been arrested, according to a despatch from Munich. The despatch states his arrest was on suspicion of his being connected with "certain intrigues."

## LLOYD GEORGE DEFERS HIS VISIT TO PARIS

Desires to Attend Labor Conference Called for February 27 by Government.

London, Feb. 20.—Premier Lloyd George has postponed his visit to Paris owing to pressure of business here, especially in connection with the labor conference to investigate the situation of which the government has called for February 27. Hence it is unlikely he will start for Paris until the 25th.

## SAY CANADA SOON WILL NEED LABOR

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Information is coming to the repatriation and employment committee to the effect that there will be no scarcity of work with the various railway companies as soon as spring opens. West of Port Arthur the C.P.R. and C.N.R. are going to require 10,000 men for summer, the former company using 6000 men and the latter 10,000. From all indications in various parts of the country the entire situation may be so totally changed within the next four months that Canada will be actually looking for labor rather than having a surplus of workers.

## EARL READING SAILS TO RESUME HIS POST

London, Feb. 20.—The Earl of Reading, British ambassador to the United States, sailed today to resume his post at Washington.

Before going on board the steamer Aquitania, the ambassador said he was anxious to get back to Washington as there were many matters to attend to there, including the winding up of the British High Commission which was only necessary during the war. He said he hoped to be back in England by the end of April. The ambassador was accompanied by Lady Reading.

## IDA RE THE BELT LINE CARS

By IDA L. WEBSTER.

In a city of half a million people, is it not a crime to think that a street railway company can make so many heart aches? The citizens of this fair town are made to suffer the very dregs of the cup, and all because Mister Robert Fleming and his clan cannot see their way clear to meet them half-way.

We have received several complaints from folks who live, or rather who travel on the Belt Line cars. To say that their grievances are many would be putting the matter mildly. They are absolutely suffering, and yet nothing is done.

In the first place, the road-bed on Spadina avenue is so very bad that unless you are a born athlete it would be impossible for you to stand up under the jerks. The cars are those little box looking affairs which were probably samples of the first invention. Added to that, practically half of these are running on flat wheels, which greatly enhances their comfort.

Every time they go over a piece of road which is all bunched up, and unfortunately most of it is in that condition, there is a wild jump that almost lands you in the lap of the fellow across the aisle. Then again if you keep your feet planted on a floor where all respectable folks are supposed to keep their, the vibration almost gives you an electric shock.

In fact, there have been days when we wondered why it was necessary to hang men for murder, when they could just as easily put them on a Belt Line car, and let them be electrocuted.

At night when it is time to go to the theatre, or anywhere else for that matter, there is very often a break at least 20 minutes in the service. Personally we know that we have waited from 8 o'clock until 22 minutes after before one logged along, and after all that course-producing lull, you would have to prepare your soul for death before you boarded the contraption.

Those folks who love to patiate about taking your life in your hand every time that you go out have not the faintest idea how very truthful they are, that is unless they patronize the afore-mentioned line. In which case they have reason to speak, and with great feeling, too.

As this kind of service has been the vogue for years in this division, it is only natural to imagine that there would have been unlimited complaints made to the company, but just what has been the result? Not a thing. Of course we all know that there has been much talk about fixing the road, but talking will not do very much in the matter of poor car service and bad road-beds.

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## GERMANS COMPELLED POLES TO RETIRE

Warsaw, Friday, Feb. 14.—Two German divisions attacked Polish forces west of Posen and by the use of gas shells, compelled the Poles to retire along the line of Lagoons, south of Nowy Tomysl, 35 miles west of Posen. Previous to the attack, the inter-allied mission to Poland, at a sitting in Warsaw, had decided to ask the armistice commission to include in the new armistice terms a demarcation of a temporary line between Polish and Germany territory.

The above despatch was filed from Warsaw before the new armistice terms were signed by the Germans at Treves, last Sunday morning. The new terms outline the delimitation of Polish territory and were reported to have placed the line of demarcation west of Posen, several miles west of Nowy Tomysl.

## THOUSAND FOR TORONTO ON EMPRESS OF BRITAIN

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The militia department has received word that the Empress of Britain with 3,149 Canadian troops on board, sailed on Feb. 17 for Halifax. She will probably dock about Feb. 25. The classification of the board by military districts shows there are 31 officers and 1,425 men for Ontario, of whom 21 officers and 1,022 men are for Toronto military district.

## Would Enroll Lithuanian Army In U. S. to Fight Bolsheviks

Pittsburg, Feb. 20.—Permission to enroll 30,000 non-American citizens to be sent to Lithuania to fight the Bolsheviks is asked in a resolution addressed to the United States government and adopted here yesterday by the Lithuanian national council. In event the government favors the plan the council will rush the men to Lithuania to reinforce the army of 30,000 now opposing the Bolshevik advance.

## King Attends Memorial Service for Dead Airmen

London, Feb. 20.—The King yesterday attended a memorial service for fallen airmen in Westminster Abbey. There were also present General Turner, Sir Edward Kemp and General George Perley.

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