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Wednesday, March 29, 1916.

The Situation.

The French troops have repulsed another violent German attack in the Verdun region. The Paris official report states: "The successive waves of assault were all swept back with heavy losses inflicted by our barrier and infantry fire."

All reports agree that there is desperate fighting between the Huns and the Russians in the Dvinsk regions. It is said that both sides, realizing the closeness of the spring deluge, are making every sacrifice to secure positions on high ground. The desperate manner in which the Kaiserites are seeking to buoy up the feelings of the people with reference to these operations is abundantly proved by the circumstance that Berlin claims that the troops of the Czar have lost 80,000 men, while their forces have remained unshaken. The claim is a palpable lie on the face of it.

The fact is confirmed that in the recent North Sea operations a German destroyer was rammed and sunk with all on board by the oil-burning, light-armed cruiser Cleopatra.

The great war council of the Allies held in Paris has been concluded. The net result is complete unity of action in smashing the Hun, with Italy coordinating to an extent which she has not hitherto done.

In the Ontario House yesterday a special committee of fourteen members was appointed to enquire into industrial and agricultural production on behalf of the war, and to devise plans for assisting recruiting.

Commercial Campaign.

Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, made an important address last night before the Toronto Board of Trade. He reviewed the commercial, financial and industrial situation in Canada since the war and the changes that will follow the declaration of peace. Canada was now passing through the transition period, as was the rest of the world. A mighty revolution was taking place, the age of individualistic effort was disappearing and the new era of co-operative and co-ordinated effort was dawning. Few could scarcely understand the immensity of the transition that was taking place. With the close of the war we would come face to face with conditions such as never before existed; it would be a changed world. It was the duty of all to sit down and carefully think over what those changes meant and to prepare to meet changed conditions. Unpreparedness had been the curse of the past eighteen months, and it might prove a big curse after the war unless a determined, concentrated, persistent and sustained effort were made to meet the conditions that were before us. A great readjustment of the commercial, industrial, financial and social life of Canada had to be made. It was the duty of the Government, of members of Boards of Trade, of financiers and merchants, in fact of every one who had the welfare of the country at heart, to endeavor to find a solution of that immense problem.

In this regard he announced that he will shortly establish, probably in Ottawa, a commercial museum, the plans for which are nearing completion. Sir George stated that it would be complete in every detail and afford practical ideas for captains of industry and others contemplating the launching of new industries in Canada after the war.

"My efforts are directed towards making it a bureau for information as to the possibilities of foreign trade to Canada's productive industries with special reference to the Dominion's own home markets," declared Sir George. "It will be an institution which will co-ordinate and co-operate with the Department of Trade and Commerce and thus be beneficial to the general development of the productive industries of Canada. We want more practical sagacity and wisdom, factors which will be absolutely essential if we desire to retain a premier position along with our allied neighbors in the developing of gigantic commercial industries after the war."

Fully half the marriages in Detroit are made on the impulse of the moment, says Rev. Father Dempsey of that city.

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The British Fleet.

The New York Times has a notable article in which it pays unreserved tribute to the British fleet. Following are some extracts:

"Shadowy ships of the German fleet are often seen by enthusiastic German correspondents coming out of Kiel Harbor or cruising in the Baltic or the North Sea. They are looking for the British, who avoid a fight. Joy fills the heart of the home folks. Where is the Mistress of the Seas now? Fine individual romantic exploits like those of the Moeve are celebrated almost as if they were a Trafalgar. The Germans have paid high for a navy. They have an admirable navy, excellently manned and officered. The only trouble with it, it is that the British are too strong for it. The undersea campaign has made only a scratch on the British merchant marine. The statement of Mr. Balfour, first Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons, shows that in spite of the loss of nine capital ships and eight cruisers, the British Navy is about twice as strong as it was at the beginning of the war. Its strength has increased by a million tons. In all fighting units, except armored cruisers, a class which has in the last ten years been replaced in new construction by battle cruisers, this doubling has occurred. Without the British fleet France would have lost her colonies and her cause. Italy could not have entered the war. The Mediterranean would be a German and Austrian lake. The inestimable, the primary, value of the fleet to the Allies is too often forgotten. It has practically swept German and mercantile vessels from the seas. A raider or two may be lurking somewhere in the vast expanse of oceans, but German commerce is bottled up, except in the Baltic. The German fleet has stayed bottled up, save for sporadic demonstrations for home effect."

If the Germans are ultimately beaten on land, or the land game remains a draw, Great Britain will still hold the seas. If they win on land, Great Britain holds the seas. German ports are blockaded, on all the salt water of the world there is no German ship, unless she is at refuge in some neutral port or is a ship of war hiding from the British fleet. In vain does the German irresistible artillery smash every defence. In vain are German soldiers slaughtered in pursuit of the grandiose, the megalomaniac, German dream. Silent, waiting, the floating steel bulwarks of the British fleet will strike against the world against Germany. She may win splendid, costly triumphs, wearing herself down with the winning. The real enemy, the fatal adversary, remains, Germany is cut off from the oceans. She is walled up. The sea-borne commerce that she built up with such marvelous energy, enterprise, and comprehensive design, which she flung away so rashly, is over and done. To Scandinavia and Holland, to such petty limits has the wide interchange of products shrunk. To the east is Russia, made unconquerable by her vastness and resources. France will fight to the last extremity. Whatever France or Italy or Russia may do or not do, there is the British fleet. Germany is strangled unless she can defeat it. Great Britain will not make peace so long as that superiority of sea power, whose cardinal importance Admiral Mahan taught Germany, is British. It was Nelson that broke the empire. Until Gernaty shatters British sea power her strivings for victory will be impotent."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

If Mayor Bowlby would realize that he is only one of the City Council, and take the aldermen more into his confidence, he would not afterwards have to do so much explaining.

The Huns are actually planning to have statues to their heroes, after the war, of a uniformly artistic type. They don't yet seem to realize that the famous statue to Victory, which depicts a figure with head and arms gone, will not be in it alongside what is going to happen to them.

An Indianapolis woman has just secured a divorce on the ground that her husband started crying three days after their marriage, and kept up this watering-cart business for seven straight weeks. Beats all how quickly some men become disillusionized.

An Indiana man has been sentenced to ninety days in jail for taking a

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neighbor's umbrella, which he found on a porch during a rain storm. What are umbrellas for, anyway?

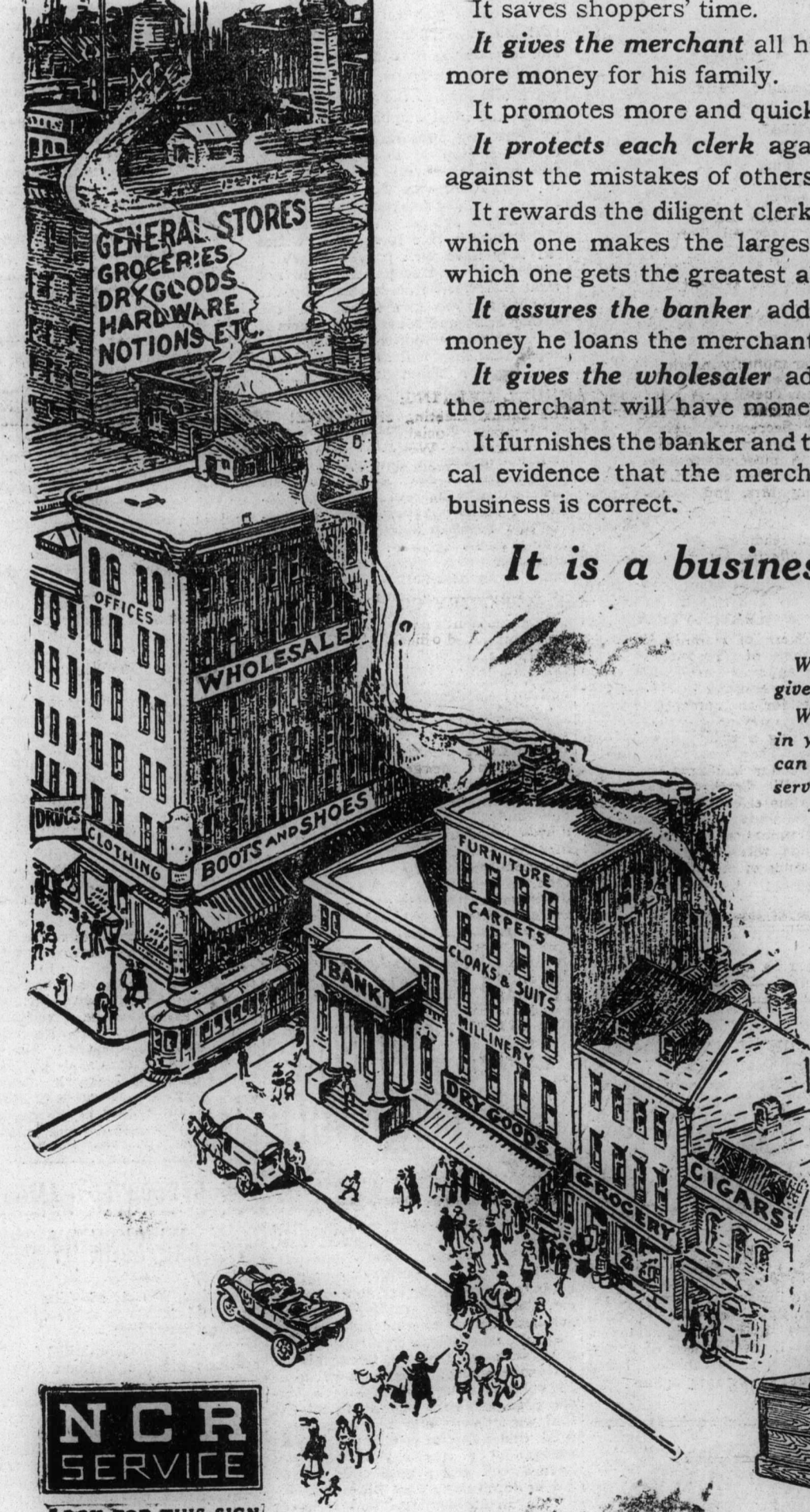
REVENUE FROM COPYRIGHTS

Government Should Take Over Copyrights After Thirty Years.

Berlin, March 29.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—"Why could not the state take over all copyrights upon their expiration—at the end of thirty years, and thus acquire a considerable new source of revenue?" asks Alfred Schattmann, a well known German composer, in the current number of the Allgemeine Musikzeitschrift. He would have the state pay a reasonable percentage of the profits to the immediate heirs, as long as any survive, and, in proper cases, also to the publisher, without any vested rights. Herr Schattmann would have the law made retroactive, and would also apply it to German copyright of foreign books. The revenue, he believes, would be very large, and, best of all it would be gained with no very perceptible burdening of the general public. An especially large income would come from the theatre. The tax on pieces still protected by copyright need be but one or two per cent, after the taking over of the expired copyright by the state, and under the retroactive provisions of the law, Mozart, Weber, Lortzing, Schiller and scores of other popular authors and composers would be an additional source of revenue. Schattmann sees, as a further advantage, the possibility for the state to exercise its new powers in encouraging promising talents.

Death Summons Mrs. Wm. H. Leishman

Toronto, March 29.—After a very brief illness, Mrs. William H. Leishman, wife of Mr. W. H. Leishman, president of the wholesale clothing company bearing his name, passed away yesterday morning at the family residence, 82 South Drive, Rosedale. A family of four sons and six daughters survive. Three of the sons are on active military duty, while the fourth is connected with the Mississauga Horse. The sons are: Lieut. G. E. Leishman, at Camp Kapuskasing; Lieut. Chester McG. Leishman, with the 123rd Battalion; Gunner W. Harry Leishman, who enlisted with the 24th Battery, but now attached with the Trench Mortar Brigade at the front; and Pte. R. C. Leishman, with the Mississauga Horse, but at present in Windsor in the employ of the Ford Motor Company. Lieutenant G. E. Leishman was formerly with the Bank of Commerce, Gunner Harry Leishman, formerly with the Ford Motor Company, and Lieut. Chester McG. Leishman, formerly with the Leishman Company. Lieut. Chester Leishman was to be married to-day to Miss Mignon Merrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Merrill, formerly of Brantford, but owing to the sudden death of Mrs. Leishman, the marriage has been postponed indefinitely.



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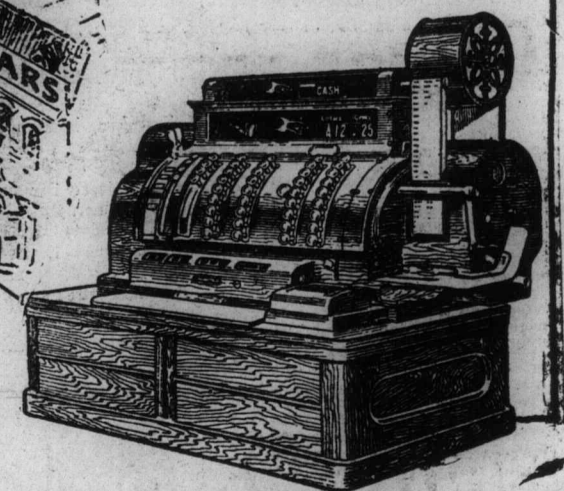
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Saskatchewan M. P. Committed to Jail

Regina, March 29.—R. H. Devline, M.P.P. was committed to the provincial jail to-day on nine charges of theft, aggregating \$12,000. He did not ask bail. He was remanded until April 5.

Devline was brought in from the west last night and taken to the Parliament Building. He was not represented by counsel, and had nothing to say. Dr. Frank J. Lutz, a widely known surgeon, died of heart disease at his home in St. Louis, Mo.

Nothing Like Trying.

Montreal, Que., March 29.—At the Y. M. C. A. whirlwind membership campaign luncheon held here to-day an interesting story was told of how Lord Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was secured as a new recruit. Apparently not one of the older captains had attempted to tackle his Lordship, but Edward Kyle, a fifteen year old boy, a member of the East End boys team wrote his Lordship, informing him that he intended calling the following day. When the boy arrived, there was a cheque for a twenty-five dollar membership awaiting him. The first day brought in 261 members.

Major Watts Rejects Offer From Pioneers

Toronto, March 29.—Major A. D. Watts, 204th Battalion, has been offered a post as second in command of the 4th Pioneers of Ottawa. The 4th Pioneers is commanded by Lieut.-Col. Weatherbee, one of the early graduates of the Royal Military College. Major Watts is a graduate of the R. M. C. and has had wide experience as an engineer. The Major is not accepting the appointment, preferring to stay with Lieut.-Col. Price's unit. He is second in command of the 204th. Major Watts formerly lived in Brantford.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Chippewa Indian is run for Congress in a Minnesota district. Mrs. Mary S. Woodrow, ninety-eight years old, a cousin of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, is dead at Versailles, Ky.