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Opening Up West Toronto

With the threat of the Suburban Railway Company, in view of an appeal to the privy council against the decision under which the company is required to build the Annette street line according to its agreement, Toronto has no option but to carry out the policy which will best serve the interests of the west end citizens, independent of any legal decision that may be arrived at. Privy council decisions have frequently demonstrated that "things are not what they seem," and in any case further delay in remedying the existent situation would be intolerable. The board of control has the situation well in hand, and with the authority of the government to construct a line on Bloor street west of Dundas street to Quebec avenue, there need be no long wait before commencing the work. When this section is completed and the cars in operation it will be more apparent what is the next step to be taken. The one principle to be kept in view is the elimination of the double fare disability which bears so heavily on citizens residing outside the old city limits.

Hard to Understand

The Toronto Globe protests that it never said:
 Why give workmen higher wages? They will have it all spent by the end of the month, and be no better off anyhow.

The World is chided for misquoting the Globe in that particular regard, and we hasten to say that we certainly had no desire or intention to misquote. Neither do we think that anyone reading the article could have supposed that we were charging the Globe with having made the query objected to.

The Globe, the other day, cynically dismissed the whole question of direct or primary nominations with the remark that "the system that will make men vote wisely has not been devised." Commenting upon this, we said that every reform ever suggested could be countered with a similar argument, and we went on to instance several "bromides" of the kind not infrequently heard.

However, while we are upon the subject we cannot refrain from expressing our surprise that great progressive reforms like the direct nomination and direct legislation, which have been adopted by as many communities and have been enthusiastically acclaimed by the Liberals of Western Canada, find no sympathy or support from The Toronto Globe, or so far as we can learn from Leader Rowell and the Ontario opposition. We ventured to suggest some days ago that an opposition leader should be on the alert to seize the rising tide of progressive ideas. Perhaps Mr. Rowell, when the legislature assembles, will be found more progressive than many people think, but we see little to indicate it in the editorial columns of our good neighbor, The Toronto Globe.

Swapping Constitutions?

Curiously, while we have been adopting the system of checks and balances in our federal government, so that the upper chamber freely vetoes measures proposed by the government of the day and passed by the house of commons, the people of the United States have been endeavoring to adopt something like the British or parliamentary system. President Wilson has endeavored to occupy something like the place of the British prime minister, addressing the congress from time to time in person, proposing important measures of legislation and calling upon his followers in the senate and house of representatives to enact the same. With both houses of congress in political accord with him, and public opinion on his side, it is possible for a patriotic president to carry into effect the platform of principles upon which he was elected.

Are we swapping constitutions? Not permanently at any rate. The people of this country will insist upon having a responsible government and

there are reasons why the parliamentary system cannot be efficiently and permanently maintained at Washington. For one thing, the president is often a dark horse candidate, almost unknown to the country at the time of his election and far from being the leading man of his party. And, again, it might happen that congress is controlled by the political party opposed to the president. But the greatest obstacle in the past to representative and responsible government in the United States has been the ability of the senate to utterly ignore the house of representatives, fresh from the people and with a clear mandate for certain legislation. Thus the Democrats carried nearly every congressional election for twenty years, commencing in 1874, without being able to get on the statute books the laws they were pledged to pass.

To some extent the system has been bettered in the United States by the constitutional amendment requiring United States senators to be elected by a popular vote, instead of by state legislatures. But so long as there are two co-ordinate branches of the national legislature there are apt to be deadlocks, with the defeated political party able to prevent their victorious opponents from crystallizing the popular mandate into legislation.

The two chamber system is open to many objections and has required surgical treatment in Britain, where the unrepresentative chamber has been curbed but not abolished. In Canada, we have had many remedies proposed, most of them, however, only dealing with the present temporary situation. So long, however, as the senate is free from any responsibility to the people and with power to veto bills passed by the popular chamber, it will remain a menace, not only to this or that government from time to time, but to all popular or parliamentary government in the Dominion. The Toronto Star proposes to abolish the senate altogether and The World has more than once declared that it should not be kept in existence if it is to remain irresponsible. Bringing it into political sympathy with the present government will solve the temporary situation, but the permanent menace to responsible government remains in the constitution. Much more than party politics is involved; it is a national question that should be considered by all good citizens from a national standpoint.

Patriotism and Treachery

That Germany for many years had been assiduously preparing the way for European dominance is now too evident to admit of question. During the long period when the present Kaiser and his chancellors and counsellors were posing as sincere upholders of world peace they were, all the time, using that mask to cover their insidious designs on the freedom and independence of the neighboring states they sought to lull into apathy and indifference. It is an old saying every thing is fair in love and war, but the Germans have extended the maxim to cover every variety of deception and treachery practised upon honorable nations that believed international obligations to be as binding as those of man and man.

In order to fight crime it has been found necessary to use methods that are abhorrent to the normal mind. Nevertheless, these methods have been tolerated because they were useful and often necessary in order to defeat attacks on life and property. But the profession of the spy has never been held in honor by the peoples who play the game, even when they have been protected by it. The world has recognized a hero in the man who, without disguise, has risked his life in perilous enterprises, whether to gain information or to guard against surprise. It has never regarded, and will never regard, the ostensible friend and secret spy, however great the personal risk he takes, as of heroic mold.

No nation has ever employed and developed the spy system on so extensive a scale as Germany appears to have done. No section of society in countries towards which the German Government professed sincere friendship is now seen to have been free from its activity. Its ramifications were endless and its energies employed with a cynical indifference to those virtues and qualities that have ever been held in high regard even in the dark ages. No normal man but regards with natural antipathy practices which involve the betrayal of trust or the misuse of friendship. Yet that is what German spies have been engaged in doing. Posing as good citizens, sometimes elected to responsible offices, they have reappeared in this war as army officers employing their knowledge to injure the very communities they deceived. Perhaps they deem themselves patriots, but that is a sorry patriotism which reveals itself in treachery.

THE CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY OF TORONTO.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto was held at noon yesterday in the company's boardroom. The president, Mr. A. W. Austin, presented the sixtieth annual report of the company, together with the financial statements, which were unanimously adopted. The following gentlemen were unanimously re-elected directors for the ensuing year: A. W. Austin, A. H. Campbell, Sir Wm. Morrison, K.C., F.L.M., L.L.D., Wellington Francis, K.C., F.L.M., D.C.L.; Herbert Langlois, Thomas Long, Sir Edmund Osier, M.P.

A MELANCHOLY SPECTACLE



A NEWSPAPER ENEMY TO BE BARRED OUT

It is publicly reported in America that The Literary Digest of New York, a weekly newspaper that professes to impartially present news and views like Public Opinion of London, has accepted service in the German cause. How much truth there is in this, we cannot say at this moment; but we can say that this professed impartial authority is deliberately and maliciously devoted to advocacy of the German Empire's cause and to apology for Germany's acts in the war; and to giving Great Britain and her allies the worst of it.

No such paper should be allowed to come into Canada in time of war, nor should the publication firm that runs it find a market for any of its output in Canada. And we mean Funk & Wagnalls of New York and London, who have taken hundreds of thousands of dollars out of Canada and even larger sums out of England for their books and papers; and who own The Literary Digest; and England has a good case against them going to London.

We have no issue with any American paper or firm that fairly and openly comes out against the British cause; but we draw the line at a paper and firm that professes to be impartial and then secretly enlists in the cause of one side and deliberately misrepresents the other. That comes near to treason—it is at least treason to fair play and to those whose money is taken under false colors.

The government at Ottawa will only be doing its duty if it puts up the bars to this firm and its papers.

The free Lutherans of America had also better find out how their traditions have been betrayed by the commercial successors of the Lutheran preacher who founded the house. The Lutherans of the United States do not, we think, uphold a war directed by autocratic militarism.

The German Government knows the value of influencing public opinion and the part played by clipping bureaus and journals that mold the people's minds, and it went after, and evidently got, The Literary Digest at an early stage of the war. The Kaiser's government also knows that when the day for intervention comes it in any policy he takes up by the view of his own people. The Literary Digest has built up a reputation for fairness under its late owners and was therefore an extremely valuable force to win over to the advocacy of militaristic aggression. But it has been found out here and the Americans will soon find it out. They will not stand for double-dealing work on the part of a professed neutral.



WILL THIS GERMAN PREDICTION COME TRUE?
 "The old lamp-lighter is back at work once more."
 —Kladderatsch (Berlin).

Take a look at this cartoon reproduced by The Literary Digest of last week, and its comments and quotations (page 776) on "The Boer Disaffection," the avowed object of both being to get the American reader to believe that the cartoon of Kladderatsch is a true size-up of the relation between the mother country and the dominions.

HAS NOT CANVASSED.

Editor World: Your issue of this morning contains the statement that the writer is already canvassing in Dundas County as the Liberal candidate.

Kindly correct this statement, as I am not the Liberal candidate in that constituency, nor am I likely to be such. No candidate has yet been chosen by the Liberals.

R. Stewart Muir.
 Toronto, Oct. 26.

PLANS TO ORNAMENT VIADUCT.

Henry Gratton Tyrrell, C.E., has approached Mayor Hocken with a view to including the city council to see change the plans for the Bloor street viaduct that ornamental towers may be added to the structure.

BUSINESS NOT LARGE.

Business on the Toronto exchange was small yesterday. It was the first day of the wider market. The total for the day was slightly larger than has been the case during the former ten days, when only a few stocks were dealt in.

PROFESSOR THINKS WAR WILL BE LONG

Japanese Educationist Reports Purchase of War Supplies by Germany.

By a Staff Reporter.
 OTTAWA, Oct. 26.—Professor Masao Kamebe of the Imperial University of Kyoto, Japan, who is here on his way back to Japan after a trip around the world, was in Paris when the war broke out. Having visited Holland, Sweden and Denmark afterwards, and seen how Germany was getting munitions of war and other supplies from them, he says that he is convinced the war will be a prolonged one.

WINTER CLOTHING FOR THE FLEET.

The following letter from Lady Jellicoe appeared in The London Times on Monday, October 13:
 To the Editor of The Times:
 Sir: There is a very prevalent idea about that the navy have enough winter comforts. I beg to state such is not the case. Only yesterday my husband wrote: "Altho the admiralty are providing extra warm things for the fleet, it won't be nearly enough, and every helmet, glove, or stocking that you can get will be most welcome." Sir John also wrote what the men badly want are sea boots and oilskins. I suggest that all comforts, such as mufflers, jerseys, gloves, etc., be sent to the Navy League, 47 Grosvenor square, or to the needlework committee of the Primrose League, 64 Victoria street, S.W., who will gladly forward them immediately to his majesty's ships as they come in, and I will gladly receive subscriptions at 29 Sussex square, W., to buy the much-needed sea boots and oilskins and forward them immediately to the fleet.

Yours truly,
 (Signed) Gwendoline Jellicoe,
 29 Sussex square, Hyde Park, W., Oct. 10.

Mr. Justice Hodgins, 9 Dale avenue, will undertake to forward anything which may be sent in for the purpose mentioned in Lady Jellicoe's letter.

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MANY ALIENS BECOME NATURALIZED BRITONS

Hundred and Forty-Three, Mostly Germans, Take Out Papers.

By a Staff Reporter.
 OTTAWA, Oct. 26.—When the high court opened today, the names of 143 aliens who are desirous of becoming British subjects were called, and there being no objections, they were declared eligible for naturalization. The list was longer than has ever been presented at an Ottawa court. A large proportion of the applicants were Germans.

PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

The Canadian Society for the Protection of Birds, founded a year ago, will shortly hold its annual meeting to elect new officers. Members of this association are now distributing 10,000 posters throughout the province appealing to the public to protect the birds.

Mrs. Newlywed says:
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BURTON FINED IN COURT

BIRKS GETS NO OPTION

Two More C. P. R. Men Plead Guilty in the Criminal Sessions Yesterday.

Two more C.P.R. employees appeared before Judge Coatsworth at the criminal sessions yesterday and pleaded guilty to breaches of the Secret Communications Act. James Burton, who was said to have carried three passengers sleeping accommodation and thru passage to Calgary, was fined \$50 and costs or three months' imprisonment.

Your case is not so bad as it appears and you have given some assistance to the crown, so I am letting you off easy," said his H. J.

Henry G. Birks was first fined \$50, but upon an objection being raised \$50, Crown Attorney Greer, the fine was withdrawn and the sentence will be imposed on Friday.

FUNERAL OF JAMES MASON.

Many prominent business men attended the funeral yesterday afternoon of the late Alfred James Mason, late assistant manager of the Canadian Permanent Mortgage Corporation. The funeral was conducted at his late residence, 411 Jarvis street and at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, by Rev. J. W. Aikens, of Metropolitan Church. Rev. James Allen and Rev. W. G. Workman.

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First Court.
 Toronto Electric Light v. Toronto Harbour Brick Co. v. Tremaine, Grainger v. Canadian Home Circles Re Berlin and Water Commissioners Lavalle v. Nichols Chemical Co. Cassan v. Haig.

Second Court.

Macdonald v. Tew.
 Wright v. White.
 Soper v. Windsor.
 Parks v. Baker.
 Giardei v. Rizzallo.
 Rous v. Royal Templars.

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