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## Aldermen Take Leave of Their Senses

No one can be surprised at anything which Mayor Church may do. He belongs naturally to the "movie" type of politician, and must devote occasionally from conventional lines. But it is difficult to understand why the city council should join in a mad chase after the mayor in the hare-brained idea of fighting the provincial government on the collection of a tax which was collected and paid last year, not only without protest, but with the approval of Mayor Church and all concerned. Some of the aldermen frankly admitted that they were playing ward politics.

That Toronto, with all its boasted loyalty, should take the action it did thru its accredited representatives will merely confirm the rest of the province in the already settled opinion that it is entertained rurally concerning this city and its rulers. Mayor Church has the idea of smashing the Hearst government, which may or may not be a perfectly laudable ambition. That the city should be used for the purpose and that this political purpose should be carried into municipal politics, which are understood to be non-partisan, must have tickled the fancy of Ald. Maguire and Ald. Ramsden and a few others who followed the mayor in his up-and-down-down race.

The profound legal grounds upon which Mayor Church proposes to involve the city in a costly process of litigation which may run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, for there is no telling where such madness may go, are found in the clause authorizing direct taxation by the province "for provincial purposes."  
Mayor Church has already reaped all the military glory that he can safely carry, and now he turns around and declares that inasmuch as the money was spent on food for the mother country and apples for the starving people of Flanders, and machine guns to save the lives of our Canadian troops and equipment for hospitals and ambulances and Red Cross purposes, and so forth, he is not going to stand for it. He is against the government. It is against military assistance of any kind. He will upset the whole apple cart or else he will have his way. He is going to be a regular big stick of a fellow, and little Premier Hearst is going into the car. This is what the aldermen swallowed on Wednesday night.

Mayor Church has now declared war on all military assistance given by the city. He has enjoyed the smiles of the men-in-khaki for nearly two years. He herewith renounces it, and becomes a thrifty man of peace. And the aldermen stood for it.

Well, not all of them. A few kept their heads screwed on as usual, and voted against the gigantic folly of the affair. What the three controllers who are ordinarily supposed to have some sense have to say for themselves has not yet transpired. Aldermen Archibald, Beames, Cowan, McBride, McBrien, Risk and Slinger formed a nucleus of sanity to which there should be enough others adhering on the first opportunity after reflection, to set the city right on the matter.

If the province cannot authorize the collection of the tax it is, of course, impossible for the city to collect it. No citizen can be compelled to pay a tax which, according to Mayor Church, is illegally imposed. All the pro-Germans and the anti-war men will line up behind Mayor Church and his following, but this will avail him little when he comes to settle accounts with loyal citizens. Mayor Church appears to think that because some people do less than their duty, therefore Toronto should do no duty at all, and also repudiate whatever it has already done.

We are not concerned with the safety of the provincial government in the situation which Mayor Church has sought to create. The government is well able to look after itself, and the strength of its position was well-established last year when the question was raised as to the right of the government to take the course it did. The

tax was collected then and paid without protest. If there had been any grounds for protest, protest would have been made at that time. All the smart mayors are not in Toronto City Hall, nor all the smart lawyers either.

The only thing in the whole business which seems inexplicable is why the aldermen lost their heads and joined in Tommy Church's hue-and-cry.

## Fooling With Education Estimates

Mayor Church's escapade on the war tax was not the only matter in which he led the city council astray on Wednesday. The action taken by the board of control in refusing to pay the legally called for school board estimates for medical inspection work was endorsed by the council. The plea was that it will save the taxpayers money. This is absolute humbug. The cost of the litigation which has thus been forced upon the board of education may equal or exceed the amount of the tax to be paid, and the tax will have to be paid anyway.

We are quite agreed that the two medical inspection services should be amalgamated, but we are also agreed that the German method of tearing up "scraps of paper" is not the way to go about getting the matter arranged. The only way to get the desired change, as Ald. McBride pointed out, is by legislation. This legislation the city must insist upon obtaining. But illegal methods and rebellion will not accomplish what is required. Mayor Church is so quick to admonish rebellion in others that it is remarkable that he should have initiated two unlawful revolts in one night, but no one need be surprised at anything he does.

Not only will the litigation with the board of education be a heavy expense, but the ultimate collection of the \$71-650 will cost much, if it is not carried over till next year, as the amount in question. This is clear from the experience of the city in 1902, when the city council similarly "saw off the handle" and cut the school board estimates by \$69,000 and was forced by the courts to make an extra collection, the expense of which was as great as the tax.

Mayor Church, as an exhibition of spleen, and not at all from principle, also moved that the sum in the estimates required for technical school purposes, which had been debited to capital account, should be placed in the taxes. This was the only sensible thing the mayor did, but the council, which followed him in his folly, would not follow him in his wisdom.

## The Pension Proposals

There is still the same discrimination against the rank and file of the army in the case of private who are totally disabled, in the new pension scale which has been presented to parliament by a special house committee. A man totally disabled is allowed forty dollars a month to live on, or something less than nine dollars and a quarter a week. A mechanic makes from \$15 to \$20 a week, but a grateful country, in the view of the pension committee, does its duty to him when he has given up all his life and strength by allowing him \$9.25 a week. A reference to the cost-of-living charts of the bureau of labor will show that it can't be done. And yet it is seriously proposed to have these men, totally disabled as they are, exemplify the possibility of doing it.

Officers are treated on another scale altogether. There would be no objection to this if the men were given sufficient to live on. It is more expensive for a totally disabled man to live than for others, yet they are to be offered less than a man in health and strength can live upon. It simply means that these men, honored defenders of their country, must rely upon charity to enable them to exist.

It is difficult to encourage recruiting with such a pension list in view. The very least we can do when we ask a man to risk his means of livelihood is to tell him that if, when he returns, he cannot keep himself by reason of his injuries, he will not be thrown upon cold charity, but will be given whatever the official records show to be necessary to provide a subsistence.

## Dark Side of University Avenue

University Avenue is the finest street in the city, but it has one serious defect. After dark the east side is too dark for safety. It is impossible for motorists and others to see where they are going or what is in front of them. There should be cluster lights or the new power lamps placed so that children playing on the lawns and rushing on the roadway, or vehicles coming over the present dark crossings may be visible and accidents thus be avoided. Two bicyclists collided the other evening at such a crossing, where neither could see the other on account of the darkness. The machines were smashed to pieces, and only by good fortune no life was lost. The incident is valuable by way of a warning.

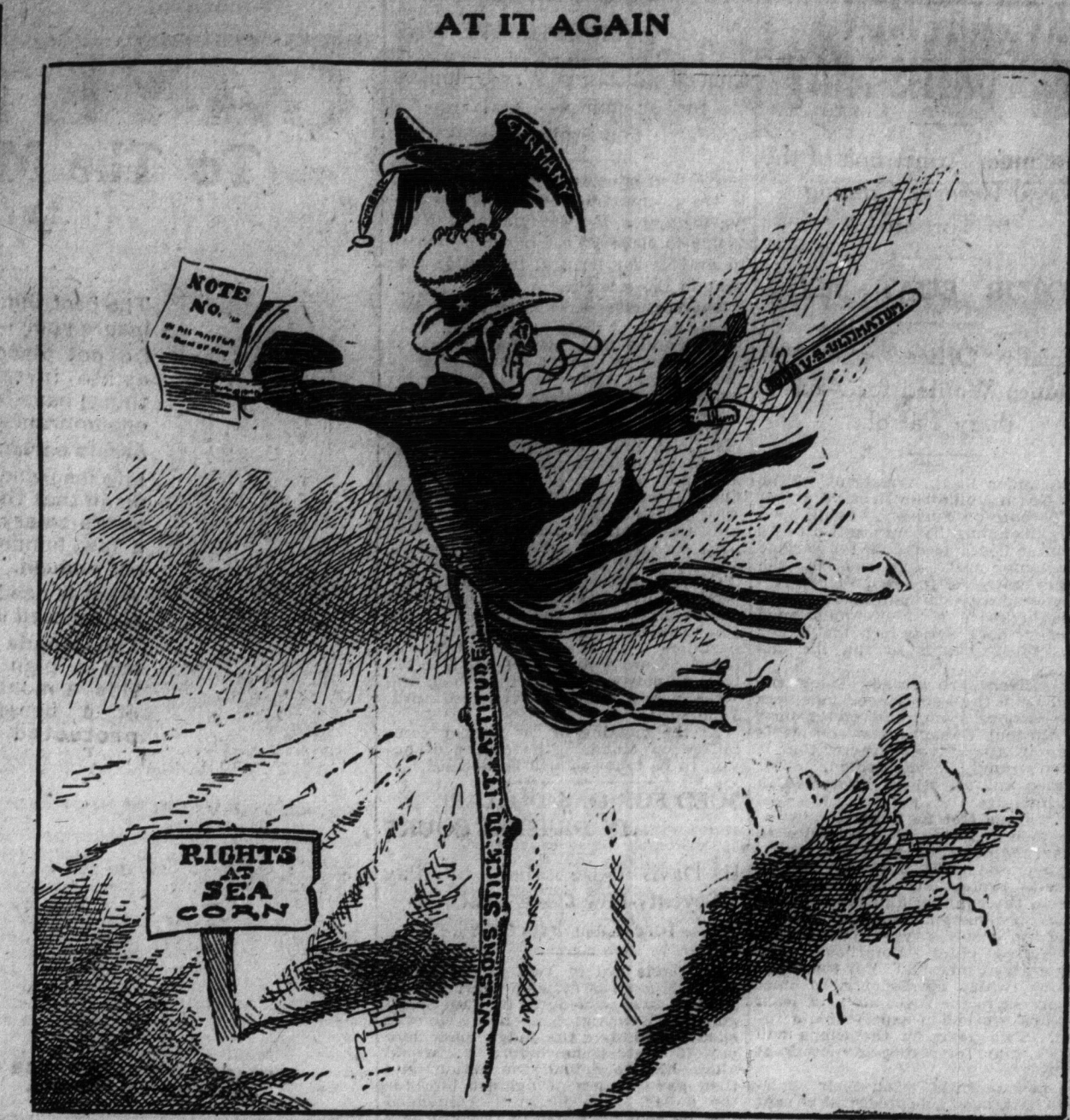
## SPANISH STEAMER SERVICE.

Government Prepares to Provide Large Subvention.

MADRID, May 11.—The government will include in the incoming budget the cortes a subvention of 2,500,000 pesetas for the establishment of a fast steamship line between Vigo and New York. It is proposed to make the crossing in six days. The design is to make the new line the main artery between America and the continent as the route is about 1000 miles shorter than those by way of Liverpool or Southampton.

## GUILTY OF SERIOUS OFFENCE.

Annie Parker was found guilty of a serious offence by Judge Winchester in session court yesterday and was remanded for a week for sentence. Laure Buckner was found not guilty on the same charge.



## RETURNED SOLDIERS WANT ALLOTMENTS

Mayor and Aldermen to Attend Rotary Day Ceremony Tomorrow.

Tomorrow afternoon the 1916 inauguration ceremony of the vacant lot garden movement will be held on one of the vacant lots at the corner of St. Clair Avenue and Bathurst Street. The ceremony will be attended by the members of the club, Mayor Church, members of the city council and other prominent citizens.

## CANADIAN CREDIT MEN IN IMPORTANT MEETING

Made Protest Against Establishment of Collection Department.

An important business meeting of the Canadian Credit Men's Association was held at the Ontario Club last night. The ex-president of the Calgary division, W. M. Berkshaw, was present and spoke a few words. He said that an enactment had been passed by the Alberta Government as a result of agitation by the association, whereby a landlord could on an absolute basis be a debtor for six months instead of two years, as heretofore.

To date nearly a hundred applications have been received for allotments, and out of this number 64 have been returned to soldiers.

## GERMANS TAKE TRENCH NEAR SELBURG STATION

Five Hundred Yards of Defence Taken From Russians.

BERLIN, May 11.—Today's official statement says: "Eastern front: Southeast of the railroad station at Selburg the Germans took by storm 500 yards of enemy positions, capturing 300 unarmoured Russians and several machine guns and mine-throwers."

## AT OSBOODE HALL.

Writ Issued Against Michigan Central Railroad for Damages to Property.

J. O. Miller of St. Catharines and George H. Gooderham of Toronto issued a writ at Osgoode Hall yesterday against the Michigan Central Railroad for alleged damages to their property.

## FOUND SUB. BASES.

Italians Occupy Points on Coast of Tripoli.

ROME, May 11.—Italian forces have occupied Marsamoras and Port Bardia, Crete, on the coast of Tripoli, which were supply centers for enemy submarines. It was officially announced today that Italy had captured the craft took on supplies at these ports, but in return they brought ammunition to natives who crossed the frontier and raided western Egyptian outposts of the British. The two ports named are about 600 miles northwest of Alexandria.

## CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Percy Wilder, who was for some time engaged in the real estate business in Toronto, was arrested by the Detroit police in connection with the sale of lands in the interests of Rabea Comisky, 6 Camden Street, some time ago. Detective Guthrie left for Detroit last night to bring Wilder back.

## STORM SIGNALS UP.

A stiff northwest gale blowing yesterday afternoon was cause for the setting up of storm signals around the lake. Captain Chapman of the lifesaving station reported that the lake was rough, but nothing of a serious nature had occurred.

EDINBURGH, Scotland, May 11.—Three socialists were sentenced to three months imprisonment under the Defence of the Realm Act. James Macdonald, a member of the school board, and James Macdonald, a teacher, were sentenced to twelve months imprisonment each. Jack Smith, a toolmaker, received a sentence of eighteen months.

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## RUSSIA ABLE TO SEND MANY MEN TO FRANCE

Hundred Thousand Troops Expected to Be Moved From Archangel.

LONDON, May 11.—The recent order of the Russian Government in closing the White Sea to all but government traffic is looked upon in military circles as presaging important troop movements from that locality.

Over 100 merchant steamships before Archangel have been awaiting a chance to discharge cargoes and clear from the White Sea.

Within the last few weeks all information relative to ship movements at Archangel has been a closed book. This situation is in marked contrast to the giving out of news from Archangel during 1915. It is known that the railroad from Petrograd to Archangel has been changed during the past winter from a narrow gauge to standard gauge, and it has been double tracked.

The distance by railroad from Moscow to Archangel is only 745 miles. The Russians have it in their power to dispatch on vessels which otherwise leave Archangel in water ballast a contingent estimated at 100,000 men. Their soldiers destined for service on French soil are leaving Russia void of all but the clothes they stand in, plus overcoat and blanket.

The steaming route, which it may be expected that transports will take from Archangel to the French coast, should not cover over 2750 miles.

## BETTER CLOTHES FOR BOYS.

Ed. Mack, Limited, Offers Wide Assortment in Correct Style and Quality.

A new department devoted to boys' clothing has recently been added to the store of Ed. Mack, Limited, 167 Yonge Street. This has been done as the result of suggestions from hundreds of parents who desired a place where boys' suits of better grades, style and skilled tailoring could be obtained. The new stock for spring and summer wear is just in. The imported materials of newest design and coloring for boys from 9 to 14 years old, priced from \$5 to \$15.

## FOR BIRD PROTECTION LET BOYS KILL CATS

And Urge Women to Discard Plumage is Advice of Advocates.

If more protection is to be given birds, then boys should be encouraged to kill cats and women urged to discard the wearing of plumage in the opinion of speakers at the second annual dinner of the Canadian Society for the Protection of Birds at the St. Charles Hotel last night. Toasts were proposed by the president, Helen M. Merrill, who presided, Mr. Hoyle, Dr. Charles Gordon Howitt and J. J. Kelso, and responses were made by Justice Riddell, C. K. Clark and J. E. Elliott. The president was presented with a bouquet of roses by Mrs. L. Clark Macklem on behalf of the entertainment committee. The vice-president is C. K. Clark and the secretary Miss Laura B. Durand.

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## CENSURE CONDUCT OF IRISH AFFAIRS

Lords Express Dissatisfaction With Administration of Ireland.

## WILL SEIZE ALL ARMS

In Cases of Murder, Law Will Not Be Interfered With.

LONDON, May 11, 7.05 p.m.—The house of lords adopted the resolution of Lord Loreburn, expressing dissatisfaction with the administration of Irish affairs. There was no division.

Upon resumption of the debate in the house of lords, Lord Lansdowne announced that in all cases where life had been murdered, the course of the law would not be interfered with. There was no intention to allow persons in Ireland to possess arms without license or permission, he added, and martial law would not be abrogated until that could be done with perfect safety.

Birrell Denounced. The debate in the house of lords was of little interest, aside from Lord Lansdowne's speech on behalf of the government. Lord Lansdowne said he had great sympathy with Birrell, late chief secretary for Ireland, on account of his many concessions that he had under-estimated the situation in Ireland. He charged Mr. Birrell, however, with the responsibility for turning a peaceful country into one seething with sedition and with reviving the angry sectarian feeling which had almost disappeared. Baron Bessford added that he considered the whole cabinet equally responsible with Mr. Birrell.

Lord Lansdowne, in his speech, characterized the rising as one of the most discreditable and humiliating episodes in the recent history of Ireland.

Financed by Enemies. "It was a rising by foreign intrigue," said Lord Lansdowne, "and to some extent was financed by our enemies. It was only due to the prompt action of the military that we escaped a disaster, the extent of which it is impossible to conceive."

The speaker said it was unfair to accuse the government of making a scapegoat of Mr. Birrell, who had resigned of his own initiative. If Mr. Birrell had formed what he called a "military movement," it was only fair to suppose that that was the estimate he communicated to his colleagues in the cabinet. The government had now decided that members of the Sinn Fein organization should no longer be employed in any government department.

Resolution Carried. Lord Lansdowne said he agreed with the Marquis of Crewe, lord president of the council, that it was impossible for the government to bench to take a useful part in the discussion, and therefore it would have been desirable for the debate to have been postponed to some future occasion, it being improper to form an opinion until after the inquiry.

The Earl of Halsbury, leader of the extreme unionists on the Conservative government, Lord Loreburn's resolution expressing dissatisfaction with the administration of Irish affairs, was adopted without division. The house then rose.

## MAYOR FOURS BEANS ON CITY HALL STEPS TODAY

Will Start Guessing Contest for Men Who Join Irish-Canadian Battalion.

The city hall steps at 12 noon today will be the scene of a unique proceeding, when Mayor T. L. Church, acting for the ladies' committee of the 26th Irish-Canadian Battalion, will all a large glass jar with beans and seal it. The ladies' committee, headed by Mrs. Ambrose J. Small, will make the jar of beans the medium of distribution for \$500 in prize money for men who join Lieut.-Colonel Lennon's battalion.

Every man who joins from now until the battalion reaches its full strength will have a chance to guess the number of beans in the jar.

The man who guesses the correct number of nearest to it will win the first prize of \$200. The second prize is \$100, third prize \$50, fourth prize \$25. There will also be five prizes of \$10 each, ten prizes of \$5, and 25 prizes of \$1 each.

## NEW COMFORT FOR TORONTO-OTTAWA TRAVELERS.

The Canadian Northern Railway announces the addition to their Ottawa night train of library-observation-compartments, which are the last word in providing comfort for the traveler. A trip on these magnificent cars will convince the most fastidious of travelers the most comfortable of travel. Tickets and reservations from city office, 62 King Street East, Main 6176. 129456

## REMANDED FOR WEEK.

Alleged to have fraudulently obtained \$105 from the Crown Life Insurance Co., William Singer was remanded for a week when he appeared in the police court yesterday.

## COMPENSATION TO THE HOTELMEN

Reciprocity in Motor Licenses Particularly Applicable Just Now.

## BENEFIT TO FARMERS

Interchange Will Likely Last Three Weeks Without Charge.

The interchange of motor licenses between Ontario and the States of Michigan and New York, ratified by order-in-council announced yesterday, is shown by the department of public works to be particularly applicable at this time as a measure of compensation to the hotelkeepers for the liquor licenses shortly to be cut out.

The interchange, it is anticipated, will last for three weeks without charge. After the fees went up to \$5, it was expected that the fees will average \$12. The would probably prove prohibitive to the American tourist.

Such prohibition would be particularly unfortunate in view of the fact that tourists every year make more use of the automobile and less use of the railroad. The elimination of the necessity of taking out licenses in Ontario, it is hoped, will induce large numbers of American motorists to visit Muskoka during the summer.

Benefit Farmers. Holiday-travel, which annually totals 600,000 in Canada, each automobile that crosses the border during the summer brings an average of four passengers, who spend \$5 in Canada. By this computation the value of automobile tourists coming into Ontario in 1915 from the United States was \$120,000. This year the value of tourists from the States and the elimination of the fees should avail that figure materially.

Any change in the regulation, it is anticipated, will be to lengthen the period of exemption. There is nothing to prevent regulation to hinder a man crossing the border as often as he likes provided that on any occasion he does not stay longer than 21 days.

## CHARLES EDWARDS DEAD AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT

Was Knocked From His Bicycle by a Motor Car on Thursday Afternoon.

Charles Edwards, 10 Fernanagh Avenue, who was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon on Lansdowne Avenue, near the Maltese Cross Rubber Works, when knocked off by a bicycle by a motor car driven by Arthur Walton, 542 St. Charles Avenue, died in the Western Hospital yesterday afternoon of a fractured skull and internal injuries. The body was sent to the morgue, where an inquest will likely be held. Walton is not held by the police.