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## The Fire Commissionership

When the board of control sent on the recommendation to the city council that Chief Thompson be appointed the new fire commissioner, the board of control was merely playing with the question. This did not immediately appear, but since the meeting of the board, it has been clear that the board does not intend to vote in council, as he made the impression in the board of control that he would. This might have been expected from the controller's well-known ambiguous and erratic methods.

It is not at all clear whether Mayor Hogben will support the proposal. In council, and in the board of control, the board of control is the business of the board of control. It is the business of the board of control to nominate a candidate for the new office of fire commissioner, and nothing less than a bona fide nomination should satisfy the council. If the aldermen do not receive such a nomination they should send back any bogus nominations to the board.

It is most unfortunate that such an important question is being decided in the dying days of the council. With the strong political influences which have always been associated with the fire department, and the reluctance of the aldermen to incur hostility from any section of the voting population, it is practically impossible to get a fair verdict from the city council at this season. There is all the more reason, therefore, that the board of control should fulfil the function for which it was created, and give a lead to the aldermen in the circumstances.

It should be thoroughly understood that there is no enmity in the action taken by any section of the council towards Chief Thompson. He has served the city well in his term, and the methods under which these services have been rendered. When reorganization is demanded it is simply folly to continue the present men and the present methods, and to raise their salaries and think that any new recruits will come out of the old machine. Chief Thompson may be continued in his office if he desires to remain, but a new official is necessary, and the public of Toronto will not be content with any old "Cauld kale" he gets again.

A new man, even if he has to be sought across the ocean, must be found, who will be independent of the old traditions, the old policies, the old political ties, and the old slipshod ways of doing things. If such a man can be found in Toronto, all the better. But he must be found.

One problem with which he must deal cannot be handled by the old system, nor by the men of the old system. It is the problem of fire prevention. This is a tremendous problem when the public interests are considered. Nothing short of reorganization will enable the citizens to get what is needed in this direction.

The board of control has a splendid opportunity of doing something worth while in this question, and the aldermen should insist that the controllers shoulder their responsibility, and send forward the name of a man who will command the respect and support of the council, and the confidence of the citizens.

## A Benevolent Neutral

No doubt can exist about the trend of Italian sentiment towards the participants in the pan-European war. It is not only distinctly but so overwhelmingly in favor of the allies, that even were the government otherwise disposed the voice of the Italian people could not with safety be ignored. There is, however, no reason to believe that in this respect the judgment of the government differs from that passed by the people, and in addition to con-

siderations of sentiment, come those influenced by the fact that the future of Italy and her Mediterranean interests are closely bound up with those of the allies. Italy won independence and unity at a great price, and the traditional hatred of Austria has not only survived, but has been fostered by the fact that unredeemed provinces yet remain under Austrian control.

Nor should it be forgotten that Italy, thru her position of benevolent neutrality, has already rendered the allies valuable service. Confidence that her southern frontier was free from fear of invasion, enabled France to employ the troops that would otherwise have been required to guard it, where they were immediately required. On the other hand, Italy's leaning towards the allies forced Austria to occupy the Trentino and Trieste districts in force. Taken together, the double advantage has been worth to the allies the practical equivalent of half a million men. That is a substantial assistance, and given without compelling Italy to break away abruptly from the triple alliance, of which she is still nominally member. Turkey's appearance as an ally of Germany, and any attempt to displace the allies among the Mohammedans of Africa, may compel definite alignment with the allies. But in any event Italy has already been a factor in the war.

## Preparation is Not All

One does not know whether to deplore or admire the diabolical ingenuity displayed by the German militarists in preparing for this war. Their secret service agents have been active for years in every part of the world, sowing disaffection in India, Egypt, South Africa and other of the British dependencies and dominions, where opportunity offered for its propagation. Some buying or leasing strategic positions under pretence of establishing peaceful industries, but really anticipating the advent of armies of invasion. Some establishing supply depots in obscure nooks and corners of the earth. Others ready with secret wireless stations, whence to warn and guide the cruisers of the war-lord that sought dominion over the world. Yet others spying and corrupting, all for the one purpose of reducing less guileful nations to practical slavery and subjecting them to German "Kultur."

No such well-ordered and highly organized campaign against peace and progress has ever been known. Now that its full scope and fell purpose has been revealed, it has staggered humanity. That it will be defeated does not rest with the unscrupulous minds who devised it, or with the pertinacious agents that worked it as efficiently as silently. Fortunately, in this huge conspiracy, in all its criminal enterprises requiring co-ordination of effort, the well-laid scheme developed what promises to be a fatal flaw. Inability to understand the strength of free peoples, unmeasured confidence in war power and blundering diplomacy, all combined to undermine the result of years of persistent effort. Germany's endeavor after world supremacy is doomed to failure. Success depended on the speed and certainty of the first stroke. It failed of accomplishment and now, however long and strenuous the war, the end is certain.

## Turkey's Designs on Egypt

Over the Turkish invasion of Egypt a censorship will probably be exercised even more closely than that which has prevailed over the operations in France and Belgium. No reliance can be placed on reports emanating from Constantinople, inspired, as they certainly are, by the German officers who dominate the sultan's government. They have been taught to believe that the fellahen will welcome the Turks as liberators from the oppression of British rule, and will be ready enough to manufacture evidence that suits them if none is otherwise procurable. But instructed British opinion is distinctly against this opinion. The fellah suffered too much from Turkish rapacity in the past to welcome its renewal. He may have no great sense of gratitude towards his British mentors, but at least has a wholesome dread of the Turkish taskmaster.

Egypt has not been caught unprepared. The possibility of Turkey taking advantage of a European imbroglio to attempt the recovery of the land of the Pharaohs has always been with in the purview of British statesmen, and the information that has been vouchsafed shows that preparations were complete to meet the situation that has now emerged. That no apprehension is felt regarding the effect of an appeal to the natives on the ground of religion is sufficiently shown by the presence of Indian troops in Egypt. India, in this imperial crisis, is doing yeoman service for the common cause, and displaying a steadfast loyalty that will in due time receive its deserved reward.

## A DOUBLE ECONOMY.

Economy and efficiency are two things that the world is getting hampered home as a result of the war. Waste is always a loss, inefficiency is worse. Industry that stands up against the conditions imposed by the war is efficient. Canadian manufacturers are testing themselves out in efficiency. They are under an economic contract to produce what Canadian consumers need to buy. A factory or a plant that might have been 90 per cent. efficient before the war is a hundred per cent. efficient

## WATERED WITH HUMAN TEARS



## JUDGE GIVES WELL WATER TO FARMER

Neighbors Quarreled About Use of Well—Osgoode Hall List.

Chief Justice Meredith at Osgoode Hall yesterday handed out judgment for John Milner against Thomas Brown, in respect to the use of a well. Milner, who is the owner of a farm at the northeast corner of lot 26 in the 9th concession of the Township of Tilbury, claimed the use of water from a well on the neighboring farm, owned by Brown. The claim is based on an agreement entered into in 1885 by two previous owners. It was held by the defendant that he had the right to discontinue the use of the water at any time.

Judgment was given restoring the use of the water, but no damages were awarded. In the matter of costs his lordship granted the plaintiff \$50. Mr. Justice Middleton quashed the conviction of P. J. Valmer Bourdon of Port William, who was committed to prison for 60 days on a charge of vagrancy July 1st. Bourdon, at the time of the trial, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and asked to be sent to a hospital for treatment. He afterwards found that he had been sent to prison for a term on the other charge, and appealed against the judgment. His lordship, however, refused to allow any costs.

The following cases are set for hearing before Mr. Justice Middleton in the single court:

Re Harris Estate.  
 Manley v. Todd.  
 Re Ontario Estate.  
 Re Solitor.  
 Gramm v. Gramm.  
 T. E. v. Grevemburgh.  
 In the first appellate court the following cases are down for hearing:

Licastro v. Sulman.  
 Dawson v. Hamilton.  
 Mark v. Chipman.  
 Hunt v. Emerson.  
 McDonald v. Board of Trustees.

## SUIT FOLLOWS SALE OF STOCK IN O'KEEFE'S

Executors of Widmer Hawke Are Asked for Huge Commission.

In the non-jury assize court yesterday Fred Westbrook of Brantford sued W. T. Kernahan, W. H. Garvey and Charles Miller and Caythra Mulock and the stock belonged to Widmer Hawke, who owned 60 per cent of the stock in the company of which Kernahan is manager. The defence deny that Westbrook was their agent.

## FORGED A CHECK.

Lorne Clark, alias Andrew Blackburn, was found guilty by Col. Denison yesterday of having forged a cheque for \$38.00 on the Bank of Hamilton. He was remanded for a week for sentence.

## MOTHERS' PENSION ENCOURAGED.

The Mothers' Pensions Fund received encouragement and financial support yesterday when Mr. F. L. Coulter, president of the Beaver Consolidated Mines, Lumsden Building, sent a cheque for \$25 to Mrs. A. M. Huettis, president of the Local Council of Women thru which association the fund is distributed.

## OSGOODE HALL RIFLE ASSOCIATION BUSY.

The association will be inspected as a company by one of the headquarters staff on Monday. The inspection will be at 5 o'clock at the armories. In preparation for the inspection there will be special drills Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock and in the evening at 8:15 o'clock, and on Thursday and Friday at 8 o'clock.

## BE A GOOD FELLOW, JOIN WORLD'S CLUB

Send Your Name in as One Who Will Help Little Kiddies.

## LISTS BEING PREPARED

This Newspaper Will Find Opportunities for Exercise of Good Fellowship.

Once more The World is desirous of bringing together on the one hand those who are deserving of assistance at this season of the year and on the other hand those who are anxious to do something in the work of making some little folks happy and comfortable.

The Good Fellows of the city are getting together again for the purpose of bringing Christmas joy to many who would not be sharers in the good things going at this festive season. It is not for the big heartedness of some Good Fellow.

Join in the Good Work. If you are not able to play the part of Good Fellow with a lone-hand, bring your chum or colleague in with you. Often two, or more, can do what one cannot, and besides, you will have immediate company in your work.

The lists of those who need the help of a Good Fellow are now being prepared. A phone to the Good Fellow department, Main 5308, or a letter to the office in the department in The World office will immediately make you a helping member.

## AVIATORS HEARD OF NEW MACHINE

Raid on Zeppelin Plant at Lake Constance Soon Followed.

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LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 24.—Commander Briggs, the British aviator, wounded and captured by the Germans after the daring raid by the allied aircraft on the Zeppelin plant at Lake Constance Saturday afternoon, was wounded in the temple and hand, it has been learned. The only damage officially admitted at Friedrichshafen as a result of the raid, is a smashed window. It is believed that the raid was made by the French and British aviators as a result of information received that the huge new dirigible which has been under construction there, under the personal supervision of Count Zeppelin, had been filled with gas preparatory to a trial trip.

## W. J. O'REILLY RESIGNS FROM LIBERAL CLUB

Will Be Guest of Honor at Dinner Where Liberal Leaders Will Speak.

After eight years' service as secretary of the Ontario Liberal Club, Wellington street, W. J. O'Reilly will retire on Thursday evening next, and incidentally will be the recipient of a signal mark of favor on behalf of the members, to wit, a dinner of 50 covers. Mr. O'Reilly is very well known not only to members of the Liberal Club, but also to many members of the opposition, and his retirement will come as a surprise. He has occupied the post for the past eight years and is very popular in downtown circles. While the dinner will be a private affair to a certain extent many well-known Liberals will be present. Two well-known members of the party, Hon. G. P. Graham, and Hon. MacKenzie King, have signified their intention of being present.

## DRIVER LAROE DEAD.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Nov. 24.—Driver J. J. Laroe of the divisional ammunition park of the Canadian contingent, died in the hospital today of cerebral hemorrhage. By trade he was a caul-maker, he gave all and any such books and papers that she might wish to take.

## LEFT IT TO MRS. REDFERN.

John Wesley Redfern left all of his estate to his wife, Jane Redfern, 14 Wells Hill crescent, amounting to \$62,659. The real estate is valued at \$60,000 and the balance is made up of cash, an automobile and household furniture.

## NEW TECHNICAL MUST BE "MADE IN CANADA"

Board Will Pay Difference in Price of Imported Materials.

"Made in Canada" was the motto adopted by the advisory industrial committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon. The question was raised by the labor representatives in the committee, who pointed out that the doors and wooden framework for various parts of the central technical high school could be procured in Canada at a slight percentage over those imported from the United States. It was decided to pay the difference to home labor benefited.

## TRUSTEE FULFILLING INTENTION OF CO-OPERATING.

A conference of those interested will be held at the city hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which reports from all the public schools in the city will be presented.

OWING to the increased cost and the scarcity of supply of raw material, the Eddy Company have had to slightly advance the price of Matches and some other lines.

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## HON. S. H. BLAKE LEFT CHARACTERISTIC WILL

Famous Lawyer and Churchman Had Less Than a Quarter Million.

Hon. Samuel Hume Blake, K.C., who died at his residence, 46 Maple avenue, on June 25 last, left a very typical will of the simple life. His estate reached a grand total of \$208,819. His widow, Elizabeth Blake, is to receive \$80,000 worth of bonds in the Canada Bread Co., and the balance of the estate is to be divided, his son, W. H. Blake, K.C., of Toronto, and a daughter, Katherine Rhineland of New York. To his daughter Mabel, having doors exclusively could be used and home labor benefited.

Trustee Fairbairn informed the committee that the effort to send Christmas presents to needy Belgian children was meeting with success. Several schools in other parts of Ontario have signified their intention of co-operating.

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