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PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Vancouver citizens have authorized the proportional representation system for civic elections. The endorsement of the plan by the Board of Trade, Great War Veterans and the Labor organizations, no doubt, was a great factor in influencing the electorate in declaring for this system. In the far West, the Great War Veterans are consistently using the system in electing officers. It does not appear that the other organizations have adopted the system themselves but before advocating it there is every reason to suppose they studied it somewhat closely.

No doubt the proportional representation experiment in Vancouver will have a fair trial. It is an experiment in the sense that it will not be retained if the citizens do not like it. All such systems are built on theory. If in practice they are found to serve the purpose for which they are designed, they should be retained. If found cumbersome and inconvenient, they can be discarded. It is through such experiments that people, communities and sometimes even nations, find what is best for them.

Proportional representation is no new fad. It has been adopted in many lands. Canada has not in this respect, been one of the leaders. The Vancouver experiment will be watched with considerable interest. There the system will be tried out under conditions which are well known throughout Canada. If successful this form of choosing representatives will no doubt be adopted in Canadian cities and municipalities where the present system is not giving entire satisfaction.

REASONS FOR HIGH COSTS

Another increase in the cost of living is reported. So steady has been the increase that many people have come to regard it as a matter of course. Others more inclined to be critical in their investigations might ask:

Do you know a young fellow who works for $25 a week and who is wearing a new suit that cost $85?

Do you know a housewife who is ashamed of being seen carrying home a brown paper bundle from the store?

Do you know a man who lets himself be jollied into buying a $15 hat for fear of seeming "cheap," when he can get a satisfactory one for seven?

Do you know a wage earner who loafs because he says he fears working himself out of a job?

Do you know a shopper who says, "Wrap it up" instead of "How much"?

Do you know the person who lets a momentary desire for possession of an unnecessary something destroy the result of days and weeks of thrift and saving?

Do you know a married couple who have not yet began to buy War Savings Stamps for their children and to teach them to save?

Do you know a person who thinks it is not necessary to save?

If you know any or all of these people, then you know something about the causes of the high cost of living.

LET'S GET ALL THE FACTS

Admiral Sims' statement to the United States Senate Committee investigating navar awards that he was instructed by the Navy Department in 1917, before the United States entered the war, "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes," and "that we would just as soon fight the British as the Central Powers," and Secretary Daniels denial that he said this to Admiral Sims, go well together.

Before we permit ourselves to believe that any such statements were made in the way that news dispatches indicate, let us get all possible facts. Secretary Daniel's denial sets forth that he did not make such statements, is good as far as it goes. News dispatches do not state that he did. They credit Admiral Sims with the statement that he received instructions to this effect from the Navy Department.

It is well to remember that an election is impending in the United States and that right here in Canada, politicians, one man particularly, who stands prominently before the public eye, said in effect, while under the influence of politics, that the Canadians were sent into the slaughter at Passchendaele to win victory for the Union Government. General Sir Arthur Currie has been blamed for needlessly sacrificing his men when facts prove that he simply obeyed orders issued by his superior.

Let us before accepting as a fact, any such statement, satisfy ourselves that we have all the facts, and that the charges are not made under the spell of that malignant malady commonly called politics.

ADMIRAL SIMS SAYS U. S. READY TO FIGHT BRITAIN

Declares Instructions From Navy Department Before Entering War

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Washington, Jan. 19.—Rear-Admiral Sims told the Senate Committee investigating naval awards Saturday that when he was ordered to England in March, 1917, just before the United States entered the war, he was instructed by the Navy Department, "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes," and that "we would just as soon fight the British as the Centra Powers."

Ten Months of War Wasted

The Admiral also charged that U.S. Naval headquarters in London did not receive co-operation from the Navy Department and that the Department did not arrive at any decided plan of action until ten months after he arrived in London. He added that it was ten months before we really came to the aid of the Allies or acted on their recommendations.

Fleets Morale "Shot to Pieces"

Montreal, Jan. 19.—A special dispatch to the Montreal Gazette from Washiugton says Admiral William S. Sims, head of the naval war college and formerly in command of American forces in Europe, asserted before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that the morale of the American Navy "had been shot to pieces," because of "flagrant injustices."

Acts for Welfare of Navy

While Admiral Sims severely criticised the attitude of Secretary of the Navy Daniels and the Navy Board in conferring decorations, he disclaimed any intention of attacking the secretary personally or by showing insubordination. He was only performing a part of what he considered his duty in offering constructive criticism. He was acting solely for the welfare of the navy, he said.

U.S. Trailing other Nations

In a formal statement the Admiral set forth that departmental censorship prevented constructive criticism, and that as a result of this the United States navy was trailing those of other nations.

The Admiral especially resented the action of Secretary Daniels and the board in revising recommendations submitted by himself. Recommendations inserted by Mr. Daniels, including one from his brother-in-law, Commander David Worth E gley, who lost the destroyer he commanded in a fight with a submarine, had been greeted with ridicule throughout the navy, the Admiral asserted.

Some Lessons of Great War

Admiral Sims' testimony was in the form of a letter to Secretary Daniels entitled: "Some naval lessons of the Great War," which Mr. Daniels received several days ago. The letter criticised the department for attempting to administer the details of action by the American naval forces overseas and alleged the department demanded that it be permitted to pass fully on all plans, even those regarding action against the enemy.

Characterising the alleged attitude of the department as a "terrible thing."

PUSSYFOOT JOHNSON SAYS U. S. FLAG WAVES NO MORE OVER ANY BREWERY

London, Jan. 20. — William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, the American anti-saloon league organizer, in the course of a speech Saturday referred to the going into effect in the United States of the prohibition amendment.

"This is a solemn moment for me," Mr. Johnson declared, "because from this day the flag of my country will no longer float over any brewery or distillery. My flag is clear and from beginning to end our statute books will direct war against this traffic in human misery and debauchery."

Mr. Johnson said he was looking forward to the success of the prohibition campaign in England.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO DE VALERA'S IRISH LOAN IN NEW YORK

Now Total $2,550,000—Governor of State Writes Letter To Mass Meeting

New York, Jan. 19. — (Canadian Press)—"De Valera, President of the Irish Republic, should have the sympathy of all liberty loving Americans in his fight for freedon of Ireland," said Governor Smith in a letter to a mass meeting. United War Veterans pledged their support "to the cause of Ireland," at a meeting. In New York $2,550,000 has been subscribed to the Irish loan.

MISS HOTTON LEAVES FRIDAY: SUCCESSOR ARRIVES FEBRUARY 9

Miss Fern Hotton, Director of Household Science in this city, leaves Friday for Calgary, Alta., where she will commence her new duties as Director of the Home Branch of the Soldier's Settlement work in Southern Alberta.

Miss Irene Fagin, who is a graduate of Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wisconsin, will suceeed Miss Hotton as Director of Household Science in Brandon and is expected to arrive in the city about February 9th. Miss Fain is a graduate of the Howard-Payne College, Fayette, Missouri, and holds the Associate of Arts Degree from this College. She comes very highly recommended to Brandon.

UKRAINIAN PEACE TERMS OFFERED RUSSIAN SOVIET

Demand Recognition of Independence of Ukrainian Peoples, Withdraw Soviet Forces

Warsaw, Jan. 19—(Canadian Press)—Terms for concluding peace with Soviet Russia fixed by the Ukrainian government include recognition of the independence of Ukrainian peoples of the republic, an exchange of products between the Ukraine and Russia, complete neutrality of the Ukraine and the withdrawal of all Soviet forces from the republic's territory and recognition of the Ukrainian government. In exchange the Communist party would enjoy full exercise of its rights in Ukraine on the condition that it will not attempt to monopolize power.

HUNGARIAN PRESS HOSTILE TO TERMS OF PEACE TREATY

Did Least To Bring on Conflict Most Severely Punished, One Paper Declares

Budapest, Jan. 19. — (Canadian Press)—Commenting on the terms of the peace treaty handed to the Hungarian delegation at Paris, the Nemzeti Ujsag, says: "The treaty condemns us to ruin. Young and old should swear 'No, never.' "

The Pesti Hirlap says: "It is an injustice which cries to Heaven that of all the participants in the war, Hunargy the nation which contributed the least to bringing about the conflict, should be the most severely punished."

The Pester Lloyd terms the treaty Annihilating."

The Vilag says: "This treaty will fall to the ground, even if Paris does not acquire a better insight and Hungary does nothing but wait."

INSANE FARMER CAUSED DEATHS OF FOUR PERSONS

Armed With An Axe He Ran Amuck, Finally Hanging Himself

Brooklyn, Conn., Jan. 19—(Canadian Press)—Victor Lippenn, a farmer of Finnish birth, went insane Saturday and with an axe caused the deaths of four persons, and probably fatally injured one other. He severely wounded his wife and attacked three other persons. He hanged himself.

GERMAN BISHOPS TO APPEAL TO THE POPE

Berlin, Jan. 19—(Canadian Press)—A petition will be sent pope Benedict by a convention of bishops requesting the Entente to desist from demanding the extradition of persons charged with war crimes. The bishops issued a proclamation calling on the Germans to unite in opposing the surrender of these persons, claiming the "threat is driving men to suicide."

DIRECTORS' REPORT BRANDON HOSPITAL FOR YEAR 1919

Hope To Start Work on New Building Soon As Weather Conditions Permit

DIRECTORS REGRET LOSS

Of Mr. Chas. Whitehead, For Fifteen Years President of the Board

On Monday the annual meeting of the Life Governors of the Brandon General Hospital was being held in the City Hall, when the thirtieth annual report of the Directors was submitted for approval and the election of officers for the ensuing year took place.

The annual report is most gratifying to all interested in the welfare of the Hospital and shows that splendid progress is being made in this institution. During the year patients to the number of 1,870 were treated, which is an increase of fifty over the number admitted during 1918 and is up to the capacity of the hospital. Returned soldiers to the number of 117 have been treated in the hospital under the Soldiers' Re-establishment Commission. Those soldiers who are able, are instructed in the art of weaving wickerwork under the supervision of two instructors from the Vocational Training Department.

Directors' Report

The Directors' report follows:

The need for greater and better accommodation having become more and more urgent, your Board instructed Messrs. Stevens and Lee, Architects, Toronto (who are specialists in hospital and institutional work) to prepare plans for a new building to accommodate 75 more patients, these plans your Board have now received and a strong Committee consisting of prominent citizens, irrespective of the fact as to whether they are members of the Hospital Board or not, have been appointed to make financial arrangements. Your Board hope that work will be started on the new building as soon as weather conditions permit.

In view of the high cost of everything used in connection with hospital work it was found necessary to increase the rates for all wards, these increased rates have been in force since the first of July and are working satisfactorily.

Your Directors regret to report the loss by death of one of their number, Mr. Charles Whitehead, who was for fifteen years President of the Board, during which time he rendered invaluable service to the Institution.

In July last Miss E. Birtles resigned her position as Lady Superintendent after occupying the position for over twenty years and your Directors presented her with an illuminated address and appropriate gift as a mark of appreciation of her long and faithful service.

Miss S. Persis Johnson R.N. (Royal Red Cross), was offered and accepted the position thus vacated and your Directors feel they have made a wise choice in this matter.

Your Directors desire to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the Lady Superintendent and her staff and also to the Medical staff for their valuable services.

The Women's Hospital Aid and Girls' Auxiliary have again rendered yeoman service during the year and to them we extend our hearty thanks.

The Melita Enterprise, Brandon Daily Sun, Northern Messenger and Montreal Witness send copies of their papers which are much appreciated by the patients and staff, and your Board desires to thank them for this kindness.

We also extend our hearty thanks to the churches, benevolent societies, and all others who have helped the work of the hospital during the year.

Graduating Class '19

In connection with the Training School for Nurses, examinations were held and the Examiners expressed their satisfaction at the results obtained. The following is the Graduating Class of 1919 all of whom obtained diplomas:—

Thersa Hill, gold medalist; Eleanor Gourlay, silver medallist; Bertha Park, bronez medallist, Lelia Doney, Helen Cumming, Winona Dixon, Mary McRae Rita Doig, Ella Sager, Clara Sutherland, Emma Wilkin.

Special Prizes Presented

At the Graduating Exercises the following Special Prizes were presented:

Nurses' Chatelaine presented by the Board to Bertha Park for highest aggregate of mark obtained during the three years' training.

Fountain Pens presented by Drs. Edmison and Elliott to Eleanor Gourlay and Helen Cumming (both being equal) for highest marks in Obstetrics.

Purse presented by Dr. W. A. Bigelow to Thersa Hill for highest marks in Oral and Practical.

Writing Case presented by Dr. H. O. McDiarmid to Eleanor Gourlay for highest marks in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Mirror presented by the Board to Thersa Hill for neatness in charting and recording.

Chatelaine presented by the Board to Winona Dixon for general proficiency.

Nurses' Watches presented by D. A. Reesor to Mary E. Fargey for having obtained the highest standing in the Intermediate Class with a percentage of 94.2.

The Statistics for the year show the number of patients admitted to the hospital from the Province of Manitoba to be 1,681 and from Outside Points 189, making a total of 1,870.

The number of Out Patients treated was 222.

There have been 88 Births and 116 deaths in the Institution during the year, and 1,041 Surgical Operations have been performed.

Comparison of Costs

Cost of treatment for the past five years:

	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Cost of treatment per day	$1.52	$1.71	$2.23	$2.33	$2.70
Average cost per atient	$25.46	$30.30	$36.21	$36.67	$41.70

APPEAL COURT DISMISSES APPEAL IN RUSSELL CASE

Unanimous Decision Deprives Defence of Privilege of Appeal To Privy Council

APPLICATION FOR HEARING

Can Be Made, However—No Intimation As To Further Action

Winnipeg, Jan 19. — (Canadian Press)—The Manitoba Court of Appeal, in a judgment handed down this morning dismissed the appeal entered by the defence in the R. B. Russell case against the verdict and sentence passed by Mr. Justice Metcalfe and jury.

The decision was unanimous and the defence will be unable to carry the fight to the Supreme Court of Canada on that account. Defence counsel in London, however, can make application for a hearing before the Privy Council in London, England. No intimation has been given as to whether or not this step would be taken.

WAR VETERANS ANNUAL MEETING MONTREAL MAR. 22

Question of Political Action To Be Taken Up At Convention

Ottawa, Jan. 19—(Canadian Press)—The annual convention of the Great War Veterans' Association is to be held in Montreal on March 22nd, according to an announcement from the Dominion Executive of the Great War Veterans' Association. The Dominion Command has been diligently organizing in an effort to secure further consideration of their claims from the Government.

The date set for the annual convention is much earlier in the year than has been customary, and this is attributed to the fact that Parliament will be in session at the time. A series of Provincial conventions will precede the Montreal gathering, in order to secure a democratic expression of opinion from returned men on the question of more adequate re-establishment and the much mooted topic of political action.

Special significance is attached to this event by veterans, it is said, because of the present political situation and the dissatisfaction existing in respect of recent parliamentary action. The delegates at the Montreal convention will decide whether or not the Great War Veterans' Association will enter the political field. As the branches of the organization throughout Canada now number 761, the assembly which has been termed the "returned man's parliament," will be of considerable proportions.

LIQUOR SEIZURES IN NEW YORK SINCE FRIDAY

New York, Jan. 19. — (Canadian Press)—Liquor valued at more than $3,000,000 has been seized in New York since Friday night, when the prohibition amendment became effective. Bootleggers already are active here. Guards have been hired by wealthy citizens to guard their wine cellars.

3 TIMES A DAY ALL WINTER

the dishes must be washed. Other household duties compel a woman to frequently have her hands in water — now hot — now cold. These frequent immersions during the very cold weather render the hands, wrists, and forearms very susceptible to soreness, redness and roughness, while

CHAPPED HANDS

and cold cracks, with the intense pain they cause, frequently result.

The surest way to avoid these painful results is to use Zam-Buk. This healing, herbal balm applied regularly each night, before retiring, will keep the hands and arms in perfect condition. Where "chaps" or cracks have already developed, Zam-Buk will end the stinging, burning pain, heal the sore places, and soon restore the skin to its natural smoothness.

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ANGLICAN PROTEST

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Petitions are being circulated for the signatures of members of the Anglican churches in this city who are opposed to the Church of England in Canada being classed as one of "the five Protestant churches of Canada in the so-called inter-church movement."

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