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"We have been thinking a good deal about the nickel industry in Ontario during the war, Colonel. Did you find any interest in the army about it?"

"In the spring of 1915," replied the colonel, "from my place in the legislature I discussed the question, and I urged the government to take all and every precaution to prevent the Germans from securing our nickel."

"My objection was tremendously emphasized," continued Col. Pratt, "when on my return I learned that after extending his own political life, the premier humbly consented to accept a salary of \$13,000 a year, while the Ontario boys in the trenches, facing unknown privations and untold dangers, were dragging \$17.00 per day from the outstretched palms of death."

"Not a doubt of it. Nothing is so odious as a government whose only business is the clinging to office. When to this is added an evasion of the wishes of the people, the situation becomes intolerable. Our cabinet is composed largely of lawyers. It is recognized that they should not be in any position to dominate in gov-

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CONSERVATIVES SHOULD HAVE CONVENTION SAYS LT.-COL. PRATT, M.L.A.

Member for South Norfolk Says Hearst Cabinet in No Way Represents the Will of the People—Progressive Policies Needed.

Among the younger generation of politicians and the men who fought the fight of liberty and self-determination overseas, there is a firm will to have a say in the affairs of the country. The world has been fully aware of this, for some time, and there has been such evidence as the protests of Col. (Dr.) Herbert Bruce's recent volume furnish, besides the more or less articulate murmurs of the masses, a very clear and definite voice in connection with Ontario affairs is that of Lt.-Col. A. C. Pratt, M.L.A., South Norfolk who gave an interview to The World on Saturday, in which he touched on several of the more important phases of provincial politics, and gave expression to views which are not merely personal, but are shared widely outside immediate government circles.

"I am a Whitley Conservative," he said, "and Sir James believed in trusting the people. He always dissolved the legislature well within the four years. He had no desire to hold office by a fluke. He sought to serve the people and give them the kind of government they wanted."

"How can it do so when the people have had no opportunity of saying what they want. It is true we are going to have an election, but what is the issue? The people want to know what they are voting for. More than that, the people want to know what they are going to have. The government does not know what that is, and refuses to find out in the only way that any political party can say—by having a convention."

"I am strongly of the opinion that we should immediately have a great Conservative convention in Ontario, not only to select a leader, but in order that we may place the Conservative party in the forefront with a progressive program as in the days of Sir James Whitney."

"Our present leader is not selected by the Conservatives of Ontario, nor were the members of the legislature consulted. He was given his mandate by one or more Ontario politicians who may or may not be connected with the nickel industry or other corporation interests. When the premier came into caucus early in 1918, and announced himself as leader, the world was convulsed with war, and no domestic problem could be entertained. Now the war is over, a new vision has come to the men who nightly gazed eastward to the stars above No Man's Land, and the 230,000 soldiers from Ontario have a right to demand a voice in the selection of a leader."

"Why should the Conservatives of Ontario be compelled to sit quiescent under obsolete policies and a moribund cabinet? Col Pratt proceeded to discuss the cabinet positions to be held by the board, and he may be hard on the individual, but it may be for the good of the party in Ontario."

erning powers. In recent years the legal profession has got its hands far too deeply into the money chests of our province, and the fees paid to some friends of the cabinet are nothing short of a scandal. Dr. Cody has been sacrificed taken in to whitewash the others, and Hon. Mr. Henry, however admirable, was not chosen for his strength. We cannot submit to be ruled by a body of lawyers, whose only purpose is to keep themselves in power."

"But, of course, Colonel, there are other grounds for your desire for a convention than the membership of the government?"

"In one sense, yes; but a government and its policies go together. Great advances are needed in many directions. There would not be so much unrest had the government been keeping abreast of the people's will. Conventions have been held lately by others, and new platforms and policies adopted. Some of these things are good, like proportional representation. Others are not so good; but, at least, they represent an effort to conform to popular aspirations. The Conservative party cannot live on its past. It must be doing something at present, and it must say what."

"Our handling of our returned men has not been a success. The New Ontario colony scheme was visionary and costly in the extreme, and must now be set down a failure. The soldiers' aid commission is not a success. Criticism is rampant among the returned men. The university students among them are being miserably treated. A convention could and would pave the way to an adjustment of these difficulties."

"I believe our cabinet of lawyer-lawmakers has failed to interpret the will and wish of Ontario electors. The recent by-elections indicate this. I believe the farmer of Ontario is entitled to greater recognition in our legislature. I believe we are behind the times in labor legislation. Other great questions of an advanced nature are facing us for solution. Public ownership is on trial, and a recent appointment at Ottawa gives cause for uneasiness to Hydro-Electric supporters."

"Orpington Hospital. "Do you know anything about the Orpington Hospital? It is said that money was spent there recklessly and uselessly."

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TEN MEN MEET DEATH AND SIXTEEN INJURED IN PT. COLBORNE EXPLOSION

Disaster Occurs at Grain Elevator Rated as One of World's Best—Half Million Bushels of Wheat Will Be Saved.

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 10.—Ten are dead and sixteen injured, at least two seriously, as a result of an explosion which blew off the upper portion of the mammoth government elevator at Port Colborne at 1.15 Saturday afternoon, and scattering hundreds of tons of steel and concrete in every direction. The death list was not nearer fifty seems a remarkable decrease of fate. A gang of plasterers had been engaged plastering the sides of the elevator, but with a few other of the elevator employees, who do not work on Saturday afternoons, had left just an hour and fifteen minutes before the impact.

Names of Dead. The dead: Joseph Latour, mate of the barge Quebec, married; Cote St. Paul, Quebec; Charles Atton, elevator weighmaster, Port Colborne, married; William Cook, assistant weighmaster; Port Colborne, married; J. E. Hanham, chief spouter, Port Colborne, married; E. W. Michener, assistant spouter, Port Colborne, married; Alonso Duzham, assistant shipper, Port Colborne, married; Alfred Leslie, laborer, Port Colborne, married; Albert Beck, assistant shipper, Port Colborne, married; Albert Dunlop, marine lawman, Port Colborne, single, returned soldier; Clarence Hart, stevedore, Port Colborne, single.

The injured: Arthur Montreuil, deck hand, barge Quebec, Cascade, Que., seriously injured internally, burned on back and badly lacerated about head; Ovilla Lacarvare, deck hand, burned on body, injured back and leg; R. Perron, deck hand, deep cut on head and legs badly bruised; Wilfred Boulanger, deck hand, Montreal, cut about head and burned; Hector Latour, captain of barge Quebec, Montreal, brother of Joseph Latour, injured about head slightly; Mrs. Hector Latour, wife of captain, deep cut on temple and bruised; two children of Captain Latour, slightly injured. Seven members of the elevator loading gang, more or less burned. Mr. Armstrong, S. Mout, Ellery Neff, George Attkin, R. Blackwell, B. S. Harvie, William Rambo.

All of the bodies of the above have been recovered except those of Beck and Dunlop but there is no doubt as to their fate. The force of the explosion was such that it was impossible to get into the elevator shaft. (Concluded on Page 7, Column 5).

EVERY VOTER MUST LOOK OUT FOR SELF

Copies of List Not Received by Candidates Entitled to Them.

Northwest Toronto is the first constituency for which the voters' lists of the voters' registration books are not in place where the lists have and day for day have been announced. Apparently this was done on Aug. 5. H. H. Dewar points out that the act provides for 15 days' notice of the lists to the candidates, and that the lists should be in within ten days from the posting of the lists. The registration board has shortened the time for applicants to get their names on the lists to eight days after the posting of the lists.

MAY TELL DATE OF ONTARIO ELECTIONS

At Conservative Rally in Brantford—Premier Hearst to Be Present.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, Aug. 10.—Announcement was made yesterday that Premier Hearst will be accompanied by Hon. I. B. Lucas, attorney-general; Hon. T. W. McGarry, provincial treasurer; Hon. F. J. Flanagan, minister of public works, and Hon. W. D. McPherson, provincial secretary, for the big Conservative rally to be held at Mohawk Park here, on Aug. 23. Seven ridings will send their quota of stalwarts, North and South Brant, north and South Oxford, North and South York, and Haldimand. Special trains will be arranged for the two points not reached by electric railroads. Senator John Fisher, the Brant county Conservative "grand old man," will be chairman. Four bands will provide the music, and the occasion is expected to prove an opportunity not alone to tell of the achievements of the government, but to announce policies for the future. Rumor has it that an important pronouncement will be made as to elections this fall.

STOLEN POLICE CAR CAPTURED WHEN OCCUPANT BUMPED OUT

Motor thieving has become so prevalent in the city that even the police cars are not safe, or at least this premise was substantiated by the arrest of Frank Rogers, 235 Bathurst street, and John Murphy, 121 Charlotte street, yesterday, on a charge of stealing the Ford car attached to No. 2 division. The car was seen to be driven up to the street by a man who was later identified as the culprit, who was later returned from France, and who was, therefore, in good condition, made a sport for the car, covering the coup of hundreds of yards in about nothing flat. Right over the tonneau and into the seat beside the astonished young man he landed before the car could get under way. Meanwhile Detective Koster, running a good second to Scott's sensational sprint, had collided with Murphy, who was in the act of scrambling up and away. Thus were Toronto's rate-payers saved from having to buy another speed wagon for the police force.

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GERMAN MENTALITY SADLY UNDERMINED BY LACK OF FOOD

Report on Conditions by Experts Says There is Apathy and Hopelessness.

London, Aug. 10.—A report on the food conditions in Germany has been presented. The report is signed by Ernest Henry Starling, professor of physiology, University College, London, who had associated with him in his investigations, A. P. McDougall, chief of the Scotland live stock commission, and O. W. Guillebaud, fellow of St. John's, Cambridge. The investigation involved two visits to Germany, covering factories, farms, public kitchens, hospitals, children's homes and schools. The observations of the officials were made from talks with women at the markets, and laborers at work.

GUELPH RADIAL VOTE TAKES PLACE TODAY

Defeat Expected for Bylaw to Lease Radial to the C. P. R.

Guelph, Aug. 10.—The bylaw providing for the leasing of the local radial line to the Grand River Railway Company and the construction by the latter of a radial from here to Finsburg Lake and Hespeler goes to the people on Monday, and a very exciting campaign is expected. It was intended to hold a meeting of Hydro enthusiasts Saturday night, but after Friday night's meeting this was not considered necessary. A good deal of feeling was aroused towards the close of the campaign, and it is probably just as well that the contest is over and no more public assemblages are to take place. It is the general opinion that the bylaw will be defeated. For a long time the connection with Hespeler very greatly, the chief opposition is aroused to the leasing of the radial railway, an objection that was strongly criticised through the campaign.

IVENS LOSES POSITION AS LABOR NEWS EDITOR

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Rev. Wm. Ivens was formally dismissed from the editorship of The Western Labor News yesterday by the heads of the reorganized Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council.

French Chamber Has Adopted Budget for Civil Services

Paris, Aug. 10.—The 1919 budget for the civil services, submitted by Louis Klotz, the finance minister, has been adopted by the chamber of deputies and the senate.

MANY BODIES RECOVERED AT MONTREAL PARK

Seven Bodies Recovered and Expected That Others Will Be Found Today—Carload of People Said to Have Dropped Into Flames.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—Chaired beyond the possibility of recognition, the bodies of three men, three women and a boy were recovered tonight from the ruins of the Mystic Mill and part of the scenic railway, which were destroyed by fire at Dominion Park, an amusement resort near this city. It is thought that several more bodies will be recovered tomorrow when the wreck is searched. The exact cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought a fire has been started by a cigarette or a match. The flames spread quickly and were fanned by a westerly wind which blew toward the river front and it is to this that is due the salvation of the entire park.

SHAUGHNESSY'S BROTHER DIES IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 10.—John S. Shaughnessy, brother of Lord Shaughnessy, chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, died at his home here today, after being ill more than a year. He was fifty-five years old.

DOWN TOWN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The decision of the proprietors of the King Edward Hotel to build a fifteen-story extension to the east on the Cato block is another improvement for that quarter of the city.

YORKSHIRE STRIKE TO BE FINISH FIGHT

Controller Says It is Impossible to Grant Demands—Bakers' Strike Ended.

Governor Must Be Australian, Declare Returned Soldiers

Perth, Western Australia, Aug. 10.—The Returned Soldiers' Association here passed a resolution declaring that the office of state governor should be abolished. The resolution also says that the governor-general should be an Australian.