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CANADA'S REVENUES.

With an adverse balance of one hundred million dollars between prospective revenue and certain expenditure staring him in the face, the Minister of Finance might well be pardoned should he advise drastic treatment for Canada's financial ills. The chances, however, are that he will do nothing of the kind. It is not anticipated that his proposed cure for our monetary ills will be in the nature of a serious operation. In all that has been done to meet the excessive requirements of the past four or five years, Sir Thomas White has displayed moderation, and in the late date permit him to be stamped either by the demands of political opponents or by the necessities of the hour. This country is called upon to provide a greater amount of money than ever before, but even greater moment than the mere accumulation of revenue is the pressing need for peace, not that peace which involves merely the cessation of hostilities, but a real peace from the industrial and economic turmoil of past years, a peace in which industry unhampered by outside forces may resume its pre-war occupations. This is the great need of the day, and to the consideration of this problem other issues must be made subsidiary. And in the urgent task of finding the solution it is but natural to suppose that those in control of the country's destinies will avoid such drastic action as might tend to retard progress toward normal life. Our present tariff, temporary though it may be, has on the whole proved most effective in providing extraordinary revenue. Never has there been any intention that the emergency clauses adopted in recent years should take on a permanent character. There has been an intimation that these clauses should be eliminated before they had served the purpose for which they were first introduced. This while it is unreasonable to suppose that the coming budget will contain any of increased duties, it is equally wise to look for an immediate and important reduction in those extraordinary taxes which have so far been regarded as fully justified by war demands. Naturally, however, in view of changed conditions there will be shading down of the tariff on the necessities of life as well as on certain articles of manufacture in which an existing barrier is merely a producer of revenue and not a protection. While the Grain Growers' West are unalterably low tariff, they have not as yet proposed any tariff which revenue sufficient to meet the obligations of the country may be secured, and while the manufacturers of the East are unalterably high tariff they in turn have failed to suggest ways and means of bringing about a reduction in the cost of living in accordance with the expressed wishes of the country as a whole. Between these two failures the Minister of Finance may well be trusted to pursue his own course, and to endeavor to meet the needs of the country as a whole irrespective of the demands of party or the arguments of selfish interests. The industry of Canada must remain undisturbed, and may be accepted that in the budget presented this week full consideration will be given the acknowledged necessity for reductions in the rates of necessities, while at the same time avoiding any action which will tend to longer delay the restoration of normal activity.

WHY THIS MODESTY?

When The Telegraph finds its little god in a ticklish corner it invariably resorts to mud-slinging and personal abuse. This may always be accepted as a signal of distress. And the equal regularity of the subject is the same—the directors of The Standard, Limited. Their shortcomings are a perpetual fount of inspiration to the literary street organs of the Loyalist War party, and their woolly misdeeds of the past few years afford a never-failing topic of discussion. It is matter of extreme pleasure to the Standard that this journal of the home able to provide our friends up the street with something to talk about. Why not, just for the sake of variety, bring in a new subject once in a while? There are directors on the Standard, too. It might be interesting to learn about them for a change. Of course The Standard is the one to introduce for consideration the affairs of private individuals whose names have made more money than they know what to do with on government contracts. Far be it from this paper to suggest that a manufacturer who has both hands outstretched for the tariff protection he can get, and who has worried parties more than anyone else in New Brunswick through that tariff, is under the ban of The Telegraph, and is trying hypocrisy permitting the attorney of low tariff doctrines which he does not agree. Camaraderie reductions in the tariff and the

welcome as will warm the hearts of those now coming back after years of duty well done.

WHAT THEY SAY

In the Grip of History.
Toronto Star: The ex-Kaiser had other ambitions, but it seems likely that he will go down in history known as William the Goat.

A Bitter Reflection.
Baltimore American: Doubtless a godly share of the punishment of the ex-Kaiser is the bitterness of the reflection that he has vastly increased England's colonial empire by forcing war upon her.

The Woman's Friend, Too.
The Columbia, S. C. Record: "A man may be down, but he is never out." But the best thing about the Salvation Army is that it regards women the same way.

The Truth At Last.
Buffalo Courier: Germany is being shocked and staggered by the unexpected share of the punishment of the war since the war began and even since the armistice, the people are face to face with facts instead of official outgivings.

Prohibition Postponed.
Toronto Times: President Wilson has asked Congress to repeal the war-time Prohibition law so far as it relates to the manufacture and sale of beer and wine. For the first time since the war began and even since the armistice, the people are face to face with facts instead of official outgivings.

Germany and Edith Cavell.
New York Globe: Earned honor is being done this week in every country of the Allied world to the brave and gentle memory of Edith Cavell. If she had done nothing but utter certain noble words in her last hours she would still deserve to be remembered. "I have no fear nor shrinking. I have seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me."

OUR OWN CORPS.
The 44th Battalion came originally from Winnipeg. In the ordinary course of events during service at the front the ranks of that battalion became so depleted that drafts were necessary, and among the men sent over from England were many New Brunswick boys. As the months and years passed this practice was continued until eventually the 44th became in personnel a thoroughly New Brunswick corps. While this was going on, this province had been clamoring for larger recognition on the front line, our representation at that time being confined to the one infantry battalion, the 26th. Compliance with this request was withheld for long, and there was witnessed the wholly unfair situation of western officers in command of a corps of New Brunswickers, enjoying the opportunities for promotion there existing, while our own officers were refused appointments or at the best were attached to the 26th without being given the chance of advancement. This until the first months of the war the 44th was recognized as a Winnipeg battalion, while as a matter of fact it was so strongly New Brunswick that when these two units came together the men could with difficulty distinguish their own lines. At the last moment recognition was granted, and though to the West has gone much of the honor won by the 44th we at home know well that the work was done by the boys from this province, and that service under the Western officers has not deprived those boys of the gratitude which the people of New Brunswick must entertain towards them for their efforts overseas. So when the 44th returns, this week, it will become the duty of St. John and of all New Brunswick to tender a welcome such as will show that we have followed the men of that corps through many months of trial and danger and that the services which they have performed have won our fullest admiration. Possibly on Friday, perhaps not until Saturday, will the 44th return to St. John, but when that time comes, let all comply with the request of Mayor Hayes and extend such a

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.
The Park Ave. News.

Weather. Thawts of vacation.
Great Long Distance File across the water. The courier stopped working last Saturday and the gutter was so full of water it pritty near disappeared, and instead of walking around it Benny Potts, Sid Hunt and Leroy Shooter each took a long run and jumped rite over it, no accidents taking place till Puds Simkins tried it and was submerged up to his ankles.

Sports. Sam Cross is learning to stand on his hands with the assistance of walls, and in a week he expects to be able to stand on them with nothing around him but air.
Pome by Sidney Martin.
INDISPOSED.
My fountain pen won't rite a word
Even when I fill it with ink.
Being just the opposite
Of what you would naturally think.
Intriguing Facts About Intriguing People. Sid Hunt is a hard beried egg feed and would rather eat a hard beried egg than a birthday party on the same nite last Wednesday, much fun being had besides the fact that Mr. Charles (Puds) Simkins gave a piano concert consisting of scales for about 20 minutes.

A BIT OF VERSE

TO A YOUNG AVIATOR.
When you go up to die
Some not far distant day,
I wonder will you try
To tear your mask away.
And look life in the eyes
For once without disguise?
Behind your mask may hide
What treacherous, covered fire!
What hidden, torturing pride!
What sorrows, what desires!
There will be none to see.

Yet I think when you meet
Dead comrades in the skies,
Calmly his face you'll greet,
Coldly without surprise.
Then die without a moan.
Still masked altho' alone.
—Alvin Kilmier.

A BIT OF FUN

Decollette.
"Doesn't that movie actress put on airs?"
"Well, she ought to put on something."—Film Fun.

Another War Secret Revealed.
"And while you were in Ireland did you kiss the Blarney Stone?"
The Returned Hero—No, but I kissed several who had.—From Life.

She Lost It.
"Mamma," said 8-year-old Elizabeth, "give me another piece of tandy, please."
"Why," said mamma, "what did you do with the piece I just gave you?"
"I lost it," replied the little miss. "I dees put it in my mouth and it falled right down in my stomach."

War Rations.
"Here, waiter, this plate is damp!" said a traveler, who was dining in a cheap restaurant.
"Ah," said the waiter, "that's your soup. We serve only small portions in war time."

The Mathematics of It.
She had seven million dollars.
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He had seven million dollars.
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Unappreciated.
Mr. Stinky—I simply love you in those clinging gown, dear.
Mrs. Stinky—Well, you ought to adore me in this one. It's been clinging to me for the last three years.

SUBMARINE COAL UNDER DISCUSSION AT MONTREAL

Special Committee Representing the Dominion Steel Corporation and the N. S. Steel and Coal Co. Trying to Reach An Agreement.

Montreal, June 3.—The first meeting of the special committee appointed by the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company to consider the possibility of reaching an agreement for the redistribution of the submarine coal areas leased by the two companies, will be held in Montreal tomorrow.
It was announced today by the Dominion Steel Corporation that the special committee to represent them will consist of J. H. Plummer, formerly president of the Dominion Steel Corporation, Hector McInnes, K. C., a director of the company and solicitor, who has been in charge of the entire negotiations before the legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, and William McMaster of Montreal.
The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company will be represented by D. H. McDougall, the president, Colonel Cartley, chairman of the board of directors, and W. D. Ross, vice-president in charge of finances.
According to the act recently passed by the legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, the present committee will endeavor to reach an agreement regarding the possible redistribution of coal areas, but if it is not found possible to do so, according to the act, the provincial legislature will be permitted to intervene and settle the matter in a manner in which it may consider to be the greater interests of the province.

NEUTRALS DECLINE TO TAKE PART IN BLOCKADE

Paris, June 3.—Sweden and Denmark have notified the Peace Conference that they will not join in a blockade of Germany in the event of a German refusal to sign the peace treaty. They say that a blockade could be made effective without their violating their neutrality.
Four of the neutral nations have given notice of declination to take part in a blockade should a German refusal to sign the peace treaty lead the Allied and Associated Powers to decide on such a step. Switzerland and Norway previously had made their decision known to this effect.

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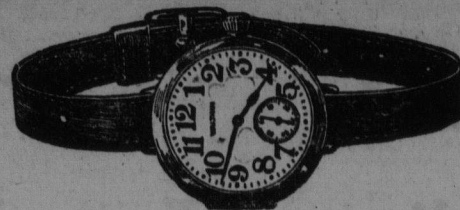
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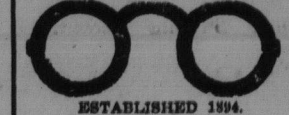
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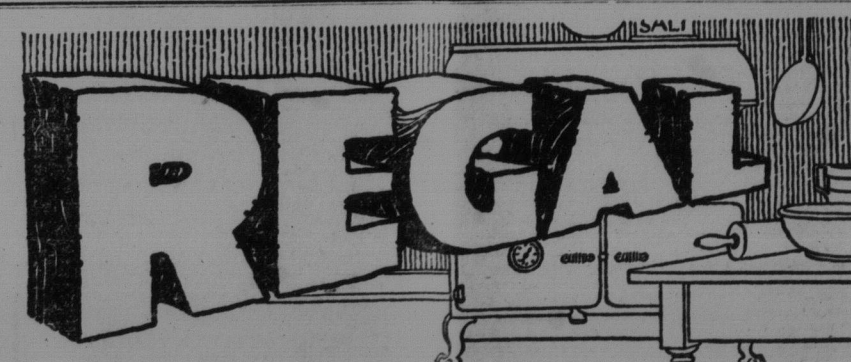
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