

## BELGIUM THE LAST NATION TO FORGIVE

Hatred of Hun Invader is Still  
Strong Among the  
Belgians.

### FRANCO-BELGIC ALLIANCE NATURAL

Colonel House Sees Evidence  
That Belgium Will Soon  
Have Recovered from Rav-  
ages of War.

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Brussels, Aug. 25.—Colonel E. M. House today made the following state-  
ment for the Public Ledger foreign cor-  
respondent:

"The Belgians will probably be the  
last people in Europe to forgive the  
Germans. The feeling in Belgium is  
different even from that found in  
France. There, the antagonism is cen-  
turies old, and has been acute for the  
last fifty years, but here it came with  
great violence and was coincided with  
the sudden, unexpected, and brutal in-  
vasion.

"What rankles in the heart of these  
people is not alone the breach of  
faith, but more particularly the man-  
ner of it. For four years they were  
under the heel of their invader, and  
suffered every form of humiliation.  
The result is that today German visi-  
tors are received in every capital in  
Europe with less aversion than in  
Brussels.

"Therefore a new French and Bel-  
gian treaty, defensive and offensive,  
was to be expected. While there have  
been sharp differences between these  
two countries, notably over Luxem-  
burg, they are today in closer alliance  
than are any of the Entente states. It  
might even be said that they are the  
only European states that are in com-  
plete harmony.

#### Belgians Working Hard.

"The Belgians are working better  
perhaps than the people of any other  
country. The laborers object to over-  
time, no matter what inducement is  
given by way of compensation, but  
they are doing a full day's work of  
eight hours. That, and the general  
frugality practiced, has made compe-  
tent observers conclude that of all  
countries engaged in the war, Belgium  
will make the quickest recovery. Her  
national debt is comparatively small,  
and she has a priority of 2,500,000,000  
francs of the amount the Germans owe  
to pay for reparation. In the devastat-  
ed regions rebuilding goes steadily  
on, and we shall soon see a happy and  
contented Belgium.

"The Belgians are so deeply inter-  
ested in the reconstruction of their  
country that bolshevism has no foot-  
hold there, although one might be led  
to think otherwise because of the de-  
monstration recently made by soldiers  
against the houses of parliament. His-  
tory gives but few instances where a  
parliament has been threatened in  
such a way.

"However, there was not the same  
significance to the demonstration here,  
as in other instances, and it went no  
deeper than a momentary outburst  
of soldiers who believed the government  
was treating them unfairly in the mat-  
ter of pensions. The measure to which  
they took exception seeks to help  
those who need it most, and to spare  
the state the burden of giving aid to  
those abundantly able to care for  
themselves. Soldiers as a rule are the  
least mercenary of men. They seem  
to feel that there is something finer  
in such service than mere money com-  
pensation. And so there is. How can  
America repay its soldiers the services of  
the American Expeditionary Forces?  
The more agitation it is regrettable.  
The valor and endurance of our troops  
in action has brought throughout the  
world a new estimate of our people,  
and for a century or more it will add  
to our safety and standing as a people.

#### King Albert Popular.

Albert of Belgium and his Queen re-  
tain their popularity and when the story  
of their tragic times is written, they  
will rank all others in romantic  
interest. They share the privations of  
war, along with their people, and they  
shared equally the dangers. Courage  
is the one human quality that is ad-  
mired above all others, and both have  
it to a marked degree.

#### Peril Should Be Shared.

"There is a growing conviction that  
those who are responsible for the war,  
be they statesmen or soldiers of high  
rank, or civilians, should share to a  
measurable degree its perils, and no-  
where is this feeling more prevalent  
than in this small nation whose King  
so nearly fulfilled the requirement. No  
law is needed to bring about such a  
departure; public opinion alone would  
be sufficient. There is no law com-  
pelling a captain to leave his ship ag-  
round or go down with it, but it has be-  
come an unwritten law of the seas, and  
he who violates it courts dishonor. At  
the beginning of the war, there was  
no law in England to compel a healthy  
youth to volunteer, but there were  
few who dared disregard the call.

"So it should be in the future with  
old or young having the direction of  
governments which, under their lead-  
ership, go to war—be it just or un-  
just. No man is so essential to a  
nation that such action would not  
serve to lift him to a higher level."

Cliff Ross, of the Halifax Recorder  
writing staff, is in the city. Mr. Ross  
has been attending the K. of P. con-  
vention at Woodstock.

Mrs. H. E. Bayne and baby left last  
night for Montreal, accompanied by  
her mother, Mrs. W. T. McLeod, of  
Fredericton, N. B.

## OIL LEASES CAUSING TROUBLE IN MEXICO

Interpretation of Laws Gov-  
erning Them Big Stumbling  
Block in Way of Recogni-  
tion by United States.

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Washington, Aug. 25.—Interpretation  
of the laws governing oil lands con-  
tinues to be the greatest stumbling  
block in the discussions which are go-  
ing on between this government and  
the provisional de la Huerta govern-  
ment in Mexico, looking to recogni-  
tion by the United States. In addition  
to the conversations which have been  
conducted here the Mexican govern-  
ment has been endeavoring to deal di-  
rectly with the American producers  
south of the Rio Grande, but the ex-  
ecution at present is in more of a dead-  
lock than when the oil land legislation  
regarded by Americans as confesca-  
tory, was first adopted under the Car-  
ranza regime.

The principal contention on which  
the producers and the Mexican govern-  
ment are at odds is the amount of tax  
that shall be paid on oil exports. The  
position of the companies is that they  
have paid all of the taxes that are due  
but the government is now attempting  
to go behind an agreement entered in-  
to between the companies and General  
Salvador Alvarado, Minister of Fin-  
ances, and collect additional taxes, in  
some instances double and triple the  
amount due. This agreement was en-  
tered into in June and the Americans  
in Mexico says that the Mexican treas-  
ury is attempting to get excessive re-  
parations not only for June but for March,  
April and May as well.

The Alvarado agreement on which  
the foreign companies are standing,  
provided that taxes should be paid in  
May and June on the price obtained  
for oil, less transportation charges, in  
New York. In order to obtain im-  
mediate payment the Mexican govern-  
ment agreed to accept settlement on  
the basis of January and February  
prices, which are lower than the  
schedules put into force just prior to  
the fall of the Carranza regime.

The exporters charge now that the  
new government is attempting to levy  
a rate as exorbitant as that imposed  
by Carranza and that as the ship-  
ments of oil have increased greatly  
since the new government came into  
power, the amount that they would  
have to pay in taxes would cripple their  
capital so that they would be unable  
to continue operations.

Another phase of the Mexican oil  
situation is said to be the effort of  
certain American companies to ob-  
tain concessions that they obtained  
from the Carranza government. In  
this they are opposed by other large  
American interests who contend that  
the Carranza concessions were  
granted in regard to legal title and  
wish, therefore, to revert to the deeds  
and titles granted by prior regimes.

## TOO MUCH SUGAR IN MONTREAL

Retailers Are Able to Sell at  
Prices Lower Than Refin-  
eries.

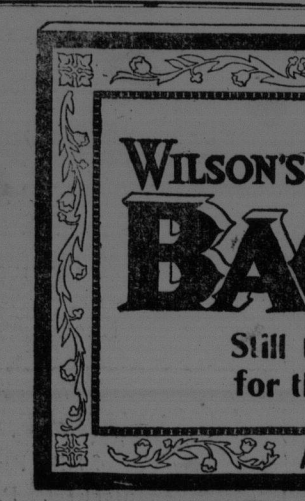
Montreal, Aug. 24.—A local dealer  
stated this morning that there was  
too much sugar on the Montreal mar-  
ket and that is the reason why retail-  
ers are able to sell at prices lower  
than those of the refineries. Whole-  
sale prices he quoted at \$21.05 for  
white granulated, and \$20.05 for yel-  
low. The refineries are still selling at  
\$24.05.

#### C. P. R. TRAIN CHANGES.

Effective Sunday, August 29th, some  
important train changes will go into  
effect. The principal alteration will  
be the withdrawal of the Montreal  
express which has been coming in at  
7:25 a. m., daylight time, and the can-  
cellation of the outgoing Montreal ex-  
press at 8:45 p. m. The time of the  
arrival of the noon express from Mont-  
real will not be changed, but the out-  
going train which has been departing  
at 5:20 p. m., daylight time, will be  
changed to 6:50 p. m.



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## GERMAN HOPES LIE IN PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

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Understanding at Lucerne  
Conference.

## FRANCE NOT REPRESENTED

Italian Premier, Third Con-  
ference, Thought to be Ami-  
cable Toward Germany.

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Berlin, Aug. 25.—German opinion  
for the moment is anxiously turning  
its attention toward Switzerland,  
where, in spite of certain inspired de-  
pals, Premier Lloyd George is to meet  
Doctor Simons, German foreign minis-  
ter, in the first "friendly" heart-  
to-heart talk between British and Ger-  
man statesmen. There are those here  
who even think the basis of a new  
British-German understanding will be  
laid during the conversations which  
the two premiers engage in at Lu-  
cerne. At any rate, the bulk of intel-  
ligent opinion professes to see a  
glimmer of hope in a conference at  
which the French are absent.

Certainly no decisions of any great  
importance affecting the execution of  
the Treaty of Versailles will be taken  
at Lucerne, yet it is an occasion Ger-  
many has long sought for—that of find-  
ing itself in sympathetic audience with  
England removed from the hostile and  
prejudicial influences of the French  
diplomatic and military representa-  
tives.

#### Giollitti's Presence an Advantage.

The presence of Signor Giollitti, it  
is confidently hoped, will prove an ad-  
vantage to Doctor Simons in his  
view of the Italian premier's amiable  
leanings toward Germany. Many ques-  
tions bearing on the present situation  
and arising from the Polish-Russian  
war are to be expected discussed. Ger-  
many's real position in the light of  
the latest developments will be im-  
ported to Lloyd George and a possible  
line of action determined.

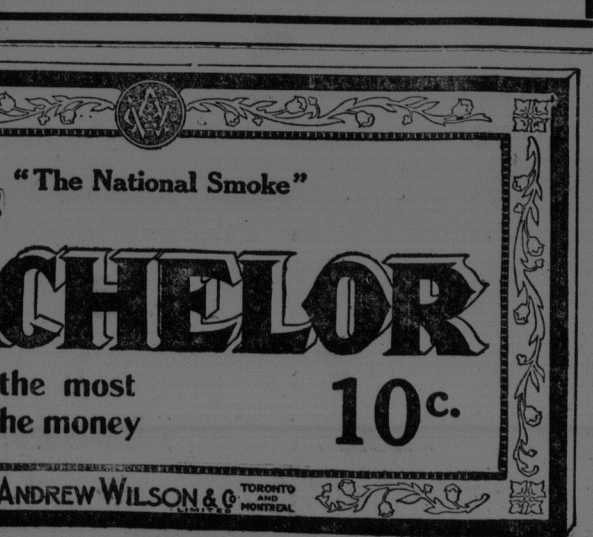
#### Entente's Existence Denied.

For many, the Entente has not  
merely been "impaired" by the Wan-  
gert and other irritable incidents be-  
tween France and England, but it

## Woodstock Provincial Exhibition

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| Andrus's Dept. Store | 258 King St., W.      |
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| Fairville Drug Store | Fairville.            |

Duty is usually too plain to be at-  
tractive.

## MUSIC, DANCING, ART SHOW AND NATURAL HISTORY

Some of the Attractive Features of  
the St. John Exhibition, From  
Sat. Sept. 4 to Sat. Sept. 11

#### SPECIAL MUSICAL FEATURES

A Famous Band of Scottish Highlanders has been en-  
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cians will be augmented by St. John's best Brass Bands, both  
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is proposed to have singing recitals of a popular and classic  
character by song demonstrators from American centres and  
local talent. Local music houses will furnish recitals in minia-  
ture.

#### DANCING AND NOVELTY SHOW

The auditoriums and annex buildings will be graced with  
special programmes either pictorial or vaudeville and with  
well-conducted dancing arrangements for which Jazz Bands  
will furnish the popular hits of the hour. These diversions  
will serve to give an up-to-date finish to the Exhibition, since  
dancing has become the universal vogue following the war.

#### NATURAL HISTORY DISPLAY

Under the supervision of Provincial and Federal Govern-  
ments. Exhibits of birds, insects, fish, plants, etc., belong-  
ing to Canada, their usefulness and their undesirability. The  
economic minerals and ores of Canada in the rough and finished  
states. The St. John Natural History Society will contribute  
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comprehensive and instructive part of the big Exhibition.

#### THE LOAN ART EXHIBITION

St. John and Maritime Provincial people generally will great-  
ly appreciate the efforts put forth by a competent special com-  
mittee in assembling from various parts of the Dominion and  
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