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Not So Fast, Sir George.

Sir George Perley, acting High Commissioner for Canada, has undertaken to inform the British public that Canada will demand of the Imperial authorities at the close of the war.

Col. Seelye.

Most Canadians will learn with some surprise, from an intimation given to the British House of Commons, by Admiral Lord Charles Bessford, that Canadian public opinion has been much disturbed by an announcement that some of the cavalrymen of the Canadian Contingent are to be attached to a regiment to be commanded by Col. J. E. B. Seelye.

The War in the East.

General disappointment is expressed that Russia was unable to hold the ground which she had gained in Eastern Prussia. Under the drive which Von Hindenburg made a few days ago the Russians were forced to retreat, and lost a considerable number of prisoners and guns.

The Rockefeller Foundation.

At a recent sitting of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, the Rockefeller Foundation was under fire. This Foundation, it will be remembered, consists of \$100,000,000, to be administered by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees.

ceivable idea. They could launch a campaign for a high tariff or for free trade, engage in a propaganda in behalf of Socialism, or endeavor to bring about the success of the Republican or Democratic or any other ticket.

Hamilton, formerly known as the "ambitious city," will now be known as the "good luck city." She has induced a horseshoe factory from the United States to locate under the shadow of her mountain, and henceforth we may expect to hear of real progress in that progressive burg.

The Panama Canal, which has been in operation for about six months, has taken in tolls \$2,000,000. This, of course, was under unfavorable circumstances, as the canal was closed for a part of the time, while the business depression and war have interfered with shipping.

An announcement appeared in the press a few days ago which caused thrills to the older "boys" throughout the country. To the present generation the announcement that Frank James, brother of the world-famed Jesse, was dead, does not mean very much, but to those accustomed to read of the exploits of the James Brothers thirty or forty years ago, the announcement recalls many pleasant memories.

The growth of farmers' co-operative organizations throughout Ontario and the west, is making satisfactory progress. The Journal of Commerce is in receipt of a report from a Western Ontario farmers' club, which seems to be typical of the movement.

With the attempt on the part of the Allies to force the Dardanelles, new interest centres in the wheat question. As is well known, Russia ships out through the Black Sea and the Dardanelles. Last year she had a surplus of about 235,000,000 bushels, but this year she has been unable to ship it out, and Western Europe has had to turn to North America for her supplies.

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There may be some persons who have been inclined to maintain a neutral attitude, but what are these to think now when German submarines begin war by torpedoing on hospital ships and merchant vessels?

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"LET THE RICH SPONSORS PAY."

There is no reluctance to go to war on the part of young Australians. On the contrary, there is not one healthy young man in a hundred who would stay away, if he could be sure that neither his family nor he would be prejudiced financially by his departure.

FRIENDLESS.

The great and beautiful hope that the present war, and the ending of it, would make America the peacemaker of the world, had been rapidly dwindling over, before the recent contraband, flag and submarine controversies came up.

CANADA AND THE WAR.

Canada is to establish a manufactory for the building of aeroplanes, and a flying squad will be made a regular adjunct of the military forces which the Dominion is sending to aid England in the European war.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

"I say, Bill, what's a pedigree?" "Same as hydrophobia, I think." "Hydrophobia? That ain't it." "Well, it's got somethin' to do with dogs, anyway."

Uncle—My dear boy, it's a fact that the microbes on paper money have caused many a death before now.

A well-known Irish clergyman had just published a book dealing with Irish life. He tells of an Irish veterinary surgeon who sent in his bill in the following terms:—"To curing your honour's mule till it died—10s."

The lady of the house was explaining things to the new maid. "An' what's this, missus?" asked the girl, indicating a metal bottle. "That is a bottle which will keep things either hot or cold whichever you desire," replied the mistress.

When E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe were playing in a western city last season an old couple stepped up to the box office and the man said: "Playin' Shakepeare here, they tell me."

A salesman had taken a large order in the north of Scotland for a consignment of hardware, and endeavored to press upon his canny Scottish manager who had given the order a box of Havana cigars.

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"NOT ONE CENT FOR TRIBUTE."

This is the date set for the enforcement of the German "war zone" decree. The German Ambassador is willing to enter into an agreement with the United States for an abandonment of the decree.

The offer conveys no compliment to the intelligence of the American people. In effect, it calls upon us to render invaluable assistance to Germany under duress. Self-respect demands that we refuse to become party to any such contract.

THE YOUTH OF THE CABINET.

It is fairly accurate to describe the Cabinet as young, since a man at 52—the average age of the members of the present Cabinet—is young as politicians go.

THE RIGHT OF SEARCH.

The contention advanced by the United States that her trade is being interfered with through the operations of the British Navy does not seem to be borne out by statistics.

GOOD MARCHING.

Mons and the retreat to Paris proved that British infantry could march and fight with any soldier, and most wars show some particularly good feat of endurance, such as the fine march of the First Essex Lt. South Africa, for instance.

RUSSIA REFORMED.

Russia, having seen the good effects of national prohibition, is determined to complete the reform by rendering methylated alcohol and similar harmful spirits absolutely undrinkable.

TO END THE WAR.

Sergeant Michael O'Leary, the Irish Guardsman who got the Victoria Cross for capturing a German position practically alone, after killing eight men and capturing two, was until recently a member of the Northwest Mounted Police.

The Day's Best Editorial

Insurance companies of various kinds have been sending their agents at their home offices for conferences and plans for the future. These men come from every nook and corner of the country.

Imperial Bank of Canada. HEAD OFFICE - TORONTO. Capital Paid up \$7,000,000. Reserve Fund \$7,000,000. This bank issues Letters of Credit negotiable in all parts of the world.

DEMAND FOR LUMBER.

The prospect that the North Pacific lumber interests will furnish the lumber to re-build rural France, depopulated and devastated by war, betokens a large access of industry in local lumber manufacture.

KID GLOVE JOBS.

American-born men no longer take kindly to hard, manual labor. Thousands of them work in stores and at other comparatively light employment in New York city for lower wages than the alien laborers in the new subway receive.

GERMANY'S COLONIAL EXPANSION.

So long as Germany remained at peace with us, we had no grudge against her colonial expansion. We had shown again and again, and by no means least in the months preceding the war, that we were willing that she should increase her overseas possessions, and anxious to reach an amicable agreement by which we could work side by side with her in the development of new countries.

REDUCED TO ABSURDITY.

Germany informs the world that if England stops isolating her empire she will abandon her threat to sink neutral ships. The American government is urged to force England into surrender on this point to the price of immunity for peaceful American vessels on the high seas.

MORE POWER TO ALLIED FLEET!

The whole world is directly interested in the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts. If the straits can be forced, 80,000,000 bushels of Russian wheat will be marketed and the price of flour and bread will drop. More power to the big guns of the Anglo-French fleet!

BEST AND WORST.

The worst governed city in Canada, Montreal, is only half a street distant from one of the best governed, Westmont. And Montreal occasionally frightens the Westmonters by threatening annexation. The annual scare is now on.—Calgary News-Telegram.

LULLABY OF AN INFANT CHIEF.

O, hush thee, my babe, thy sire was a knight. Thy mother a lady, both lovely and bright. The woods and the glens, from the towers which we see, They all are belonging, dear babe, to thee.

NEW YORK MARKET. VOL XXIX No. 246. Volume of Transactions Price Changes Negligible. NEW HAVEN A. Mexican Petroleum Reported to Have Over-sold—Atchison's Earnings First of Fiscal Year in Record. New York, February 25.—At the close of the day the market was active and firm. The street was over its nervousness regarding the submarine blockade, and fact, has so far a very small record. Further more a short interest of 6 has been formed in market and to good.