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Obstruction or Compromise?

The Telegram: An adequate decided upon, with a proper allocation of duties, until the city council decide upon the powers to be conferred upon a fire commissioner, or a commission, and upon a well-defined and certain foundation upon which a fire department based upon modern conditions and requirements can be constructed.

This extract from an article in The Evening Telegram indicates that nothing has really been accomplished yet by the city hall administration in getting a policy for the reconstruction or reorganization of the fire department. We are not concerned with the criticism which has been leveled at sideration of the carefully prepared plan of the city architect, which is as competent and practical as anything that has been offered, but which fails to cater to the aldermanic demand for a job for somebody.

The point to be kept in mind is that attempt to be helpful to the city, with- than any one of several provinces. out taking sides for or against any of the several factions into which the question has divided the aldermen, it to give the people direct legislation. is merely necessary to recognize that If the people had a veto over important doing nothing is not what the city measures passed by the legislature and granted that there are two sides to propose measures for the people to matters pertaining to British Columernment was established in Great Bri- be quickened in public affairs. When tain, there have been two sides to the people get real power they will departy politics. In order to make any mand knowledge, and with knowledge progress in government at all the ma- they can form a judgment which will jority have always been permitted to be real public opinion. Meanwhile The get their way, with a certain amount Guide wants to know what the Sus-

two-sided government. In Toronto civic politics, party gov ernment was supposed to be eliminated. Possibly so far as partisan politics is concerned this may have been the and instead of recognizing majority promise, or of doing business on any sult is that nothing is done at all. counter charges of extravagance, inefficiency, incompetence, and general

as the essential feature of party or

The city council, in short, does no do business in a business-like way. Each administration throws the blame for its defects upon its predecessors. No man arises as a leader strong tion from which Toronto suffers, not ernment. government in a constructive sense.

A majority of the aldermen ought to see this and try and remedy the situation. Some-compromise is nec essary to get anything done. No rea sonable compromise can be so bad for to the fire department.

The World has refrained from any attempt to block Mayor Church's efforts, and so far as we have been able to discern a policy in his actions we have been glad to support what has appealed to us. The absolute refusal to do anything that anybody else suggests, which characterizes the usual city council methods, must be abandoned, if any business is to be transacted.

## What is Public Opinion?

What is often called public opinion is really not opinion at all, but sentiment. Quite recently the governor of Georgia commuted the death sentence in a case which had attracted wideapread publicity. While the appeal for executive elemency was before bim the governor received no less than 100,000 letters from people outside of the state. Perhaps 60 000 of these letters were burnt unopened be showed that few of the volunteer cor- have been due to causes inherent in

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erous and just, but they probably brutal self-assertion." well as for the individual. A patriotic

But in the ordinary working day life of the Dominion we need the hardthe people to restrain extravagance and corruption. Just now we are hearing a good deal about the absence in Canadian politics. It is assumed which break out so frequently in this or that province, or even in federal the long record of outrages committed politics. They are reproached with in Belgium and northern France and their lack of interest in public affairs. in the German policy of frightfulness.

The Grain Growers' Guide suggests that the absence of public opinion may be accounted for by the absence of various suggestions, including a con- sufficiently know what is going on to public knowledge. The people do not form an opinion. Why, it is asked, should provincial cabinets sit behind closed doors, while municipal boards of centrol do business in the open? The question cannot be answered by saying the province is bigger than any city therein, because a city like Tonothing has, as yet, been done. In an ronto is wealthier and more populous

The Guide urges the Norris governenact into law, popular interest would of concession or compromise, so that katchewan Government has to hide compromise has come to be regarded that it has juggled the people out of its initiative and referendum, and why is the Liberal government in Alberta acting in the same way?

Those calling most loudly for public opinion to assert itself, as for example in Manitoba, appear to think that the case. But there remain two parties, people are a sort of policeman to be called in now and then when politirule, the parties never dream of com- cians get too dishonest. So long as the politicians are reasonably honest terms but the fiercest rivalry. The re- no one seems to call upon public opinion. But there are other issues re-Out of the confusion arise charges and specting which the people should think, decide, and speak. We have in the federal arena great problems of finarce, transportation, and settlement; we need the counsels and the opinions of the people. Are not our governments too remote, with no checks but tory of British Columbia. The ships unwieldly legislatures spending but a were properly bought. They are abfew weeks each year at the capital, and enough to dominate the situation with an election once every, four or five common sense and good judgment and years? Public opinion is needed in but for the stability of the civic of- Canada, but it can be only a fitful ficials no progress of any kind would force in politics until the people more be made. It is government by obstruc- directly participate in their own gov-

## "The Soul of Germany"

In the centenary number of The North American Review, published last month, Mr. W. D. Howells, the the city as the long-continued deadlock wrote that "from militarist Germany, which halts all real progress. This applies to various matters as well as sy of murder and rapine, humanity can expect nothing." That is the view of a neutral observer who sympacause he sees that on them rests the burden of vindicating the higher civilization Germany is determined to destroy in order that the Prussian overlords may dominate Europe and the world. To gain the goal of that ambition Germans have shown the utmost indifference to the laws of God and man, to the obligations of honor and the demands of chivalry. Letters and diaries found on the bodies of the dead or taken from prisoners, have shown that in some cases individual Germans have revolted from assisting in carrying out the calculated policy of frightfulness. The few exceptions show how deeply the canker of cruelty has eaten into the mass of the German

The question has been debated whether the horrible deeds committed by cause a perusal of the first 40,000 the German soldiery and naval men respondents really knew anything the German people or whether it has been imposed on them by an educa-The governor says that no one is tional system designed thruout to proentitled to have an opinion about the duce the type of citizen desired by case who has not read the evidence, the autocrat of the German Empire.

That is rather a sweeping assertion, Writing in the current issue of The but it will certainly be admitted that Fortnightly Review, Capt. Baltine declares that "the common people of innocent or guilty of crime unless he Germany are brutal by nature." This can give some reason based upon evi- too, is the judgment passed by Mr. dence. Of course it by no means fol- Thomas F. A. Smith, in his recent lows that every person familiar with book, "The Soul of Germany." The the evidence will arrive at a correct qualifications entitling him to deliver conclusion; a good many people who his diagnosis include a twelve years' read the governor's statement in the residence in Germany, only terminatcase we have in mind may not agree ing at the outbreak of the war, thore with him. He does not deal with the knowledge of the language, personal strong circumstantial evidence, but acquaintance with all parts of the directs his attack entirely against the country and classes of the population, story of a self-confessed accomplice. and eight years in the Bavarian state Many people outside of Georgia as- service. "Germans," he says, "are sume that Leo Frank, the man in characterized by unbounded vanity, question, was not given a fair trial on love of secrecy, morbid sensitiveness, account of local prejudice against his envy, absence of consideration for race and religion. Acting upon this others, a strong tendency to revert to assumption they demanded that he 'the ape and tiger.' Germans lack should not be hung. They were in- true sentiment and affection, but have spired by a sentiment that was gen- a remarkable inclination to reckless,

upon the sworn testimony in the case. the terrible statistics of crime prepolitician prefers to appeal to the responding figures for England. In Roblin regime. Taking, in the case of Germany, the leader in any great crisis may well decade 1897-1907, and for England the call the chief justice of the court of king's bench (Mathers) and former following table: Malicious and felonious wounding, Germany 172,153, England 1262; murders, 350 against headed thrift and common sense of 97; rape, 9381 against 216; incest, 573 against 56; unnatural crimes, 841 against 290; illegitimate children, 148,-115 against 37.041; divorce petitions, of public opinion as a cleansing factor 20,340 against 965; malicious damage to property, 25,759 against 358; arson, that the people too easily condone or 610 against 278. Germany's supremacy too easily forget the graft scandals in the grosser forms of crime is undoubted and its outcome is found in

# M'BRIDE DEFENDS HIS

British Columbia Premier Interviewed Yesterday on Return From England.

toronto yesterday before returning to the Pacific coast. When interviewed, he said he had been on an extensive trip to England in connection with matters pertaining to British Columbia. A great many of the enterprises are backed by English have existed concerning the change has attended my trip and feel I have made satisfactory arrangements in London and Paris," he said. In speaking of the Canadians at the

front Sir Richard said he had the pleasure of hearing the King speak with the highest commendation of the men Canada has sent to the front. He had met many of the Canadian boys in Paris and London and the spirit of courage is exemplary.

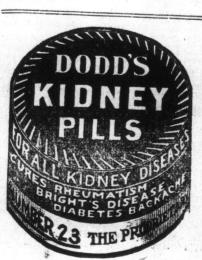
reference to the attacks which had been made against his government by The Globe, Premier McBride said: will take that matter up as soon as I return. I have nothing but con-tempt for my fellow-citizens who at this time could indulge in an acrimo-nious discussion. George P. Graham and The Globe have been branding me with what substantially amounts to dishonesty and I want to brand these

charges as false to the core. They criticized my actions in buy journed to meet again on Wednesday. ing two submarines, which were purchased at a critical time in the his solutely modern and the price paid for them was quite fair."

#### **DEATH ROBBED SERGEANT** PATTEN OF V. C. HONORS

Son of American Senator.

C. Webb, who has just re turned from the front, in speaking of his late comrade, Sergt. Patten, of the Princess Pats, says: "Death alone robbed my friend of the Victoria Cross. Not only did he show conspictives." Was German, No information as to had figured in daring exploits so many obtained from the crews of the trawltimes that he was worthy of the supreme honor on many occasions." Patten was born in England and when a young man entered the ranks thizes with the cause of the allies beof the Imperial Worcesters. He rought in India and South Africa. In addition to his many medals he was awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery. He came to Toronto and bravery. He came to Toronto and consending goods \$500, and an equity marked as a laborar in Oaklay's stone of \$1000 in 496 Perth avenue. The worked as a laborer in Oakley's stone yard. Sergt. Patten is a brother of property will be divided between the second district. New York, and his father is the chief, customs officer a Albany, N. Y.



## TESTIFY IN PROBE

ley, Barristers, is Termed Vital.

#### **NEW BOARD MEETS**

Deal to Be Fully Investigated.

WINNIPEG, June 28 .- The new royal commission, consisting of Mr. made little effort to come to an un-biased opinion as to the actual guilt ties have come to light in the present Galt, and Judge Robson, public util-for \$29,000 from J. E. Haines, in conor innocence of the accused based war. But they are just as evident in ities commissioner for Manitoba, met today to investigate the allegations declared that the defendant approach-Public sentiment rather than public sented by Mr. Smith, all the more that the Norris government took of-

in one's own ability to achieve any with this allowance the disparity is the Norris government. No witnesses purpose, are assets for the nation as vastly in favor of British civilization. were examined and the session was devoted to organization.

Mr. Fullerton said he expected to Judge Phippen as witnesses. Mr. Fullerton suggested that the new

commission did not possess all the powers of the former one in that orders appointing the former one authorized them to investigate "all matters and things which in your judgment are relevant thereto." These words are omitted from the present order. He wished to reserve the right to make any suggestions he considered necessary for the enlargment of the comission's powers any time, and to this

the commission agreed.

Mr. Fullerton said the attorney-general had notified him that any member of the government wanted as witness would attend any time desired, and any documents in the pos session of the government would be produced when needed. Other witesses must be produced by subpoena. No counsel appeared for the former government, and the chairman suggested that they should be represented, since the charges suggested improper dealings between the late gov-

ernment and the present.

The commission will send a copy of the order-in-council to each member of the late government.

Toronto Men Wanted Mr. Fullerton said he would like the

commission to telegraph asking F. H. Phippen and W. N. Tilley, of Toronto,

bia. A great many of the provincial plicated in the deal alleged by him to capital and on account of the unset-tled conditions trade in the west has Hudson, and Hon. Valentine Winkler. not been what it should be. "I am Premier Norris was named by Fullerquite satisfied with the success which ton as representing the then opposition in the alleged negotiations concerning the payment of fifty thousand dollars for dropping election protests, and Messrs. Norris, Johnson, Hudson, and Winkler were concerned in alleged negotiations regarding the

change of government.

Names Withheld. Names were asked for by Isaac Pitblado, representing the government, who said that names of the men accused were necessary in preparing a defence. "These are all names I want to give

now," said Mr. Fullerton, "I don't want to suggest a name, any name, unless I have evidence.' Pitblado said he had seen it suggested that some witnesses had left the province. The services of the provincial police, were, he said at the service of Mr. Fullerton in any way he

## GERMAN SUBMARINE TOWED BY TRAWLERS

Undersea Boat Was Upside Down, Say Passengers of Grampian.

MONTREAL, June 28 .- A German Late Member of Princess Pats Was by three British trawlers, was signted from the Allan steamer Grampian off the coast of Ireland according to officers of the liner, which arrived here

The submarine was very deep in the

## ESTATE SETTLEMENTS.

Donald Graham, a motorman who widow and his children.
An estate of \$2185 was left by Rich. ard Sleightholm, a carpenter, who died in Etobicoke May 21. His widow is to get a life interest. Upon her death or remarriage the estate is to be divided between his three child-

Mrs. Mary Ann Dunn, who died June 20, left an estate of \$942. piano is willed to her daughter and her husband gets the residue of

## SCARBORO OLD BOYS.

estate.

At the annual meeting of the Scarbor. Old Boys, held on Saturday, the following officers were elected for the ensuin year: President, F. G. Price; first vice treasurer, Geo.

Jeving. Sheriff McCowan, E. C. Jackson, Son, Robert Buchanan, Thor. Jackson, John Neilson, John Cowan, Robert McCowan, David Beldam, Alex. Baird, J. C. Clark, Robert Newall. It was decided that the outing this year should take the form of an excursion across the lake to Niagara Falls. The date will be and in due course.

## FRAUD ON FARMER REMEDIED BY COURT

Evidence of Phippen and Til- James Johnston Wins Sweeping Verdict Against J. E. Haines, Promoter.

### SUED FOR BURNED FOOT

of Roblin-Norris Action Against Smith Falls Hospital is Unsuccessful.

> Mr. Justice Lennox, at Osgoode Hall yesterday, awarded James Johnston, farmer, of Vaughan Township. Judgnection with stock transactions. In his statement of claim Johnston

opinion rules the world. Hence the striking when contrasted with the corpanies. On the strength of representations he purchased \$2000 worth of politician prefers to appeal to the responding figures for England.

hearts rather than to the heads of his comparing them it is necessary of C. P. Fullerton attended to press stock in the British American Sign Co. constituents; per is his instinct alto- course to remember that the popula- his charges, with the assistance of E. \$4000 in the Forty Mile Gold Dredging constituents; nor is his instinct altogether wrong. A splendid faith in a
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course to remember that the populains charges, with the assistance of E.

K. Williams and A. E. Johnston. Hugh
Philips and Isaac Pitblado represented
the Norris government. No witnesses last named company was in financial difficulties and urged him to purchase his holdings for \$6000, which the plain-

Johnston next purchased a large number of \$6 shares, which the defendant represented were worth \$10, for \$15,000, in the Consolidated Gold Co. He alleged that the defendant did not pay the money to the companies, but appropriated it to his own use, and that the money was obtained from him

by false and fraudulent means. His lordship rives judgment declaring that the moneys in the statement of claim were obtained from Johnston false and fraudulent representations made to him by Haines, that the plaintiff is entitled to these moneys with interest, and for recovery of the total sum of \$29,000 with interest. The plaintiff has liberty to amend the prayer in his statement of claim and to the defence of the statute of

Fails Against Hospital. action of Mrs. Marjory Lavere of Winchester against the Smith's Falls Hospital for \$3000 damages for injuries sustained to her foot when a patient at the hospital. The plaintiff underwent an operation for the purpose of which she was placed under the influence of an anaesthe!c. For the purpose of heating some warm bricks were plaved to have the heat the least the heating some warm bricks were played in her bed, and the plaintiff stated that when she recovered consciousness her foot was severely burned. It was not clearly proven at the trial who was responsible for placing the bricks in the bed, and his lordship holds that the hospital authorities are not liable for any injury sustained.

## FROM BRITISH AIRMEN

Ross Hume of the military wing of the Royal Flying Corps stated yesterday that the German aviators are cowards. Britain now has supre-macy of the air. The Germans run They have not the same pluck, skill and courage as the British airmen. Capt. Hume went over to the firing line last August, and up to the time he took a very active part in the flying

## JUDGMENT RESERVED.

Judge Coatsworth reserved judgmen in the non-jury county court yesterday in the case of the National Life Assurnce Co., brought against Ralph Tunis Co. for payment on a note amounting to \$271.44, which was issued Sept. 18, 1914. The note was endorsed by F. C. Pryor. The face value was \$257.90, and he interest amounted to \$13.54. The rote was given as first payment on a premium of a \$5000 policy. The defence was that the policy was not what t was represented to be

## desired in securing the presence of witnesses. The commission then ad-

H. Caisley of the Robert Simpson Coelevator staff was presented with a military wrist watch by his fellow members of the staff on his leaving for Niagara to join the C.F.A. The following are ex-members of the elevator staff now with the colors: E. Easterbrook, Q.O.R., in France; J. Anderson, R. Grenadiers, France; G. Aylward, Mississauga Horse, killed in action; A. Haudsley, H.M.C.S., Margaret; C. Walker, Q.O.R.; E. Lloyd, A.S.C.; F. Ingham, Q.O.R.; E. Turton, R. C. Dragoons; W. Gurney, C. M. Riffest d. J. Marks, C.F.A.; F. Armes, 36th Peel Regt.; S. Shenton, Black Watch; F. Hoggben, 48th Highlanders; H. Caisley, C.F.A.

laide streets.

It is likely that the application will be granted, as the commissioners are usually in favor of having licenses taken away from residential districts.

HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.

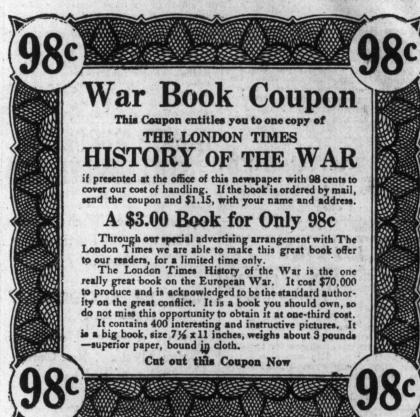
H. Linton, former proprietor of the Daly House, has repurchased that property from Jack J. Fitzpatrick. The last sale was made in August, 1914, for the sum of \$80,000, and the retransfer will be made for practically the same sum. H. Caisley of the Robert Simpson Co.

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#### CANADIANS BURROW IN GROUND TO AVOID SHELLS

They Smoke Till Fusillade is Over and Then Return It.

Pte. R. C. Cridland, who went to the front with No. 8 Platoon, B Company, Third Battalion, has written a letter to his father, T. F. Cridland of 321 Wallace avenue, in which he says the ooys are now quite used to shells and treat them as commonplace things.
"We go to the trenches," he sa "just as tho w were going to work and think nothing of it. If they start pelting us with shells, we just burrow n the earth like rabbits and have a smoke, and when the enemy is thru we give them a few rounds of rapid fire in return."

## WANTS LICENSE TRANSFER.

An application has been filed with Inspector R. S. Burrows of the city license branch, by William J. Kelly, licensee of the liquor store at 749 West Queen street, to have his moved to the corner of Bay and Ade laide streets.

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#### POSTAGE REVENUE GOES **DOWN ON POSTCARDS**

Two Cents on Postcards Brings Smaller Return Than One Cent Rate, Say Dealers.

At a meeting of the Canadian Post Card Association, held in the board of trade chambers on Monday afternoon, the question of the war stamp on post cards was thoroly discussed. The general opinion, backed up by actual figures of business done by the various members, showed that the charging of the extra cent on postcards has so cut down the use of cards that the government receipts from this source are materially smaller than before the stamp tax took effect. The members of the association are taking steps to gather accurate data which will be presented to the government.

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