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TERMS OF OFFICIALS

Ald. Arnold suggests in his vigorous manner an extension of the term of office of the mayor. It seems but right that the mayor should get a two years' term with the members of the council and the commissioners, as well as the members of the school board. With the exception of the hospital board, the mayor is the only elected official in the city who does not have a two-year term.

There are certain reasons against the extension of the term. The mayor usually gets a second term without opposition. No mayor has been opposed for his second term since ex-Mayor Cameron ran for a second term.

In theory, it is well that the mayor should retire annually. The members of the council are elected for two years and retire alternately. The members of the commission are elected for two years and retire alternately. By the method of the mayor retiring annually, the people at the end of every year elect to office the majority of both the commission and the council. There is reason that that should continue, even though the need of such a safeguard has never been apparent.

The term of the commissioners should not be extended unless at the same time the regulations respecting recall should be made more workable. A provision that a commissioner should be elected for not more than four years, and for at least two years, subject to the recall restriction which we have, and also that he might continue into the third and fourth term unless a petition presented by a number of ratepayers asked for an election, might be a satisfactory safeguard.

The commissioners should be appointed for a sufficiently long period. At the same time, it must be remembered that a good commissioner will usually be re-elected, and there is some objection to surrounding an elected officer with too much security or create in the position anything like a vested right.

The question should be submitted to the people before any change is made.

The new chancellor of Germany is very similar to his immediate predecessor, except that he is very much more so.

The traffic question is one which is bound to cause a very great deal of trouble. In this time of stress we are buying so many motor cars that we haven't got street room for them all.

The members of the council have not yet taken note of the many and serious accidents upon the one-man car. The aldermen have no liking for facing the street railway superintendent in any kind of an argument.

ELIMINATE BONUSES

The plan of the council of bonusing conventions coming to the city is one which has little to commend it. Unless the city has a convention policy, the wisdom of which at the present time is very doubtful, because it would involve a large capital and enormous expenditure, the policy should be discontinued.

The citizens are always much pleased to have visitors here, and will do much to make their visit enjoyable. But the idea of bonusing people to come to this city to do their business is too much like steel bounties and that sort of thing. The principle is wrong. It gets the city nowhere and that form of expenditure should be eliminated.

Cheap and as gaudy as the money will permit is the decision of the city council about the reception to the governor-general.

The ratepayers are first into the election pond with a number of candidates for municipal offices. They report the water as somewhat deuced, but the temperature as very fine.

There are people who will admit that T. M. Tweedie rather disappointed them in his recent race, but that was just a sprint, and that in a long race involving the whole of East Calgary he will be some goer.

There are plenty of reports that Mayor Costello is keeping the glad hand in the very best of shape, but whether he is to use it as a candidate in the federal elections or in a fourth term as mayor of the city, he has not himself yet decided.

POLICY OF ABUSE

The opponents of union government are confining their attention to abusing some of the members of the administration. There is sufficient evidence that their objection is to the principle of a union administration, and that they are prepared to condemn the membership of any administration.

The present government is the strongest available. It includes most of the able men in public life. That it does not include Sir Wilfrid Laurier is because he is opposed to the policy of conscription, and for that reason declines to enter the administration.

In discussing the matter of union government, the opponents of union, instead of making broadside attacks upon the members of the administration, would in some way prove to the public:

(1) That the policy of having a union government, insuring united action at this critical time, is wrong.

(2) That the government's policy of conscription, imposed to reinforce the men at the front, is wrong.

(3) That the Liberal representation in the government does not represent the Liberal party or that portion of it that is in favor of conscription.

(4) That the Conservative representation does not represent the Conservative party, or that portion of it that is in favor of conscription.

(5) That the policy of the new government, such as conscription of men, conscription of wealth, abolition of the patronage, abolition of all form of profiteering, and other planks of the new policy, is wrong.

If the opponents of the government can show any of these things, they may make headway in the province.

If they continue, however, marching behind Oliver and Cross, merely to heap abuse upon men who are trying to serve the country best, they are not likely to get very far.

What ho! Here is hallowe'en with us again. What is the old adage about a white hallowe'en? Or is there any old adage about it?

The man in the moon should hide his bright face tonight or what chance will the younger generation have of keeping hallowe'en as it should be kept?

KAISER AND REACTION

When the Kaiser was sick, the Kaiser a saint would be.

A few months ago, before the Italian reverse and even before the serious collapse of the Russian army, the Kaiser was considered seriously certain reforms in the German government, in giving the people certain rights enjoyed in all democratic countries.

Since then the Russian disaster has come, and now the Italian reverse. Behrmann-Holweg was followed by the more reactionary Michaelis, and now the muddling Michaelis has been followed by the premier of Bavaria, who is the most reactionary of all.

The new chancellor is described as an old man who is not only satisfied with conditions as they are, but rather inclined to check than extend the liberties of the people.

The Kaiser is a saint only when the war news is very bad. And the moral of that is that Germany will remain a despotism as long as there is a glimpse of hope of military success.

In times of great emergency the Italians forget political division and unite in one great policy. In some respects the Italians are much in advance of Canada.

United States has the news of the Italian reverse and it looks from here as if Uncle Sam was doing some very hard and active thinking. The world is looking to him.

The chances of union government are improving daily. In principle it is right. In makeup it cannot be improved. It is real union government and has the best of both parties.

Michaelis had a brief but merry time while he was on the job chancelling for the Kaiser. He was only a few weeks at it, but in that time managed to alienate all the chief interests in the nation.

Lethbridge Liberals declined to accept the nomination of the sitting member, W. A. Buchanan, and asked for a conference with the Conservatives to start in on a union campaign. The Lethbridge Liberals acted wisely.

Premier Brewster may join the Borden cabinet. If he does, every western Liberal premier will be in favor of union government. Every provincial cabinet minister in western Canada who has made any declaration in favor of union government with the exception of Hon. C. W. Cross.

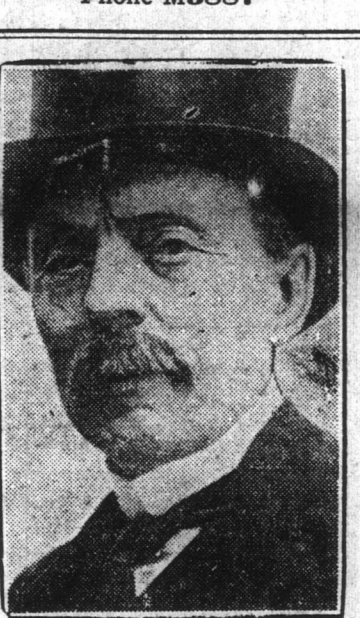
It would be just like John A. Irvine to take advantage of the hallowe'en season to come along about midnight tonight and leave on The Albertan's doorstep a bag full of reasons which he believes justified him in saying those terrible words about the union government. But we shall be waiting for him.

ANOTHER ROYALIST PLOT
Paris, Oct. 29.—Continuing their efforts to obtain evidence of the supposed Royalist plot, the police today raided the office in Lyons, Bordeaux and other provincial cities, of L'Action Francaise, the royalist organ, whose editor, Leon Daudet, is under investigation. Officers of affiliated newspapers also were searched and quantities of documents were seized.



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E. L. NEWCOMBE
Deputy minister of justice and chairman of the military service council, who is well pleased with the first week's operations of the military service act and says its success is assured.

Luke McLuke Says
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Maybe more folks would marry for love only they know they can't afford to in these days of the H.C. of L.

The calm before the storm is the period of comparative ease during which father is smoking upstairs in his rocking chair about 2 a.m.

In spite of the fact that they already have a wife and a cheap automobile, some men are not satisfied and will go out looking for trouble.

It must jar a stiff to have to ask her husband to tack her waist collar under her coat and to tell her if her skirt is showing.

An amateur angler doesn't take any grub along because he knows that he is going to eat fish. But an old-timer never counts on getting fish, but carries his food with him.

Father is a great apostle of personal liberty who he is out with the boys, and will announce today that nobody can dictate to him and tell him that he must or must not do a thing. Then he will go home and roll over, jump through or play dead, according to mother's command.

There isn't much wrong with the middle-aged man who obeys his mother just as he did when he was a kid. He is certain to be a pretty good citizen.

What has become of the old-fash man who used to smoke cigars just to see how long he could burn one without breaking the ashes?

A bald-headed man can't see why the world imagines that it must respect gray hairs.

Heaven is going to prove an awful disappointment to the professional agitator when he discovers that they do not hold a yearly wet and dry election up there.

When a man minds his own business and hustles, other people can't understand why he is so lucky.

When a woman moves from one house to another she wears the skin off her fingers scrubbing and cleaning the house that she is leaving. She has no idea who is going to move into the house, but she isn't going to give any woman a chance to talk about her and say that she was a dirty housekeeper.

Risking the chance of being called a knocker, we claim that too often philanthropy is nothing but condescension money.

UNION GOVERNMENT CONVENTION AT MEDICINE HAT TODAY

Hon. A. L. Sifton Almost Certain to Be Candidate Selected

A union government convention of the Medicine Hat riding will be held today in Medicine Hat, when the name of the Hon. A. L. Sifton, minister of customs in the union government, will be placed before the win-the-war delegates for endorsement as the union candidate in that riding.

The convention promises to be well attended and the ex-premier will receive a warm endorsement. The Medicine Hat riding is particularly strong for a win-the-war government. There is a possibility of the seat going by acclamation to Mr. Sifton, the only chance of opposition being in the Non-Parliament camp.

Hon. Mr. Sifton and Hon. Charles Mitchell, came in from the north last night en route to the East.

GOVERNMENT TO SET PRICE OF NEWSPRINT WITHIN FEW DAYS

Manufacturers Will Continue to Supply the Trade Until the End of the Week

Ottawa, Oct. 30.—After a short session today when the only statement remaining on hand was dealt with, the newspaper inquiry, conducted by Commissioner R. A. Pringle, K.C., under authority of the Dominion government came to a close. Owing to frequent adjournment it has lasted several months. As the order-in-council fixing the price of newspaper paper to Canadian publishers at \$50 a ton expires on Wednesday, the last day of the month, the commissioner has to make a recommendation to the government very promptly, and he hopes to place an interim report on his findings in the hands of the minister of finance by Wednesday night. It is likely that a new order-in-council fixing a new price based on the actual average costs arrived at by the manufacturers in his investigation will shortly be promulgated to last, it is understood, for the duration of the war.

Meanwhile, at the close of sitting the manufacturers present agreed to continue the supply of newspaper paper at \$50 a ton until Saturday. At the close of the inquiry, Mr. Pringle stated from the figures showing costs in the past eight months. In the case of one mill, the E. B. Eddy Company, Limited, of Hull, practically their entire output had been devoted to the Canadian trade at the fixed price, although they could have obtained much higher prices from \$60 to \$70 per ton in the United States. In the case of all those mills which have supplied more than their proper share of \$50 paper, the commissioner stated there will be a scheme of adjustment worked out whereby they will be recompensed for the paper they have sold at \$50, beyond a 10 per cent share, by those manufacturers who have not supplied their proper share to the Canadian publishers.

Producing Book Papers

In a few days preparation will be made by Commissioner Pringle to get under-way another inquiry, he is authorized to make into the cost of producing book and half-tone papers, including the class of paper used by the various magazines.

This will necessitate a more thorough research into the manufacture of sulphite than has been made during the newspaper inquiry, because in the latter inquiry only the basis of the cost of the sulphite to the manufacturers was taken, whereas in the new inquiry it will have to deal with it at the market value. A date for the opening is being arranged, and it will be held in Ottawa, though sittings are likely to be held in Toronto.

FEW SENIOR MEN LEFT IN ENGLAND

Work of Weeding Out Officers of High Rank Nearly Finished

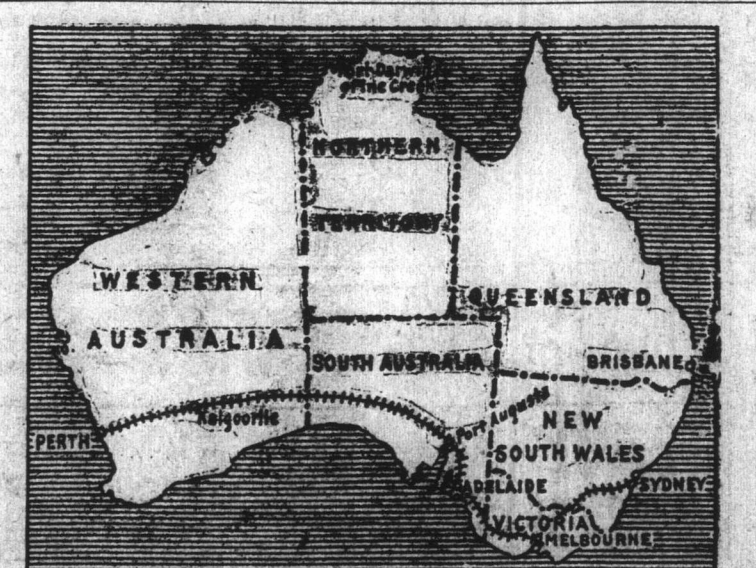
Toronto, Oct. 30.—A special cable from Douglas Robertson at London to the Toronto Telegram today says: "The policy adopted and announced by the Canadian Militia department at Ottawa some time ago, and slightly elaborated since, which concerns the surplus officers overseas, is now in full swing. Senior officers who are still outside Canada above the rank of lieutenant and who, though they may have been attached to some battalion in France or instruction, were not actually absorbed at one time in the strength of that battalion at the front, will have the choice of reverting to a lieutenancy or returning to Canada in due course. Senior officers deciding to accept lieutenancies, though henceforth receiving lieutenant's pay, will continue to draw the separation allowance of their original rank and be entitled to the pension of their original rank. The number affected is not very considerable as, of course, it does not include officers actually on the establishment of the pay corps, forestry battalions, etc."

BRITISH BATTERIES SAVED

Italian Headquarters, Monday night, Oct. 29.—After three days with the retreating Italian army, the Associated Press correspondent, who has just arrived at headquarters, is able to state that all the British batteries have been saved. The men suffered from cold, torrential rain and hunger during the retreat. As to the general situation of the Italian army in its retreat, the correspondent, who has been in the thick of the retirement is prevented from giving details by military necessity.

NEW PREMIER APPOINTED

Rome, Oct. 30.—King Victor Emmanuel today received Prof. Vittorio Orlando, minister of the Interior in the Boselli government, who agreed to undertake the formation of a cabinet and took the oath as premier.



AUSTRALIA'S TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY
The completion of the new line marks an important event in the history of the commonwealth. The section just completed is 1,040 miles long and the rail distance across the island continent is 3,467 miles.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL SUFFERING FROM A WEIRD DELUSION

Hon. C. W. Cross in Humorous Vein Forecasts Result of Federal Election in West

Winnipeg, Oct. 30.—The Saskatoon correspondent of the Winnipeg Telegram says:

"When Hon. Charles Cross was in Saskatoon Saturday he told the Laurier Liberal committee which met him that in British Columbia the Laurier Liberals would elect eight out of 14 members to the next parliament, nine out of 12 in Alberta and five out of 16 in Manitoba. Of these he was confident, as he had just come from British Columbia and was in close touch with the other two provinces. He took the stand as a government witness in the federal court today and testified against his co-defendants. They are Oscar and Joseph Newman, New York importers and exporters, and two Scandinavians, William Henn and Svag Duritz. Hanssen testified he arranged to place in the ship's music room a large phonograph cabinet which had been especially manufactured and contained secret compartments for contraband rubber. He said two trunks with false bottoms packed with rubber were to be put on the liner as passenger baggage."

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New York, Oct. 30.—After pleading guilty today to an indictment charging a conspiracy to ship dental rubber secretly to Norway in violation of American neutrality laws, Hans Hanssen, formerly chief steward on the Norwegian-American liner Kristianstad, took the stand as a government witness in the federal court today and testified against his co-defendants. They are Oscar and Joseph Newman, New York importers and exporters, and two Scandinavians, William Henn and Svag Duritz. Hanssen testified he arranged to place in the ship's music room a large phonograph cabinet which had been especially manufactured and contained secret compartments for contraband rubber. He said two trunks with false bottoms packed with rubber were to be put on the liner as passenger baggage."

WILL USE ENEMY PATENTS

Washington, Oct. 30.—Regulations under which articles patented in this country by enemy aliens may be manufactured were issued today by the federal trade commission under authority conferred by the trading with the enemy act. Licenses will be issued for the life of the patent and not merely for the duration of the war, but exclusive license will not be granted to individual firms. The new regulations affect approximately 20,000 patents, including many of paramount value to industry.

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