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CHERRING NEWS

"I know that when the time comes for the great move we can break through the Germans."

These words, spoken by Sir John French, convey the most heartening message that has come from the scene of the great struggle in France and Belgium. Sir John insists, however, that he must have more ammunition, and adds that "the more ammunition the less danger to our men in making advances." He wants "to pound the enemy and go on pounding them regardless of expense, and regardless of the number of shells used."

It is evident that if provided with sufficient ammunition the British artillery can gain the ascendancy over the enemy, and for this reason not only Sir John French but Lord Kitchener urges that every plant in the United Kingdom be operated to its fullest capacity to turn out the materials needed. Both the French and the British express the full confidence in their ability to break through the German lines when the hour comes for the great drive.

The situation in the east is not less satisfactory. Russian armies are moving down the slopes of the Carpathians toward the plains of Hungary. There seems no reason to doubt a continuance of this successful advance.

The whole situation both in the eastern and western war zone grows more favorable for the Allies.

THE TRAIL OF THE GRAFTER

The Borden government has decided to brazen it out. The majority report of the committee on military boots has been adopted by a straight party vote and the Conservatives go on record as being satisfied with the kind of footwear supplied to the soldiers. A coat of toy whitewash, however, will not hide the defects of the boots. There is a rumor that in view of the graft disclosures at Ottawa the British government is considering the purchase of future supplies in Canada through its own direct agents. The graft revelations at Ottawa are a fine commentary upon Tory professions of loyalty.

The story of the horse purchase in Nova Scotia was further told before the public accounts committee yesterday, and Mr. F. B. Carvell characterized it as "the most contemptible steal ever pulled off in Canada." Mr. A. DeWitt Foster, M. P., who selected the purchasing agents, was on the stand, and it was brought out that 428 horses were bought for \$72,000 without any receipts and vouchers being supplied to the militia department. Dr. Chipman, the veterinary, was also on the stand, and admitted that Messrs. Kreever and McKay, the former manager of a gold mine in Arisaac and the latter secretary of the government who in the commons, were the men who decided what horses should be accepted and what rejected. He simply signed the checks made out by Mr. Foster to those gentlemen without knowing whether the horses he passed were the ones purchased. There was also a Mr. Woodworth associated with Mr. Kreever. Mr. Woodworth was also interested in mining operations in the west. Mr. Foster saw both Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Kreever in Boston a week ago, but did not bring back any checks and vouchers, or any detailed statement of the horse purchases.

Boots, bandages, binoculars, drugs, motor vehicles, horses—how long would the list be if the whole story were told?

MORE TORIES IN TROUBLE

Now they have a Royal Commission in Manitoba, to investigate all matters relating to the new parliament building. The government of Sir Rodmond Roblin is on the defensive. It appears that at a short session of the legislature last September the government was given power to borrow more money on account of changes in the new parliament building. Hon. Dr. Montague, minister of public works, declared there was nothing hid, and that everything regarding increased construction costs would be made known. When the matter came up, however, before the public accounts committee at the late session of the legislature, every effort was made by the government to shut off the inquiry concerning a transaction involving the expenditure of four to five million dollars on buildings which it was originally estimated would cost only two million dollars.

The contract was let in the summer of 1913 for \$2,559,750. Within a fortnight after the contract was signed it was decided that the foundation in such a way as to increase the cost nearly \$500,000, and this was done without written notice. Instead of pile foundations or reinforced concrete it was decided to put in reinforced concrete caissons at \$23.58 per cubic yard. It was brought out in the inquiry before the public accounts committee that similar work had been done under other buildings for \$12.50 to \$15.00 per cubic yard. The contractor was also paid \$182 per ton for steel, when the cost on other Winnipeg buildings erected at the same time was below \$80 per ton. One critic estimated that there was an illegitimate

profit on steel contracts of nearly \$800,000. As usual in such cases there was no information on some important points. It was further charged, however, that there was a shortage of nearly 14,000 cubic yards of concrete. The opposition claim that there was an overpayment of \$375,000 on an \$800,000 job in connection with concrete caissons. The government claims that the additional contracts given were necessary, and that the prices charged were fair and reasonable. Canadian Finance, which represents business interests only, and declares that it is the duty of business men to create a stronger non-partisan demand for efficiency and unequivocal honesty in federal, provincial and municipal administration, reviews the whole inquiry before the public accounts committee, at which its editor was present, and says:—

"All in all, there seemed to have been plenty of circumstances and to spare to warrant the referring of the whole matter of the construction of the parliament building to a Royal Commission. The lieutenant-governor's reported strong stand in this connection has come in for general approval. Hosts of former voters for the government have expressed to Canadian Finance their chagrin at preceding weeks of apparent evasion of a real investigation. Not one, and this statement is made without reserve or equivocation, expressed a word of approval or even excuse for what seemed to be persistent side-stepping."

Tory government in New Brunswick resulted in Royal Commissions and the most scandalous revelations. Tory government in Manitoba has also resulted in a Royal Commission, and, if we may judge from what an independent financial journal of high standing says about it, there will be scandalous revelations in Manitoba.

THE ELECTIONS

The Toronto World says that Canada is about to be projected into an election campaign in which scandal will be a predominant feature. The World is a Conservative newspaper. It has already called upon the government to endeavor to clear its skirts and the skirts of the Conservative party in the matter of the purchase of military supplies, and the government has answered by whitewashing the boot contracts.

In England there is no intention of throwing the country into the turmoil of an election until after the war. In Canada, however, the Conservatives think they can wave the flag and snatch another lease of power, which they would not be able to do if all the facts came out about the graft that has been rampant throughout Canada during the last three years, there is a demand for an immediate appeal to the people and a political campaign of the meanest character on the part of the government and its friends, who hope by charging the Liberals with disloyalty to prejudice the public mind and divert attention from their own political sins.

The Canadian soldiers are again in the trenches, and we may expect to read longer casualty lists than those of the last week.

Russian troops are now well over the Hungarian border. Along this front they are not likely to be compelled to withdraw even for a season.

There is another rumor of a great German air raid on England. It was to have taken place about Easter, and now we are told it will take place in June. By June the Germans are likely to have something else to think about besides an invasion of England.

The school board says it must have that \$10,000. If the view credited to Premier Clarke and the attorney-general, that the city commissioners had no authority to interfere with the school board's estimates, is correct, it would appear that the ten thousand would have to be provided.

It is said that in Germany they are still talking of holding a strip of Belgium, and have an eye also on a portion of Holland. If there is any foundation for this rumor the people of Germany cannot be aware of what is transpiring on their eastern and western borders.

It is said that there are already more than a million British soldiers in France. Other hundreds of thousands are in training in the Mother Country and various parts of the Empire. So far as the military campaign is concerned, the British Empire is only now beginning to muster its strength.

The members of the Retail Merchants Association who are visiting the city today are heartily welcome. As they go about the city they will observe that the motto "Business as Usual" continues to be well observed despite the war. They will find many evidences of progress, to add to their conviction that New Brunswick is today about the most desirable place of residence, so far as general industrial and commercial conditions are concerned, in all Canada.

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"Well?"
"And then she sent me on my way!"

In Self-Defense.
Mrs. Crabshaw—That woman next door is going to the theatre tonight. Crabshaw—Then I suppose we'll have to go, too, for their dog will be barking the whole evening.

The Limit.
"She's crazy to get into the upper ten, isn't she?"
"Crazy? Why, she'd even reserve it on a sleeper!"

The Same Result.
"How long have they been married?"
"About five years."
"Did she make him a good wife?"
"No, but she made him an awfully good husband."

Striking It Right.
He (cautiously)—Don't you often sigh for the wings of a bird, Miss Chamber? She (decidedly)—Indeed I do! I need some trimming for a new hat badly!

Impish Ink.
"There isn't no such thing as luck."
"There isn't eh? Did you ever see anybody upset an inkstand when it was empty?"

First Aid for Cupid.
"I see where a man married a girl on his death bed so she could have his millions. Could you love a girl like that?"
"Could I? What's her address?"

"Did she get her \$170,000 damages from the railroad?"
"No; the jury decided that the accident was due to her extremely tight and fashionable gown."
"And did she find fault with the verdict?"
"How could any true woman find fault with a verdict like that?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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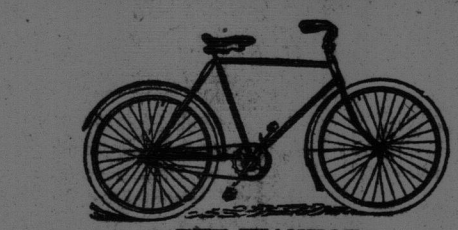
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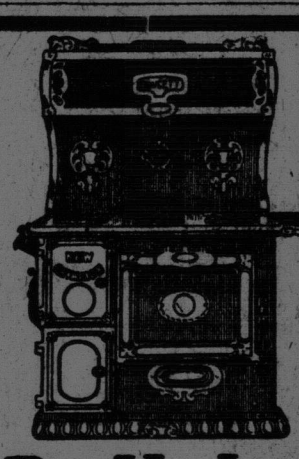


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Cairo, Cairo, March 31.—(Correspondence)—Nearly a thousand Turkish prisoners taken by the British troops in the fighting along the Suez Canal are interned at Taura, in buildings which were formerly the Egyptian Government's small arms factory.

There are twelve Turkish officers who are separated from the rank and file by the barbed-wire fence running around their quarters. They have a large room with rugs, beds and bedding, racks for their kits and clothing, a mess room equal to those seen in British officers' quarters, and bath rooms. Papers and books in Arabic are supplied them regularly.

Nature has provided Almus, Wina, a farmer who lives near Big Flat, Arkansas, with a barn in the shape of a cave large enough for three teams to go in abreast. Wina's barn lies on the flat top of the mountain, and the cave opens up in the top ledge of rock and extends back under his field. At a point just outside of the field there is a large chimney that extends from the top of the ground into the cavern.

SOLDIERS TAUGHT OFFICERS' DUTIES

Training School Located Close to British Headquarters in France

London, April 13.—The school for training officers, established by the British general staff, is located close to the general headquarters in France, and now has more than a hundred students, all picked from the ranks. The course occupies a month, and combines theory with practice, although special emphasis is naturally placed on the practical side.

The school occupies a comfortable old mansion. A group of huts and sheds have been fitted up as dormitories. In the courtyard is a great sandbank, where the students construct model trenches and apply the theory of the text book to practice.

There are several class rooms equipped with blackboards, on which the instructors light over again some of the early battles of the war. There are courses in mathematics, in hygiene, and in other branches necessary for the equipment of a young officer.

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