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THE CLEARING RETURNS

The clearing returns for the week ending yesterday at noon for the city of Calgary and district exceeded the ten million dollar figure. Clearing returns are generally regarded as a more or less safe barometer of the business activity of the city. It is not always safe to make a comparative test between cities and areas, but it is safe to say, judging from the returns during the last few weeks, that the commercial activity in this city is much greater than at any previous time, and that there is more money in circulation now than ever before.

There is nothing abnormal that is affecting the clearings. They indicate the business that is being done. This is an encouraging outlook for the city, which has just started the big drive for the city taxes.

The new government is traveling along in the most placid manner. There is never a ripple to disturb the serenity of the occasion. Everything is in the oil-balling variety.

The Albertan directs its readers to a letter by Rev. Dean Paget, appearing in another column of this page, dealing with a question which is greatly interesting many pedestrians at this time.

The man who, looking over the new cabinet, sees the names of Carvell, Rowell, Sifton and Calder, still insists that it is not a union government with Liberal representation, may well be placed among the hopeless list.

The Lethbridge Herald sagely remarks that this is no time for federal candidates to be perching themselves upon the fence, and that the sooner they name their corral, the better for all concerned.

The bank clearing returns again show that there is a large amount of money right in this city, and if the city cannot get hold of a large portion of it when it comes to gather in the taxes, then something is very wrong.

Edmonton citizens are looking about for something to tax, and now it is suggested that the Edmonton people should be polled at \$4 a head. Of all the taxes known to man, the poll tax is the most out of date and most unfair.

There is a suspicion that the ostrich with his head in the sand believes that he is fooling the people about his real opinion upon the present political situation, and declines to say whether he is a win-the-war or out and out Laurier supporter.

No person knows very well what sort of an army Uncle Sam has in Europe, or very much about the army he is preparing. But there is little doubt but that the United States army will be a strong factor in the proceedings in the early spring.

THE TIME OF TEST

This little touch of winter has given us very positive evidence that the question of the one-man cars has not been solved even yet. There are certain defects which must be remedied if the cars are to continue giving any sort of service. "The problems of the motorman-conductor are much increased in the cold weather. He is exposed in an inhuman manner to the biting cold and breezy drafts. His windows soon become covered with frost that it is almost impossible for him to see ahead or to drive his car in safety. He can follow his schedule with very great difficulty.

Possibly these defects may be remedied. But the whole thing just shows that the aldermen are very wise in rushing into this one-man car business at the direction of the street railway superintendent, without giving some of the cars a full, complete 12 months' trial.

The snow is rapidly departing, and some of these days we are going to have the tax certificates with us. Life is never without its interest.

If the citizens can select two winter candidates, creditable to the city and to the cause, a real election will be avoided and a good day's work done.

The man who can pay his taxes and does not pay his taxes is not much of a citizen. Nearly every person can afford to pay his taxes at the coming drive.

Of all the Liberals, the British Columbia section seems to be the only real out and out opponents to the union government, and even there the best of the Liberals are not opposed.

ELIMINATING PATRONAGE

It is reported that the union government will make some effort to solve the question of patronage, by abolishing it entirely and arriving at some sort of a businesslike method of appointing officials to office.

If the government succeeds in eliminating the patronage system and substituting some different method of appointments, it will have been worth while, even if it does nothing more. The patronage system in the federal and provincial governments is one of the worst evils with which we have to contend. It is the cancer at the heart of our public life. The new government will do well if, at such an early date, it eliminates this evil.

Mr. Ball, the Conservative candidate for Lethbridge, and his supporters seem to believe that union government should supply the candidates, and the Liberals should unite in voting for them.

No person need be very much surprised if a German submarine shoots up along the Canadian or United States coast some of these fine morning. Possibly it would do no very much damage, but there is no accounting for the way of the enemy.

It was shown in the inquiry into the cost of newspaper that the paper mills were making vast profits by selling their goods at \$50 a ton, and now the government agent declares that it certainly must be increased to \$60 a ton. That is an unusual conclusion.

Investigators report that Michael Coppas Costello, mayor of Calgary, spends a large portion of the working day gazing out of the window. He is not star gazing but seems to be eagerly watching the movement of the municipal atmosphere in and about this city.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR MODERN JUGGERNAUT

Editor Albertan—A few days ago I was conducting the funeral of Harry Valentine, the boy who was struck and killed by an auto last Saturday evening. By this sad accident the family lost a loved son, the church and choir lost a loyal and helpful young member and the city a promising young citizen. The large attendance testified not only to the deep sympathy felt for the bereaved family, but to the widespread horror excited by the death of this latest victim to our modern juggernaut.

In reading the reports of the inquest I failed to find any such expressions of recommendation tending to the lessening of the danger of such fatalities in the future. These fatalities are too common, but it is not only of fatalities I complain. It is as much of the constant strain of anxiety in which we are held by these terrors of the street when we wish to cross over, or that parents experience, as they have often told me, when their children are down town, whether on foot or on bicycle. Why should the citizen of a free country, young and old, be obliged to scan the streets from left to right and then have to start and run before the "root" of some unobserved car? The devotees of juggernaut prostrate themselves to be run over and crushed to death, by the deadly car as an act to propitiate their deity—but there is no such compulsion forcing us to permit our lives and the lives of our children to be thus endangered. Surely the first duty of a city and its government is to protect the lives and limbs of its citizens. Surely it should not be permitted that such a state of things should exist that a mere error of judgment in a young lad, or distresses in an adult may lead instantly to a horrible death in our public streets. The many careful and responsible drivers are of course, no danger, but they suffer in reputation from the recklessness of others. Many times I have stood on the curb by the Herald building, waiting to cross, and have seen a car come rapidly along Seventh Avenue, give a "toot" and dash into the crowded street (where four were met) at the lunch hour, taking absolute chances that they do not knock down or injure some of the women and children who are crossing over. Are we as citizens, going to forget all in a day or two, or are we going to see that adequate steps are taken for our protection?

EDWARD C. PAGET, 229 Sixth Street.

P.S.—I may add that while writing this a lady who lives a few miles out from town was complaining to me of the danger that she and her little girl had been

NEW YORK CITY THREATENED WITH SUGAR FAMINE

Cuban Cane Not Available and Beet Crop Off the Market Causes Great Shortage

New York, Oct. 18.—With the market practically bare of Cuban cane sugar, the new beet crop not available here before December, half of the big refineries shut down and the balance are running only half time, New York is facing the most serious sugar famine in its history. Some stores have stopped selling sugar altogether and others are limiting the amount purchased by each customer. Prices as high as 12 cents a pound retail are quoted.

New sugar brokers said today that only about 25,000 tons of old crop sugar remained in Cuba and this to be held by speculators who paid high prices for it and refused to sell. There are 10,000 tons owned by neutrals in warehouses here on which no license to export can be obtained, and to export can be obtained, and it is thought that this may be taken over to help out the shortage in France. Louisiana is expected to supply about 275,000 tons of raw sugar, but this will not be available here for a month yet, even if shipped promptly. It is predicted that the consumer in New York and vicinity will find it very difficult to buy sugar until the new Cuban crop gets here in January.

ATTACKING LIBERTY LOAN

Washington, Oct. 18.—Pro-German agents in the United States, according to reports to the treasury department, have directed their energies to defeating the Liberty loan. Their organized propaganda had borne fruit from Minnesota to Texas. It is asserted in scattered localities, where weak efforts have been made, not openly, but by indirect methods, to discourage subscription.

Efforts to prevent banks from handling the bonds have centered chiefly in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Missouri and Oklahoma.

THE CULTURED PRUSSIAN

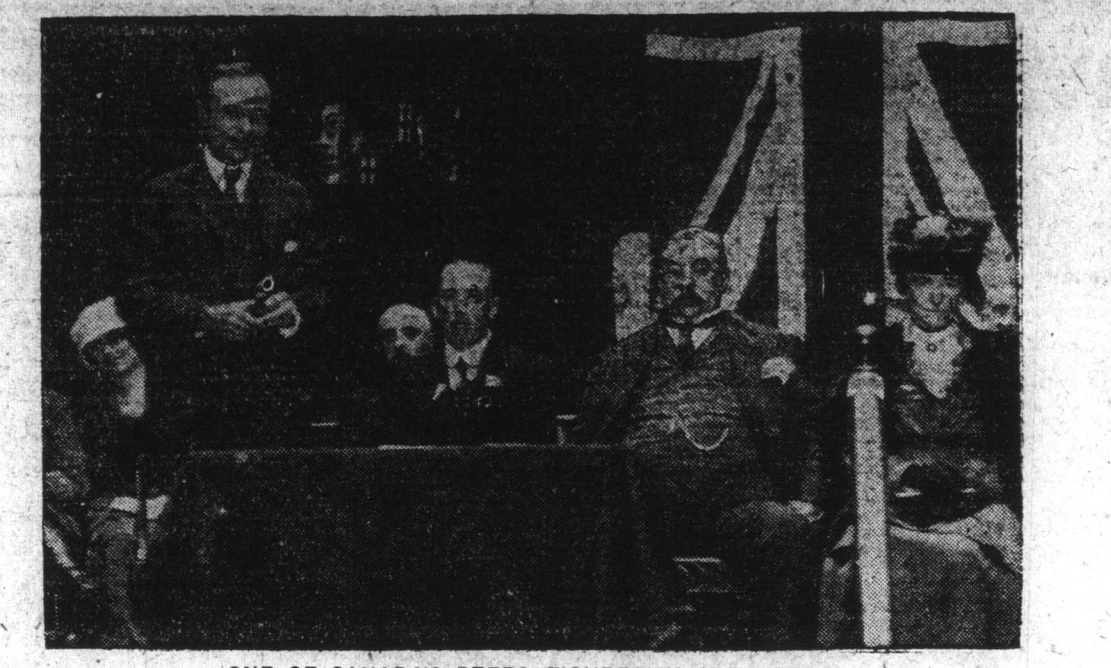
Kington, Ont., Oct. 18.—Sergeant A. Anderson, 2nd Battalion, tells a horrible tale of a Prussian soldier. He says Lieut. Bert Briester of Brockville was spoiled from bayonets to a door and left to die. Anderson's company found him lifeless when they arrived on the scene.

BAD STORM ON SUPERIOR

Duluth, Oct. 18.—A heavy northeast wind with snow and rain tonight is holding up most of the shipping on Lake Superior, northeast storm warnings were posted this afternoon on the lake from Duluth to Baraga and southeast warnings eastward from Marquette.

RUSSIAN FIRING PARTY SHOTS A TRAITOR

Kerevalov was a Russian traitor who induced 400 men to desert. Only when an officer threatened to shoot over 34th man did his comrades betray him. Kerevalov was then shot and to his coat was attached a piece of paper saying that he was a traitor to his country. The photo shows the firing party.



ONE OF CANADA'S PEERS FIGURES IN A FUNCTION Lord Beaverbrook opening the exhibition of war pictures, which recently drew large crowds to the Grafton galleries at the Corporation Galleries, Brighton.

ANY DELAY IS VERY ILL-ADVISED

Promptness in Response Is Essential Under the Military Service Act

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—"Procrastination is the thief of time." This is especially true with regard to individual duties under the system by which the Military Service Act is now being enforced.

Canadiana are advised to take such action as is permitted by the act as soon as possible. Reports for service or claim of exemption from military duty should be made, wherever possible, immediately after the proclamation issues calling out the first class. The machinery instituted under the act will work much more smoothly if all those concerned do so forward without delay. In this case, promptness is patriotic duty as well as being in the highest interests of the individual concerned. E-10

BIG SALE OF LIVE-STOCK OCTOBER 30

The association auction sale of dairy cattle, sheep and swine, to be held at Calgary on the 30th and 31st of October, will include the following animals:

The offering of sheep will number 420. Shropshires will be represented by 111 rams and 97 ewes; Oxford by 23 rams and 75 ewes. There will be 4 Southdown rams and 13 Suffolk rams and 100 grade ewes.

The entries of swine include 20 Berkshire boars and 17 Berkshire sows. The Duroc-Jersey breed will be represented by 14 boars and 8 sows. There is also one Poland-China boar offered.

The dairy cattle offering includes 9 Holstein bulls, 16 Holstein females, an Ayrshire bull and 2 dairy Shorthorn bulls.

The railway is co-operating with the Alberta Livestock associations in providing a rate of fare and a third for return trip from Alberta points, good going October 28th to 31st, returning up to November 1st. The animals to be sold will be judged on the afternoon of the 28th of October. The dairy cattle and swine will be sold on the 29th and sheep on the 31st. The official catalogue of entries may be obtained by applying to E. L. Richardson, secretary Alberta Livestock associations, Calgary.

SPLENDID DEED OF ALBERTA MAN WITH RY. BATTALION

Sgt. Oscar Samson of Col. Jim Cornwall's Unit Saves Ammunition and Train From Disaster

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—The militia department issued the following article by Roland Hill, from war correspondents' headquarters, France, dealing with Canadian railway troops.

"In the recent phase of warfare on the western front, when trench lines have practically disappeared and advanced posts have taken their place, the Hun artillery does not attempt the old front-line batteries that made life in the trenches so uncomfortable. It is that section immediately behind the trenches that comes in for Fritz's constant attention. And it is in this area that the Canadian railway troops have been winning great praise from all sections of the army.

A colonel of Peace River fame and his battalion from Alberta, have one of those areas to look after.

In a district which can be compared in size with Vancouver and Burnaby lake, they have constructed nearly 150 miles of light railway. It is planned strategically so that if one line is suddenly destroyed by shells, traffic can be sent around another way. The men and guns ahead never want for anything.

During one of the recent attacks Sergeant Samson of Alberta was seriously wounded in the arm. Instead of trekking for medical assistance, back in the rear, he attempted to carry on at his job of mending lines. Finding his arm got so painful he decided to go forward, on the track that had been mended to an advanced dressing station he knew of. Samson climbed on a tractor which was hauling a trainload of stokes gun ammunition. When they got to a junction near the front line both guard and driver were wounded by shrapnel from a high explosive shell. The little train had made the crest of the grade and was gathering momentum every second and with the driver of the tractor hanging limp and unconscious from his seat, Samson pulled him up to a place of safety and shut off the engine, but the heavy train had too much headway to be stopped and in addition the brake gear had been blown away by another shell. Climbing back to try and set the brakes on the cars, Samson came across the seriously wounded guard. He had been knocked off his feet by the truck and his foot catching in the frame work he was being dragged along with his head and shoulders bumping up the railing. The Canadian sergeant released his foot but failed in his attempt to gather him up into the rapidly-moving car. About 100 yards ahead was an ammunition train, its cargo of high explosive shells being unloaded at a battery position. By good luck and a knowledge of braking learned on the grades in the Rockies, Samson managed to slow down his train just as it reached the standing trucks and a serious collision and explosion was averted. Then, although the shrapnel had penetrated the body, the sergeant went back and rescued the wounded guard. Samson won the Military Medal for this splendid exhibition of pluck.

RICH MINES AT ATLIN

Vancouver, Oct. 18.—One round of shot in the face of the tunnel of the Engineer mine, Atlin, knocked down one of the miners and his head was crushed. The ore was one chunk weighing 20 pounds from which was extracted \$1,800 according to Frank H. Mobley, member of the provincial legislature who has just returned here after a tour of the Atlin mines.

The railway was so badly damaged that the quartz properties that Atlin pins its faith.

MUST BE A COLORED PERSON

Montreal, Oct. 18.—The Zulu Kid, of New York, outpointed Jack Dillon, the Indianapolis "Man-Killer," in a 10-round bout here tonight.

On the aggressive from the first round until the finish of the bout and kept beating Dillon, who was a little behind in the decision. It was a clever exhibition of fighting and neither man gave up a single opening. The Zulu Kid weighed 180 pounds and Dillon 185.

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DEFEAT NOW ASSURED

Germans Now Seeing Progressive Breakdown of Their Armies and Know That Their Defeat Is Certain

Toronto, Oct. 18.—Frank H. Simmonds, associate editor of the New York Tribune, in a dispatch to the Globe today, says: "The military significance of the struggle now going forward in Flanders is fairly obvious. A retreat between Lille and Verdun cannot long be postponed after Menin and Roulers have fallen.

"To the same fashion the fall of Roulers will mean the eventual withdrawal from the Belgian coast and the surrender of the submarine base at Zeebrugge, so troublesome to the British....

"We are seeing the progressive breakdown of the German military machine as Lee's, great and long victorious army was beaten to a pulp in the great campaign of 1914 in the Civil war." At the end of the campaign of that year, the Confederate army, still unbroken, still proudly conscious of having escaped decisive defeat at the hands of vastly superior armies, knew that its destruction was assured. It was a beaten and demoralized army that left the trenches south of Richmond in April, 1865, and the defeat had been assured by the terrible battles from the wilderness to Petersburg the preceding summer.

Guns Not Supporting "The German guns no longer support their men as they did a year ago. The German gunners no longer have the munitions to return shell for shell or even one shell for two.

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OYSTER CROP IS BAD

Complete Failure of Fisheries Off Prince Edward Island

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—A report to the naval department from Prince Edward Island states that the oyster fishery in Richmond bay, the locality which furnished the famous Missequoy oysters, is a complete failure this year. The oysters have been attacked by a disease, and since the opening of the season on September 16 the result of the oyster dredging has been to bring up quantities of dead oysters.

ANOTHER FIFTEEN MILLION

New York, Oct. 18.—This afternoon Ebert H. Garry, chairman of the United Steel corporation, announced an additional subscription of \$15,000,000 would be made to the Liberty loan, bringing the purchase from this source up to \$25,000,000.

Don't Stop To Count Them

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FOUR DAY'S GOOD STAFF

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Other contributions include £10,000 from King George; £5,000 from Queen Mary; and £5,000 from the Prince of Wales.

PLEDGE CARDS AT REGINA

Regina, Oct. 18.—Regina freed 45,000 food pledge cards today and they will be distributed at once.

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REPORT

Civil service reform likely event of government. The outside service of the civil service apply to it. The minister is now inside service elements at Ottawa.

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