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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 8.

## A Star in the West

Addressing the shareholders of the Grain Growers Grain Co. at Winnipeg the other night Rev. Dr. Bland, the well-known pioneer missionary, said that centuries ago men of good will looked for a star in the east, but that today Canadians who wish to see clearer politics and higher standards in public life were looking for hope and inspiration to the west. Since then the National Council of Agriculture has announced a platform of political principles upon which all candidates must stand who hope to receive the support of western farmers at the next federal election. With this platform in its entirety all may not agree, but all must respect the patriotic purpose of the men who support it. Beyond all question the farmers will elect many members to the next house of commons. Not all the members they elect will be farmers, but they will all of them be honest men pledged to definite principles who will attend the caucus of neither political party, and do much to elevate the public life of Canada. Quite possibly, they may hold the balance of power in the next parliament.

Many will think this an over sanguine estimate. The farmers in the past have divided between the two old political parties, and accomplished little, but the western grain growers are business men accustomed to act together and fully alive to the importance of organization. They will name candidates and finance them. Indeed we should not be surprised to learn that a fund of \$100,000 had been raised by the new party for the necessary legitimate expenses incident to a federal election.

Those inclined to underestimate the possible strength of the new movement may well consider what has just happened in the United States. The southern planters and the western farmers have there joined hands to begin a political and economic revolution. The new political map of the United States shows an unbroken line of states that went for Wilson, extending from North Carolina to California, and from Texas to Montana. The states that went for Hughes are to be found in the group that is bounded on the east by Boston, and on the west by Chicago. All the states west of the Mississippi River (except Minnesota, Oregon and Iowa) voted for Wilson.

It may be said that the south always goes solidly for the Democratic candidate, but however that may be this is the first time since the civil war that the south and the west have lined up together against the east. Such a union, if it can be continued, means little less than an agrarian revolution. The farmers, heretofore divided among themselves, will when united become the undisputed rulers of the republic.

There is something almost comic in the terror with which the big U. S. newspapers in the east view the possibility of the southern and western people assuming control of the country they have done so much to develop. But The New York World points out that there is a passionate love of democracy among the farmers which is sadly lacking in the large cities with their ill-affected foreign population. The farmers may seem to be a little radical, but they are lovers of liberty.

interests of the people. They cannot be brushed aside or calmed by politicians, nor can they be bewildered or excited by party cries. The majority of the people living west of Lake Superior come from the old country or the United States, or have lived nearly all their lives in the west, so that much of the party jargon that has passed current for fifty years in Ontario and Quebec is to them unintelligible, or at least finds them unresponsive. As someone said the other day:

They do not care what Sir John Macdonald did, or Sir Wilfrid Laurier said thirty or forty years ago. They want concrete problems to be dealt with in a concrete way, and they do not give a continental for either the Grits or the Tories. The people of Eastern Canada will be as greatly surprised by the result of the next federal election as were the people of New York and New England by the result of the presidential election.

## Petting the Tigers

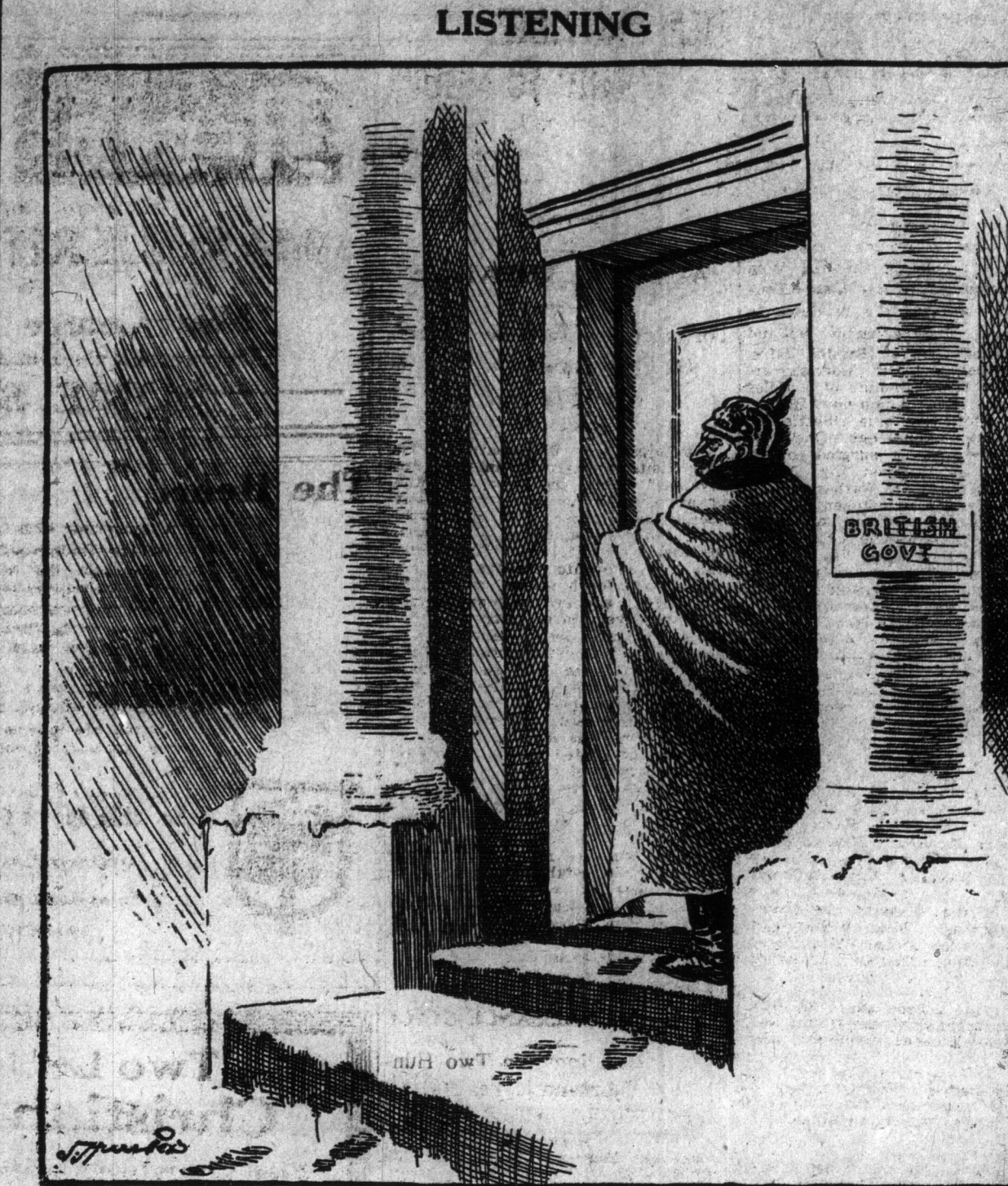
When Archbishop Magee declared in 1874 that if the British Empire attempted to observe the sermon on the Mount literally, it could not last for six months, he anticipated by more than a generation the situation which now confronts Britain and her allies in Europe. A good many more people will probably agree with the archbishop today than forty years ago, so far as the principle of allowing the evil forces of the world to ride rough shod over all weaker subjects, and permitting them to have their own bitter way in all that they desire, is concerned.

At all events the empire has to consider today whether all the gains of honor, truth, justice, liberty, decency, the foundations and bulwarks of civilization are to be yielded to a ruthless and unscrupulous enemy, or whether it is to be met on his own ground on his own terms. This does not mean that we should relax into barbarism as Germany has done, but it means that we should adopt a more practical and forceful method with the enemy than we have hitherto. When we are dealing with a mad dog, or a man-eating tiger, or a pack of wolves, we have a different code than when we are treating with human beings governed by humane considerations. Germany and her friends belong to the dog, tiger and wolf class. Whether this is to be recognized is the political problem in England today.

The little neutral nations of Europe have been dealt with by the entente allies with the most scrupulous kindness, tenderness and consideration. They have been pampered, and pampered also, merely to show how civilized, how mild and gentle, how humane we could be. We have thought more of posing as philanthropists than we have of winning the war. As a consequence we are not winning the war yet. We have dalled with conscription, because it would be nicer to do without it. We have refused to organize our food supplies and cut off our gigantic alcohol wastage, because Britons never, never, never shall be slaves—unless the Germans defeat us. We have allowed half a dozen little neutral nations to carry on surreptitious traffic in indispensable materials with the enemy, because it is so gentlemanly to allow those who are not gentlemanly to cheat us to our face. And generally we have behaved like a lot of Sunday school teachers playing croquet instead of going in for war on the same terms as our enemy.

Greece has for long months played the traitor to us and helped to humiliate us at the Dardanelles, at Gallipoli, in Serbia, and now once again in Rumania. Bulgaria has been absolutely crooked through the war, and would probably throw in her lot with Russia and her western allies if she saw them making progress. We are not dealing in the Balkans with nations bred upon the principles of the Sermon on the Mount, but with peoples of elementary passions, and natures that know no law but the law of self-interest. While they profess friendship for the gentlemanly allies they keep one eye on the advancing and victorious troops of the Kaiser, and are prepared to cheer for him at each new conquest. Our respected Uncle Samuel likewise maintains a policy of watchful waiting, and while he may deplore the failure of the Christian method to get results, he lends no assistance that he is not well paid for. Of course we get his moral support, but it was not strong enough to float the Lusitania.

We cannot blame the little nations like Denmark, Holland, Norway and Sweden, if they follow Uncle Sam's example. But as long as we are so gentlemanly and complacent there is no reason why they should not be friendly as possible with our enemy. We would never do them any harm as Germany would. We would never perpetrate the outrages that Germany not only sanctions but incites. They know where they have us, and they let us with us. After Rumania they will not lose any reluctance they have felt previously. Even Portugal, who has been true to her salt, has not escaped and a submarine has shelled Funchal to show how ineffective British naval protection is. Had the shelling been at Quebec instead of Funchal it would have been a more effective appeal than any we have heard from Ottawa.



WILHELM: Dey haf been scrapping, und dot iss goot, but dey vas scrapping apout der quickest way to smash me—und dot iss tam pad.

the speeding-up party in Great Britain, and it is safe to say that Mr. Lloyd George will get hearty support from the mass of the people, however the Ba-fours and the Greys may stand aloof from a policy of action.

## Assessment Reform.

Commissioner Forman challenged the city council's committee on assessment reform to make charges against him when he would be prepared to answer them. Nobody wants to make any charge against the commissioner except the definite charge which he has himself substantiated that he does not administer the Assessment Act according to its provisions as he has sworn to do. He declares that it is impossible to administer it, which is another way of saying that he cannot or will not administer it as it is written. Mr. Forman has frequently stated that his assessment averages 70 per cent. of the actual values of property, and the act states that the assessment should be 100 per cent.

Instances of inequitable assessment are known to everyone who looks into the matter, but it is utterly unreasonable to expect the taxpayers of Toronto to turn informers and spies on their neighbors in order to get the assessment rolls in an equitable condition. This may be a weak point in the Assessment Act, or it may be a weak point in the assessment commissioner. If he considers it a charge he can deal with it.

The committee recognized some of the evils of the situation, and, while by no means radical, adopted some recommendations that may help. One of the innovations that Mr. Forman presented the cheque were a khaki uniform, such as is not authorized by the Girl Guides, and she is in no way connected with this organization. There was a small donation given by an individual company of Girl Guides, and that is the only donation the officers of this organization know anything about.

(Mrs. O. A.) Verna S. Harper, Secretary of the Toronto Local Committee of the Girl Guides Association, 45 East Charles street.

## ACCIDENT CAUSED PLEURISY.

Judge Winchester and a jury in the assize court are hearing the suit of Kenneth Jordan, colored, who seeks \$500 damages for injuries sustained when he was struck by a motor car driven by J. Francis Green, of St. Catharines, at University and Queen streets Saturday noon, July 15 last. The case was opened and closed last night with the cross-examination of Green by Peter White, K.C., counsel for the plaintiff.

Jordan, who boards at 92 McCaul street, suffered injuries, and the attending physician declared in his testimony that the accident caused a recurrence of pleurisy.

## PROVED AN ALIBI.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 7.—Lloyd Mills of Jasper was acquitted by Judge Dowling on a charge of firing buildings in that village. The prisoner flatly contradicted John O'Neill, the crown's chief witness, who testified that Mills made an admission of guilt to him. Mills was successful in proving an alibi.

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## LISTENING

Editor World: With reference to a letter in your paper a short time since regarding rural mail couriers, apparently The World is the only paper that has taken a stand in support of a raise of salary for the Ontario Government employees, but say nothing about the rural couriers. The mail clerks, I understand, got a raise of salary. Our representatives in parliament say, "We can't do anything for you till after the war." But they can for others. I suppose the couriers must serve the public and starve until after the war. The rural postmasters are asking for a raise of salary. Why not for the rural couriers? The rural couriers are the most underpaid class of men in the Dominion Government, or in any other employ. If the couriers would organize all over the Dominion they would be in a position to get a better salary. Hoping, Mr. Editor, you will try and do what you can for them as their position at a greater distance from the city, and no credit to any party.

## RURAL MAIL COURIERS.

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## GIRL GUIDES.

Editor World: We have been informed that on woman's tribute night at Massey Hall, a cheque for seventy dollars was handed in to the chairman and the announcement made that it was from the Girl Guides. The officers of this organization are in absolute ignorance as to who was responsible for the sending of this cheque. They did not authorize it, the fact of the matter being that they have not yet taken up their collection for the very worthy object for which Miss Church presented the cheque were a khaki uniform, such as is not authorized by the Girl Guides, and she is in no way connected with this organization.

## PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

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## FEWER VOTERS IN EAST.

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## ASK GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT SMELLS

Deputation From East Toronto Waits on Attorney-General.

## WANT INJUNCTION

Minister Promises His Help if Courts Decide They Must Have It.

Joseph Russell, M.L.A., and Ald. McBride headed a large deputation yesterday which waited on the attorney-general to ask him to take a hand in the case between the residents of East Toronto against the city over the smells arising from the disposal works in that section of the city. They held that the odors were a public menace which called for the active attention of the government.

Hon. I. B. Lucas promised that in the test case of *Melhouse v. the City of Toronto*, if the addition of other plaintiffs were necessary, their names should be added; that he would see that the trial of the case, which he believed would be a landmark case, should be expedited; and that, if the courts could not grant an injunction against the city in this matter without the active co-operation of the attorney-general with the plaintiffs, then he would consider that the delegation made out a good case for his participation.

The delegation was anxious for an injunction to restrain the city from its present method of disposal, in order that steps might be taken, or at least begun, for securing land for disposal works outside the city limits and for employing the sludge into the lake at a greater distance from the city.

They feared that if the matter were tried in private action, all that the courts could grant would be damages to the plaintiffs, whereas what they wanted to force was reconstruction. The attorney-general was of opinion that the private citizens had the remedy in their own hands, and could claim an injunction with as much weight as could the attorney-general's department.

A report was presented from the provincial health department which stated that the present system was a menace to public health.

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Gorman was driving a motor car which struck Mrs. Anna Hozack at Bloor and Huron streets about 11 o'clock on the night of Aug. 1. She is in the hospital suffering with fractures in both legs and other injuries.

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# EDDY'S MATCHES

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Thirty-Seven Names of Citizens Make Up Death Toll in Latest Lists.

NEARLY FIFTY IN ALL

Flight Lieut. Harold Brewster is Killed in Fall of Aeroplane.

Nearly fifty names of Toronto men appear in the latest casualty reports. Thirty-six men with Toronto units have been killed in action. Seven soldiers are wounded and missing; two are wounded, one has died of wounds and two are believed to have died.

Flight-Lieut. C. O. Brimer, 529 Markham street, son of C. O. Brimer of the provincial audit department, is officially reported missing Monday. It is hoped he may have landed safely in Holland. Before entering the Royal Naval Air Service he was a popular student at Harbord Collegiate.

Flight-Lieut. Harold Brewster, son of W. S. Brewster, former Conservative member in the legislature for South Brant, was killed when his aeroplane fell 5,000 feet. He had enlisted at Brantford in the 38th, fought at Ypres with the Royal Canadian Rifles and last August became a Royal Flying Corps aviator. He was a student at the University and passed through the C. O. T. C. classes in this city.

Pte. F. W. McCrory, missing since the battle of St. Eloi, last June, is now officially reported dead. His mother resides at 14 Oriole Gardens. His father was the late W. F. McCrory, M.P. for Selkirk.

Pte. A. A. Simmons, formerly of the 84th, but transferred, has been killed in action. His wife and seven children reside at 45 Woodville avenue, Woodmont.

Pte. Geo. Brownlee, killed in action, came from Armagh, Ireland, and resided at 188 Mutual street before joining the 75th Battalion.

Pte. Stanley M. Vogan, killed in action, was a graduate of the College of Pharmacy. His home was in Woodstock.

Pte. H. W. Bamblett, 80 Chosen avenue, Eglwy Beach, killed in action, went with the 75th Battalion. Prior to enlisting he was a concrete contractor.

Pte. C. V. Scott, reported to have died of wounds, after several months' suffering. Mrs. Stoer, his next of kin, lives at 51 Harbord street.

Pte. Wm. Clendenning, 177 Fulton avenue, Riverdale, before reported missing, is now stated to have been killed in action on Sept. 16, by a bursting shell.

Pte. Fred Thompson, 75th Battalion, killed in action, lived at 45 Westmoreland avenue, where his wife and four children now reside. He had been rector's warden at St. Edmund's Anglican Church.

Corporal John Ardning, 75th Battalion, killed in action, was before enlisting employed at Fitch's paper mills. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Pte. David Porteous, son of L. Porteous, 78 Augusta avenue, was killed in action. He was a shoemaker by trade.

Corporal Robert Trumpp, whose wife and children live at 247 St. Clements avenue, North Toronto, was killed in action on Nov. 18. Before joining the 84th he was with the Manufacturers' Insurance Company.

Pte. John Nash, wounded on Oct. 19, rejoined his battalion on Oct. 24 and was killed in action on Nov. 18. His parents live at 45 Robinson street. He enlisted with the 109th, and was drafted to the 80th and then went to the 75th Battalion.

Pte. T. J. Cahill, husband of Mrs. T. J. Cahill, 324 Jarvis street, is officially reported killed in action on Nov. 18. He was a stretcher-bearer. He was born in Brantford but had come to Toronto for England last June. He was a shoemaker by trade.

Sergeant D. A. Johnston, reported died of wounds, went from Toronto with the second contingent and was formerly on the police force and resided at 471 Euclid avenue. He was an Orangeman and connected with the Welsh Church.

Pte. Albert Clark, killed in action, was born in England, but had been in Canada 20 years. He was with the Canada Steamship Co. and lived at 58 Huron street.

Corporal John Nicol, son of Mrs. Nicol, 108 Bartlett avenue, was killed in action on Nov. 18. He had been in Toronto seven years and employed by Gunns Limited.

World has been received in the city that Pte. Jack Irish, who went away with the 74th, was gassed and wounded on the evening of Oct. 8. He enlisted in Coldwater, Ont., early in the war. He is now in hospital in England.

Those contemplating a trip to Bermuda, Nassau, Jamaica, Florida, Cuba, Barbados, Trinidad, Demerara, Rio, Buenos Ayres, etc., get tickets and all information at Webster's office, 53 Yonge street.

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## WILLS PROBATED

Mrs. Maria Fleming, mother of Miss Ann Fleming, who died intestate in Toronto, Sept. 5, will receive the entire estate, valued at \$1125.

George Nelson has applied for probate of the will of Olive L. Nelson, who died Nov. 28, 1915, leaving an estate of \$1800. She leaves her widow, watch, furs and an equity in Bothwell; property to Lillian Isabella; an opal ring to her son, Murray; and an equity in Browning avenue and Gowan avenue properties, and personal effects, to her husband.

Frederick W. Torrey, son of Mrs. Mary Terrell, who died Nov. 28, leaving an estate valued at \$1900, is the sole beneficiary of the estate.

Letters of administration have been solicited in connection with the estate of \$1000 left by Anne E. Mullins. Her husband, a son and two daughters will divide the estate.

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## "GAINS OF THE WAR."

Bellevue, Dec. 7.—Rev. Dr. Chown of Toronto this evening in the high school assembly rooms gave an address upon the subject of the Canadian Club. The subject was "Gains of the War." Rev. G. B. Smith, president of the club, was chairman.

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Port, Invalid (non-medicated)...	2.00	6.00
Port, Invalid (medicated)...	2.50	7.50
Claret St. Julie...	1.20	4.00
Claret St. Eloi...	1.50	5.00
Claret St. Julie...	2.00	6.00
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