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The High Cost of Time.

It becomes clear that the Grand

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 17.

The Urgent Political Duty.

The muddle at Ottawa can never be successfully cleared until the democracy Canada fought for resumes functioning without the repressions of the been supposed to be in somebody's inwar period, and without the maniputerest to delay it-possibly for stock lations that have for so long cursed exchange purposes. But it will not Canadian political life. Because of the take place for a month. The managewar the country's old-time election machinery has been stalled, if not be appointed by the government, and scrapped. Parliament's first business will begin the co-ordination of C. N. is to restore and improve it for in-R. and G. T. R. services as soon as tion is really secondary to this, be- work for some time. It is understood cause, unless we are to remain in the that President Kelly of the Grand old bondages, no self-respecting administration would dream of carrying on without a mandate that fits haste, less speed," will apply to a dragthe present time.

government was overwhelmingly endorsed at the poll. But, as events Montreal will express no regret for count, December 17, 1917, is a very this, because Montreal seems to enjoy ancient date. The extraordinary disintegration of the cabinet is but a phant takes a prodigious amount of proof of the disappearance of its mandate. The disease that has paisied the cabinet permeates the body parliamentary. The condition of the country is such that, without a clear expression of its will, no government, whatever the sum of its individual talents, should presume to arrogate to itself possession of the national confidence.

But, it is said, if a parliamentary majority is available to the Borden cabinet's successor, what is the sense of preparing to appeal to the country? Back of that is the contention that most members of parliament knowing they can never come back, will hang on to their indemnities until the end of 1922—three years longer. The contention is supported by the belief that the present insurgence against the traditional partisan methods will fade away, and the old party fences be related in Mr. Wilson refusing to meet Mr. Flynn."

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will assert itself like the warmth of spring. To be afraid of public opinion is to display a fatal disqualfication is to display a fatal disqualfication. tion for leadership in a democratic country. Those who are so anxiously regarding Sir Robert Borden's shoes should read some history, regard the should read some history, regard the insistent signs of the times, and make BRITAIN ACCEPTS it easy for the nation to recover control of its own.

The Amritsar Incident.

Revelations in connection with disturbances in India indicate that some men in authority there have not had the usual British common-sense in dealing with emergencies. The detailed accounts now being published of the action of General Dyer in firing into a public gathering of Hindus without warning, killing 450 and wounding 1500, who were left without attendance, sound more like some-

easily forgotten, and go far to balance capital. the black memories of 1857. The newly-adopted legislation giving India a measure of home rule will assist in views of the two governments," says some measure to allay public dissatis- the note. "The economic and financial faction, but will also take on the ap- situation was examined in detail. With pearance of a concession made in view a view to remedying the lowering of of the Amritsar incident. The habit nations, the British government acians to treat all Hindus as an inferior England. The date, the amount, and race in their own land does not jus- the details, will be fixed by agreetify such measures as General Dyer ment between the two governments.

"Finally, it was decided that the

Canadian Copyright.

Copyright is a question once more engaging the Authors' and Composers' Association. The present state of the copyright laws in Canada is largely responsible for the domination of Canadian literature by United States interests, and for the migration of Canadian literary workers across the border. Books that would be printed in Canada, were the copyright laws on all fours with those of other countions are brought over the border and Japan were without foundation. sold here for lack of copyright laws ed today that the Congress of Zemthat would require home production, stvos and Municipalities would be con-and in self-defence authors and composers are compelled to abandon the night. smaller for the larger market. As a result, the larger market dictates the

style of the literature. The same thing is true of the musital world, and anything produced in consisting the commissioner, to be held on because the senate refuses to protect the Canadian author or composer. Two number of registered addicts under

The Toronto World are open to writers and musicians.

But they cannot secure their just

It becomes clear that the Grand Trunk nationalization legislation should have set a time limit for sign ing the agreement between the government and shareholders. Apparently there was no reason why the Grand Trunk shareholders meeting in London should not have been held early this month, except that it may have ment committee of five, which is to the opportunity arrives, cannot get to there is little likelihood that "more ging situation. Meantime, the absence Two years ago today the Union of a swift co-ordination is costing the

OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under this head letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited they must not be longer than 200 words and written on one side of the paper only.

PRESIDENT FLYNN REPLIES.

Editor Toronto World: Will you permit

away, and the old party fences be reasonable of the proper formers and the old party fences be reasonable of the people.

Those who would implement so it is either up to the municipality of the individual citizens.

Reconstruction That Didn't.

The government is strangent would any popular. If it could the government is upopular. If it could the machine the same that the above state t

FRENCH LOAN ISSUE

Amount and Terms Have Not Yet Been Decided Upon.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The time of issue, the amount and the terms of the French loan which is to be issued in England, as was announced in London yesterday, have not yet been decided upon, but will be fixed by agreement between the British and French office regarding the economic and Affairs of this description are not his recent conferences in the British financial agreements reached during

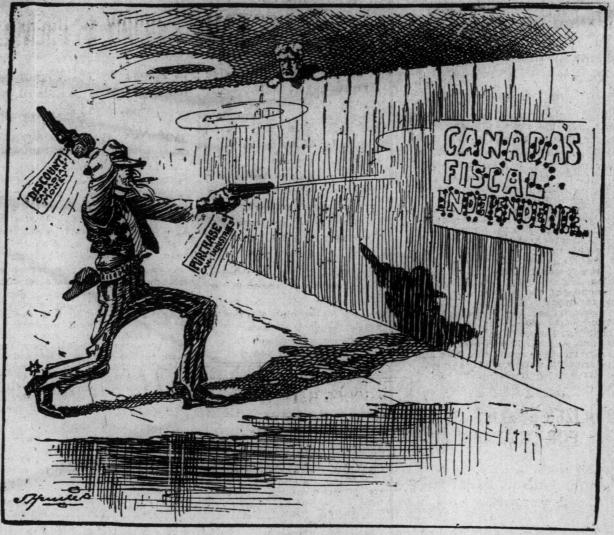
"The conference held concerning cepted the issue of a French loan in system of licenses for the exportation should be provisionally prolonged for some days, to enable the question to be reviewed."

Czecho-Slovaks Stay in Siberia To Guard Railway From Irkutsk

Irkutsk, Dec. 16 .- It is announced that the Czecho-Slovak troops will reguard the Krasnoyarsk-Irkutsk railway line. Polish forces, it was stated, It was also announced that all rumors regarding negotiations with tries, are now printed elsewhere. Edi-

TREAT FOR DRUG ADDICTS

New York, Dec. 16. - A "dosage" ticket will admit the holder to a Christmas entertainment announced Christmas Eve for drug addicts. One SHOOTING IT UP



WHAT'S WRONG AT OTTAWA?

tion of the cabinet is apprehensive lest somebody takes its hat off the peg, with ominous glances at the door. The chief is much perplexed about be recovered from as if it were a pass-

ert Borden announced that the cabinet would soon be re-oriented on a strictly fifty-fifty basis, as between Conservatives and Liberals. The prom-

ise was never fulfilled, but the makeweights never knew how soon the time for musical chairs might be call-Won't 'Ave It Very Long.

Sitting in his office, a doubtful minthis chop isn't very good."

time Mr. Crothers stepped out, and Senator Robertson, from being minister of labor in waiting, became minister of labor in fact. But that wasn't a reconstruction—it was a subsidence. thing from German West Africa than governments, it was stated in a note issued today by Premier Clemenceau's Sir Henry Drayton had come in as When Sir Thomas White and Mr. Carconstruction was promised afresh. But sir Henry Drayton had come in as calm would extend and extend, it has come in the construction was promised afresh. But hold where, in hope that the doldrums calm would extend and extend, it has been interned. Mr. Carvell went out. When a parlia- long been interned. mentary session came swiftly, because

be there when it is done.

The Governors Have Stopped. Sir Robert's health has failed more's the pity. But the habit of indecision never failed. There was to have been a tariff commission last have been a tariff commission last street, have a supply of American fall. Three ministers were to tour the gold on hand suitable for Christmas land, as the industrial commission did in the early summer. The matter is being given further consideration. The franchise should have been settled during the first session after the war. Two sessions have been held, and franchise revision is still on the

gods' knees - opponents time elections act would say it is in much less divine hands. The governors of our constitutional engine are not even wobbling-they have stopped, and their bearings are getting rusty. The people are expected to be dumb, and it is hoped they ing held in Lethbridge jail, pending main in Siberia until summer and will ed to be dumb, and it is hoped they may contentedly remain hopeless, way line. Polish forces, it was stated, while in effect one government goes will guard the Tomsk-Krasnoyarsk out and another comes in and parliament is to say "amen" with bated breath and whispering humbleness.

There is nearly always a simple explanation of the most complicated political as well as physical diseases. These are not easy days for any national government. No prime minister can be neither an archangel nor an alchemist. But decision is always an incomparable indispensable quality in the statesmanship of perilous times. Without skill in handling situations no mariner of state can bring his ship thru tur-bulent waters. When you seek for the explanation of the present incoherence prolonged and baffling search?

It can if one fact be put in its necesnew sources of revenue from motion treatment at the city drug clinic, have jump at the chance to join the Domina agent or C. E. Horning, D.P.A., To. ion government have with one consent ronto, Ontario,

Bob Rogers said the other day that this is a very good time to be looking in from outside. Half the solution the string out the solution of the men and boys who are sentenced to the Jail Farm, and who upon their release are forced to brave the elements in the wearing and carry on. The fact is not affected apparel they were on their entry to cabinet seems to think the getting out by Sir Robert's breakdown in health. It is inherent in his political condition, Numbers of those who are being re-

tawa it must stay on the job and pay.

Reconstruction That Didn't.

"It doesn't matter what we say, but for heaven's sake let us all say the same thing," old Pam once said to same thing," old Pam once said to same thing, and the late member won that seat two lates and lat

circle of Ottawan statecraft this admitted truth is presumed to indicate that the nation ought not to be asked to decide. . The accustomed frontiers of government and opposition have Fiji Islanders. Nevertheless, it is hap-been wiped out. That is held to be a pening right here in our beautiful city reason for what is left of the wiping of Toronto, or, rather, right on the to act as if it had not occurred. Of course, this sort of figuring is the very negation of democracy. That it is held proves that those who hold it have lost whatever accurate apprehensions ister might feel as a voyager thru a of democratic government they may blame if the men leaving the instituempestuous sea felt at breakfast, once have nourished. While the ship tion freeze to death on their way to which few passengers attended. He has been drifting her navigators have has been drifting her navigators nave assumed that, as she wasn't going anywhere, as far as they could see, the old his chop isn't very good."

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> There they were all summer. And now that the skipper is going off, in the doctor's boat, the first, second, third and fourth officers are hoping that no nor'easter will begin to blow. Apparently they have no intention as yet of bringing the mainsail out of the to their homes in at least a passably

of state can reach the haven where pire's adhesion to the peace treaty, she would be, has got to be rigged. the job was postponed again. And Tho the doctor's boat hasn't yet left there is to be reconstruction, in- the davits somebody must get ready to deed, but Sir Robert Borden will not do the rigging and it is time to look around and see who it may happen

> Gold for Christmas. A. F. Webster and Son, 53 Yonge

Duncan C. Cameron, Ex-Parson, To Have Jury Trial in Calgary gods' knees - opponents of the war-

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 16.-Duncan C. Cameron, the ex-parson, who created a sensation in Calgary recently by passing a number of worthless cheques, appeared before Judge Jackson in the district court here today trial, which will take place in Calgary.

WINTER SPORTS.

Many reservations are being made for the Christmas holidays at the "Highland Inn, Algonquin Park. This popular hotel, situated two thousand feet above the level of the sea, offers first-class accommodation at reasonable rates for those desiring a quiet retreat where all the winter sports, including snow-shoeing, ski-ing, tobogganing and skating may be enjoyed to the heart's content. Indoors, crackling logs blaze in the open hearths, and the outdoor lent waters. When you seek for the planation of the present incoherence Ottawa, can it be found without olonged and baffling search?

Ruling Fact and Contingency. thousand invitations, representing the number of registered addicts under treatment at the city drug clinic, have the company of the company at the city drug clinic, have the city drug clinic and company the city drug clinic and company

Lend a Hand To Released Prisoners

IDA L. WEBSTER.

We have been asked to say a few words on behalf of the men and boys apparel they wore on their entry to

leased this month, and also next, are men who were sentenced in the middle of the summer. The clothing they were wearing at the time of their conviction is not of the calibre to stand country is much perplexed about every-This is true of the country-that the Park does nothing to render assist-

Of course, the thing is criminal, and is what one might expect of a race of have Fiji Islanders. Nevertheless, it is hap-

thing at all to do with it. He is not to "Never mind, sir," answered the fluous. The clew was sitting and for that matter. He can only rely upon considerate and observant man. "You content so long as no hurricane came, the haphazard generosity of a few, won't 'ave it very long."

Cabinet realignment did not come might come, it is true, but in the after the win-the-war election. In due after the win-the-war election. In due hurricanes?

And the pay was sure. The hurricane and that source is not sufficient.

The government employs magistrates to enforce the law or punish all

those who break it. The persons coming under that latter heading are therefore wards of the government, and they should by all the laws of nature and also christianity (providing there is such a thing) be returned comfortable state. When a person puts in his or her

sentence, they have done all that is Ottawa kicked at being regarded as a lation—without which no British ship law, be just as good as any other citinecessary, and should, according to zen. But they surely cannot be expected to leave jail in summer clothing at this time of the year, and without a dollar, and then go straight. The thing just cannot be done, and if we are going to continue to treat people who get under the ban of the law as perpetual criminals, then they will remain that way, and will continue to be an expense to the state.

In the meantime, about \$1500 is needed immediately for the purpose of buying sufficient clothing for men oming out, and if you feel that you can contribute such a donation it will be gratefully appreciated by those in charge of the work.

GREEKS PUT TO ROUT TURKISH DETACHMENTS

Saloniki, Dec. 15 .- An official statenent issued by Greek headquarters

"One of our detachments clearing the heights north of Imamkuey of the enemy engaged 800 Turkish rebels with machine guns. The Turks were pursued to the mountain heights of

'During an engagement on the Massif, northwest of Aidin, one of jour detachments captured many tents, rifles, medical supplies, foodstuffs and old uniforms. Our losses were four soldiers killed and one captain and fifteen soldiers wounded. The known losses of the enemy were six killed.
"Attacks of Turkish rebels against
Odemish and the village of Kainkaji and against our posts in the regions of Aidin and Magnesis have been re-

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MOONLIGHT AND MONEY

BY MARION RUBINCAM

THE VISITING ANGEL. CHAPTER 63.

about. The nurse went off for her dinner and a brief walk in the open air, so Louise was left in temporary

Mrs. Driscom seemed to be sleeping. Except for occasional nervous twist-ings, she did not move. Louise went to the armchair and sat down to think over the dinner-table talk conver-It was true, as her father said, that

Were many husbands and wives explanations, foregiveness-or else, that

imaginings. She must not make her mother's mistake and wreck her own marriage by jealous broodings. Her own marriage was too nearly a wreck of these ideas. She walked over to the dead by living apart, seeing each other rarely, hating each other. And now, the woman was dying and their these ideas. She walked over to the daughter had brought them together, had even joined their hands.

"Yes," the nurse agreed. "I don't of her oldtime grim humor flashed know, just at this crisis, whether I consider that a good or a bad sign.
"Poor mother," Louise sighed. "She's "Well!" the old her But his vot and shaky.
In forty-five years. She looks sixty. in forty-five years. She looks sixtyfive now."

the nurse said, by way of reply.

And when he came, Louise knew. He did not have to tell her that it was a matter of a few hours. mother was curiously still now. Louise did not know whether it was

the quieting medicine that was given

Louise was rather glad to go up She had decided one thing, how-to the quiet of the sick room after She had decided one thing, how-ever: Her father must see her mother, to the quiet of the sick room after She was sure he would feel better—her talk with her father. There were afterwards. She went to the hall, to many things she wanted to think find him pacing back and forth again.

"Come," she said quietly. She did not have to say anything more. He followed into the sick-room together they stood by the bed. After what seemed hours, Mrs. Driscom stirred and opened her eyes. Louise bent forward to speak, her throat so choked it seemed impossible to force

"Father's here. Don't you want to see him?" she managed to ask. the great unfaithfulness was that of the soul. To be pure, physically, was even less important than be true spiritually.

Then she took her mother's hand and her father's and put them to-gether. And she stepped back, fright-ened at what she had done, but keyed Then she took her mother's hand Her pale, pretty face was more than up thru sheer nerve force to have the ordinarily serious, her eyes were dark courage of her action. Vaguely she and brooding under the shadow of her lashes. These were not the thoughts she would have had a year ago. Louise had grown up from a girl into a had been so separated, was a dramatic had been so separated. thing to do. She had imagined tears,

unfaithful to each other? She wondered about it and wondered, too, whether anyone was ever true in spirit. Had Harry been faithful to her with this mind and/soul?

But that item media is and wives explanations, foregiveness—or else, that her mother would be as consistent at her death as she had been in life and that she would refuse to speak to the husband she hated.

But life is rarely dramatic. Here his mind and soul?

But that idea would lead to morbid were two people, husband and wide, imaginings. She must not make her who had started together with all the

figure of the invalid.

The nurse came back presently, greatly to her relief.

An intense moment—and they stayed there, hand in hand—and looked uncomfortable! For that is this and "She's much quieter," she com- not drama. It was Mrs. Driscom who

> "Well!" she said.
> "Well!" the old man repeated after But his voice was uncertain

or forty-five years. She looks sixtyve now."

And so they stayed, and Louise and the doctor and the nurse stood a little distance away and watched. Was there forgiveness and reconciliation exthew, pressed in those two brief words?

at it Was there? But Mrs. Driscom did
Her not pull away her hand,

Tomorrow-Louise Gives Out.

U.F.O.'S VENTURE

tion were those of R. W. E. Burnaby, an appeal for new shareholders, say-Jefferson; A. A. Powers, Orono; W. ing the increased volume of business C. Good, Paris; T. Craise, Lincoln: Reeve Whitmore, West York; B. C. Tucker, Sterling; Elmer Lick, Oshawa; A. J. McRae; Wm. McRae; J. bank interest. McNiven, South Victoria; Col. John Z. Fraser; R. H. Halbert; R. J. Mc- Drury was present to listen to an Millan, Seaforth; S. J. McDonald; H. address by Dr. J. W. Robertson, V. Hoover Harold; T. H. Adams; R. mer Dominion commissioner of agri-M. Warren; Ross Hoard Sterling; I. culture and special commission Holtby; B. Fancier.

The out-going nine were re-elected on a ballot distributed to shareholders in the Co-operative Company only, Messrs. Craise and Hoover tak-

The principal business of the meeting was the address of the Co-opera-tive Company president, R. W. E. Burnaby. After referring to the endorsement of U. F. O. principles by the electors of the province, the president commented on the fact that the press and even governments and their oppositions who in the past have looked upon the farmers with ridicule "are today courting our affections and envying our growth and in-

Live stock accounted for classes. \$6,467,957 of the sales. The balance Addresses followed by T. P. Lob-

ened in Seaforth, Warren, Fenelon co-operative stores.

Falls, Smith's Falls, Cobourg, Kingston, Aultsville and Toronto Concluding his remarks Mr. Burnaby said: "The experiences of the past year have convinced us more firmly than ever of the greatness of the field that is before us. We believe that the establishment of the prac-

has demanded a bank overdraft, and

At the evening meeting Premier live stock to the peace conference at Paris. R. W. E. Burnaby occupied the

Dr. Robertson made organization his keynote. He said it was organizonly, Messrs. Craise and Hoover taking the places of the premier and Hon. Mr. Doherty. R. H. Halbert retired.

ation won the war and made timely preparation for the peace conference. Britain had not been found napping at any point and was always organized and prepared. Comradeship among the component nations of the Empire and among the allies was the lesson of the war, and the conditions of peace taught the enemy that never again will civilization allow another worldwar to be plotted. The lesson has been taught to the enemy in the punishments of war itself and in the obliga tion to pay to the last farthing of his ability.

Dr. Robertson spoke of the success "From a position of obscurity and war, from the manufacture of muniof organization in Canada during the remoteness," he said, "we have risen to one of prestige and distinction." war, from the manufacture of munitions to agricultural production and the achievements of the Red Cross. the achievements of the Red Cross. He showed a steady increase in the He saw the experience of the Cana--operative branch from a business dian people in the war, impressing of \$33,000 in 1914 to sales amounting upon them greater confidence than to \$8,500,000 in 1919. He complimented ever in parliament, and he expressed the company on getting T. P. Loblaw his own confidence especially in the general manager and went into some agricultural population, doing its detail of the three departments of share to promote unity among all

sheet showed a profit in 1919 of \$16.-021 and reserve surplus of \$2,192 on a manager of the commission departsubscribed capital of \$134,275, on ment of the U. F. O. co-operative which a dividend of 7 per cent. was stores; F. J. Fulthorpe, C. C. Mc-declared in November. declared in November.

Co-operative stores have been op
Curdy, manager of the live stock department, and E. B. Chantler, of the

The Proclamation of Peace

will create an interest in the new boundaries of

The Toronto World has obtained a limited supply of the NEW MAP OF EUROPE, size 41 x 54, printed in colors, and inset maps of Australasia, Asia and Africa, showing the new divisions.

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of Births. Deaths, not over 5 dditional words es Lodge Notices to 1 Funeral Announcem Memoriam Notices Poetry and quotat lines, additional raction of 4 lines .

BOULTON-On Dec. lence, 192 Fern a loved wife of Geor her 71st year. Funeral from the Friday, at 8.20 a.m. Paul Church. Intel RUPERT-On Tuesda

132 Yorkville avenu Wife of the late Ad Funeral from the A. W. Barlett, 1480 Thursday, Dec. 18 terment in Maple WILSON-On Tuesd Sumach street, Don wife of W. J. C. age 55 years. Funeral Thursday from above address

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