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## On Solid Ground

Colonel Roosevelt stands upon solid ground when he calls upon his country to stand by and vindicate The Hague Convention of 1907, to which all the leading nations of the world, including Germany and the United States, assented. That convention pledged all the signatories to the proposition that belligerents must not invade the territory of a neutral state. As Professor Hart of Harvard University puts it:

The system of neutralization was strengthened by the second Hague Conference of 1907, which adopted a chapter on "The Rights and Duties of Neutral Powers," of which the first signatory in alphabetical order was the representative of Germany. This convention set forth among other things that—

"The territory of neutral powers is inviolable. Belligerents are forbidden to allow troops or trains of ammunition or provisions to pass thru the territory of the neutral power. It shall not be considered a hostile power if it takes measures, even forcible, to prevent violations of its neutrality."

Colonel Roosevelt was at the head of affairs when the United States agreed to this principle of international law. The United States was a contracting party to the treaty that convention expresses. It was and is binding upon all the signatories. That, indeed, is not disputed. Germany has undoubtedly violated the contract or treaty. What obligation, therefore, rests upon the United States?

The convention was intended for the protection of the smaller nations, but no protection would have been afforded or could have been intended unless the stronger nations pledged themselves to protect it from violation. That point is made with a characteristic directness by Mr. Roosevelt, who arraigns the powers that be at Washington for cold-blooded timidity that borders on cowardice.

Perhaps Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan may suggest that the ex-president drifted about a long time before reaching his conclusion or making his indictment. That is as it may be, but Roosevelt appears today in a role that is manly and chivalric. He may be the personal friend of the Kaiser, but he now declares himself to be first of all the champion of freedom and humanity.

## Arousing Party Feeling

While it is not pretty generally conceded that Mayor-elect Church owes his position to his party support, it is not so generally recognized how it came to rally about him with such enthusiasm. The reason is to be sought as it is to be sought for many other political occurrences, in the party bitterness of The Globe.

It is simply impossible for The Globe to take anything but a party view of any municipal event. It sticks out all over the editorial page and over all the other pages. The Globe, we will admit, may not intend to have it that way. It is politically wise enough to understand that to flaunt political feeling before its opponents is not good for its candidates in Toronto. But it cannot help being political, and bitterly political, all the same.

In drawing up a slate one never finds more than one or two Conservatives getting The Globe benediction, and it harms these candidates more than it helps them. It draws attention to the paucity of Conservatives who get The Globe benediction. The Globe will, of course, and quite naturally, reply that The Mail and Empire is no more friendly towards Liberals than The Globe is towards Conservatives. But this is admitting the whole case. Calling attention to the fact is part of that party incense which Globe candidates suffer from.

## A Super-Man

Among the candidates in the recent municipal election no man bulked up more largely than Ald. McBride. He is the kind of man who would have delighted the heart of Nietzsche. There are many of the elements of the super-man about him. He goes out to play and he wins. He goes out to make a speech and timid men take to cover.

There needs to be ability behind demonstrations of this character. Otherwise society would arouse itself and make away with an intolerable nuisance. Ald. McBride's ability consists, in the main, of always knowing what he is talking about. This is a fearful advantage to possess over the average alderman. Ald. McBride uses his advantage unmercifully. Where at any point his knowledge of the situation falls him he has recourse to a still more deadly method—reliance on his opponent's ignorance. With positive and negative force of this description he comes down after the manner of the Assyrian, or any other super-man, like a wolf on the fold, and he leaves nothing to the cohorts.

Ald. McBride was a revelation to many people in his handling of the committee of the whole last year. He takes pains with his work, and it is almost impossible to tangle him up on a question of civic business. This year he could become very popular if he would only remember that it is excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant. If he moderated his tone at times he would be none the less a super-man, and it would have a good effect on the nerves of his friends. It would look better also in a man who appears to be heading for the mayor's chair.

## German Folly and Wickedness

Speaking last month at Bristol in aid of the appeal for 3000 more recruits from that city and district Mr. A. J. Balfour, the late leader of the British Conservative party, referred to the war as not the accident of a day, but as due to causes far deeper and more profound. To his mind the tragedy of Serbia and the tragedy of Belgium and Northern France were but episodes in a greater crime against civilization committed by a nation not satisfied to be powerful and prosperous, but holding that position to be valueless unless it could dominate and coerce the world. Prosperity, Mr. Balfour held, had turned the heads and polluted the conscience of a mighty people.

Eight days later Mr. Bonar Law, the present Unionist leader, who spoke at a similar meeting in Exeter, regarded the war as due to human wickedness first and, as the event would show, to human folly also—to folly equaling the wickedness. Three years ago Mr. Law in the house of commons refused to believe in the inevitableness of war. Talking afterwards to a friend now doing distinguished service at the front, he expressed the opinion that the growing resources of Russia would compel Germany to be friendly with France and Britain. His friend, Mr. Law commented, had shown greater prescience in replying that it was precisely that which would precipitate war.

Germany struck at the moment she did because her militarist party believed that Russia was recovering too quickly, and that further delay would be fatal to the policy of aggrandizement by force of arms. That, as Mr. Law said, was the whole explanation of this war. Concerned at the fact that neutral opinion is united in laying responsibility for the war on the Kaiser and his advisers, their apologists have, since that became apparent, been busy in attempting to show that Germany has been the victim of aggression. The endeavor has been and will be futile. Proof has multiplied that Germany had method in her mad craze for world dominion, and that in every part of the world preparation had been made for a war of conquest.

## WILL REOPEN INQUEST ON STONE AT WHITBY

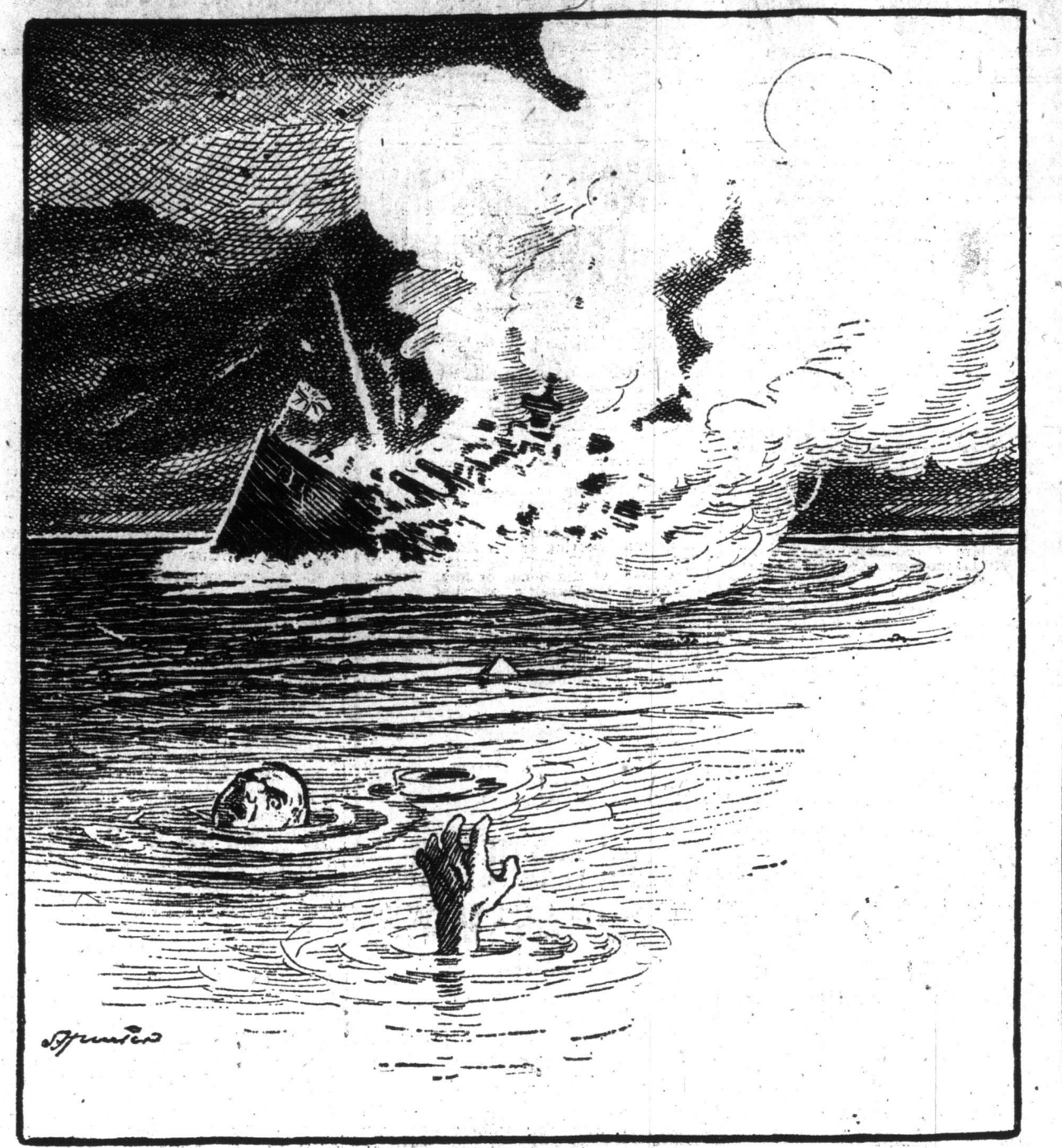
Crown Attorney Farewell Has New Evidence—Clews Being Tracked Down.

The inquest into the death of "Billy" Stone, telegraph operator at Whitby Junction, who was murdered on Dec. 11, is to be re-opened at the request of County Crown Attorney Farewell of Whitby. Col. Farewell has been investigating down several clues and now has some direct evidence to submit. It is believed now that Stone for some unknown reason left his post and was shot about twenty feet away from the station. Superintendent Tisdall of the Grand Jury will give evidence which will throw light on the actions of the young man prior to his death, and Harry Birmingham, the young man who last saw the murdered man, will also be on the stand. The inquest will be opened today so that further evidence may be taken at any time.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Neither death nor burial was so general in 1914 as in the year before. The vital statistics show 14,000 marriages, 4,000 deaths, 8,200 burials claimed thirty-two victims less than in 1913, the total deaths from this disease being 328. Contagious diseases also showed a falling off.

## H.M.S. FORMIDABLE — "SENT THERE BY CANADIAN NICKEL"



## EAGERLY ALDERMEN PLOT FOR PLUMS

Species Busy Already—Dunn and McBride Yearn for Ex. Directorships.

## CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL

Last Meeting of Old Council—Plans for New One Are Under Way.

Almost before the elections are over each year there is talk as to what members are to get the plum jobs in the way of chairmanships, etc. It is said that Alderman Dunn, who has been chairman of the works committee, would like to become chairman of the board of health. While Alderman McBride wouldn't mind taking over the works committee, he would rather become an Exhibition director. It is thought probable that he will again be chairman of the committee of the board of health. It is understood that Ald. Meredith covets the parks chairmanship, but that Alderman Robbins will likely get it. Alderman Waiton has not yet been favored with a chairmanship. He will no doubt come in for something this year.

Two Exhibition directorships are being much sought after. Alderman Rowland from ward two, who was chairman of the board of health last year, is out, as is also Controller McCarthy, and their positions will have to be filled.

The city's representatives on the board of the Toronto General Hospital will in all probability be Mayor Church, Controller O'Neill, Ald. Wickett, Dunn and Yeomans.

The Liberal Line-up.  
To those interested in politics the standing of the 1915 council from this point of view will be of interest. There are 15 Conservatives, and five Liberals, while two of the members are Independent. The line-up is as follows:  
Conservatives: Mayor-elect Church, Controllers-elect Foster and Thompson; Aldermen-elect Robbins, Yeomans, Wickett, Bink, Ball, McBride, Cameron, Singer, Cowan, Dunn, Meredith, D. Spence, Roden, Ryding and Weir.  
Liberals: Controllers-elect O'Neill and Spence, Aldermen-elect Maguire, Ramsden, Warren.  
Independent: Aldermen-elect, Waiton and Gibson.

Keele Street Bridge.  
The application by the city to the Dominion Railway Board that the Canadian Pacific should be forced to make the Keele street bridge waterproof so as to prevent the leakage thru on to the street, has resulted in decision whereby the city has to repair the bridge, and the keeping of the same in a watertight condition is imposed on the Canadian Pacific.

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## BAR ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GATHERING

Sir George Gibbons, Among Others, Will Address Members During Sessions.

The Ontario Bar Association will hold its annual meeting at Osgoode Hall on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Business sessions will be held on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and in the afternoon at 2:30. F. M. Field, K.C., president of the association; Sir George Gibbons, K.C., of London, the honorary president, and Lieut.-Col. J. E. Farewell, K.C. of Whitby, will deliver addresses in the morning. At the afternoon session the Hon. Mr. Justice Lennox and Eugene Lafleur, K.C. of Montreal will speak. Reports will then be handed down from the various committees on "Law Reform," "Legislation," "Legal History," and "Legal Ethics." In the evening at 7:45 a banquet will be held at the King Edward Hotel, when the following gentlemen will deliver addresses: Rev. Prof. Robert Law, the Hon. Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, Chief Justice C. P. Davidson of Montreal, the Hon. Justice Herbert E. Bissell of the New York State Supreme Court; Eugene Lafleur of Montreal, Prof. D. W. Amram of Philadelphia and Frank J. Lodge of the Michigan bar of Detroit. Prof. D. W. Amram will address the meeting on Thursday morning on "Bankruptcy Law."

## SIMPSON NOT TEMPTED SPURNS ELECTION CASH

So Crown Attorney Now Holds It—Said to Have Come From Big Contractor.

Crown Attorney Corley announced in police court yesterday that he has now on his hands an envelope containing \$200 cash, which had been sent to Controller Simpson, but which he refused to retain. Mr. Simpson declares the money was handed him by Mr. Gordon Perry, manager of the National Iron Works, situated at the foot of Cherry street, on the Mulock lot, for "election expenses." According to the crown attorney there is nothing criminal in receiving cash contributions for election expenses. He refuses to state what determined the controller to get rid of this particular donation.

## Car Jumped Tracks.

A Harbor street car jumped the tracks at Spadina and Adelaide street yesterday and uprooted a tree on the boulevard. No person was injured.

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**"JOHN BULL" RETURNS TO BEER.**

"What is the cause of the revival in popularity of Beer and Ale as table beverages?" asks the London "Pall Mall Gazette."

That there is a return of their ancient vogue in the restaurants of London is noted by Charles Pold, restaurateur-owner. "Beer has been coming into fashion again for some time," he says, "and the tendency is becoming more marked. I was dining in a West End restaurant last night and was surprised to notice how many men were drinking beer. People have found out, I suppose, that beer is one of the best and purest of foods, and realize its value as they have not before."

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