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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 7.

The Key to the Situation

Many of our people will be puzzled and even scandalized by the apparent lack of unity among the public men of England. Is this a time, they will ask, for politicians to be bickering over the spoils of office? Even the King's ministers may not all see eye to eye upon questions of policy that arise from time to time, our people feel that they ought to act together, and present a united front to the country and to the world.

Unfortunately the cabinet situation in England evidences something far deeper and more important, than a quarrel among politicians over offices, or a dispute among able, men over questions of statecraft and policy. It evidences a deep popular discontent, a festering irritation in the public mind, which can no longer be ignored, with certain elements which are so intimately associated with the government that the whole constitutional fabric is tainted to the popular mind with the evil admixture. There are men in the government that the mass of the people implicitly trust, but they are losing reputation by their association with those who are distrusted, and this distrust has spread and is spreading like a fog over the empire.

Before the war Germany by peaceful penetration had obtained unvarnished access to the court, the homes and the country houses of the empire. German financiers controlled many British banks; the German metal trust controlled the zinc deposits of Australia, and the nickel monopoly of Canada; German craft had entangled many of Britain's highest officials in the meshes of its infamous International Armament Trust.

When war broke out German influences lingering in high places paled first one branch and then another of the government. German banks continued to flourish; the German metal trust, also baffled in Australia, remained in other parts of the empire triumphant. In Canada it used, and still is using, public men as bell boys. Only the other day the solicitor-general of Canada defended the unspeakable Merton Company which had been denounced for its treason by the solicitor-general of England.

In Britain the people have become sick and tired of the lethargic efforts of the government to drive German influence out of the country. Lord Northcliffe has voiced popular opinion, and has voiced it well. To him, more than any other man, is credit to be given for the high resolve of the English people to throw off the yoke of German influence. Were he in Canada he would be fighting the German-American nickel trust, tooth and nail. He would, we venture to think, hold up to public scorn and indignation the community of interest which links in one golden circle The Toronto News, the International Nickel Co., and the private interests of others.

The English people want a house-cleaning, and they want every German driven from high places, as well as everyone who consciously, or unconsciously, is doing the bidding of Germany. That is why cabinet reorganization is demanded. That is why British politics are being shaken up to such an extent that we may yet find Lord Northcliffe premier of England. That is why men think it possible that we may yet see conscription in Ireland, and a parliament at College Green. The people are sinking all differences in their hatred of the Germans, and their disgust with the people in high places who consciously or unconsciously help Germany in this terrible testing-time.

The key to the situation is a militant anti-German spirit that, so far as the constitution will permit, will drive from place and power every man who is not heart and soul for Britain in the present war, and who does not loathe with unshakeable loathing everything German, and everything that is tainted with the suspicion of German influence. Australia did her

best to set the pace, England is rousing herself, and Canada should no longer lag behind. There can be no compromise with men who for monetary or social considerations falter in their allegiance, or look with sympathy or tolerance upon those pro-German influences which have paralyzed, to some extent at least, the Imperial and Dominion Governments since the commencement of the war.

Revenue Unpaid

A few days ago Mayor Church in a sanguine mood announced that there would be no overdraft necessary at the end of the year when the civic accounts were made up. Yesterday the commissioner of finance had quite a different story to tell. He announced that there would be an overdraft to be provided for on account of current expenditure of \$5,255,000.

Probably what the mayor meant was that the city had spent no more than the estimates had called for, but the revenue is shy five million dollars, according to Mr. Bradshaw. This deficit must be arranged for by loan or overdraft or in some way; and it is no satisfaction to hear that the five millions represent arrears of revenue, taxes, etc., which should have been paid in this and previous years, but will not be received until some time next year. To be \$5,000,000 in arrears with our revenue simply means that an overdraft of that extent must be financed to enable the city to carry on. The cost of doing this is about \$250,000 a year, so that the slackers in tax payments and other debts due the city are, as usual with slackers, a load about the necks of all the honest and prompt people in the community.

We renew our suggestion that monthly instalments of the taxes be accepted beginning in January. Probably enough people would be found glad to take advantage of an instalment plan of this kind to relieve the necessity for extensive loans early in the year.

Associated Kin

An excellent idea was behind the Massey Hall meeting in support of an organization of a body to be known as the Associated Kin of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. So far as the meeting is concerned they seemed to be a little more than kin and less than kind, as about 500 only attended.

The movement aims at some useful material considerations, such as helping recruiting, encouraging efficiency, correcting abuses, protection of soldiers' home interests, employment, pensions, insurance, etc. In addition members of the association were desired to turn their minds in prayer at noon daily to their kin at the front.

Perhaps this is where the weakness of the movement will most easily be discovered. Those who have kin at the front, and who attach any importance to the spiritual side of life, are instant day and night for their kin. They need no exhortations of that kind. There are others who do not pray, and who are unaware of any advantage in prayer. But these are not likely to be affected by the Associated Kin.

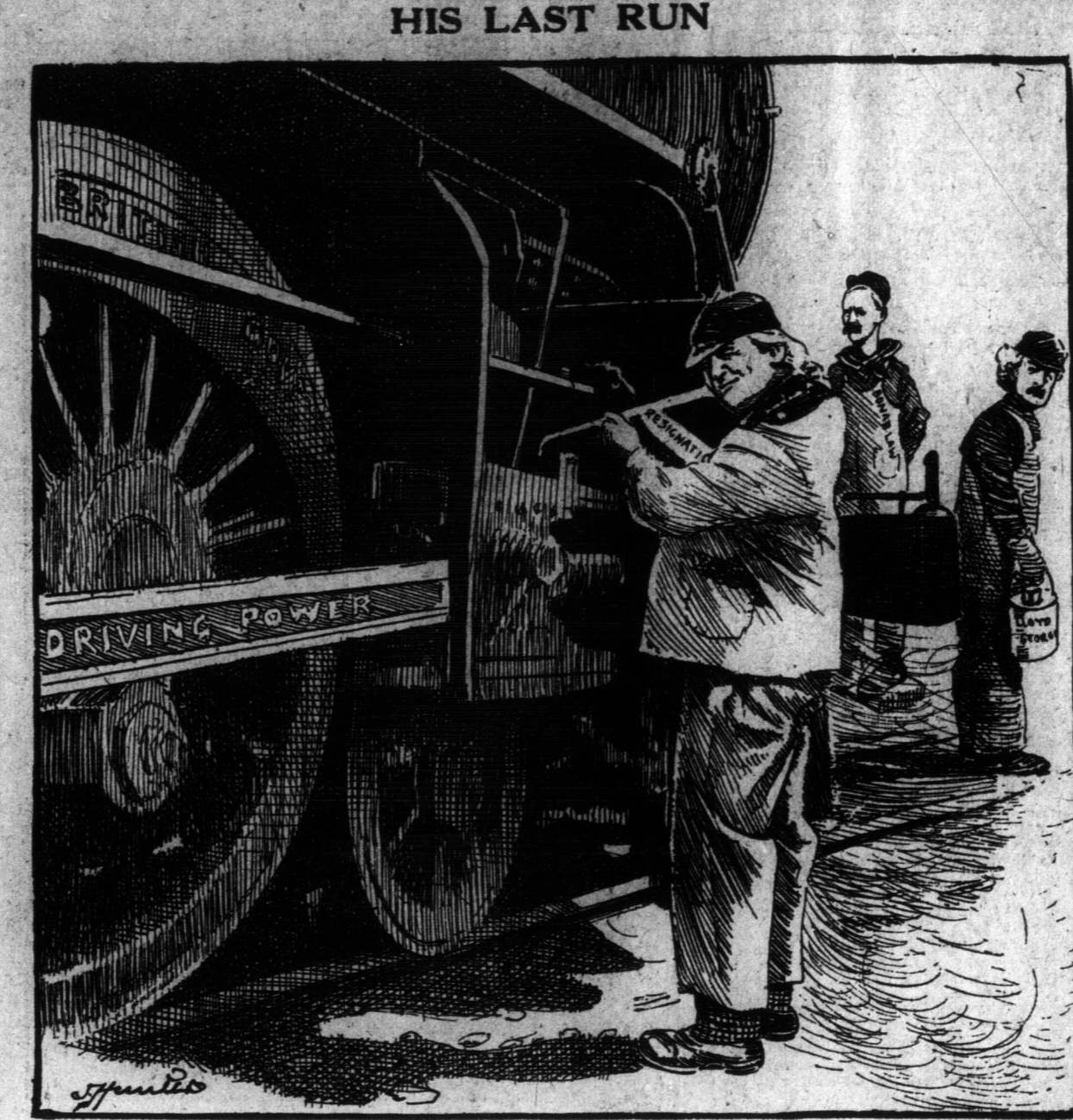
Nearly all, if not all, the objects of the association are being pursued by many other organizations, and there is probably none of them that is not specially provided for in one way or another. Nevertheless if the association can do anything to stimulate recruiting, to awaken the country to a sense of the deep need of the empire for the help of every man and woman in it, and to stir the hearts of all concerned to the deeper moral and spiritual issues of the war, individually as well as collectively, the promoters of the movement will have the support of all who are not already engaged in similar aims.

Rumania, Russia and Canada

Russia may still justify our hopes of a retrieval of the situation in Rumania. The Russians are saying very little, but they may be accomplishing a great deal. Should their offensive in the north achieve the success it deserves, it may prove to be the biggest coup of the war, and an example of grand strategy, such as we have not had since the battle of the Marne. To swing round from the northern Carpathians and take the German hosts in the rear requires rapid action and forces of Cossacks and cavalry which may not be available. The success of such a stroke would put probably half a million of the Teutonic hordes out of business.

Meanwhile we know that the Russians are actively facing the Germans in their eastern progress and evidently delaying them. Everything is concealed about these operations, and we must be patient until a decision is gained one way or the other. The Russians would already have accomplished all that was intended in July but for shortages of munitions, the unexpected result of treachery or accident, or other contingencies.

The fighting in the west is being delayed, it is said, by the weather. Un-



ENGINEER ASQUITH: One of the other lads takes her out in the morning.

THIRTEEN ARE DEAD IN CASUALTY LISTS

More Than Half of Total Toronto Men Named Lay Down Lives.

NINE KILLED IN ACTION

Four Die of Wounds, Three Missing, One Ill and Seven Wounded.

Soldiers with Toronto units named in the latest casualty reports total 24. A very large proportion are listed as dead. Nine are stated to have been killed in action, four have died of wounds, three are missing, one is seriously ill and seven are wounded.

MORE ENGLISH PROTESTS ABOUT NICKEL

(From The London Gazette).
The incident has its plain moral, and last week's debate in the British House of Commons shows how much it needs insisting upon. Last June the allied powers—Canada's minister of trade and commerce, Sir Geo. Foster, being associated with the colonial secretary, Mr. Bourke, at the conference—solemnly pledged themselves to a "common economic policy" that is to say, to the allied countries, before all others, their natural resources, and "to establish special arrangements to facilitate the interchange of these resources."

The public knows of no special arrangements at all. The allied governments have taken affecting, say, Canadian nickel; what we do know is that in the face of all our own resources are still being used to feed the war machine of the enemy; that is to say, to slaughter and mangle the men and women of England and Canada, whose sons are being sent to their death by so wickedly neglectful policy if they do not insist that this must cease.

CANADA'S NICKEL POLICY.

(Toronto Christian Guardian).
But apart altogether from the fact that there is just a possibility that something is being done, there is a great feeling of relief if the Canadian Government and not the International Nickel Company were determining the destination of Canadian nickel. One thing seems to be pretty generally agreed, that the nickel refund ought to be done in Canada, and the experience of the war seems to point very strongly to the absolute ownership of the nickel deposits by the Canadian government. The nickel company is said to have cleared at least \$1,000,000, and upon these "profits" the Canadian government is apparently unable to lay its hand in any way. Apart from political considerations altogether this certainly is not a very satisfactory state of affairs, and it should be remedied as soon as possible.

BUFFALO, \$270 RETURN; NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., \$225 RETURN. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, VIA CANADIAN PACIFIC.
This is an excellent opportunity for a week-end outing. Tickets are good going via fast express, leaving Toronto 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 9th, and valid for return on all trains up to and including Monday, December 11th. Full particulars from Canadian Pacific Ticket Agents or W. E. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

CONSERVATIVES MEET.
Millbrook, Ont., Dec. 6.—The annual meeting of the East Durham Liberal Conservative Association held in the town hall here was well attended and the chair was occupied by Alex. Noble of Campbellton. The following officers were elected: President, James Paul Fraser; secretary, T. P. S. Given, Millbrook; treasurer, Wm. Earl, Millbrook.

TO HELP BANTAMS.
As a result of a very delightful musical and a very helpful fund-raising concert of the Suffrage War Auxiliary, at the home of Mrs. T. A. Rowan, Bloor street, 800 p.c.s. of socks and about \$25 cash will go to the Bantams.

ENDORSE SUFFRAGE CAMPAIGN.
The Sherbourne W.C.T.U. have endorsed the Ontario Equal Franchise League in their present suffrage campaign. At their recent meeting, at which an address on the subject of Equal Suffrage was given by Mrs. A. B. Ormsby, the gathering expressed themselves in sympathy with the objects of the campaign.

PORT ELGIN SHOWER.
The results of a shower held by the women of Port Elgin, was 154 quarts of preserved fruits and pickles. These were shipped in barrels to the central military hospital, College street.

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SHOW KING CONFERRING WITH ALLIED LEADERS

Pictures of His Majesty at Front Likely to Be Presented in Toronto.

Of the many scenes which are realistically portrayed in the most recently released war film entitled "The King Visits His Armies in the Great Advance," which is soon to be shown to Toronto motion picture theatregoers, none is more interesting than the conference of allied military commanders which King George attended.

The photographs of the men who attended this important conference included Gen. Joffre, recognized authoritatively at the greatest military genius and strategist which this war has produced; Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, the able commander of the British forces in Flanders, and Gen. Foch, commander of the French armies.

"Close-ups" taken of the leaders of the allied offensive, which are shown in this film, provide spectators with a near view of the faces of these men. It is such scenes as these which give an individualistic touch to the latest war film and make it a different success to that of the former pictures. The most recent pictures which have been released by the British topical committee have been known as a fitting supplement to the Somme battle scenes, which scored such a remarkable success in Toronto. It is entirely within probability that the latest war film, which will soon be presented in a Toronto theatre, will score as great, if not greater, success than the former masterpiece of motion photography.

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WILLS PROBATED

William Cromwell, William T. Isaac and Edward H. Gurney, sons and executors of the will of the late Edward Gurney, who died in August, have applied for probate of the will, which allows for the distribution of an estate of \$17,803.

The wife is to receive an allowance of \$20,000 a year, the three sons named above receive an allowance of \$8000 a year, and the three daughters—Mary, Mable and Gladys Gurney—will receive an annual income of \$2000. Frederick F. Skinner also receives an annual income of \$2000. These allowances are to be paid in the period prior to 1923.

After Jan. 1, 1923, Mr. Skinner, who is a brother-in-law of the late Mr. Gurney, receives one-twentieth of the shares of the Gurney Foundry Company, and the Gurney Heating Manufacturing Company. After the wife is provided with an income the balance will be distributed among the children.

Moves for Orders to Abate

Abattoir Odors in West End

Following the report of the provincial board of health, the West End abattoirs to be a nuisance, the local board of health yesterday instructed the city solicitor to move in the high court for an order to abate the odor nuisance.

Ald. Hiltz commented that while the city maintained the Morley avenue nuisance they were in no position to throw stones.

Controller Cameron: "It is impossible to abate the Morley avenue odor just now."

Ald. Hiltz: "It is simply a matter of expense."

ADDRESSES TRAVEL CLUB.

The Toronto Travel Club were addressed at their regular meeting by the chairman, Mrs. S. G. Wood, who spoke very feelingly on Tribute Night. As a result the club voted \$25 towards the cause of the Soldiers' Club in aid of which Tribute Night was held.

SUCCESSFUL AUCTION.

One hundred dollars was made by a very successful auction, held by the Galt Club Patriotic League, thru the sale of ten-cent tickets. Mrs. Maud O'Neill of Buxton avenue, was the winner of the cannone and Gorman Pickering of Westmoreland avenue, white hand-knitted socks. The officers of the club are: President, Mrs. J. C. Kline; treasurer, Mrs. M. Dimmock; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Bowles.

Buffalo Newsboy Starts Action in General Sessions

The suit of Truman Horton, a Buffalo newsboy, against Sam Leonard for \$500 damages for injuries sustained by him when he was struck by Leonard's motor car in Buffalo, Oct. 6, 1913, was opened before Judge Wycherly in general sessions, yesterday. Horton says he sustained a fractured skull, cuts and laceration and was confined to the hospital for eight weeks. Dr. Long of Buffalo testified to the extent of the wounds. Ed. Hoffman declared on the witness stand that the machine was travelling 25 miles an hour. The case will be continued this morning.

CHANCES WERE GOOD.

Tommy had been playing truant from school and had spent a long, beautiful day fishing. On his way back he met one of his young cronies, who accosted him with the usual question, "catch anything?"

At this, Tommy, in all the consciousness of guilt, quickly responded: "Ain't been home yet."

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