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WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 3

Better Get the Facts

It does not appear that the voting at the city council meeting of and following the Monday session was on the merits of the question involved in the resolution voted upon. While the aldermen were voting on the credit of the city they were evidently thinking of a park for Eglarwood, or a rebuff for Ald. Wickert. These matters should all be settled separately, and on their merits. It is impossible to decide any of them correctly if he mixed up with the others.

A good deal of discussion has been generated by Ald. Wickert's open letter on the financial situation of the city. There are three positions taken by critics of these letters: first, represented by Councilor Simpson, that Ald. Wickert has no justification for his letters; second, represented by Ald. Maguire, that even if they are correct, it is unwise to make such a statement public; and that Ald. Wickert should not have been the man to do it; and, third, that the statements are substantially correct, but that a difference of opinion exists, depending on a legal interpretation, whether the city has overruled its borrowing powers, or having the right to exclude \$5,000,000 of local improvement debt for which the city is liable, there still remains a margin.

Now, these are questions which should not be settled in connection with the desire of any section of the city, or the aldermen representing or opposing it, to get a park. The statements made by Ald. Wickert are capable of being substantiated or of being overthrown. It is a matter of legal opinion whether the city can exclude its local improvement debt from its liability. The city solicitor will not say it can exclude this debt, but says that it can only be settled "by express declaration of the legislature." There is justification, and perhaps prudence, then, in regarding it as part of the city debt to be reckoned among the debenture liabilities.

We hold no brief for Ald. Wickert, but we do not think that any reasonable effort made to get the financial affairs of the city into shape should be met with abuse or derision. It is admitted that reorganization of the finances is necessary. Such reorganization should not be loaded down with aldermanic jealousies nor irrelevant park purchases.

Meanwhile a report on the city's debt has been asked for on the last resolution carried by the council. To that extent progress has been made. It is unfortunate that anti-selection considerations may hamper a careful presentation of all the facts. The board of control should conceal nothing. Mayor Church very properly said there was nothing to conceal. We have no sympathy with the view that the publication of facts, which are available to any one, is an encroachment on the credit of the city. That is akin to the idea that news week old in England should not be permitted to Canadians lest the Germans might get it. People who are buying Toronto debentures take care to find out all about them before they invest. The taxpayers ought to be in a position to know as much about their own business as those with whom the city has to deal.

Premier Asquith's Speech

Premier Asquith's pronouncement is not so startling as might have been expected, after the long waiting for it. He did not touch upon the question of reorganization of the cabinet, which Sir Edward Carson considered so important, and he was but little more definite than before on the question of conscription. At the same time he left the clear impression that conscription, or some form of compulsory service, is within the immediate possibilities. It will not be decided upon until everybody agrees. We trust this will be in ample time to make the decision of value.

No definite statement was made about the future operation in the "war machine," nor could any be expected. The future of military operations is quite rightly the secret of the staff. Mr. Asquith's account of why the Dardanelles operations were undertaken justifies the judgment and good sense of the British Cabinet. He was reproachfully emphatic on the point that the action was taken by the unanimous decision of the cabinet, Lord Fisher alone having "some doubts in his

mind," and no one minister more than another was to be saddled with the responsibility. This deprives the critics of Mr. Winston Churchill of some favorable ammunition.

The navy was sent into the Dardanelles because we had not enough men to make a land attack. There is the bald, naked truth, and it ought to be rubbed into the people who are always declaring there are plenty of men. Mr. Asquith should not be placed in the position of having to explain away some other weakness in strategy a year from now by the mournful confession that we had not enough men to do the right thing when it was needed. Men, and more men, is the constant necessity. Lord Kitchener has asked for them. The King has asked for them. Now Mr. Asquith gives us the best of reasons why we should have them. We lose ten for lack of one. It is the old story, a stitch in time saves nine.

There were many cheering passages in his speech. The navy had its supreme merits fully approved. "There never has been anything in history comparable to the service of the navy." Unnoticed, unadvertised, they do their duty in all the climes and on all the waters, and the Germans feel that heavy hand as they feel no other; not a mailed fist, but a large and muscular grip of the strong flesh and hot blood of the British mariner.

In the farther east, almost without attention, a successful campaign of great importance has been carried on, and historic Bagdad is almost in the grasp of British troops. The effect of this upon Arabs, Turks, Persians and others cannot be sufficiently estimated. Nearer the European centre the eastern phase is not at the moment so encouraging, perhaps, but Mr. Asquith put a good face upon it, and almost appears to have borrowed a Bismarckism when he remarked that "we cannot barter away the property of our allies behind their backs as the Germans do." There is complete agreement among the three great powers immediately concerned as to the conduct of the campaign, and it is agreeable to remember that whatever else may be said of the Gallipoli expedition, it has held 200,000 Turks employed who would have been let loose otherwise upon the Russians in Asia Minor.

There is no occasion for mistrust, but there is still great occasion for renewed and unflinching exertion to the limit of our resources. The sooner we realize this the sooner will the war be over.

Will the Strikers Enlist?

When history comes to be written it will record the fact that in the middle of the greatest war in history, when men were laying down their lives to save all that makes life worth living, there were men receiving much greater reward for their services than any soldier in the field, who refuse to work, and went on strike because they did not get more, even though they were receiving more than other men in similar employment doing similar work.

We blush to think that this brand of civilization is represented in Toronto. We can hardly imagine that the Germans have any hand in the strike of the hydro-electric employees, but it is just what the Germans like to have them do, and it would serve the German cause well if the munition factories were compelled to close down on account of the strike.

From the point of view of most of us who have had our wages and salaries and expenses cut down on account of the war, the only reasonable explanation for the strike is that the men want to enlist, and will all be lined up in the Armories to-day, and that they took this sensational way of calling attention to their patriotic resolution. Otherwise the threat of the citizens will wonder if they are not alien enemies, instead of British subjects.

Receivers and Revolutions

Revolutions have been regarded as unfavorable as earthquakes in some of the small American republics, but now it is believed that a remedy will be found in putting a country of this kind in charge of a receiver. President Roosevelt, some time ago, with the acquiescence of European creditors, appointed a receiver to take charge of the custom houses of San Domingo, and now President Wilson is to appoint an administrator-general to take the revenue of Haiti. Indeed, the Haitian treaty goes so far as to establish a protectorate and places not only the financial affairs of the country under the United States control, but reorganizes under American discipline the native constabulary. It is said that revolutions will continue indefinitely so long as the successful party can loot the British exchequer and collect the custom dues, but no revolution is likely to be organized if the party who gets control of the government is not allowed to get anywhere near the money.

European nations will be pleased with the action of President Wilson in the case of Haiti, as they were

"OH, SAY, BOYS, LOOK WHO'S HERE!"



Lieut. Ford of the British Aviation Corps, in an interview with a New York reporter, says the Canadians in the trenches amuse themselves by catching Germans between the trenches in bear traps of their own manufacture. The sound of a sprung trap and the squeal of a German is the signal to go out and seize another prisoner.

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BANKER GETS FREEDOM TO ENLIST FOR FRONT

John D. McKinnon of Woodstock Released From Kingston Penitentiary.

Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, Nov. 2.—John D. McKinnon, ex-manager of the Union Bank of Hamilton, who was serving a three-year sentence in the penitentiary at Portsmouth for defalcation, was released at noon today, and left for his home in Woodstock. It is understood that he will enlist for service overseas at London or Toronto.

Queen's Battery will go as far as England as a unit, and no drafts will be taken from it while it is in training in Canada.

"Joe" Daley, of the postoffice staff, has enlisted for overseas service with the 58th Battalion.

Mr. Daley is manager of the Pony Baseball Team, and for many years was a prominent baseball player.

SOLDIERS ASSAULTED BROCKVILLE OFFICERS

Color-Sergeants of Fifty-Ninth Battalion Let Go on Suspended Sentence.

Special to The Toronto World. BROCKVILLE, Nov. 2.—The two color sergeants of the 59th Battalion, Horace Desray and Peter O'Connor, appeared before Judge Dowdley today and pleaded guilty to assaulting two officers of the 59th Battalion.

Capt. McConnell, adjutant of the battalion, requested that the soldiers be turned over to the military authorities.

They both, he said, were excellent soldiers, each having served several years in the imperial army and their misconduct came as a great surprise.

The court allowed the soldiers to go on suspended sentence, and they were immediately taken in charge by Capt. Gibbons had no praise for the German prison camp.

A LIFETIME OF SICKNESS

Worn Out, Thin and Miserable Until She Took "Fruit-a-tives."

Palmerston, June 20th, 1914.
"Stomach Trouble and Distressing Headaches nearly drove me wild. Some time ago, I got a box of 'Fruit-a-tives,' your famous fruit medicine, and they completely relieved me. Today I am feeling fine and a physician, meeting me on the street, asked the reason for my improved appearance. I said, 'I am taking 'Fruit-a-tives.' He said, 'If 'Fruit-a-tives' make you look so well, go ahead and take them. They are doing more for you than I can take credit for.'"

Mrs. H. S. WILLIAMS.
50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At Dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

PORT CREDIT MINISTER IS DOING A BIG BIT

One Son Killed, Another Fighting, Rev. G. P. Duncan Joins as Chaplain.

Rev. Frank Rae, moderator of the Toronto Presbytery, paid eloquent tribute at St. James' Square Church to the patriotism of Rev. G. P. Duncan of Port Credit, whose eldest son was killed at the front, and whose youngest son has enlisted in overseas service.

Rev. Mr. Duncan was granted leave to become chaplain of the 78th Battalion, which he will accompany to the front. During his absence his charge will be in the hands of Rev. F. F. Sinclair.

Presbyterians at the Exhibition camp will be well looked after by a special committee, of which Rev. T. Crawford Brown is chairman. Many of the churches are arranging to open clubrooms, and for holding special entertainments to speed the winter for the men in training.

Rev. Frank Rae, Rev. Dr. Macgillivray and Rev. Dr. Pilgum were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the laying of the corner stone for the new Royce Avenue Church on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 20.

J. Luomela, missionary to the Finns in Toronto, who has just completed the course of study prescribed for him at Knox College, will be ordained by the Presbytery at an early date for work among his own people.

CURSED BRITISH, PRAISED GERMANS; FINED TWENTY

John Zack, Austrian, Was Arrested for Sympathizing With Enemy.

When John Zack, a naturalized Austrian, who keeps a store on Bathurst street, became intoxicated on Monday night he seemed anxious to acquaint everyone he met with the fact that his sympathies were not with the allies.

He had nothing but curses for the British, and the highest praise for the Germans and Austrians. In his ranting he wandered to the Union Station, where he peered into ladies' waiting-rooms and made himself generally obnoxious.

After he had given vent to his feelings an officer placed him under arrest. He paid \$20 and costs in the police court yesterday for the expression of his sentiments.

MAILED SOLDIER PAID CALL AT THE CITY HALL

Pte. Arthur Gibbons Will Be Carried for by Hospitals Commission.

Serjt.-Major Creighton, the mayor's military secretary, was visited yesterday by Pte. Arthur Gibbons of the 3rd Batt., who was a prisoner in Germany, where he had a broken leg set.

The setting, however, was so badly done that the leg is three inches shorter than before shattered, and he is looked after by the Hospitals Commission, which will arrange for the resetting of the leg. Pte. Gibbons had no praise for the German prison camp.

COP MUST ANSWER PERJURY CHARGE

Police Board Dismisses P. C. McLaughlin for Falsely Accusing Inspector.

Immediately after the board of police commissioners yesterday had investigated the charges preferred against Inspector Crowe of No. 3 division, by James McLaughlin (882) of the same division, and the inspector had been exonerated, McLaughlin was placed under arrest on a charge of perjury.

It was charged against the inspector that he had accepted a box of cigars from a west end hotelkeeper, but the latter, with the manager and the porter, emphatically declared that there was not a semblance of truth in the allegation.

Chief Grassett stated that the charge was one of wanton vindictiveness and nothing more. Because of this and other charges, McLaughlin was dismissed from the force. The other charges were absent from duty without reasonable cause, absence from his quarters when on the sick list, and disobedience of orders.

Members of the Ontario Motor League appeared before the commissioners and discussed the new law in reference to the prohibition of the glaring headlights on motor cars. It was agreed that the law was necessary and that the order will go into effect at once, some time will be allowed the motorists to become familiar with the new rules.

A deputation of women from the Western Hospital endeavored to obtain permission from the board to hold a tag day, in order to raise funds for the erection of a nurses' home to perpetuate the memory of Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was murdered in Belgium by the Germans. The home was known as the Edith Cavell Home for Nurses. As the Recruiting League will hold a tag day this month the board was of the opinion that this would be sufficient for this year and refused the permission.

The commissioners decided to appeal the decision of Judge Cowan awarding damages to a citizen for injuries sustained in a collision with the police patrol wagon.

The charge brought against Inspector Dickson of No. 1 division by the members of the Trades and Labor Council, that he had used abusive language to the women who waited the streets in connection with a wait-strike in a King street restaurant, was not pressed by the Labor men. They failed to put in an appearance.

"The Rideau" and "The York," New Trains Between Toronto and Ottawa.
When the C. P. R. attaches a special name to a train this means that the equipment is the finest and most up-to-date. The Lake Ontario Shore Line, on which the two new trains, "The Rideau" and "The York," are operated, was recently completed at very heavy cost and has a roadbed unexcelled on any part of the system.

Excellent service is therefore assured to those who travel by these trains between Toronto and Ottawa, and the delightful scenery should add an additional attraction to the journey. The trains leave Toronto at 1:45 p.m. and Ottawa at 1:15 p.m. daily, except Sunday, reaching their respective terminals the same evening, namely, Ottawa, 10:00 p.m. and Toronto 5:30 p.m.

They call at the principal stations en route and have convenient connections with trains from Kingston and also from western Ontario points. Buffet-library-observation parlor cars, in which current periodicals are supplied free, and a broiler service, provide mind and body with food as required.

The trains will run from and into the Union Station at Toronto and Sparks Street (Central) Station at Ottawa, close to the parliament buildings.

Particulars from Canadian Pacific ticket agents or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto, O. P. R.

WON AGAINST MOTOR COMPANY

Kenneth R. McKinnon won a verdict of \$1040 yesterday in his action against Morris Motor Sales Co. for a Maxwell motor car, which should have been delivered to him in pursuance of an agreement whereby he handed over a mortgage for \$2400 and was to receive two cars in exchange.

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Seasonable costumes, hats and shoes, and prices cut.

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Double-fold soft drapes, evening shades.

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Specialty street dress of brown tulle, etc.

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In all the white signs.

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