## The Toronto World

the remainder who got out and voted bout three-fifths elected Controller hunch over Controller McCarthy he public mind, under the strain of the war conditions, and in the face of still graver and more serious con-siderations, had evidently set itself to accept a change of administration

But Mayor Hocken's adminis carry out, and he lost prestige on that account. However good the policy may be, if it fail, it carries its

The people have felt themselves ound to make a change, and they have chosen to make the change indently of other considerations had the liquor interests arrayed against him, but his temperance sup-porters did not back him up as might

have been expected. ias been chosen, and it must be allowed to develop its policy. We are right to ask for an untrammeled opportunity to see what they can do. far as we are concerned they will They represent the people and the voice of the people must prevail. We reserve the right to criticize where they may obviously fail to conserve the people's rights, and to serve the city single-mindedly. It remains to be seen whether our speculations of the last week or two prove to have been well-founded, and we shall be glad to be shown that there was no reason for anxiety.

#### Is the Truce Over?

Unless the public are greatly misother English-speaking Liberal paper in Canada. We therefore attach more than ordinary significance to its editorial in a recent issue entitled: "When parliament meets in February."

Despatches from Ottawa in reof parliament predict that the session will be a short one. This prediction is founded, of course, upon the supposition that, as a political truce is in effect, the opposition will do nothing but sit in the benches and cry "Hear, hear," to everything that emanates from the government side of the house.

Our Montreal neighbor goes on t say that many questions will come before parliament upon which the Liberal members representing one-half of the people of Canada must be heard. First among these it places the question of army contracts, alleging that some unsuitable supplies have been furnished to our troops at Salisbury, and further that only contractors are patronized who are out and out supporters of the present government. No whitewashing, it says, will be tolerated, but the truth or falsity of committee of the house upon which the opposition is represented.

All these are as they may be: our impression in Toronto has been that the Liberals were getting more contracts than the Conservatives. The States will have to prepare for it. point is that the Liberals are apparently preparing to discuss disputatiausly the conduct of the war, and if that is insisted upon, the "truce," if It ever existed, comes to an end.

We would be glad to think that there what a Taronto contemporary said so petition brought numerous entries and clumsily, mamely, that this session the efforts of the youthful vocal artists will be neither short nor non-contenti- was very pleasing,

us unless the opposition is granted nother session of parliament before here is an appeal to the people.

Both The Montreal Herald and The

oronto Globe assume that a tructores exist between the two politica arties, and that to bring on an election without warning would be to viote the same. The Wingipeg Telegram, the leading Conservative paper ig the personal and political views of ion. Robert Rogers, declares that no ruce ever existed, because no agreeharge of a general election. The elegram further charges that some elegram at least are actually antagoninflame the voter of German or

continued?

From one end of Canada to the other the Liberal press and politicians never ceased in guerilla attacks, and especially in trying to set against the powers that be those of our citizens of German or Austro-Hungarian descent.

Not content with these violations of their truce, the Liberal press bureau is flooding the country with campaign literature—attacking the government unfairly and dishonestly. So open is this violation of the privilege of the "white flag" that the head of the Liberal press bureau has issued a signed appeal to the faithful to distribute the party ammunition. All this time Sir Wilfrid is serenely announcing his great patriotism by declaring a truce.

The truce is a farce. It was adopted by the Liberals in self-defence, and is now being used as a cover for offence.

#### Scarboro Postal Service

For many years the residents the absurd arrangements of the postoffice officials. A complaint has now een made in connection with the delay in getting the mail to Woburn postcludes part of the Scarboro Village district. Instead of taking the mail direct on the radial cars at seven in the morning to Scarboro postoffice, it is despatched to Scarboro Junction, three miles or more distant, and does not reach Woburn till two o'clock. Five hours could be saved by a change in this routing. It is said that an evening mail could be given without any difficulty by using the radial cars, which run thru Scarboro Village, instead of taking the old-fashioned, roundabout way of doing things.

Coming Changes

It seems prove to be admitted that the United States transcontinental rall-ways cannot compete for freight with vessels using the Panama Canal. One happens of far as to say that

authority goes so far as to say that for the transcontinental railways to led The Montreal Herald represents the water route would be as hopeless the personal views of Sir Wilfrid as it would be for horse-cars to compete with steam railways for business between New York and San Francisco. All this, of course, indicates the re-All this, of course, indicates the readjustment that is rapidly coming
about. For years the steam railways
have found it almost impossible to
compete with the up-to-date electric
car lines for suburban passengers,
freight and express. From nearly
every important American city the ra-

car lines for suburban passengers, freight and express. From nearly freight and express. From nearly freight and express. From nearly every important American city the radials strike out in every direction serving all the country within fifty or even a hundred miles most efficiently, and with their own right of way and their three-rail system they make as good time as the local passenger trains.

But if the steam railways are to give up local traffic to the radials, and to suirender their transcontinental traffic to the ships, what will be left for them to do? We venture to think they will do more business than every become clearly scized of what their true function is. The exclusion of the steam railway from a great deal of the business it has monopolized will perhaps cause less distress because the change will come not violently but by degrees. As yet the Panama Canal seems to have had no influence upon freight trates in Canada, and our radial railway development has been languid at and inefficient.

But the Panama Canal seems to have the railway here as well as in the United States will have to prepare for it. the charges must be investigated by a have had no influence upon freight

### WELSHMEN HAD CONCERT.

Yesterday afternoon and evening the Toronto Welsh Society held its annual musical and elicutionary competition as a truce for patriotic reasons be- in the Foresters' Hall. A large crowd tween the two political parties, but of kinsfolk attended. The delivering every now and then we doubt whether or recitations in the Weish dialect was milk-white flag really floats over a special item of interest and suitable the two great camps. The Herald prizes were donated to the successful article, as we take it, says adroitly contestants. The children's choir comIN DEFENCE



## NO SURRENDER OF COMMAND OF SEA

Britain Must Prevent Contraband From Reaching Enemy, Declares Spectator.

CEEP RIGHT OF SEARCH

U.S. Should Also Protest Against Violations of Hague Conventions by Germany.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Spectator discusses the American note at length.

wars, and says it would be extremel infair to object to frank statements be neutral countries of their views. Th

violated the conventions adopted at The Hague to which America is party. Being the greatest neutral state, she is under peculiar obligations to insist upon the sanctity of The Hague convention. Without suggesting that America should go to war, The Spectator insists that the bystander is under obligation to interfere "to prevent crime." It says that people on both sides of the Atlantic would attach greater importance to President Wilson's note if preceded or accompanied by equally

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Unfortunately, The Saturday Review continues, it is necessary to interfere with the custom of neutral countries of selling in the dearest markets, but there is evidence that Britain will "strain to meet every reasonable complaint and make the yoke of the trident as light as is compatible with the objects of the British navy."

Christmas Ship Commander and Consul at Genoa Receive

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Jan. 1, 7.45 p.m.—The following wireless despatch was received here tonight from Berlin:

"The Austrian emperor has conferred on Commander C. E. Courtney, commander of the American navai collier, Jason, and John Edward Jones, American consul-general at Genoa, the Red Cross badge of honor, first-class."

The following message of greeting has been sent by the Austrian emperor to the Przemys! garrison:

"His royal apostotic majesty notes with heartfelt gratitude the spirited allegiance of the garrison at Przemys! In the splendid resistance of its defenders the emperor perceives the calm security with which the Przemys! fort will successfully resist the enemy."

#### A CLEAR NATIONAL AIM.

To have a clear national aim is one of the first requisites to building a nation, Haphazard and pot-luck has ruined many a home and community. If we in Canada are foolish enough to admit that we are mere juveniles in the business of self-development, then the rest of the world will take us at our own valuation.

we of selling Canadian-made goods to Russia?

It is the great immediate business and privilege, it is the economic duty of the present, moment and for all time to come for Canadians to buy made-hy-Canadia goods. But this duty only applies when they find that made-in-Canada goods are at least equal value for the manufacturers' duty is to produce them as such. produce them as such.

#### ST. ANNE'S MEN'S ANNUAL.

The annual service of the Men's Association of St. Anne's Church, Gladstone avenue, will take blace Sunday Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. Dr. Griffith Thomas will preach. The members and members of the Rifle Club are requested to meet in the parish hall at 6.40 p.m. and march in to church in a body.

# BAR ASSOCIATION

Lawyers of Ontario Will Gather in Toronto for Two Days.

### PROMINENT SPEAKERS

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