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MUCH ADIEU ABOUT NOTHING

To convey the inference or suggestion to the public that because he did not want reporters present at the joint conference last week for the discussion of the school question and city finances, the Mayor was trying to hide something from the ratepayers which they should know, is taking undue advantage of a circumstance which scarcely needs to be enlarged. There are times, as the Editor of the Standard knows, as a former Mayor, when it is best to discuss internal matter without too much publicity. There are times, also, when over-zealousness on the part of a newspaper to publish what it likes when it likes leads only to controversy of a protracted nature.

It never has been the policy of the present Mayor to withhold any information that ratepayers should have. Our newspaper instinct is strongly enough developed to lead toward publicity in every way on every public subject except where it is felt the best can be accomplished by keeping certain things from print. Were we against giving people facts and figures, at meetings there would be some basis for the peevishness displayed by our neighbor but though willing to speak before as many ratepayers as care to come out to meetings we cannot agree that it is necessary yet to publish certain things for the public outside of St. Catharines. We have been at meetings during ex-Mayor Burgoyne's term of office when he has asked reporters not to report certain things, because he felt, and rightly so, that no good purpose would be served. He has no doubt forgotten but we have not, and yet if anyone else asks to be permitted to review many things in a free and unrestrictive way, he takes that villain to task. It is quite obvious that the occasion is simply being chosen to make a little capital and to leave in the reader's mind the idea that legitimate information is being withheld. Surely it is an example of much adieu about nothing.

Extremes meet in the types of samples of goods for the Rumanian Government sent for the Canadian Trade Commission's inspection. A few are perfect, many are slovenly and unattractive.

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WHAT EXCHANGES SAY CANADA TAKING A STEP UP.

Stratford Daily Beacon: There is a difference between having no "truck or trade with the Yankees" and having a permanent representative at Washington for this country, whose chief duties will be to promote trade with the United States, although there will be other duties to perform, for he is to be styled an ambassador. Hon. Mr. Rowell, in announcing this fact to the House, said it was absolutely necessary if our interests were to be protected. This might be naturally expected from Mr. Rowell, but there are some of his colleagues who have seriously changed their minds since the election of 1911.

MR. LEMIEUX DIFFERENT.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: If any man had a right to feel aggrieved by the action of the Liberal press it was Sir Wilfrid Laurier. But Sir Wilfrid did not find it necessary to impute improper motives. He regretted, no doubt, the falling away of old friends and supporters, but never a syllable escaped his lips suggesting that he questioned the honesty and sincerity of those who differed from him. An honorable man, a high-minded man, a man whose name it was impossible to associate with corruption, he was capable of judging others by his own high standards. Mr. Lemieux is evidently quite a different type of man.

ONTARIO'S WATER POWERS.

Kingston Whig: The Ontario Government was the first to seriously take up this great question of public ownership by the development of the Hydro system, and it has met with unqualified success. The water powers of the Province are within the jurisdiction of the Province, and before the Dominion could in any way interfere with Provincial rights and Provincial administration it should show valid cause for such interference. The statement that the St. Lawrence is international is not sufficient ground. In the absence of representations from the Province of Quebec, which alone would justify action by the Dominion Government.

A meeting of the metal trades workers of this city has been called for to-night, when it is expected that several important questions will be discussed.

Mr. Hugh Miller, who has recently returned from overseas service, has been engaged by the McLaren Co. as salesman in the staple department, and has entered upon his duties.

RADER RAPS PEACE PACT

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 article criticizing the statement at the Peace Conference for leaving God's name out of the Covenant, and paused to express astonishment at the international contempt for a Supreme Being. "I want to say, though," he declared, "that there is more respect for God shown in the Dominion of Canada than there is in my country, much as I regret to say it. Never have I seen so much reverence for the Almighty God as I have seen in the Dominion of Canada and I thank God for it. I never saw so many Bibles exhibited as in Toronto, and I never saw so many people go to church on the Sabbath. I say it not to flatter you, but to impress you with what you have so that you may keep a grip on it."

RADER RAPS BOLSHEVISM.

Bolshevism, he declared to be the Antithesis to Christianity. "Bolshevism is the broadest kind of rotten individualism," he exclaimed. "Its doctrine is responsibility to nobody and everybody goes out to get what he wants for himself. This old world no sooner gets its head on the head of the monster of militarism than another serpent, Bolshevism, even harder to fight, takes hold of the human family, crushes it down to one class, to the class that works with its hands, and leaves out the men who labor with their brains, the men who are endeavoring to help humanity, men in the churches, schools, government officials, as if things for which we live are nothing, and put us back to the place of the brute, where we only give the thing with long fangs a place in the government."

In reading from the newspaper article he noted a reference to what American arms had done in the war. "I think," he added, "that they might have put in there some of the things Canada and the British Empire had done. I am not one of that kind of American who is trying to grab all the glory. Thank God we had the British navy and the armies of Canada and all the rest of the allied nations there. We were just the hind parts." The rest of his sentence was drowned in the thunderous applause which swept the audience. "I had to go around my country to plead for some things, and I know what I am talking about. Thank God for the British navy that came in time to carry all our soldiers."

He contrasted the existing League of nations covenant with that drawn up after the downfall of Napoleon. Today's omitted all mention of God, while that of 100 years ago admitted God to be the supreme God, "to whom all power belongs." He added, "There is no other way to have peace than to find God. We will never get the world right side up until we get back to God."

EASY TO DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR

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When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. At little cost you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use preparation, improved by the addition of other ingredients called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound and look years younger.

BANDSMEN WELCOMED HOME

Brantford, May 12.—The bandmen of the "Little Black Devils" (90th Winnipeg Rifles) came home over the week-end. The band went overseas as the regimental band of the 125th. Brants, but when the First Division was split up the band was detailed to the Winnipeggers and was with them through France, Belgium and Germany. Lt. Eric Cockshutt, son of W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., also arrived home over the week-end, after three years with the artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jerys have moved from 12 Haynes Avenue into the house at 14 recently made vacant by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leeper, who have moved to Woodlawn Avenue.



ELSA RYAN and NORMAN HACKETT, in "TEA FOR 3", Grand, Monday evening, May 12.

FRENCH VETERANS GREET CANADIANS

Conference in South Africa Next Year of Returned Soldiers.

Ottawa, May 12.—The Dominion command of the Great War Veterans Association Saturday received a cable message of greeting from the National Union of Mutilated and Returned Soldiers of France in reply to a letter from the Dominion Secretary, in which he outlined the work of the association throughout the Dominion. It reads: "Great War Veterans Association, Dominion Command, Citizens Building, Ottawa: 'Gentlemen and Dear Comrades—Very deep and fraternal thanks for your letter of March 25. We are wishing that the comrades from Canada will keep for their French mutilated and invalid comrades the sentiments of comradeship which we have shown for one another at the front. We wish great prosperity to your association. We greet you fraternally. Letter follows.—Union Nationale des Mutilés et Réformés de France.'"

It is understood that next year in South Africa there will be held a conference of all returned soldiers' organizations within the British Empire, at which there will be fraternal delegates from all allied countries. It is the intention of the returned men of the Empire to take advantage of the opportunity of voicing their approval or disapproval of the peace terms, as they were the main factors in the winning of the war, and are determined that there shall be no future wars. The reason for the conference being held in South Africa is that it is the most central point of the Empire for all concerned.

SHOULD MAKE A MILLION FOR HIM

Cincinnati man discovers drug that lessens corns as they lift out.

Local druggists are having a tremendous call for freestone, the drug which is said to shrivel a corn, root and all, without any pain.

A few drops applied directly upon a tender, aching corn relieves the soreness at once, and shortly the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out with the fingers.

This new drug is being dispensed at small cost in quarter ounce bottles, which is sufficient to take off every hard or soft corn from one's feet. It is a sticky substance which dries at once, and does not inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue or skin. There is no excuse for anyone inviting death by infection or lockjaw from cutting their corns now.

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	33-4 Plain 26.50; Non-Skid 29.00	and
	33-4 Plain 28.00; Non-Skid 30.00	Gravel
	34-4 Plain 34.00; Non-Skid 37.00	
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