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**CABINET CHANGES**  
 It is reported on good authority that Hon. C. W. Cross will leave the Stewart cabinet at an early date, and that the vacancy, after some adjustment of portfolios, will be taken by Mr. A. G. McKay, another Edmonton lawyer.

If this is the case, the new premier will lose a second opportunity of reorganizing a large section in Alberta, recognizing a large section in Alberta, and placing in the cabinet a very able and progressive member of the legislature. During the next few years legislation directly of interest to labor and more legislation of wider nature, will be of great interest to labor, and will be before the legislature. The new government should create a department of labor, included in which would be health affairs, and legislation affecting the returned soldiers, as well as the administration of labor affairs. This would be a new move, original and very important.

Mr. Alex. Ross, member for Calgary, would be an ideal man to administer such a department. He has the administrative ability, the wide information, and the close association with labor people.

If we were not tied down even in provincial affairs to petty partyism, Mr. Ross would be at once marked as a cabinet minister. If the new premier would put his ear to the ground he would soon learn that the people are very weary of partyism, and would welcome a change.

Southern Alberta has not a fair share of the portfolios. The Albertan does not believe in sectionalism, and the premier is quite right in giving preference to the man with ability rather than to the place from which he comes. But there is much to be said for overruling that. Mr. Sifton, though representing a northern constituency, was really a southern man, just as Mr. Marshall, though representing a northern constituency, is really a southern man. The vacancy caused by Mr. Sifton's resignation is filled by a northern man. In the cabinet there are six men from the north and three from the south, and three from the north and three from the south, and three from the north and three from the south.

**ABOLISHING PATRONAGE**  
 The party patronage system that has prevailed in Dominion politics, without even a temporary check, has done more to corrupt politicians and bedevil public affairs than anything else. Being rooted in favoritism and dishonesty, the finished product was horrible to behold. This diabolical luxury, which was so dear to all political parties, both in the Dominion and province, has cost the people of the country many, many millions.

The revelations recently made in Manitoba exposed a cross section of the iniquitous system that has robbed the people and corrupted the public men, and bred dishonesty and inefficiency everywhere.

To its credit, one of the first moves of the union government was to throw the patronage lists into the garbage heap, and destroy the patronage system entirely.

It is surprising how easily it was done, and how quickly it was done, when a good, strong government undertook it.

The new government in that one move will save the country many millions, and transform public life in Canada.

It will be interesting to see the different provinces fall into line, and follow the good example set by the Dominion.

The government permits oleomargarine on the market, but it does not attempt to force the people to use it.

No party government has ever attempted to check the patronage evil; no party government probably could check it effectively. We are early learning the advantage of a strong union government.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**  
**PERMITS TO TRAVEL**  
 Editor, Albertan: I have the honor to request that the following item may be published in an early issue of your publication, for the information of the community amongst whom your paper circulates.

All persons who wish to travel abroad and seeking to obtain the military sanction which is necessary, will, before applying for same, have "application for permit to leave Canada" form duly filled out and attested; the above form may be obtained through the postmaster. In addition to the above, if married, a certificate to that effect must be procured from some prominent person in the community in which the applicant resides; such as the mayor, a clergyman, etc. If unmarried, a certificate of medical unfitness from one of the regular army medical boards. Application for the military sanction may then be made, preferably in person, to 408 Judge Travis building, Calgary.

G. MACDONALD, Colonel, D.O.C. M.D. No. 13

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**  
**TRUTH AND DEMOCRACY**  
 Editor Albertan: The address of H. W. Wood of the U.P.A. at the Forum on a recent Sunday was most interesting, and like so many others it doesn't seem to get its anywhere.

In a short time, recently, over 700 babies had died in that city of malnutrition starved to death, died of hunger in the metropolis of Canada.

"Oh God, that flesh and blood should be so cheap, and bread to eat so dear." And no doubt that in every city in Canada the children are dying off at a similar rate, and in every city in Montreal, as in other cities, some who are revolting in luxury though they toll not their spin.

The babies who are enjoying are snatched from the hands of the parents of these starving infants of whom Christ said: "Suffer little children to come unto me." And further: "Whoever offends one of these little ones, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he dropped into the sea."

Now it is government by means of unjust, cruel, dirty, mean laws that enables some people to rob the rest and reduce them to starvation and we want to get at those laws, see how they operate, see who makes them and use our ballots to get such dirty laws changed. Now we may indulge in moral platitudes and beautiful sentiments till the crack of doom, but that won't stop the robbery of the babies.

No doubt that the parents of these starving babies have the ballot in their hands and boast of their freedom, liberty, British institutions and similar stuff and yet their children die of starvation where there is more wealth abounding than in any other part of Canada. Now there must be a reason, a fundamental cause for this. That reason has been summed up years ago by one of the greatest scholars of his day (1856) Patrick Edward Dove in "Theory of Human Progression; or the Natural Probability of a Reign of Justice" in these words: "The alienation of the rents of the soil into private pockets and the consequent necessary taxation of the labor or industry of the people." And so long as that condition exists democracy, liberty, freedom are only words with which to mock the miseries of the people. To own land is to own the air, sun and rain that falls on it. To own what God made for the equal benefit of everybody. When we use the Lord's Prayer we say: "Our Father—that means the brotherhood of man. And that means that all as brothers are equally entitled to that which God has provided for everybody.

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**FRUITS OF PROHIBITION**  
 Shortage of Prison Labor Owing to Lack of Local Criminals.

Fort William, Oct. 25.—Philip Simer and J. Ryan, formerly of the Central prison now of the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph, in the city on a peculiar errand. In past years they have visited the western end of the province and taken back with them a chain gang of criminals under sentence from the head of the lakes to eastern penal institutions. This year they have brought here six men from Kenora and nine men from Sudbury to serve sentences at the prison farm, Fort William, where the warden is short of labor owing to lack of local criminals. The provincial officers attributed this condition of affairs partly to the workings of the temperance act.

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**JUDGE GALT ILL**  
 Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—Judge Galt is in the general hospital ill with a serious affection of the eyes. The sight of one of his eyes has been practically gone for some years, and it is understood that some malady has affected the other one.

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**ONE FRENCH VESSEL SUNK**  
 Paris, Oct. 25.—Only one French vessel was sunk by a submarine or mine during the week ending October 21. The vessel lost measured under 1,000 tons. Four vessels were attacked unsuccessfully by submarines.

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**AFTER AN AIR RAID ON LONDON**  
 The photograph shows Sir Edward Henry, the Metropolitan police commissioner, the central figure, visiting the damaged area after a recent air raid on London—London Daily Mirror photo.

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**TRAITORS AIDED  
 GERMAN CAPTURE  
 OF MOON ISLAND**

**A German Airman Brought Down Had All Plans of Fortifications; Signals Flashed From Shore**

Petrograd, Oct. 25.—How the Germans were aided in the capture of Oesel and Moon islands in the Gulf of Riga by sympathizers there is told by M. Vishnevsky, a commissioner sent to observe conditions there after the occupation. He describes the heroic efforts made by the officers to rally their men and asserts that several of them, including Gen. Martynoff, commander of the garrison, committed suicide when the troops surrendered. That the Germans had knowledge of conditions on the island is indicated by the fact that when Aviator Safronov brought down a German hydro-aeroplane, the dead occupant was found to have complete plans, not only of existing, but of proposed fortifications. On the plans placed a German hydro-aeroplane, the dead occupant was found to have complete plans, not only of existing, but of proposed fortifications. On the plans placed a German hydro-aeroplane, the dead occupant was found to have complete plans, not only of existing, but of proposed fortifications.

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**BRAZIL IN STATE OF  
 WAR WITH GERMANY**

**President Suggests That the Republic Seize Enemy Warship**

Rio Janeiro, Oct. 25.—The president of the republic, Dr. Wenceslao Bras, who has sent a message to the congress declaring that it is impossible to avoid noting already the state of war which Germany has imposed on Brazil. He proposes the seizure of a German warship now in the port of Bahia.

Brazil revoked her decree of neutrality in the war between the entente allies and Germany last June. The Brazilian government had previously revoked its policy of aloofness, so far as it affected hostilities between the United States and Germany. The trouble between Brazil and Germany reached a climax in April, when the Brazilian steamer Parana was torpedoed. The German minister received his passports, and anti-German riots broke out in several cities.

Recent dispatches from Buenos Aires reported disclosure of German intrigues to bring about a conflict between Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

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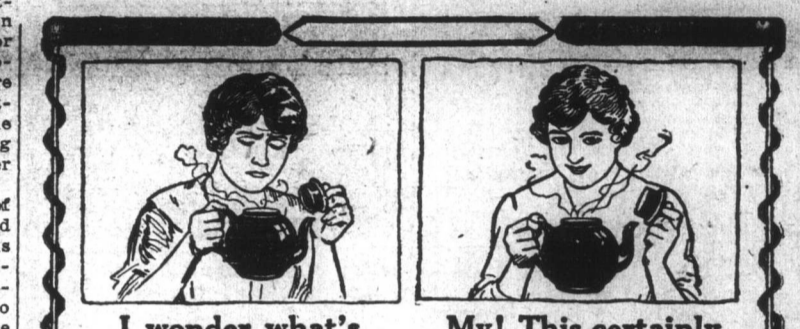
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**THE KING RECEIVES AN ITALIAN AVIATOR**  
 The photo shows his majesty saluting Capt. Laureati, the hero of the Tunis-Hounslow flight, who just after his flight from Italy to London attended Buckingham Palace, while the king was bestowing the V.C. on several winners of the decoration—London Daily Mirror photo.