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JUSTIN G. L. TRIBUTE, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

The Reporter mailing list has been corrected up to Jan. 23, 1917. If the name on your label is not correct please let us know and we shall gladly rectify the error. If you are still in arrears we would request a prompt remittance. It is really imperative under existing conditions that subscribers pay promptly what they owe their home paper.

Harry K. Thaw will likely die of old age; but he is still a young man—more is the pity.

A young lady in Kingston recently returned from a trip to England and tells an amusing incident she witnessed in a London theatre. A comedian entered the stage leaving a typewriter under one arm. "What's that you're carrying?" he was asked. "Be careful," was the reply, "this is one of President Wilson's machine guns. The references brought down the house."

North Crosby has passed a by-law granting to J. P. Tett & Bro. the right to supply electric light, heat and power to the inhabitants of the township. The company is to furnish each and every subscriber with electric light every day in the year from a satisfactory time before darkness until midnight and from 5 o'clock a.m. until daylight for the period of ten years from the date of the passing of the By-Law at the rate of fifteen cents per kilowatt hour, provided, however, the minimum charge per month for any subscriber shall be \$1.10. Said electric light, heat and power to be established on the meter system.

Bluffing Itself

If Germany attempts to gain a decisive victory on the western front by a dash through Switzerland, she will have included one or more of the neutrals among her enemies. This result is a small thing to the Teutons, and may be considered as but another step in their policy of bringing the Allies to such a preponderance that when ultimate defeat does come, the military caste can tell their people that they could not hope to win against the world.

The voice of the Teutonic public which was only a whisper before the war, has increased in volume as starvation spreads and now may be likened to the howl of a hungry wolf. The military caste, courageous and intellectual as it is, no doubt is, is becoming harassed by this howl and is at its wit's end to justify itself in the eyes of the country. A campaign through Switzerland is a sign of weakness, and when it fails as it must, the scales may drop from the eyes of the public, and they will see where their culture and their leaders have led them. At the present time, Germany is keeping up by wholesale bluffing.

Temperance in the United States
Renfrew Mercury

The Temperance wave moves on in the United States with ever-increasing volume, and the day is soon to dawn when a Prohibition candidate for the Presidency will not be regarded as a joke, as has been the case in the past. Today we find the United States Senate passing without roll-call a bill forbidding the use of the mails to newspapers or other printed matter containing liquor advertisements into States whose laws forbid such advertising. Laws against liquor advertising are wanted in Canada at present, but their need will not be felt if the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating drinks shall be prohibited in the Dominion, a consummation seemingly now within measurable distance.

You have reached a very dangerous point when you have so much confidence in yourself that you have no confidence in advertising.

The United States Government has awarded to Hadfield, Limited, a British munition company, contracts for a large number of heavy armor piercing projectiles for the navy at a price about \$200 each below the lowest American bid. The American firms raised a storm of protest at the action of their government, making all kinds of accusations; but the fact remains that in this instance American enterprise failed to outweigh British efficiency.

Endless "Prayer" Chains

Toronto Star:—Any person who receives one of these endless prayer chain letters should refuse to comply with the directions. Instead of writing letters to worry and distress the wives and mothers of soldiers, any person who receives one of these chain letters should sit down and write to seven members of Parliament or the Legislature urging that the sending of anonymous chain letters through the mails be made a punishable offence.

The Newspaper Situation
Kingston Whig

Conditions in the Canadian Newspaper are fast approaching a crisis. The generally increased cost of paper, ink, type, and everything that goes into the making of a newspaper, have absorbed the earnings of a great many dailies. Others are being conducted at loss.

From Fort William to the coast some dozen or more newspapers have already suspended publication. Several in Ontario have given up the struggle, and the latest to close its doors has been the Morning Daily Mail and Evening News of Montreal. This paper was edited and managed by two of the most brilliant Canadian newspaper men, M. E. Nichols and B. A. MacNab. The announcement of their failure to "carry on" followed closely after the absorption of the Ottawa Free Press by the Journal. We doubt not that before the birds return again a great many more newspapers in the country will be forced to suspend publication.

Few people have any realization what it costs these days to produce a daily newspaper. As the Ottawa Journal pointed out, the Free Press of that city was one of the most carefully and economically managed newspapers in Canada, yet it could not survive. Supposing it could tell its full circulation of 15,000 copies at 1c cent each there would still be a deficit of \$78,200 in its publication. In December the Journal's bill for newsprint alone was at the rate of 60,000 year. An immediate increase of twenty-five per cent in the price of newsprint is a certainty; the increase the papermakers are demanding is fifty per cent. Allowing for no growth in circulation, then the Journal's paper bill for 1917 would be from \$15,000 to \$30,000 larger than in 1916; and in addition the prices of everything else have shown a corresponding increase.

In order to survive, publishers have simply been forced to advance both their subscription prices and their advertising rates. About the only city on the continent where this advance has not already taken place is the city of Kingston. We fear it is bound to come, and that very soon.

Then and Now

Rev. A. H. Barker's popular illustrated lecture, "Then and Now," which comes to the Athens Town Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 30, is, according to press reports, a most interesting, instructive, and helpful address. It been delivered in several Ontario towns and villages with remarkable success. The lecturer has the happy faculty of "catching up" outstanding phases of British History from George III to George V, and showing their various relations. Rev. Mr. Barker is at present pastor of the Baptist church at Delta. He comes from Birmingham, England, and has spent some time in New Ontario.

Posters have been posted up and hand bills will be distributed giving particulars. A portion of the proceeds will be devoted to the red cross.

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SWISS FEAR INVASION

Germans Are Gathering Troops on Their Frontier.

Experts Believe That Teutons, Realizing That All Attempts by Frontal Attack Will Fail, Propose to Hack Through Neutral Jura Passes to Turn the French Right Flank.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The Times says the recalling of Swiss reservists by the Consul-General at New York gives added value to an article by Colonel Feyer, an eminent Swiss strategist, who points out that the offensive of the Central Empires failed against Paris, against the Czar's armies, against Verdun, against Odessa now, and declares that the Central Empires must plunge somewhere, for to resign the offensive is to admit defeat. Writing in The Sunday Times he says: "The Central Empires have plunged east and west, but all indications suggest that the general staff must come back to the primary conclusion, viz., a decisive victory can only be won on the western front, and to the further realization that since all attempts to break through by a frontal attack failed, the Anglo-French line must be turned on the only available flank, viz., Jura, which will, of course, entail a breach of Swiss neutrality. It would seem scarcely possible that the Central Empires should seek to increase the array of nations opposed to them, especially when the wanton invasion of Switzerland would convince every neutral that their State or territories might equally be violated. If it happened to suit Germany's military purpose, however, they would adopt a neck-or-nothing policy."

"They are concentrating troops on the Swiss frontier, and may propose a big offensive in Alsace, but this warpath is equally costly and ineffective as Verdun. In any case the concentration must be aimed at Belfort, an even stronger position than Verdun. An attempt to attack the Belfort front appears doomed to failure. The position can be turned only by hacking a way through Switzerland. Such an outrage on Swiss neutrality would increase the Entente forces by 200,000 to 250,000 first-line troops, without reckoning the 100,000 reserves. Secondly, it would considerably lengthen the Germanic fronts, also its lines of communication at a moment when it is to Germany's utmost interest to shorten these. Thirdly, although they might succeed in breaking through Jura Passes they would nevertheless bare the Austrian flank for an Italian invasion across the Alps. The Germans may hack through Jura Passes, but unless they are obsessed by the Swiss flank idea, they must know that by invading Switzerland they are opening several new passes through for their adversaries. The invasion of Switzerland must appear to counsel madness, but what other policy can appeal to Germans? They must break the iron ring soon, as events have proved that a decisive victory in the east can only be won after terrific exertions and an indefinite term."

Order Was Illegal.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22.—An explanation of the Post-Office Department's action in rescinding recently a previous order that all letters wrongly addressed to "Berlin, Ont." instead of to "Kitchener" should be sent to the Dead Letter Office is forthcoming as a result of certain observations in some of the Liberal newspapers in connection with the matter. The order was rescinded because after it had been passed by the late Hon. Mr. Casgrain it was represented to Hon. P. E. Blondin, the new Postmaster-General, that it was illegal. It was pointed out that it contravened the regulations of the postal union and the treaty rights of the United States as well as the domestic law of Canada. The Post-Office Department, in fact, received a letter from the Washington authorities asking for an explanation as to why many letters written in the United States and on which the old address of Berlin was wrongly inscribed had been sent to the Dead Letter Office instead of being forwarded. The new Postmaster-General, in view of these facts, rescinded the order and Kitchener is now being treated as any other Canadian post-office would be treated in like circumstances.

Mobbed by Sinn Feiners.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—About fifty members of the Sinn Fein, carrying the Sinn Fein flag, rushed upon the platform from which Thomas Landon, Nationalist member of Parliament for the East Division of Limerick, was addressing a meeting in Limerick Sunday. Landon was beaten over the head with clubs and kicked. He defended himself with a chair as best he could, but finally was beaten down and lay upon the platform bleeding. Later he was taken to a hospital. The attack on Mr. Landon is attributed to a speech which he made in the House of Commons with reference to the disarmament of the Irish volunteers.

Woman Surgeon Appointed.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Dr. Louise E. Pennington has just been appointed house-surgeon of the Wolverhampton Hospital, the first or almost the first woman to be given such an appointment in England.

Death in Church.

TORONTO, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Mary Norman died from heart failure at High Park Methodist church during the service Sunday morning. The deceased, who was the widow of the late Richard E. Norman, of Burlington, was noticed to drop and it was thought she might have fainted. She was quickly removed to the church parlor and Dr. B. O. Reilly was called, but his services were unavailing as Mrs. Norman died without recovering consciousness.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Private Roscoe DeWolfe, bugler and stretcher bearer, 42nd Batt., C. F. A., killed in action Oct. 24th, 1916, "somewhere in France."

Far away on the fields of France,
 There's a soldier true and brave;
 He placed himself in the battle line,
 His country and loved ones to save.

He left his country and loved ones
 For that land beyond the seas;
 He said "Farewell" for a little while;
 Did he know what the end was to be?

He thought not of danger, but true to
 his king;
 He answered the noble call;
 With thousands of others he marched
 away.

And offered his life for us all.

Through grime and mire, through lead
 and fire;
 Midst shrapnel's raking din;
 He only heard his captain's voice

"On, boys, we will die or win."

And die he did, without doubt or fear,
 He died at the tyrants' hand;
 He was only a private but brave as
 the best—
 He died for the Empire grand.

There was no one to close his sweet
 blue eyes,
 No one to sing or pray;
 No one to lovingly hold his hand—
 All alone he died that day.

He has done his bit, he has given his
 life,
 And his is a soldier's grave;
 But the day will come when his name
 will shine;

With the good, the true and the brave.

Yes a soldier's grave in that far off
 France
 Over the ocean so wide and blue;
 No "Victoria Cross" or medals he won
 But in Heaven his honors are due.

And here at home there are those who
 mourn
 And wait for their soldier boy;
 But they listen in vain, no footstep
 are heard
 Or no voice to give them joy.

But sadly they sit and dream of the
 past,
 That past they fain would recall;
 And gaze with eyes that are tearful
 and sad,
 At his picture that hangs on the wall.

They think of that country far over
 the sea,
 Of that grave grown with weeds,
 And a wooden slab placed at the head
 "Killed in Action" is all it reads.

In that beautiful land where the good
 all rest,
 In that place of no sorrow or sin;
 We will meet our Roscoe and be happy
 again

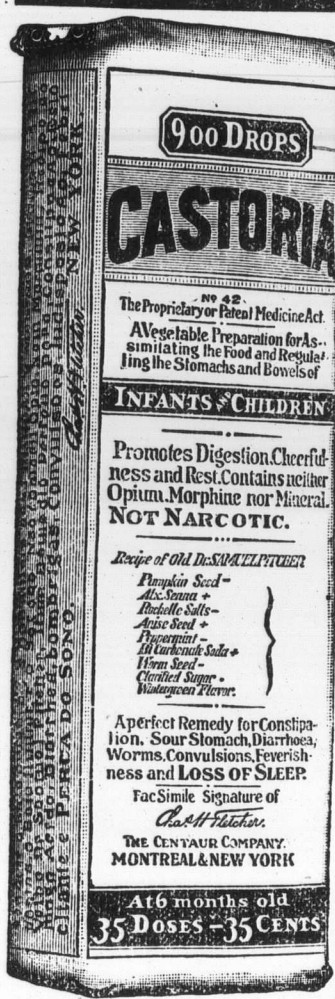
With the angels which dwell within.

Inserted by his loving sister
 Mrs. J. C. Turner
 Winnipeg, Manitoba

Philadelphia Papers Increased to Two Cents

All newspapers now selling at one cent will increase their price to two cents beginning January 29. The high cost of news print paper and other material entering into the making of a newspaper is given as the cause for the increase.

At the inaugural meeting of the Council of Bancroft Village, a motion prevailed that John Bailey be appointed constable with duties defined as follows: Caretaker of town hall, sanitary inspector, truant officer, look after street lighting and enforce the village by-laws, salary to be the municipal sum of \$60 a year.



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 \$2.00 and \$2.50 Men's Pants for \$1.69
 \$12.00 Men's Suits for \$7.60
 \$16.50 Suits and Overcoats for \$10.95
 \$18.00 and \$20.00 Suits and Overcoats for \$13.95
 \$22.00 and \$28.00 Suits and Overcoats for \$15.95

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For application forms apply to the Deputy Minister of
 Finance, Ottawa.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA
 OCTOBER 7th, 1916.