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## RUSSIA.

The situation in northern Russia, already troublesome enough, is further complicated by the pathetic appeal which the residents of the Archangel district have made to Britain and the allied powers for further protection. The problem is so vast and the difficulties in the way of a satisfactory settlement are so great that it is apparent that much suffering must be borne by those who through no fault of their own have become the victims of circumstances. The expedition to Archangel was not undertaken as a military campaign against Bolshevism. It was in the nature of a threat and from explanations given in the British parliament a few days ago in reply to it is clear that the result desired by this campaign had been achieved. By the collapse of Russia Germany was able to divert an immense army to the western front, and previous to the landing at Archangel at least one hundred German divisions had been so transferred. After that move, with the menace of an allied attack from the rear, Germany was unable to throw against the western front any additional battalions. It was the desire of the British war office to evacuate Archangel last year, but before arrangements could be made winter had set in and meanwhile the Kolchak advance from the east had gained momentum. Under these circumstances it was considered advisable to display greater activity and by forwarding supplies and munitions to the anti-Bolshevik forces endeavor to effect a junction with the right wing of Kolchak's army. Difficulties have arisen and because of failure to obtain supplies, and through the defection of his own troops, Kolchak has been driven back more than 500 miles from his advanced position and is apparently unable at the present time to reorganize his army for a further offensive. Meanwhile the red armies are drawing nearer to Archangel and the British forces remaining there which are not supposed to be opposing the present government of Russia are threatened with disaster unless early evacuation can be accomplished. This comparatively small body of troops has succeeded up to the present in protecting that district against the Bolshevik armies and the fact that such protection has been accepted will render the unfortunate civilian population of Archangel liable to even more cruel oppression following Bolshevik occupation than had they never enjoyed British support.

In view of the acceptance by the Peace Conference of the doctrine of self-determination for all nations, and having in mind the magnitude of the territory now controlled by the armies of Lenin, the allies naturally hesitate and indeed are not even seriously considering active interference in Russian affairs. The argument is put forward that in view of the success with which Lenin and his followers have managed to control the greater part of Russia, Bolshevik rule cannot be as bad as it is painted, and possibly is, after all, desired by the mass of the Russian people in preference to such settlement as might eventually be brought about through allied intervention. As opposed to this is the statement that the Russian people, having thrown off the yoke of autocracy, are now convinced through the teachings of their present rulers, that allied interference means a restoration of the old government and consequent loss of the benefits hoped to be derived through the revolution. Certainly this is a reasonable explanation of the apparent sympathy displayed by Russia's fighting forces toward the revolutionary armies and accounts for the unexpected strength which Lenin has been able to develop and which at the present time has rendered fruitless the assistance granted by other powers to Kolchak and Denikin. For the present, however, it is officially stated that despite appeals for protection all foreign forces will be withdrawn from the Archangel region before winter sets in, and the Russian people left to work out their own salvation.

## HEALTH MATTERS.

The statement appearing in a local newspaper a few days ago to the effect that a certain number of children died of starvation in this city during the past year, has conveyed an impression which was possibly not intended. As a matter of fact there have been no deaths whatever from starvation in St. John for a very long time, as starvation is properly understood. In one or two instances persons with ample means but miserably disposed, have died as the result of their own failure to provide themselves with sufficient food. But the deaths of children to which reference has been made, have in every single instance been due to what the doctors describe as inanition—a very different thing from starvation as generally accepted. In this community as in every community there are ignorant or inexperienced persons who fail to care for newly-born children as should be done, who

through lack of experience endeavor to sustain these infants on food which is not suitable and which can not be utilized to maintain life. Frequently it happens that the mothers, rejecting the advice of those who know, or perhaps not in a position to properly provide for themselves, are physically weakened through lack of proper nourishment and because of this are unable to give the babies that start in life which all should enjoy. The deaths which have occurred in St. John from inanition have been entirely due to these two causes and not to any lack of food resulting from poverty. Of course the lives have been lost, which is in itself a great misfortune to any community, but it should not be inferred—and The Standard does not think that such was the intention in the article mentioned—that in a city such as this anyone could die from actual starvation unless self-imposed. It is the task of the provincial health department to so educate the people that deaths from improper nourishment may be avoided. And in this endeavor the value of newspaper articles simply and intelligently prepared is fully recognized.

For a number of years children attending the city school have been required to furnish certificates of successful vaccination. This regulation although for a time opposed in certain quarters, has worked out satisfactorily. Indeed it has been so successful that during the present summer the plan has been adopted throughout the entire province. Orders have gone forth from Fredericton that upon the re-opening of the rural schools every child admitted must produce evidence of vaccination. In each school district responsible persons have been appointed to see that these instructions are carried out and the result is that in many localities not formerly acquainted with the determined enforcement of provincial laws, there is something approaching consternation. While objection is heard in some quarters still this is not a serious matter and reports received from many places indicate that the wishes of the health department are being observed in this particular regard. If vaccination is good in rural communities and so long as this precautionary measure is regarded as of value in checking disease, so long will its provincial application be worthy of the earnest efforts of those responsible for it.

## HON. S. F. TOLMIE.

Dr. Simon F. Tolmie, who was yesterday sworn in as Minister of Agriculture in the federal cabinet, is a new man in Canadian politics, although more or less prominent for a number of years in the affairs of his native province of British Columbia. Dr. Tolmie is of British parentage, his father being one of the mid-century pioneers on the Pacific Coast. He was born in 1867 and enjoyed the unique experience of several trans-continental trips previous to the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Educated in the East, Dr. Tolmie has practiced his profession of veterinary for a number of years and although only now slightly beyond the half century mark, has held a number of responsible positions in organizations devoted to the development of agriculture and the breeding of livestock. Despite his prominence in matters of provincial importance Dr. Tolmie never actively participated in federal affairs until 1917 when he was first elected to Ottawa as a Unionist candidate representing Victoria City. In that contest, although three-cornered, he secured 11,365 votes as against 2,601 for the Liberal opposition, and 551 for the independent candidate. His long experience in his profession and associated activities should make him a rather valuable man at Ottawa.

## WHAT THEY SAY

**Passing the Buck.**  
 New York Herald: Senator Cummins during the act of the act of March 21, 1918, to fix the wages of all railway employees. Mr. Wilson is evidently trying to "pass the buck" to Congress.

**Thrift Needed.**  
 Philadelphia Public Ledger: The truth is that America has just arrived at her junction with the appalling post-war problem of unemployment. Here, as everywhere, there is a disastrous head-on collision between the spirit of increased spending caused by augmented war rates and war wages and the absolute necessity of saving every penny possible to meet our war debts.

**Familiar Arrogance.**  
 New York Sun: It was Woodrow Wilson who made the bargains, who consented to the compromises, who entered into the dilatory peace negotiations of other powers. It was Woodrow Wilson who initiated and concluded American undertakings in Paris without one iota of authority. And it is Woodrow Wilson and Woodrow Wilson alone who now demands that we are not familiar with his methods.

the ratification of his acts without explanation or enlightenment as to their origin or history. Secretary Lansing is amiable and industrious. He must have had a dreary time in Paris.

## Pertinent Questions.

New York Tribune: The railroads must be run. But will the brotherhoods take a lease on the terms they have held others should submit to? Will they agree that rates are to be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission? Will they permit their wages to be fixed according to the method of the Adamson law? Will they pay a fair rental for the leased property and be satisfied with what is left?

## A Jolt.

Springfield Republican: The election of a republican, popular soldier though he be, over the democratic candidate for Congress in the 13th Kentucky district, is a jolt to the Wilson administration. No republican was ever elected from that district to the House before. As a by-product, it counters the effect of the republican loss of an old-time stronghold in Pennsylvania last March.

## The National Service Act.

New York Times: The so-called national service act is an attempt to assemble in one draft all the intricate details for the organization of an army of the entire man power of the country. It proposes complete and not half-way universal training. With such a system in existence and quickly operative no power on earth would dream of invading the United States or attacking its overseas possessions.

## Not Industrial Democracy.

New York World: Before the House Interstate Commerce Committee yesterday, Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, referred to the brotherhood plan for taking over the operation of the railroads as "industrial democracy." With due respect to Mr. Stone, it is not industrial democracy at all. It is merely a new form of class industry in which the public provides the capital and the workers take the profit.

## A BIT OF VERSE

**LAKE SIMCOE BEACHES.**  
 Dust and smoke of the city street,  
 And the sun gleaming down,  
 Polluted winds, and wanton leaves,  
 In the parts of the sun-worn town.  
 Then it's "Hey for the place where the blue waves dance."  
 And chase up the sandy reaches!  
 And it's "Hey for the breeze blowing cool and sweet."  
 On the broad Lake Simcoe beaches!  
 Noise and hum of a thousand looms,  
 And street cries wild and shrill,  
 The crowded ways of wealth and toil,  
 Where men in liveries still,  
 Then it's "Ho, for the youth and his red canoe,"  
 And the song that his laughter teaches!  
 And it's "Ho for the tune of his mandolin,"  
 As he plays on the Simcoe beaches!  
 Break of waves on the old grey stones,  
 The call of the gull and plover,  
 The joyous shout of the child at play,  
 And the soft cooing of the lover,  
 Here to them all as the sun goes down,  
 And the moon love's lesson teaches,  
 As it kisses the waves, and the wild low shores  
 Of the old Lake Simcoe beaches.  
 —Lillie A. Brooks.

## A BIT OF FUN

**His Push-Button.**  
 "What's your push-button code?"  
 "One ring—my stenographer breaks off conversation with the handsome bookkeeper." "Yes?" "Two rings—she puts her hair into place." "Go on." "Three rings—she finds her notebook. When I get thoroughly mad, she arrives."—Judge.

**Up to Him.**  
 He—Dearest, we must be practical and economical these times. Can you make bread?  
 She—Yes, Harry; can you furnish the dough?—Baltimore American.

**What's the Use?**  
 "Here's a man who claims that a knowledge of Greek and Latin is necessary, in order to write English correctly."  
 "But nowadays who considers it necessary to write English correctly?"—Life.

**Light-Headed.**  
 Nurse—The new patient in that ward, doctor, is light-headed.  
 Doctor—Yes; isn't she a perfect blond?—Baltimore American.

**A Gloomy Life.**  
 "A magazine editor must lead a somewhat gloomy life," declared the poet as he opened some returned manuscript. "Why so?" "All he seems to do is to pass out regrets."—Kansas City Journal.

**Didn't Know All the Parts.**  
 "Pa, what is a sine qua non?"  
 "Don't ask me. I haven't had the car long enough to understand all those technical names yet."—Boston Transcript.

**GEN'L FALKENHAYN CHANGES HIS MIND ABOUT SURRENDER**

Now Decides it Would "Mock All Sense of Justice" to Give Himself up to the Allies.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—While assuming responsibility for the decision and commands of former Emperor William from September, 1914, to August, 1918, General Von Falkenhayn, former German Chief of Staff, declares he has no intention whatever of voluntarily placing himself at the disposal of the Allies. The General's statement says that if he surrendered himself to the Allies he would recognize a procedure

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Mr. Parkins came to see my sister Gladis after supper yesterday, and they was in the parlor and I was sitting out on the front steps just setting there, and I wondered what Mary Watkins was doing, thinking, G. I wish she was allowed out nites, after supper. With she ain't, and I thawt G. I know, I'll go around and call on her, just like Mr. Parkins. Which I started to do, and I walked past her house 5 times thinking maybe she mite come to the parlor window or sumthing and see me without me having to ring the bell with she didn't, and I thawt, Well, if I'm going to do it I mite as well do it, if I'm going to.

Which I did, walking up the front steps like sumbody not afraid of anything, and ringing the bell, and Mrs. Watkins came to the door, saying, O, its Benny Potts, good evening, Benny.  
 Good evening, I sed, and I stood there looking at her and she stood there looking at me, and I sed, Is Mary in?  
 Mam? I sed, and she sed, I say, do you want to speak to her? and I sed, Yes mam, is she in?  
 I'll call her, sed Mrs. Watkins. And she went in and I kept on standing there wondering whether I was glad I had come or not, and Mary Watkins came down stairs, saying, Hello, Benny, did you ring the bell?  
 Yes, I sed, and I stood there looking at her and she stood there looking at me, saying, Why? Meaning what did I ring it for and I sed, Do you mean why did I ring it?  
 Yes, sed Mrs. Watkins, and I sed, O, I jest rang it. And we stood there looking at each other, me being sure I wasn't glad I had come, and after a while I sed, Well, I haff to go now.

Which I did, walking down off of the steps and went home and sat on my own front steps again.

which he considers "mocks all sense of justice."

## ABE MARTIN



## GOVT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, AUG. 15

Many Transfers in Real Estate Holdings Occur in Fredericton—Indian Breaks Another Indian's Jaw.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 12.—M. B. Dixon received word this morning from Premier Foster that the offices of the Provincial Government will be closed on Friday, Aug. 15th, so that the employees will be able to go to St. John to see the Prince.

The Bank of Montreal will open a branch of the bank at Marysville just as soon as suitable offices can be secured.

Robert Brooks, an Indian of the St. Mary's Reserve, was arrested last night for hitting another Indian, breaking his jaw. The case came before Magistrate Jeffrey, of Devon, this morning, and Brooks was remanded until tomorrow.

The purchase of the Wm. Cooper property on King street by Aid. Harold M. Young was announced today. This property includes a large barn, and Aid. Young expects to occupy the residence and remove his livery stable business from Regent street to the Cooper property. The purchase price was between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

Conductor A. E. Logan has sold his residential property on Lansdowne street to Ivan McKnight, the purchase price being about \$6,000.

Ald. Young's residence at 62 Union street, known as the Seaton property, has been sold to Mrs. Agnes Garley, the purchase price being about \$2,000. Mrs. Garley has sold the Vavasour property, at the corner of York and Needham streets, to Norman A. Doane, who recently removed here from Nova Scotia to enter the employ

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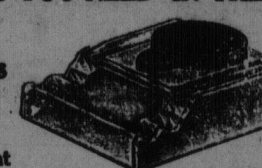
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10 a. m.—Miscellaneous Organizations, including the Citizens, Civic Bodies, People and the Federation starts King proceeds to Indian back, via King, Mill, Victoria, Adel, Paradise Row, C, Brussels, Sydney.

3 p. m.—Regatta on Cove under the auspices of the Power Boat Club a Organization headed J. Fred Belyea.

8 p. m.—Grand Inauguration Dance, with Supper ville. Free to soldiers, friends, at Military South End. Tenders, mercantile Travellers.

9:30 p. m.—Stipendous fireworks on Barrage South End, with special honoring soldiers an day's royal guest, the Wales.

Band Concerts (Civic King Square and Elm Special Bill in The W. V. A. Fair in King

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FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Joh took place at 2:30 o'clock afternoon from her late residence, 1000 The H. Kahring conducted the statement was in Fernhill

The funeral of Police Constable John West place yesterday afternoon were conducted at the home grave by the Rev. J. H. Policemen's Association.