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FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 25.

The Peel Election

Peel has done herself proud and has rendered a great service to the country and to the Conservative party.

Incidentally the election in Peel is an intimation to all politicians that the straight open road is the safe path for those who wish to serve the people.

The Ontario ministers are to be congratulated upon a lucky escape. They will have to bear some reproaches for not taking a more active part on the right side, but we do not think their hearts were in the acquiescence which appears to have been compelled from them by Mr. Fallis and his supporters.

But they should rejoice that the people have the right side in them, and are determined that the management of affairs in the province shall be in a manner without stain and without reproach.

The Man Who Leans Against a Post

Two or three companies of the Sportsmen's Battalion were swinging along Wilton avenue and turned down Mutual street, as fine a lot of lads as one might wish to see.

Men like this are becoming scarce. They are being sifted out and by and by those who know them will be ashamed of the acquaintance. Their relatives may be responsible. It is often the case that the slackness, the timidity, the actual cowardice of a young man is due to the training of his home traditions he has had to contend with.

When the boys come back from the front those who were yellow will not be well accounted of. Mothers and sisters have a good deal to do with this kind of the problem of recruiting.

The young fellow who hangs back from this great adventure loses a wonderful chance to find his courage and his manhood, and to become a man, in fact, in a highly honorable and effective way, which will not be forgotten in future.

Prussian Domination Doomed Premier Asquith's speech was prob-

ably not altogether elicited by Mr. Snowden's question. The situation on the continent called for a definite statement of the intentions of the allies.

We need not fear that the German troops are in command of the situation around the Meuse salient. The withdrawals of the French from Brebant and other small places are said to be the result of desire to economize the lives of the men.

It is possible that the domestic situation in Germany demands prompt action of some kind on the part of the kaiser. The bankers have given warning that the finances of Germany are shattered and tottering.

Under these circumstances the reputation by Premier Asquith of the sole terms upon which peace is possible is a wise and timely utterance.

Support the City Architect

A rather premature criticism of City Architect Pearce failed to consider his eminence in his profession, and those qualities for which he was selected and advocated, and finally appointed to his present position.

Mr. Pearce's quality is shown in the action he has taken in connection with the attempt to violate the building laws of the city for the purpose of allowing one citizen to do that which all other citizens are prevented from doing.

The proposal to enlarge a building beyond the legal limits and to make a death-trap of it merely to please some lobbyist is simply a try-on. If the aldermen yield to this there will be no end to the demands made for similar favors.

The law is quite plain. Mr. Pearce made his protest to the property committee. He had no right to appear before the city council. The aldermen did not ask for his advice. They are above such advice on occasion. They passed a resolution. Mr. Pearce asked the opinion of the city solicitor. It turns out that the aldermen acted illegally. The city architect cannot issue a building permit against the authority of the bylaws.

The city council must pass a new bylaw if they wish to break the law. It is hardly conceivable that they will resort to such action merely to save the expenditure of money which means the safety of the lives of those who visit the picture theatre in question.

The mayor has taken a proper stand on the matter and supports the architect, giving him police assistance if necessary should any attempt be made to proceed without the permission of the city. The aldermen will do well to think the whole matter over. It is not a question of saving money, or granting a favor. It is life or death for the people who are in-

ferred to enter a death-trap under the authority of aldermen who do not know their duty well enough to depend upon the experts they have engaged to advise them.

FOR TWELVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Editor World: Habits wear grooves in which they travel, and good habits tend to run in grooves as certainly as do habits that are recognized as bad.

WILL BE THERE WHEN NEEDED.



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ESSEN BANK'S FAILURE

LONDON, Feb. 24, 9:22 p.m.—A despatch from Zurich says the Telegraph Company from Zurich says the failure of an important bank at Essen, Germany, is announced.

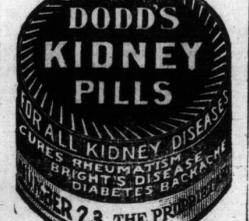
WILL AVOID COAL STRIKE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Prospects of an early agreement on new wage scale for the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois were pronounced much brighter today after the adjournment of the re-organized conference of operators and organized mine workers from those states.

NEXT BRITISH MAIL.

The next British and foreign mail (via England) will close at the general postoffice at 4 p.m. on Monday, the 25th inst., with a supplementary mail at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, 26th inst.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS



A Line of Cheer Each Day of the Year

By John Kendrick Bangs. THE SWEET REVENGE. (Copyright, 1916)

WHEN some one does some wrong to you, Don't vent your rage in blindness. But let him taste the bitter rue Of your revenge in kindness— Your rage he would consider sweet— Your smiles betoken his defeat.

MARRIED MEN SOON WILL BE CALLED OUT

First Group to Be Summoned to Colors on April Twenty-Ninth.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—All the groups of married men who attested for service in the army under Lord Derby's scheme will be called out for service in batches, according to The Central News.

FEW QUEBEC FANATICS ATTACK PATRIOTIC FUND

Despicable Tactics Employed in Warfare Against Ontario Government.

ATTITUDE OF GREECE PLEASING TO SARRAIL

French General, Back at Saloniki, Speaks of Trip to Athens.

CHEQUE FOR FIREMEN.

A cheque for \$50 has been received by Fire Chief Smith of the Toronto Fire Department from the William Fennie Seed Company, Ltd., in appreciation of the firemen's efforts at their call on July 25, 1917.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Charged with destroying a promissory note for \$200, John Greenwood was committed for trial by Col. Denison in the police court yesterday morning.

MRS. MABEL SIMMONDS DETAINED BY POLICE

With John Hammond Was Arrested and Questioned Regarding Thos. Tomlinson's Death.

Mrs. Mabel Simmonds and John Hammond were arrested early yesterday morning in the Vendome Hotel, Yonge street, by Detectives Leavitt and Mulholland, on a charge of vagrancy.

The Cunarder Mauretania, sister ship of the torpedoed Lusitania, is to be released from hospital duty and return to regular service.

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DUCKWORTH GUILTY SENTENCED TO DEATH

Murderer of Strutt Will Go to Gallows on May Twelfth.

EIGHT HOURS' DEBATE

Jury Found Verdict of Wilful Murder, But Recommended Mercy.

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JUDGE IS WEARIED OF THE M'UTCHEON CASE

Mr. Justice Middleton Hopes There Will Never Be Trial Like It Again.

IS STILL IN QUANDARY

Asks Crown to Give Definite Particulars of Charges to the Defence.

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Advertisement for O'Keefe's Beers. It features several bottles of beer and the text: 'O'Keefe's Beers are the best in Canada. Brewed only from Pure Barley Malt, choicest hops and filtered water. Special Extra Ale—Old Stock Ale—Pilsener Lager Special Extra Mild Stout. A brew for every taste. At all Hotels and Dealers.'