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The Peel Election

Peel has done herself proud and has rendered a great service to the country and to the Conservative party. Mr. Falls would not take advice. He might have retired on a complimentary nomination. Now he is retired disgraced. His election would have been a serious blow to the provincial party, which Sir James Whitney built up on a foundation of honesty and probity. The people have not forgotten his many utterances. The heart of the people is sound, and it is a cheerful and encouraging thing to men who desire clean politics in this country to see the results of a sound heart in action.

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 old Machiavellian, machine and wire-pulling politics is going out of fashion, and those who believed in it are going out of fashion also. The news will be whistled in the ears of many parts of Canada today, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British Columbia and the provinces down east by the sea must learn that while men stand face to face with the fate of the empire and in death-grips with the dragon of central Europe it will not do to patter with the standards of public life nor disregard the decencies of political conduct.

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. Falls and his supporters. The Liberal party is entitled to whatever credit is due to it from the election. The leaders made a fair offer to permit any other Conservative except Mr. Falls to be returned by acclamation. The Conservative party or its leaders, like Mr. Blain, rejected that overture, and they have lost a seat in consequence.

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. Leaning up against a telephone pole at the corner was a young man, fit to be in uniform, and only falling in his duty because of that unaccountable streak which is to be found in a few. The boys in khaki recognized him. They were loud cries of "Fall in!" "Come along!" "Get into line!" "Sign up!" "Where's your spunk?" and a chorus of others. He did not stand, but leaned against his post. He was the only young man on the street not enlisted. He was naked of patriotism and not ashamed.

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 in home traditions he has had to contend with. He does not realize what he is, and makes a bravado of it for a while. Sooner or later he will discover what an outsider he is.

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 side of the problem of recruiting. They know what they admit in other young men. They should hesitate before encouraging their sons or brothers to do what they condemn in others. 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. The boys who prefer to remain at home and lean against posts are no credit to the country nor will they be.

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. The present drive against Versailles has been expected by military critics, and has been regarded as an attempt to gain sufficient roadway to justify the German powers making overtures of peace from the height of a successful attack. An ultimatum, offering peace or a raid on Paris, would look well in theory.

We need not fear that the German troops are in command of the situation around the Meuse salient. The withdrawal of the French from Ebenha 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. Rumors are in circulation that the fleet is to rush out from Kiel and do something. A change of admirals has occurred, one having died, the only sixty, after a short time in commission. Such a venture on the part of the German navy would be an act of despair, the last throw of the dice, and if it comes off, we shall know it is because there is nothing else to be done.

Under these circumstances the reputation by Premier Asquith of the sole terms upon which peace is possible is a wise and timely utterance. He did not vary, as he had no need to vary, one word in his declaration of a year and a half ago. It is summed up in the intention to destroy the military domination of Prussia wholly and finally.

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. His professional ability is indicated in theoretical matters by such an article as appears in the current Canadian Engineer. But it is on his administrative ability that his value to the city is even more dependent. It was to reorganize the architect's department he was chosen, and if he failed in that he would have disappointed those who relied upon him.

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. This sort of thing has been prevalent under the lax rule of the city council for years, and it was to stop this sort of thing that capable officials have been appointed. Efforts in the past were made, as for example under the late Mr. W. T. Jennings, who when city engineer was badgered by the aldermen to do things which he knew should not be done. He finally resigned in disgust. It had been hoped that we had got away from this state of affairs, but the present city council has indicated its willingness to violate the laws of the city in the same old way as before. The aldermen are on trial, and if they insist on rescinding the bylaw which is the only protection the public have, a new campaign must be started for more intelligent and more public-spirited candidates for office.

The proposal to enlarge a building beyond the legal limits and to make a death-trap of it merely to please some lobbyists is simply a try-on. If the aldermen yield to this there will be no end to the demands made for similar favors. If they are granted, one day the result will be as it was in the Woodbine Hotel fire, whose victims were done to death by the aldermen who voted against the safe-guard of the public, just as surely as the aldermen had been accessory to the fire itself.

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-

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vised 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 abhorred as bad. How it is with church-going? What effect will the compulsory attendance at church parades have upon men when they are again freed from constraint? The permanency of the effects of compulsory church parades will depend largely upon what kind of preaching is given—the kind of talk that the chaplain or other preacher crowds into the 12 minutes that are allotted to that part of the service. Personally, I believe that the preaching of the all-inclusive truth of the Fatherhood of God—man as God's child—will develop a desire for regular church attendance that will deepen as the war experiences become more and more that will men true to ideals after the war has come to its close.

Major and Captain With O.S. Battalion, C.E.F.

"THE INFERIOR BREED."

Editor World: Your short editorial in yesterday's World, "Who is of the Inferior Breed?" is the best bit of literature on the recruiting yet published. Print it again in another form, say every prominent on another page, no man with red blood in his veins but will be prompted to offer himself for service after reading it. The article is written in a kindly way—nothing harsh about it—but it puts it up straight to every man as to where his duty lies. If men like this could get into many homes and families in Toronto, where the young men are standing idly by looking at their more virile friends donning the uniform, it surely would make the hesitating ones ask themselves if they are of the "Inferior Breed."

ESSEN BANK'S FAILURE

HITS KRUPP WORKERS
Also It Furnishes More Handwriting on Wall for Kaiser.

LONDON, Feb. 24, 9:22 p.m.—A despatch from the Exchange Telegraph Company from Zurich says: "The failure of an important bank at Essen, Germany, is announced. It is believed that many of the men in the Krupp works have lost their savings."

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 resumed 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.

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Don't vent your rage in bitterness,
But let him taste the bitter rue
Of your revenge in kindness—
Your rage he would consider sweet—
Your smiles broken 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.
Beginning April 29 with the younger groups, the men of 24 and 33 years of age will be called out, and subsequently the men will be summoned as follows: May 13, men of 34 to 36 years; May 27, men of 37 to 39; June 10, men of 40 to 42; and June 24, men aged 43 to 45. The oldest group, men 46 years of age, will be called on July 1. These arrangements are provisional.

FEW QUEBEC FANATICS ATTACK PATRIOTIC FUND

Despicable Tactics Employed in Warfare Against Ontario Government.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—An organized attack by Quebec sympathizers with the French-Canadian belligerents in Ontario is being made on the patriotic fund, and French subscribers are being urged not to give money to the Canadian fund until the Ontario government promises the minority what it deems its "rights."

ATTITUDE OF GREECE PLEASING TO SARRAIL

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

ATHENS, Feb. 23, via Paris, Feb. 24.—Gen. Sarraill, commander-in-chief of the French forces in the Balkans, returned to Saloniki today.
In an interview the general said that his conversation with King Constantine had to do with the question of the defence of Saloniki.
Gen. Sarraill, while in Athens, discussed with Premier Skouloudis the question of the provisioning of Saloniki and the fate of eastern Macedonia. "I am well satisfied with my trip," said Gen. Sarraill, in conclusion.

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 recent fire. Thomas and John Rennie, members of the firm, who witnessed the fire, praised the manner in which it was handled.

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.
Mrs. Simmonds is the woman who, a few days ago, admitted to the police that Thomas Tomlinson, into whose death an enquiry is being held, had come to her room at the King Edward Apartments, intoxicated and injured. He had told her he had been hurt in a street car accident.
Examined by Inspector Kennedy yesterday morning as to her relations with Tomlinson, Mrs. Simmonds maintained that she knew nothing more than she had told the police. She was arraigned in the police court yesterday morning and remanded for a week. Bail was refused. She will be held until after the inquest, when the immigration authorities may act. In the detective office yesterday she was questioned as to how she came over and what she had been doing since her arrival.
She was served a summons to attend the inquest while in the police court cell.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN THIS LIQUOR CASE

Ontario License Board Chairman Says Charge Against Scanditt Needs Consideration.

The Ontario License Board yesterday reserved judgment in the case of J. W. Scanditt, liquor store keeper in London, Ont., charged with having made illegal sales. Chairman Flavell said it was a serious case and would require consideration.
In his own defence Scanditt said he was ill in bed when the offences were committed. He said that one of his two men had been with him for years with he trusted them thoroughly. He supposed they had made a mistake by giving them a commission on their sales during his absence.

SOLDIER TO BE SENTENCED.

Pleading guilty to making a false statement on his attestation papers when trying to join the Sportsmen's Battalion, a young military experience, John Sheehan, discharged from the 81st Battalion, was ordered by Col. Denison in the police court, yesterday, to appear today for sentence.

LEFT FOR WINNIPEG.

Rev. Dr. Chown, superintendent of the Methodist Church, left last night for Winnipeg and other western cities on official business. Before he returns he expects to open the new addition to the college at Regina.

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.

ORANGEVILLE, Ont., Feb. 24.—After deliberating eight hours in the case against Thomas Duckworth, charged with shooting his brother-in-law, Harry Strutt, on the afternoon of Nov. 2, at the lonely house in East Luther Township, the jury brought in a verdict this morning of wilful murder against the accused with a recommendation to mercy. The jury roll was called at the request of counsel for the defence and each man pronounced his verdict, the first time such words were ever uttered in the courtroom.
Crown Prosecutor T. J. Agar, of Simcoe, immediately asked that judgment be pronounced.
His Lordship Justice Kelly, after asking the prisoner if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced, a question received in silence, sentenced Duckworth to be hanged here on May 12.
The judge stayed in his room all night. At seven the jury reported they could not agree, but were sent back for further consideration, and shortly after returned the above verdict. The prisoner expected a verdict of manslaughter, but bore up under the ordeal. He took farewell of his young wife and other relatives, and was removed to his cell.

TO RELEASE BIG LINER FROM HOSPITAL DUTY

Mauretania, Sister Ship of the Lusitania, to Return to Regular Route.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The government has decided that the steamship Mauretania can be released from hospital duty and returned to her regular route. This statement was made in the house of commons today by Thomas J. MacDonnara, financial under-secretary of the admiralty.
The Cunarder Mauretania, sister ship of the torpedoed Lusitania, was taken over by the British authorities shortly after the outbreak of the war. During the campaign on the Gallipoli Peninsula she was in the hospital service in the Mediterranean. She will likely return to the Atlantic passenger service, where she will be the largest liner.

ADMIRAL VON POHL IS DEAD AT BERLIN

He Recently Gave Up Command of the German Fleet.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Admiral von Pohl, whose retirement on account of ill-health from the position of commander of the German battle fleet was announced two days ago, has died in Berlin.
Hugo von Pohl was born at Braunsau on Aug. 25, 1855. He received a commission as lieutenant at the age of 21, and at 24 he was made senior lieutenant and placed in command of the corvette Corolla. He was made a full admiral on Jan. 27, 1912, and saw active service in command of the Taku forts, China, in 1900.
Admiral von Pohl was appointed chief of the admiralty staff, with headquarters at Wilhelmshaven, in 1908. In February, 1915, he succeeded Admiral von Ingenhoff as commander of the German battle fleet, and a Berlin despatch dated Feb. 22 last, announced his retirement from the position and the appointment of Vice-Admiral Reinhardt Scheer to succeed him.

MEUX TO GIVE AID.

He Will Act as Naval Adviser of Lord Cecil.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Daily Express says it understands that Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, commander-in-chief of the British fleet at Portsmouth, will act as the naval adviser of Lord Robert Cecil, the new war trade minister.
Viscount Middleton in the house of lords yesterday expressed the belief that an air minister, with a seat in the cabinet, would be appointed before long.

JUDGE IS WEARIED OF THE M'CUTCHEON 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.

ALTHO the trial of the McCutcheon brothers has been going on for nearly five weeks before Mr. Justice Middleton and jury in the criminal assizes, his lordship is still in the dark regarding the charges which are made against the accused men. The crown is now nearing the end of its case, and suggested to Crown Prosecutor N. F. Davidson, K.C., for the defence, that they were entitled to know, within a year or two at least, just when the conspiracy with which they are charged, took place. He wanted the information before the McCutcheons went into the box for their own defence.
This led Mr. Justice Middleton to remark: "I don't think there has ever been a trial like this before, and I hope there will never be a trial like it again." He explained that the jury would have an enormous amount of evidence to consider, which was composed of mere generalities of the vaguest description, but no real particulars. He said that some of the evidence had offset the crown's charges, and had been given by their own witnesses. His lordship emphasized the fact that he wanted the McCutcheons to have a fair trial, and suggested to Crown Prosecutor N. F. Davidson, K.C., that he should give some definite particulars to the defence, so that the accused might know what they were called upon to answer. N. L. Martin, the Toronto accountant, was recalled in the morning, and his evidence was connected with the dealings of the brothers with the syndicates. According to his testimony the profits of the McCutcheons, or as the defence wished it said: "The difference between the sum they paid the vendors of various properties and the money received in payments on the syndicates," amounted to \$268,000.
At the afternoon session some of the evidence taken by commission regarding the Great Falls, Montana, proposition and that taken in England regarding old country investors in the Mayfair property was read.

WILLS PROBATED

By his will, made a week before his death, Joseph A. Hickey of the Commercial Trust and Sample Case Co., who died in Toronto, Feb. 14 last, disposed of an estate worth \$11,500. To his mother, Mrs. Elsie Hickey, he left \$1000. The residue is left to his wife, Mrs. Winifred A. Hickey.
Probate of the will of her husband, who died Jan. 16 last, has been applied for by the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke, of the estate comprising \$2400, and Mrs. Clarke is executrix and sole beneficiary.

KEEP NATURAL BEAUTY IN MAKING HIGHWAYS

"The healthy development of the City of Toronto depends as much on the control of the development in the rural section surrounding the city as it does upon good government inside," declared Thomas Hardy, town-planning adviser, in addressing the Ontario Good Roads Association yesterday. The speaker deplored the destruction of natural beauty in the construction of highways.
K. W. McKay of St. Thomas, speaking on the question of financing good roads, urged that townships in which country roads are located should be recruited to make a direct contribution towards the cost of maintenance and construction of such roads.

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