

E. W. BASSICK CONCERNED IN BIG LAW SUIT

American Munition Contractor Fighting Injunction Secured by Aetna Explosives Company.

New York, Jan. 10.—A munition contract, through which Edgar W. Bassick, of this city, was to receive approximately \$3,000,000 in commissions, came to light here today when the Aetna Explosives Company incorporated, obtained an injunction from the supreme court restraining Bassick and others from disposing of certain promissory notes and transferring certain stocks pending the trial of a suit brought by the Explosives Company.

Bassick's name was mentioned prominently some time ago in connection with commissions, said to have been paid in connection with munitions contracts out of which grew charges against Sir Sam Hughes, former minister of militia in Canada.

Bassick was one of several American named by Sir Sam as having ordered "big plants to fill the fuse" and that they had accepted advances of only 15 per cent. of the rate of Russian, French and British advances was 25 per cent.

Contract from French government. The present suit is the result of contracts said to have been made with the French government by the Aetna Explosives Company, incorporated, in 1915 and 1916. Bassick, for his services, is said to have received \$644,960 in cash, \$1,700,000 in par value preferred stock of the company, and \$355,535 in promissory notes.

Some of the securities and notes, it is alleged, have passed into the hands of others named as co-defendants with Bassick.

The explosives company, while admitting that its officers entered into the agreement with Bassick and gave him the securities and notes, disclaims responsibility and alleges that the officers exceeded their authority by not waiting to have their action ratified by the board of directors. Bassick, however, contends that he is entitled to "every penny agreed to be paid him."

BUILDING BOOM IN NEW GLASGOW

Quarter of Million Dollars Spent Last Year — Prospects Good for the Coming Year.

Special to The Standard.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 10.—There was spent in new dwellings, new buildings and alterations in the town of New Glasgow during the year of 1916 the sum of over \$250,000. Over a quarter of a million dollars in new buildings is certainly quite an addition to the assessable property of New Glasgow. Add to much more to the increased value of the land lots on which these have been built. The total number of permits issued during the past year was exactly 113. During the past few months an exceptionally large number of building lots were sold and it goes without saying that the coming season will see a large number of new buildings erected. New Glasgow is rapidly assuming all the portions of a city.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

London, Jan. 10.—Reports to Lloyd's indicate the loss of the following vessels: Leyland liner Alexandrian, torpedoed and sunk near English coast. British steamers Lorca, Andoni, Baynes and Lynfield, have been sunk.

Flattering to the Original

But Imitations Only Disappoint. There are many imitations of this great treatment for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and whooping cough. They usually have some sale on the merits of the original, but it should be remembered that they are like it in name only.



This is a facsimile of the package bearing the portrait and signature of Dr. J. C. Williams, M.D.

WHERE COULD THE "LEADING LIBERALS" MENTIONED BY OPPOSITION PRESS ADD STRENGTH TO THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT?

Coalition Idea, Put Forward by Liberal Newspapers Has for Its Chief Aim the Securing of Some Share of Power for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and His Associates—Such a Plan Would Not Benefit Canada—What An Ottawa Newspaper Thinks of It.

(Ottawa Journal-Press, Ottawa, Jan. 8, 1917.)

Some of the Liberal newspapers are again urging the formation of a coalition government in Canada. Thus, one says the Borden Government "would be immensely strengthened by the addition to its membership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other leading Liberals." It thinks a "coalition of that kind would strike the public imagination." With the last thought we are inclined to agree, but what is far more important than the "public imagination" at this critical time is the absolute necessity that we should have a Government whose members are in complete harmony, pulling together with but one aim—the vigorous carrying on of Canada's part in the war. A coalition government would be justified, if by it, that aim could be better attained.

Of course, we are prepared to concede that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other leading Liberals want the Teuton foe defeated—some of them have sons in the honor casualty roll—and their actions are to be commended. But the impression is made that the coalition is not a coalition of men, but a coalition of parties. The Liberal party is of more immediate and pressing moment to them than the prosecution of the war. Possibly it is through force of habit that this is the principal angle from which they are approaching the bigger thing than has ever before been projected into Canadian affairs, but the pitiful fact remains that this is the impression they have succeeded in conveying.

On the eve of another session of parliament we recall the atrociously exaggerated and unwarranted attacks that were made on the government at the last session. From these attacks an unprejudiced observer would have received the idea that the Shell Committee, and the Ministers who appointed it, were not only incompetent, but personally thieves and rascals. From one end of Canada, in the partisan press, these men were held up to public ignominy. Finally, after running the gamut of general insinuation, the critics, in a moment of weakness, permitted themselves to suggest that the government was a "rotten" government. The Prime Minister, before they could get their breaths, took them up and ordered a judicial enquiry. Were the base insinuations substantiated as the result of which the critics were provided with the most eminent counsel at public expense? On the contrary, the probe not only disproved the disgusting insinuations, but showed that, without any remuneration, General Bertram and his colleagues with infinite labor and worry had, in an amazingly short time, established a Canadian munitions industry invaluable in the con-

duct of the war, and which had diverted hundreds of millions of dollars to our factories throughout the land. True, an outsider, a New York commercial agent who may or may not have been of some assistance, collected the customary cash commission from his principals, certain American promoters; but only honor was accorded the members of the committee and the Minister in charge by the judicial investigators.

Would "leading Liberals" with so distorted a vision conduce to harmony in a coalition Government? It is said that members of His Majesty's loyal opposition have seen new light since last session. Well, what happened a few weeks ago when the Prime Minister asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier to name a certain number of Liberal members of Parliament to join in an appeal to the nation for war service? Could not possibly be any party politics in that, one would imagine. Did Sir Wilfrid respond with alacrity? Yes, he quickly discovered that there had been some small friction on the National Service Commission, because a gentleman nominated as secretary had been asked to correct an admittedly misleading statement he had circulated some time previously. The secretary-elect made the correction quite readily, but got huffy in doing so and would not take the job offered to him, and the chairman of the commission got huffy, too, and resigned—and this was made excuse by Sir Wilfrid for refusal. It was a trivial piece of business to start with, but it was sufficient for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to the regret of many of his friends, to decline to join in the call of Parliament to the nation, and Sir Robert Borden had to do, and promptly did so, the thing himself. In the light of this, is it to be easily assumed that even Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself, in a coalition government?

But could the "leading Liberals" themselves get along one with each other, let alone with Ministers of the other party? Parliament appointed a joint committee to take charge of the erection of the new Ottawa legislative buildings. One of the Liberal members of that committee resigned owing to ill-health and consequent absence. Follows, sinister rumors in the Liberal press. The Minister of Public Works was running the whole show, apparently to his own advantage, it was openly said. He had actually ordered the pulling down of certain perfectly good parts of the burned ruins in order that his pet contractors might benefit financially to the tune of millions of dollars. The Minister of the Interior, who had made the most imprudent, almost criminal, arrangements for the reconstruction. Turned out that the committee had ordered all these things

on the advice of expert architects, and that the committee included two "leading Liberals," Hon. William P. Mackenzie and Senator Watson. Indignant declarations from the Liberal press that these two valiant Grits were renegades because they did not resign from the committee of whose policy they approved! We ask again, could even the "leading Liberals" get along with one another in a coalition government?

It is the opinion of The Journal-Press that, when the history of the period comes to be written, it will be found the Government of Sir Robert Borden rose splendidly to the giant task thrust upon it, that, in particular, certain members of that Government performed invaluable service, and that they were animated with only the highest spirit of statesmanship.

The Ministers might have accomplished more if their political party opponents had forgotten petty partisanship in the face of weightier matters; but that they would have succeeded in doing half as well if they had been handicapped by unfriendly critics from within as well as from without—In other words, they had been compelled to work with "leading Liberals"—we have very grave doubts.

MAN DROWNED AT LONG WHARF LAST EVENING

Cooke Walks Off Gangplank in the Dark and Falls to Come to the Surface.

"A man overboard" was the startling cry that caused nearly 300 men last night who are employed at Long Wharf to rush to the edge of the Long Wharf in sufficient time to hear a splash and to see the white foam close over the body of Dominic DeCoster, who walked off the end of a gang plank while attempting to board the steamer Molere loading beef for foreign markets.

The body of the unfortunate man has not been recovered, although several attempts were made last night by the steamer crew and the Longshoremen. The victim of the fatal accident is a negro, who joined the steamer at Montreal, on her last trip from that port. He was employed in the galley as cook. Shortly after supper the man left the steamer to spend the night in the city. He returned to the steamer about 10.15. As he walked through the shed several of the Longshoremen spoke to him and he stood about six feet and carried himself very erect. A few minutes later they heard the cry which caused them to hurry to the side of the steamer.

The gangplank did not reach the steamer as far as could be seen last night. As the wharf was dark the man did not notice that the gangplank did not reach the steamer and walked off the end, his head apparently coming in contact with the steel plate on the side of the ship and knocking him unconscious, as he did not utter a cry. The plunge to the icy waters was seen by a watch driver on the steamer, Andrew Craig, who immediately notified the men on the steamer.

T. McCann by means of a ladder climbed down between the steamer and the wharf but he could see no sign of the man. It is not known whether the body would go under the wharf or not, although it was the general opinion of the men last night that it would.

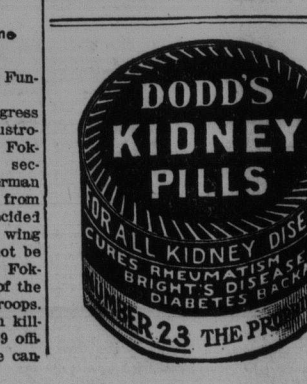
The space between the wharf and the steamer was wrapped last night but without success. It is thought that with the fall of the tide the operations for the recovery of the body could be carried out more successfully.

Speaking to some of the men on the steamer last night The Standard learned that the unfortunate man was a great favorite among the crew, although he had only been with them for a short time.

Grappling for the body will be continued today.

CHARLES LEDOUX NOT GUILTY OF BRIBERY

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Charles Ledoux of Montreal was this afternoon found not guilty on the charge of bribing Inspector Gray with a payment of \$100 in connection with militia department motor supplies. The jury was out fifty minutes.



CONGRESS OF LEADERS IN SOCIAL WORK

Meetings to be Held in Knights of Columbus Hall, January 22, 23, 24.

A meeting was held in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon of the local committee who have charge of the arrangements for the Social Service Congress which will meet here on January 22-23-24. A. M. Belding occupied the chair, and there were present Rev. F. S. Dowling, secretary; Rev. W. G. Lane, J. A. Sugrue, Mrs. J. A. McAvity, Mrs. J. H. Doody, R. J. Ritchie, C. B. Allan and Rev. W. H. Barracough.

The chairman announced that the Knights of Columbus had kindly placed their hall at the disposal of the committee for the meetings of the congress. The secretary read a letter from Rev. T. Albert Moore of Toronto in reference to the Social Service Council of Canada.

It was decided to make arrangements towards the forming of a social service council for New Brunswick.

Mrs. J. H. Doody, C. B. Allan, A. M. Belding and the secretary, were appointed to arrange for two luncheons to be given while the congress is being held at which addresses will be given by Raymond Robins of Chicago and Rev. Dr. Pidgeon.

At the opening session on Monday, 22nd, His Honor Josiah Wood will preside. An address at this meeting will be given by Rev. J. G. Shearer on "Social Reconstruction After the War."

On Tuesday morning the Bishop of Fredericton will preside. Dr. Hastings H. Hart will address the meeting on "Civil Welfare Conference," and Rev. W. D. Wilson will speak on "Prohibition."

Mayor Hayes will preside at the afternoon session, when Rev. L. Norman Tucker, Magistrate Ritchie and Dr. Peter H. Bryce will give addresses on "The Family, Its Perils and Safeguards."

The subject on women in industrial, political, social and religious life will be discussed by Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mrs. Frank Hatfield and Mrs. R. A. Jamieson.

Premier Clarke will be the chairman at the evening session and Rev. L. Norman Tucker will deliver an address on "The Patronage System and Graft."

At the morning session on Wednesday the chairman will be Hon. J. A. Murray, when industrial life will be spoken on by Rev. W. J. Smith, J. L. Sugrue and Rev. T. Albert Moore. Addresses on "Care of Dependents, Defectives and Delinquents" will be given by Rev. W. R. Robinson, A. M. Belding and Dr. Hastings H. Hart.

At the afternoon session the chairman will be Sheriff A. A. Wilson and addresses on "Urban and Rural Life" will be given by Rev. H. E. Thomas, Rev. S. J. McArthur and Dr. Peter H. Bryce.

The subject of "Race Track Gambling" will be spoken on by Rev. J. G. Shearer. Social obligations of Christianity will be given by Rev. H. E. Thomas, Rev. S. J. McArthur and Dr. Peter H. Bryce.

At the evening session Bishop LeBlanc will preside and addresses will be given by Rev. George C. Pidgeon and Raymond Robins.

The congress will be brought to a close at ten o'clock.

"BUFFALO BILL" DIED TODAY IN DENVER

Famous Scout and Indian Fighter Passes Away—Had Reached 70 Years of Age.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 10.—Col. Wm. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), the famous hunter and scout, died at 12.05 p.m. here today.

DIED.

KICKHAM—In this city, on the 10th inst., Thomas Kickham, leaving his wife and one daughter to mourn. Funeral on Friday morning at 8.30 from his late residence, 43 Charles street, to the Cathedral. Requiem high mass. Friends invited.

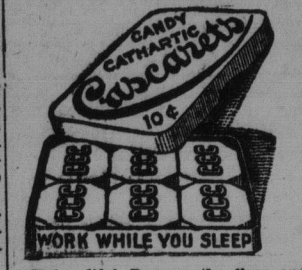
BOYED—At the General Public Hospital, after a lingering illness, May, the wife of Charles Boyed. Funeral from Chamberlain's undertaking rooms today at 2.30 o'clock.

COTHER—In this city, on the 9th inst., Isabella, widow of James T. Cother, aged 86 years. Funeral at Barnesville, the former home of the deceased, on the 11th inst., after a short illness, Gilbert W. Titus—At Bloomfield Station, on the 9th inst., after a short illness, Gilbert W. Titus, in the 77th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Service in the Baptist church.

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Don't stay headachy, sick or have bad breath and sour stomach.

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Enjoy Life! Remove the liver and bowel poison which is keeping your head dizzy, your tongue coated, breath offensive, and stomach sour. Don't stay bilious, sick, headachy, constipated and full of cold. Why don't you get a box of Candy Cathartic from the drug store and eat one or two tonight and enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced. You will wake up feeling fit and fine. Candy Cathartic never gripe or sicken like salts, pills and calomel. They act so gently that you hardly realize you have taken a cathartic. Mothers should give candy, sick, bilious or feverish children a box of Candy Cathartic any time—they act thoroughly and are harmless.

GOOD NEWS RECEIVED FROM ROY ARMSTRONG

Popular Local Soldier, Prisoner in Germany, is Rapidly Recovering From Wounds.

The many friends of Sergt.-Major Roy T. Armstrong, of the 6th Mounted Rifles, now prisoner of war in Germany, will be pleased to hear that he is slowly recovering from wounds received at Ypres, on June 2. He has been removed from a field hospital in Belgium to a permanent hospital in Saxony. His left arm was badly shattered by shrapnel, which necessitated removal of part of the bone, but the German surgeons hold out strong hopes that he will eventually regain full use of same.

Lumbermen Will Get Cards.

As there are about 5,000 men or more working at the lumbering industry in the province, and as many of them are residing in the woods, there was some difficulty in reaching them to distribute National Service cards to be filled in. This difficulty has been overcome by the director of National Service for New Brunswick, Major L. P. D. Tilley, who has asked the lumber operators for the number of men in their respective camps. Cards have been sent to the operators who will give them to the camp foreman to distribute them among the men. After they have filled in the cards they will return them to the nearest post office.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE RESULTS.

At Montreal—Canadiens 6, 22nd Battalion 1.
At Toronto—Toronto 9, Wanderers 4.
At Quebec—Quebec 5, Ottawa 4.

Young-Anderson.

Married at New York, Jan. 1st, Hazel B. Anderson of Upper Derby, to George A. Young of Pittsburgh, N. Y.

HAD INDIGESTION COULD KEEP NOTHING ON STOMACH.

Indigestion is one of the worst forms of stomach trouble. The stomach becomes upset and you have a raw, debilitated feeling in it. After a meal you feel that you must get rid of that nasty, bilious, burning sensation; that souring and rising of the food which is so unpleasant and in many cases very painful.

It is not necessary for you to be troubled with indigestion when Burdock Blood Bitters may be so easily obtained. This old and well-known remedy, which is a combination of nature's best roots, herbs, barks and berries, will cure indigestion and all stomach troubles.

Mr. Lazare Savoy, Pokemouche, N. B., writes: "About two years ago I was troubled with indigestion that kept me from doing anything on my stomach. I was sorely disappointed in everything I tried to relieve me. At last a friend advised me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. I took four bottles and can now eat anything that is set in front of me."

That grand old medicine, B. B. B., has been on the market for the past forty years, and we claim, without any fear of contradiction, that it is the best cure for all stomach troubles. Manufactured by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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Agent—Thorne Wharf and Warehousing Co., Ltd., Phone, 2851. Mgr. Lewis Connors.

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