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What I said November 9, I repeat now: "We shall never sheathe the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium—and I will add Serbia—recover in full measure all and more than they have sacrificed; until France is adequately secured against aggression; until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed."—Premier Asquith.

THE SASKATCHEWAN CHARGES.

As the grafter newspapers have of late been devoting a lot of attention to charges preferred against the Liberal government of Saskatchewan, the following plain statement of the case from the Morning Leader of Regina may not be without interest here:

"When Hon. Walter Scott announced at Oxbow on 18th of March last that his government had decided to abolish every bar, club license and wholesale shop in Saskatchewan on Dominion Day, 1915, and when, despite all the pressure applied and threats made, he carried out that policy to the letter, he created an undying hatred for himself and the Liberal party in the hearts of every hotel and liquor man in Saskatchewan. That hatred extended ever beyond the boundaries of the province, because the action of the Scott government put new life and energy into the demand for temperance reform in every province and started the movement for Dominion-wide prohibition.

"At that time Tory organs scoffed at The Leader's statement that by their action Premier Scott and colleagues had taken their political lives in their hands. But the Leader knew whereof it spoke. It knew that the wealthy liquor interests of Canada, with their interlocking organization from the Atlantic to the Pacific, would hesitate at nothing to wreak vengeance on those who had dared to defy them and put them out of business.

"It was not long before the plot to destroy Walter Scott was hatched. And it was hatched by the man who had suffered ignominious defeat at the hands of the people of Saskatchewan in 1912, a man who has been a life-long friend, supporter and boon companion of the liquor interests.

"As a first move in the plot, an effort was made to create division in the ranks of the Saskatchewan Liberal party, and the services of two Liberal members of parliament and a Senator from this province were secured to lead the attack on the Scott government. Dr. B. D. Neely became chief spokesman for the Tory-Liquor alliance, and started to stomp the province against Walter Scott. The Shellbrook by-election put an effectual stop to this effort. Some other means of "getting" Scott had to be devised.

"There soon followed ugly rumors which sprang up like mushrooms over night, to the effect that many of the Liberal members were venal and corrupt and that bribery on a huge scale had been resorted to in order to bring about the withdrawal of the bill providing for a referendum vote on the abolition of the bar in December, 1913. The Rogers-Willoughby organ in this city published such an insinuation and vague threats were made by Mr. Willoughby himself last session that he would make certain charges. Nothing transpired.

"Shortly afterwards the Roblin government came crashing down in the midst of the greatest scandal and exposure of wholesale theft and corruption ever known in Canada. Criminal charges were laid against several of the ex-ministers and former cabinet colleagues of Hon. Bob Rogers. The master mind of the Tory organization in Western Canada was desperate, and knowing the deep hatred of the liquor interests for the Scott government, a conspiracy was laid under which the liquor men should bring charges against the government and its supporters.

"The wide scope and ramifications of this conspiracy is only beginning to be unfolded, but that in its carrying out the Conservative party organization and the liquor men's organizations were united in one for the common purpose is now fully established.

Partial proof of this fact was disclosed when the official Tory organ on Saturday was able to produce a facsimile of the famous list which was in the possession of the liquor men until it was produced before the committee of the Legislature.

"Any doubt which existed as to the alliance between the Rogers-Willoughby party and the liquor men was swept away yesterday when Frank Brunner, ex-treasurer of the Licensed Victual-

lers' Association swore that for months past he had been engaged in hunting up and down the province among the liquor men for evidence to discredit and destroy the Scott government; that he was paid a salary of \$250 a month by the Conservative Association while engaged in this work; and that all his expenses were borne by the Conservative Association, cheques being issued to him in payment of salary and expenses by Dr. Mahan, president of the Regina Conservative Association and treasurer of the Provincial Conservative Association.

"Mr. Bradshaw, in making the charges he has, is nothing but the mouth-piece of the liquor interests. He is the instrument they are using in order to get their revenge on the Scott government and Liberal party. That he and his leader, Mr. Willoughby, are willing tools in the hands of Bob Rogers and the liquor party but adds to their disgrace.

"After all the facts are ascertained, when the whole truth is disclosed, and when in due course of time the people are summoned to the polls, they will then have an opportunity to decide whether the Rogers-Willoughby-Liquor triple alliance are to govern in Saskatchewan or the men who had the courage of their convictions and took their political lives in their hands last year and drove the liquor out of the province."

Says the St. John Standard: "Those newspapers which profess to be anxious to know what action the Government of New Brunswick intends to take concerning Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, have been furnished with new food for thought by the fact that he has not been named to membership on any of the legislative committees. As these committees are selected by a nominating committee, of which the acting Premier and a majority of the Government supporters are members, it should be reasonably obvious that the Government has well decided upon its course." The members of the Government seem to be a mighty long time making up their minds what to do with Stewart. The Chandler report which condemned Stewart has been in the hands of the Government for over five months, yet he is allowed to take his seat in the Legislature and draw travelling expenses from Bathurst.

ON THE SIDE.

Lady in khaki is correct.

The day we celebrate—certainly not the day we sellavote.

Who will deliver the speech from the "thrown" tonight?

The volunteer reserve is not a parody on Laddie in Khaki.

Yes, Mr. Simp, it must have taken real courage to march in front of that banner.

The Russian capture of one Armenian city of 35,000 population proves that the Russians are doing their Bitlis.

If a man doesn't marry a woman because she is pretty or because she has money, it's a pretty sure sign he is in love with her.

It is suspected that all Charlie Chaplin wanted a raise in salary for was to make the railroad presidents jealous. They, too, are in the movie business.

The way the average reporter writes up a wedding one would think the poor man in the case got a wonderful bargain for his money.

SHOCKS OF EARTH-
QUAKE IN ITALY

(Canadian Press.)

Rome, March 13.—(Via Paris, March 13).—Earthquake shocks lasting from ten to twenty seconds were felt in the region represented by a triangle with sides running between Venice, Ancona and Florence. The observations made at Florence observatory indicates that the epicenter was about three hundred miles distant and probably in the Adriatic Sea. No damage has been reported so far.

A FINE TURNOUT.

The military turnout on Saturday was one of the best seen here in recent years and elicited much favorable comment. The company of the Women's Reserve naturally came in for the lion's share of attention. The members wore natty khaki uniforms, with broad felt hats and made a fine appearance on parade. The parade was viewed by Governor Wood and Colonel Fowler from the City Hall steps.

BAND GOES TO WOODSTOCK.

The band of the 104th Battalion, which has been in this city since Wednesday night, will leave this evening for Woodstock.

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CIVIC ELECTION PASSES

WITHOUT EXCITEMENT

Election Day passed away quietly. The usual activity was displayed at the City Hall and Court House where the polls are located and the workers were busy at all times. A close election with the vote not very heavy was the general opinion. Up to noon 208 votes had been polled at the City Hall. At the Court House the number was less but in proportion to the number of names on the list, was larger. Little could be said concerning the way the election was going. Mayor Mitchell and ex-Mayor Hooper, the two candidates, stood at the City Hall.

With a small voters' list and but two names on the ballot it is expected that the result will be known early.

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Manitoba Voting Today
On Prohibition

Winnipeg, March 13.—The fate of the liquor licenses of 1917 hotels, seven clubs and 40 wholesale stores depends upon the result of the voting in Manitoba today between the hours of nine and five on the Macdonald prohibition bill.

The weather is comparatively mild, but snow is falling in Winnipeg and is general in the province, and may cause a smaller vote than expected.

The campaign was ended by a series of meetings by both sides on Sunday, in which ex-controllers Spence and Simpson, of Toronto, and Mrs. Nellie McClung were prominent for the drys, and Clarence Barrow, of Chicago, for the wets.

Evidence Finished in
Gault Divorce Case

Ottawa, March 13.—Evidence has been completed in the Montreal cause celebre, the Hamilton Gault divorce case, and the divorce committee of the Senate will decide tomorrow whether or not a bill granting divorce will be recommended to parliament.

The evidence was heard Friday and Saturday, Major Gault of the Princess Pats alleging that his wife had improper relations with Captain Bruce Bainsmith, of the same regiment, while they were convalescing at Bishop Lydard House, in Taunton, England, on July 24 last.

FINGER PRINTS USEFUL.

The annual report of the Canadian Criminal Identification Bureau states that fingerprints of criminals in towns in New Brunswick have been received in the following numbers:—St. John 13, Moncton 18, Fredericton 12, Campbellton 3. The records of the Bureau include finger-prints of 24,895 criminals. Identifications during the year numbered 756. Finger-prints are taken here by Chief of Police McCollom.

MME. PETROVA AT GAIETY.

Mme. Petrova, the celebrated Russian actress, will be seen at the popular Gaiety Theatre today in a splendid five-part Metro offering, The Soul of a Painted Woman. This is Mme. Petrova's second appearance at the Gaiety, My Madonna being the first production in which this celebrated stage favorite appeared.

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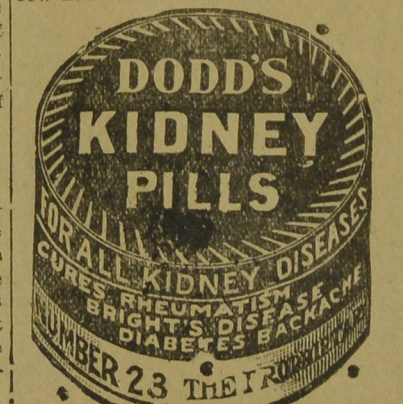
TO AFFILIATE WITH
FEDERATION OF LABOR

New York, March 11.—A school teachers' union which will be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor was organized last night, with what was said to be a membership of nearly 1,000.

Eight hundred actors at a meeting of the Actors' Equity Association, unanimously went on record yesterday as favoring affiliation with the Federation of Labor, with a view of placing themselves in a better position to enforce demands for what they consider a more equitable form of contract with the theatre managers.

Nine Year Old Boy
Commits Suicide

Kincaid, Sask., March 13.—Nine year old Ernie Wilson tied a rope around his neck and hanged himself from a rafter in a barn because his mother corrected him. He was found dead a few hours later.



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