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SIR SAM AND KITCHENER.

The Montreal Star, most extensively circulated of Conservative papers in Canada, takes up the statement of Sir Sam Hughes on the Ypres salient, and adding calm disapproval of the criticism of Kitchener, says that, to put the matter bluntly, "this Ypres salient, which has proven invulnerable to German swords, may fall before British pens."

Perhaps the most sagacious remark contributed to the controversy is made by the Star editor when he writes:

"Lay opinion is not worth much in such a case as against military opinion; and military opinion on both sides (British and German) has from the first attached great importance to the Ypres position. The Germans have sacrificed thousands upon thousands of lives to get it—and they are presumed to be fair judges of military values. Lay opinion will be impressed by the obvious fact that Ypres is a railway centre—in fact the only railway centre in that immediate neighborhood. And much of this war has been fought for the possession of railway centres—as witness the present drive for Kovel."

The Star comments further upon the moral effect of the criticism, and says that military authorities must have the moral backing of practically the entire community if they are to persevere in policies which cost heavily in human life. "They cannot," says the Montreal paper, "continue to pursue such policies or hold such positions if exposed to fire from the rear as well as from the front."

The London, Ont., Advertiser thinks that Sir Sam Hughes was shooting from the rear when he attacked the military authorities in charge and the Liberal party in Canada with having needlessly sacrificed thousands of Canadian lives. He did not mean to be treacherous, perhaps, but the effect of his statements in Germany and in Britain cannot be measured.

SPARE THE BIRDS.

Word from rural communities is that this is a good berry year, better than the average. Naturalists report that it is also a good bird year, by which they probably mean that the birds are faring well. Of course many birds go after the berries and get the best that are grown. They select what the grower would choose first and prize most highly—the largest and sweetest. One giving casual thought to the subject might conclude that the birds are a nuisance and should be shot or scared away. But it must be remembered that they devote only a small percentage of their time among the berries. Many pass them entirely, giving all their attention to insects and worms.

It is in this field that the birds are invaluable. They keep down the number of harmful destroyers of fruits and vegetables—indeed, make it possible for farmers and gardeners to raise paying crops. Their services to mankind in destroying insects and worms exceed in value a thousand times the injury they do garden products by feeding on them.

So in estimating the worth of man's feathered friends, it is found that they are not only highly important economic factors, but almost indispensable. More birds mean more berries, also more of the larger fruits, therefore wantonly killing them is a foolish and expensive business.—Brooklyn Standard Union.

Manchester Guardian: Lord Kitchener had several narrow escapes, and at least one was from death by drowning. When engaged in the survey of Palestine he got into difficulties when saving the life of Major Conder, the leader of the expedition, who had been carried away by a strong current while bathing. At Safed, in Galilee, there was trouble with some fanatical Moslems, both Kitchener and Conder were wounded, and in addition a negro made an attempt to cut Kitchener down with a scimitar. Kitchener followed, and one burning afternoon Kitchener gave way to his emotion by yelling: "For the Lord's sake, give me some of that beer!" A mine explosion at Chatham permanently injured his right eye, at Suakim a bul-

let broke his jaw, where it always remained, and soon after his arrival in India Lord Kitchener fractured his leg.

If it is absolutely necessary in the public interest to close the driveway leading to the Parliament Building, something more artistic than two saw benches with a board laid across them should be made to serve the purpose. Perhaps the members of the Local Improvement Association might be able to offer a suggestion to the government. The present Minister of Public Works, not being responsible to the people, will not be likely to order the bars let down, but perhaps Premier Clarke might be prevailed upon to do something.

How long does Hon. P. G. Mahoney, Minister of Public Works, intend to outrage public opinion by clinging to office. He was condemned by his constituents on May 30th, and should long ago have bowed to the sovereign will of a free and enlightened electorate. Hon. Mr. Mahoney has many excellent qualities, but he is a very poor sport, to say the least.

It is about time that General Sir Sam Hughes shut down on granting commissions to Germans for overseas service. They are not to be trusted.

ON THE SIDE.

Somewhere the sun is shining.

We still speak of a man who don't pay his tax bill as a "taxpayer."

Autoists have no chance to dip in to Parliament Square this summer.

There is still some watchful waiting as to police frightfulness.

Think of the money we might have saved on that straw hat!

It takes a brave man to advertise a picnic these days.

If you want to shine as a weather prophet, predict that it is going to rain and stick to it.

Local Government officials always get busy when the executive is in session.

Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Minister of Public Works is without a seat in the Legislature.

The murderous Huns seem to be getting it good and hard these days. We don't mind telling them that the worst is yet to come.

When we see an automobile laying in a ditch with a wheel or two off, or see one stalled on the road a dozen miles from town with grease covered parties working underneath it, we lose that wistful feeling we sometimes have when we see them whiz past us.

GERMANS ESCAPE FROM INTERNMENT CAMP

Three Got Away in a Motor Boat From Fort Henry After Tying up a Policeman.

Kingston, Ont., July 5.—Three Germans made a sensational escape from the interment camp at Fort Henry yesterday.

The men were "trusties" and were given the job of fixing a gasoline boat owned by one of the officers at the Fort.

A military policeman was in charge and went out with them on a trial spin in Navy Bay. They were only given a limited amount of gasoline, but they secretly procured an extra supply and hid it in the boat.

When they had gone out from Navy Bay the policeman became suspicious and told the men that they had better turn back. They objected and the policeman commanded them to return. Instead, they seized the officer, tied him up securely and laid him in the back of the boat.

Then the men poured the extra fuel into the engine and headed the boat for the foot of Wolfe Island and up the American channel, and stopped their boat about two miles east of Cape Vincent.

Here they landed and started inland. They left the officer in the boat and he was later found by some people who happened to be passing.

It is supposed the men are now in some New York village. If found they may be held and extradited on a charge of theft of the boat.

FOUR MORE DECREES OF DIVORCE ARE GRANTED

Commission to Take Evidence in Carr vs Carr—Adjourned to August 8.

Four more decrees of divorce were granted by His Honor Judge McKeown yesterday afternoon, making five divorces granted during the day.

In each of the following cases judgment was given for plaintiff:

George Christie vs. Lillian J. Christie; Louis E. Young, proctor.

John T. McGoldrick vs. Eleanor McGoldrick; Francis J. Kerr, proctor.

Belle Yerxa vs. Alexander Yerxa; F. H. Peters, proctor.

E. Jennie Kelly vs. John F. Kelly; Francis J. Kerr, proctor.

McGoldrick vs. McGoldrick and Kelly vs. Kelly are St. John cases. Christie vs. Christie and Yerxa vs. Yerxa are York county cases.

In all statutory grounds were alleged.

The case of Kelly vs. Kelly was completed yesterday afternoon, and the Christie, McGoldrick and Yerxa cases heard entirely. Evidence was heard also in the case of Lily May Carr vs. Wm. Seymour Carr; Francis J. Kerr, proctor.

On the application of Mr. Kerr, His Honor decided to issue an order for a commission to take the evidence of the mother of the defendant, an elderly woman residing at Geary, who was too ill to attend court yesterday.

Yerxa vs. Yerxa.

In the case of Yerxa vs. Yerxa, evidence was given by the plaintiff, Mrs. Yerxa, and by several other witnesses. The plaintiff swore that while she had been a resident of St. Marys the defendant had left her and they had lived apart ever since.

Two young men belonging to Fredericton told of accompanying the defendant to a roadhouse in Kingsclear, where he had been in company with female inmates of the place.

Carr vs. Carr.

In the Carr case the plaintiff, whose maiden name was Drummond, had been married to the defendant at Ormooctio in 1899. Rev. H. E. Dibblee performed the ceremony. They later removed to St. John, where the defendant left the plaintiff in 1910. He contributed to the support of their five children for about a year. Since that time the plaintiff has supported the children by her own efforts, keeping a boarding house in St. John West.

Ida E. Dale, formerly of Blackville, was mentioned as co-respondent, the plaintiff stating in her evidence that her husband had kept company with the co-respondent while she was attending the Provincial Normal School here, and afterward had lived with her.

Divorce proceedings in this case were begun two years ago, but the defendant was located only recently, living at Niagara Falls, Ont.

Court adjourned until Tuesday, Aug. 8th.

SHACKLETON HAS REACHED CHILE

Punta Arnas, Chile, July 4.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, arrived here today.

Punta Arnas, the most southerly town in Chile, is situated in the Strait of Magellan and is the port where the Uruguay government has fitted another relief expedition to rescue the main body of Lieut. Shackleton's Antarctic party, left on Elephant Island. Shackleton's first attempt to reach Elephant Island on a vessel loaned by Uruguay failed, and on June 25 he returned to Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

PERSONAL.

Mr. C. M. Legere, ex-M.P.P. for Westmorland, is in the city today and is being heartily greeted by many old friends.

Premier Clarke arrived yesterday and is staying at the Barker.

Attorney General Baxter is a guest at the Barker House.

Hon. Dr. Landry is at the Barker House.

Mr. Harry Woods, M.P.P., of Welsford, is here for the Government meeting.

Mr. T. L. Simmons, C. E., assistant engineer for the Railway Commission, is among the visitors to the city today.

Chief Justice McLeod is among the guests at the Barker House.

Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., of St. John, is at the Barker House.

Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., of St. John, is staying at the Barker.

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