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FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1916.

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.

MR. MORRISSEY'S PECULIAR POSITION.

Messrs. A. J. H. Stewart and Martin Robichaud still sit in the House as members, and John Morrissey, the Minister of the Department of Public Works, in which they connived at boodling, for which a royal commission condemned them, still remains a member of the government that recognizes the offenders.

The Minister of Public Works will be held responsible for the acts of Stewart and Robichaud unless he repudiates them. He is held, with other members of the government, responsible for the acts of ex-Premier Flemming, since he has never taken an opportunity to condemn them in public. He was not, it is true, in the House when the resolution whitewashing Flemming passed, but his Premier and associates in the government were there, and so far as we know Hon. Mr. Morrissey has never taken them to task for their action, and by his continued association with them seems to approve of it.

This is a time when all men of honest intentions must cut clear from the grafters. Mr. Morrissey's position is peculiar. He cannot well remain in company that is so distasteful to him, and yet there is no place for him in an Opposition which has not approved of his course or methods for the eight years he has been in the government.

CROTHERS' MISCHIEVOUS TALK.

When the Minister of Labor at Ottawa was reported as telling the House of Commons that "he was not sure Great Britain and her Allies would win the war," that "a German victory would mean a German Canada," that "he did not approve of everything done by the British House of Commons for the relief of disabled soldiers," and that "no one knows when this war will cease or how it will end," there was a general feeling of painful surprise, says the Toronto Globe. Mr. Crothers, having had abundant time allowed him for the correction of the published reports, and having admitted by prolonged silence that he had nothing to plead in bar of condemnation, may fairly be held responsible for his peculiar point of view and mode of expression.

The feeling was general that no man holding his position would have said soberly and deliberately what he was reported to have said; now that he has refrained from disclaiming the opinions attributed to him, there is an absolute consensus that he is unfit for the discharge of the difficult duties of his department. The case is one for prompt and drastic treatment by the Premier, if Mr. Crothers has not sense enough left to retire into private life of his own motion. As Minister of Labor he has been a dead failure and he would render a service to the country by retiring.

The Government bill now before the Legislature proposes to take away from the Municipal Councils the right to appoint electoral revisors. Under the present system the duty is performed by two county councillors and a third member appointed by the government, who acts as chairman. Under the proposed amendment to the law the Government appoints the chairman, the local members appoint one revisor, and the defeated candidates another. The privilege which the County Council has of paying all but the chairman will of course not be interfered with. When the old government was in power we used to hear a lot of talk about encroachments being made on the rights of municipalities. The most persistent kickers along this line were Messrs. Pinder and Morehouse, who formerly held seats in the York County Council. Are these gentlemen who are now members of the Legislature, going to lend their support to a measure which takes away a right long enjoyed by the municipalities?

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, in making his charges at Ottawa on Tuesday, quoted the following passage from a speech delivered by Sir Robert Borden a few

days previously: "If he (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) or any of his followers, has a charge to make against any member of the Government with respect to the Shell Committee, or with respect to anything else, let him or his followers stand up in his place and on his responsibility as a member make that charge, and it will be investigated thoroughly and completely." Hon. Dr. Pugsley having accepted the challenge it is clearly Sir Robert Borden's next move.

In a recent speech in which he announced that all the South Africans who were wanted for the East African campaign had been recruited and the British government so notified, General Smuts, the Union's Minister of Defence, made this timely remark: "Let us not trust too much to the sacredness of the British cause, to the valor of British arms, or the might of the British fleet, but let us believe in one thing, and that is, doing our duty. If we do our duty unflinchingly at any sacrifice, then and then only may we look forward to the victory which I hope we will have."

Word has been received at Ottawa that Hon. Dr. Bland, M.P., former Postmaster General of Canada, now held as a prisoner by the Germans, will shortly be exchanged. His name has been added to the list of prisoners who will be exchanged. Word to this effect has been received at Ottawa by Senator Dandurand.

The latest report is that Mr. Harry Woods, the Government disorganizer, is booming himself for the position of secretary of the Public Works Department, which he says is soon to be vacant.

Toronto Globe: Hon. A. E. Kemp never heard of the contract given to his company by his Shell Committee until Mr. Carvell brought it to his attention. And yet he is not even thankful to Mr. Carvell.

ON THE SIDE.

The top of the morning to old Ireland.

We were framing apologies to St. Patrick for the weather.

Toryism and trouble go hand in hand these days.

So far the Germans have not been able to put the dun in Verdun.

The man who would put the "sham" in shamrock would introduce snakes and toads into Ireland.

No matter how shapeless a hat, the milliners always advertise it as the "latest shape."

Yes, Mr. Simp, we can hand winter its passports on the 21st—but what's the use?

Russia denies that the Turks are talking separate peace. She won't let them.

If there are no snakes in Ireland, what does an Irishman see when he has the jim-jams?

One of the tragedies of the times is the release of a poet's effusion on April delights in the midst of a March snowstorm.

The fuses which the Shell Committee ordered in the United States and which have not yet been delivered were "time" fuses.

According to the German names given to the Kaiser's illness, his case ought to be pronounced fatal, thought it may be only a bad spell.

German chemists may have found substitutes for food, for rubber and other necessities, but the waning force of the drive against Verdun indicates that they have not yet discovered a substitute for blood.

WHISKEY STILL SEIZED IN MONTREAL

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, Que., March 17.—A two thousand gallon illicit whiskey still in operation in the heart of the city, was discovered last night by firemen while fighting a blaze in the premises at 321 West Craig street, known as the Barber College.

In addition to running an illicit still, the "moonshiners" had tapped one of the gas company's pipes and thus secured free fuel.

The still was seized by Revenue Officer Brabant, but no arrests have thus far been made, the police not being positive of the identity of the operators of the still.



"UNDER COVER" A PLAY WITH A SURPRISE.

UNDER COVER
A melodrama of crime and its detection, of smuggled jewels and the forces of the law closing in on the smugglers, of a girl driven to aid in the trapping of the very man she loves, of alarms in the night, whistles and lights switched off, of revolvers fired in the dark and the final triumph of right and virtue—this is "Under Cover," the opening bill of the Klark-Urban Company at the City Opera House next Monday evening. It is an ingeniously fashioned play, so fashioned that its most vigorous thrust comes at the very finish. Its full force is felt at the moment when only too often at the theatre some members of the audience are beginning to restlessly reach for their wraps. Roi Cooper Magrue, the author, has accomplished a miracle in holding attention to the last by keeping his secret from the audience. The story of "Under Cover" concerns a certain lovely necklace undeclared through the customs into the port of New York by one known to his acquaintances as Stephen Denby. Necklaces and all, he joins a house party at the home of some steamer friends on Long Island. There the officers from the customs close in on him, guided from time to time by the girl he loves and who loves him. The task is not pleasant for her but she is forced to go through with it by a brutal deputy inspector who threatens to expose her young sister for a crime half innocently committed. Denby traps her in his room and they are surprised by the officers and a moment later, when Denby smashes the burglar alarm, by the whole household. How the tables are turned, how Denby escapes from the toils of his act, how the girl is justified in marrying the man she has discovered breaking the law, how the deputy inspector comes a cropper, all this is the author's little secret and the material of the last act. Seats on sale at Ryan's Drug Store.

LONDON STANDARD CEASES PUBLICATION

(Canadian Press)
London, March 17.—The Standard, which has been established as a morning newspaper since 1857, suspended publication today. It was recently offered for sale, without bidding a purchaser. It was announced from London, on February 23, that the official receiver had offered at auction, on that day, the goodwill and the receivers' interest in the machinery and plant of The Standard, that the highest bid for the goodwill was \$1000 and for the goodwill plus the plant, \$50,000, and that as neither bid approached the minimum fixed by the court, the property was withdrawn.

BOTH FIGHTERS ARE TRAINING HARD

(Canadian Press)
New York, March 17.—Only eight days more in which to get fit and ready for their bout, on March 25, Willard and Moran believe that they will be almost in perfect condition for the contest. Willard has increased in boxing in a marked degree in the past week. Moran also has trained zealously, is carefully watched by his trainer Lewis and his attendants so that he may not overdo the work either on the road or in the gym.

THINKS MOVIES SHOULD AID PATRIOTIC FUND

To the Editor of The Mail,
Dear Sir:—I wish to draw to the attention of the City Council the fact that they must raise \$10,000 for patriotic purposes. Now, instead of the citizens being taxed for the full amount, why not call on the places of amusement in the city to pay a portion. The moving picture houses can well afford to pay a fee of \$500 each and other places of amusement in proportion.

I should like to hear what others think of the matter.
Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I am,
CITIZEN.

PERSONAL.

Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M.P.P., of Upper Keewick, is at the Barker.
Judge Carleton of Woodstock, is at the Barker House.
Mr. B. B. Black of Amherst, is in the city.
Mr. John A. Humble of Moncton, claims agent for the I.R.C., is in the city.
Mr. H. O. McInerney of St. John's arrived in the city last night. He is at the Barker House.

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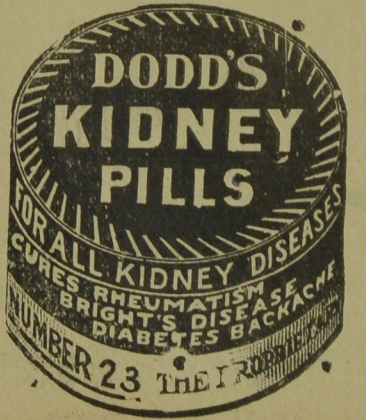
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