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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 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.

DR. PUGSLEY'S CHARGES.

It will be rather difficult for the Borden Government to get over the very serious charges preferred by Hon. Dr. Pugsley against the old Shell Committee without complete enquiry. Last week, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier made his motion for an investigation or enquiry into the purchase of war munitions, Premier Borden made the statement that if any member of the House would assume the responsibility of making a direct charge, a full and free investigation would be made. Hon. Dr. Pugsley has taken the Premier at his word and on his responsibility as a member of the House has made a specific charge which the Government cannot afford to ignore. The ex-Minister of Public Works states that the Canadian Shell Committee, working under the supervision of the Minister of Militia, had let contracts for war supplies without tender; had let at enormous profits large contracts among firms of which its own members were officers and directors; had wasted at least eighty million dollars of the money of the people of Great Britain and of Canada; had let a contract through Col. J. Wesley Allison to two American companies without plant of any kind, for twenty-two million dollars' worth of fuses, and had advanced \$3,750,000 in cash without yet having secured a single fuse; and that all of these things had been done with the full knowledge and connivance of the Minister of Militia.

The full text of Hon. Dr. Pugsley's charge in connection with the placing of an order in the United States for \$22,000,000 worth of shell fuses by this "no truck or trade with the Yankees" government is as follows:

"That there has been great and wholly unnecessary delay in furnishing the completed shells for use of the Canadian and British forces at the front.

"That the said Shell Committee neglected and delayed for an undue period of time to provide the fuses necessary to render the shells effective, and, failing to endeavor to provide for their construction in Canada, as they might have done, proceeded to give and award through J. Wesley Allison, in the United States, contracts for fuses amounting to \$22,000,000 on which they made an advance of \$3,750,000. That the making of the said contracts through the said Allison was unwise and improvident and was entered into with the knowledge and connivance of the Minister of Militia, and the Shell Committee failed to obtain delivery of said fuses for an unreasonable time."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley is not only a great parliamentarian, but he is one of Canada's ablest lawyers. He is not the sort of man who would make such grave charges against the Government if he did not have the evidence to back them up. He stands ready to forfeit his seat in Parliament and retire from public life if he fails to substantiate the charges he has made from his place in Parliament. "I yet feel," said Hon. Dr. Pugsley in submitting his charges to the House, "I would be derelict in my duty and acting the part of a coward if I were to hesitate to take on myself the responsibility of accepting the Prime Minister's challenge, to put the charges in concrete and understandable form, and take on myself the responsibility which will devolve on me if I fail to make good. I accept that responsibility."

The member for St. John has made his charge and it is now up to Premier Borden to do his part and order a thorough investigation. Will the Premier rise to the occasion?

It came out in the discussion at the City Council meeting last evening that the slate shingles taken from the roof of the Provincial Normal School were afterwards used to repair the roof of the County Court House, and that the city and county were charged \$136 for the same. Mr. Pinder, who is a member of the Public Accounts Committee, should make it his business to find out (1) why the shingles were discarded, and (2) what amount was paid the Public Works Department for same. While investigating this matter Mr.

Pinder should incidentally make an effort to find out what means of a quantity of eight-inch to ten-inch pipe which is supposed to have been used for sewerage purposes at the St. Marys end of the highway bridge, and in connection therewith.

During the reciprocity campaign of four years ago, Sir George E. Foster went about the country telling of the large number of American railways which had their noses up against the Canadian frontier, waiting for the opportunity which the passage of reciprocity would give them to divert the trade of Canada to the south. What must Sir George think of the proposal of his political friends in New Brunswick to extend the Valley Railway to the American frontier in order that we may have truck and trade with the Yankees?

The respective candidates for the mayoralty in their post-election speeches gave great credit for the result of Monday's contest to the members of the Ministerial Association. If ministers of the gospel were to take an active part in all elections bribery and corruption at the polls might soon become a thing of the past.

The political hack organ which recently declared that its readers were entitled to hear both sides of a question, had reference to prohibition, not to politics.

Mr. Pinder's speech against bribery and corruption at elections is worthy of serious consideration. Mr. Pinder has been a long time in the game of politics, and speaks from the book.

The attention of the St. John Globe is called to the fact that Mr. A. J. H. Stewart of Gloucester is still a member of the Legislature.

ON THE SIDE.

It takes an optimist to say "beautiful snow" at this time of year.

It's a queer winter when we don't have at least one "worst storm."

Anyhow, no one has seen the first robin yet.

Really it's time to hand Winter its coat and hat and say "What's your hurry?"

Perhaps you have noticed that the smoke is sometimes out of all proportion to the size of the fire.

Nature lovers once more are listening for the earliest mewing of the pussy willows.

Yes, Mr. Simp, you can reduce the high cost of living by not spending so much money.

And to think that the nearest we can come to Palm Beach is to look at the little orange tree we grew in a flower pot.

We beg to report that the hobo never even turned over in the hay when his pal read aloud from a newspaper that there was likely to be an increase in the price of soap.

BRITISH AUTHORITIES
SEIZE MAIL MATTER

New York, March 15.—British authorities at Falmouth removed 130 sacks of mail from the Holland-American line steamer Noordam, which arrived here today from Rotterdam and Falmouth, according to officers of the ship. The Noordam was detained at Falmouth 24 hours, while her cargo and mail were inspected. The mail was not returned.

The White Star Line steamer Baltic, which arrived from Liverpool, reported that she had been detained at that port from March 4 to March 6 while the port was closed temporarily. The cause of suspension of shipping was not announced officially, but passengers and others aboard the Baltic said it was due to the presence of hostile submarines outside the port. She had a small passenger list, bringing 33 in the first cabin, 68 in the second cabin and 80 in the steerage.

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MRS. E.A. SMITH OF ST. JOHN
DELIGHTED LARGE AUDIENCE

Her Lecture on "Belgium, Then and Now" Much Appreciated—Reception by Governor Followed

The Opera House was crowded to the doors last night to hear Mrs. E. A. Smith of St. John, deliver her celebrated lecture "Belgium, Then and Now," in aid of the Red Cross Fund. The lecture was both interesting and instructive and was much enjoyed by the large audience present. During the lecture the audience arose and the Orchestra played the Belgian National Anthem. The Women's Volunteer Reserve Corps and the Boy Scouts acted as ushers. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was moved by Private John Markey, P.P.C.L., seconded by Major Pincombe. Mrs. Smith was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

After the lecture the speaker was the guest of honor at a reception at the Queen Hotel by His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Wood.

Rev. Dr. Smith occupied the chair and introduced the speaker, whose lecture was certainly a treat. Mrs. Smith pointed out briefly and accurately the cause of the war and gave a startling and vivid talk, accompanied by realistic pictures thrown on the screen of Belgium before and after the German invasion.

The speaker made an announcement in regard to the celebrating of King Albert's birthday, which is to be observed on April 8th. "All Honor to Belgium's King."

MR. DUGAL WOULD
ABOLISH THE COACH

The government supporters in the province are apparently not willing to forego the luxury of a coach to drive to and from their boarding houses. The Contingencies Committee met yesterday and after voting the usual allowances for postage and telegrams to the members, arranged with Mr. Harold Young, son of Mr. John A. Young, M.P.P., to do the Assembly coaching for \$5 per day. The coach is maintained principally for the benefit of members who stop at up-town hotels and who would use shank's mare for it if the government was not paying the bill.

Mr. Dugal, the opposition leader, was unable to attend the meeting, but in a letter addressed to the chairman, he urged that coaching be done away with. He takes the ground that the representatives of the people should set an example with regard to habits of economy during the war. His letter is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B., March 15.
H. W. Woods, Esq., M.P.P., Chairman of Contingencies Committee.

House of Assembly, Fredericton: I regret my inability to be present at the first meeting of the committee as I intended to suggest that we recommend that the coach for the use of the members be dispensed with this year, also any other allowances that we can save, particularly in this war period.

I think that the members should set an example in economy, and I hope, if you bring this matter to the attention of the committee, they will adopt this view.

I am, yours very truly,
(Sgd.) L. A. DUGAL.

SHAUGHNESSY'S SON
FOR OVERSEAS

Montreal, March 16—Capt. the Hon. J. Shaughnessy, eldest son of Lord Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., enlisted yesterday for overseas service with the 199th Battalion. He will go as adjutant, an office he has filled for more than a year in the 55th Irish Canadian Rangers. Lord Shaughnessy's second son, Capt. the Hon. Fred Shaughnessy, and his son-in-law, Capt. Rene Redmond, are somewhere in France with the 50th Canadian Battalion.

DESERTER GETS
STIFF SENTENCE

(Canadian Press)
Edmonton, Alta., March 16—Private William Ryan of the 138th Battalion, who left without permission and enlisted in the 51st, has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for desertion.

PERSONAL

Mr. W. G. Burdett of St. John, is in the city.
Mr. Fred Violette of St. Leonard's, is a guest at the Barker House.
Judge W. B. Jonah of Sussex, is at the Barker House.

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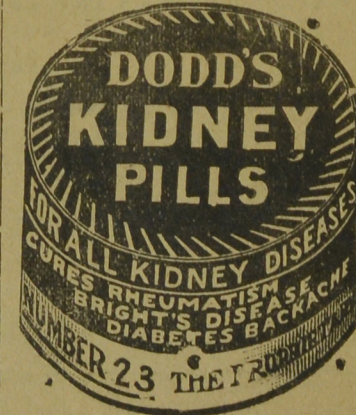
PIN TICKLERS WON FROM ARCTIC CLUB LAST NIGHT

In the City Bowling League Tuesday night the Pin Ticklers scored a notable victory over the Arctic Club, winning by a margin of 130 pins. The totals were 1423 and 1253.

The scoring follows:

Pin Ticklers.			
E. Edney	83	73	85
J. Searles	93	80	101
L. Monahan	90	87	112
W. Foster	90	109	103
A. Ring	94	107	116
— 1423			
Arctics.			
A. Crawford	90	94	93
L. Carten	78	84	81
A. Duffie	81	78	80
T. Powers	81	98	101
Ferris	60	75	83
— 1253			

Mr. W. E. Roop of St. John, is a guest at the Barker.



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