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SORE ON THE HYPHENS.

Many German newspapers are said to be bitter in their condemnation of those German-American citizens who have approved of the entry of the United States in the war. A despatch from Amsterdam quotes one newspaper as saying:

"German-Americans could not betray their old mother country more shamefully, seeing that nobody will assert that the existence of the United States is endangered by Germany. The more pitiful is the cowardly zeal with which the 2,000,000 German-Americans in their national associations disown their race in time of distress."

The term 'German faithfulness' is hereby forever dishonored. Nothing any longer binds up to these German-Americans. We only cherish one wish—that as speedily as possible they erase the word 'German' from the name of their organizations, its use being as insulting to the German people as to themselves."

As the Bangor News points out, this will interest all Americans of German ancestry as an example of what a considerable part of the men who presume to speak for the Fatherland expected of them before and think of them now. It is not calculated to make any of the adopted Teutons regret their choice of allegiance. Few indeed are the German-Americans who do not regard it as an insult to suggest that they might have acted otherwise than as loyal Americans, ready to perform any duty that their chosen country assigns them.

PREMIER BREWSTER'S PLAN.

When a supreme court judge found that Hon. M. A. Macdonald, attorney general of British Columbia, had been involved in some improper transactions as regards campaign funds prior to taking office, the minister's resignation was at once demanded by the Liberal premier of that province, Hon. Mr. Brewster. When a supreme court judge found that Hon. Robert Rogers, when a minister of the Crown in Manitoba, had been guilty of corruption in the administration of public business and, more than this, found Mr. Rogers' sworn testimony unworthy of credence, Sir Robert Borden continued Mr. Rogers as a member of the Ottawa government and even took him to England as one of the representatives of Canada at the recent imperial conference. The Tory press upholds Mr. Rogers and Sir Robert Borden.

When it was shown that Hon. Mr. Macdonald had been mixed up in a shady transaction with a railway contractor, Premier Brewster lost no time in demanding his resignation. Premier Borden would have stood better in public estimation today if he had demanded the resignation of the Hon. Robert Rogers, when Justice Galt's report was made public.

An enquiry answered in the Legislature on Monday disclosed the fact that the business-like Murray government, after its defeat at the polls, put through an order-in-council relieving Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P. P., of the liability incurred by the purchase of a Kentucky spindle-legger from the province in 1909. Mr. Pinder and some associates bought a horse for \$1,100 and gave in payment a check for \$300, afterwards dishonored, and a note for \$800, which was never paid. Mr. Pinder represented to the then government that he had been gold-bricked, whereupon Premier Murray graciously signed an order-in-council cancelling the debt. As far as can be learned, the horse bought by Mr. Pinder was quite as good as others of the importation which were palmed off on other people, and it is hard to understand why all the victims were not treated alike.

Some members of the opposition tried hard to create a mountain out of a mole hill with respect to the bill to provide for the appointment of ex-officio members of the House committee on the Legislative Library. The present committee is composed of members of the Legislature who are in Fredericton five weeks out of the year. Under this system there is du-

plication of books at the Legislative Library and libraries of the University and Normal School. It is with the object of avoiding this that the Act is being changed. In other words the government is simply calling in the services of experts in the interests of economy and greater efficiency.

St. John's Telegraph: Seeing how well the Foster government is getting along, Standard readers must recall with irritation the various ridiculous predictions made by that journal after the elections. The Standard's comments on proceedings in the Legislature, and its "special" reports from Fredericton, show a definite tendency to keep up the same childish taunts pursued during the campaign ending in the downfall of the Murray-Baxter ministry.

In the Legislature yesterday Hon. Dr. Roberts introduced a bill to amend the Elections Act. On being asked for an explanation, he made one which was brief and to the point, but apparently it satisfied everybody within sound of his voice. He simply stated that the object of his bill was to extend the franchise to the women of the province.

Brantford Expositor: There are some people in Canada who do not like conscription, but there are not nearly so many, nor are their voices so strident as they once were. The reason for the change of attitude is that it has become plain that "there is no other way" of getting a sufficient number of men to make good the wastage at the front, and to enable Canada to do her fair share to the very finish. There is also no other way of making the best of the country's resources in men, and of sending overseas those who are most fit and can best be spared. The only thing wrong about selective conscription is that it was not resorted to at the very beginning of the war, but at that time public opinion was not ready to endorse it.

Through Our Sieve

Watchword for 1917: Plant a potato! Bury a bean!

Wheat has about decided to snuggle up and be sociable.

Did you ever know anybody too old to grouch about weather like this?

War is terrible—it turns many a pale, gentle girl into a red, cross nurse.

Among the horrors of war: The Russians have given up Mush and the Kurds are in a bad whey.

It is all the same to the weather man we wish he would quit strafing the crops.

The bachelors in the Legislature number four, and three sit on the left of the Speaker.

On account of the war the cow cannot give so much cream, but where does she get the pale blue dye she uses in the milk?

Six varieties of socialists are represented in Russia's council of state. That seems unfair to all the other varieties.

By reducing waist as well as waste, the war will do much to improve the appearance and efficiency of the human race.

When the marriage bill was before the Legislature, strange to say, those who had the most criticism to offer were members who enjoy single blessedness.

THE LITTLE FORD RAN RIGHT ALONG

Smashed Hydrant in Woodstock Road and Fence and Incidentally the front of the Car.

An automobile accident occurred last night near Old Government House. A local man driving a Ford with a passenger in the back seat ran into a fire hydrant and broke it. As a consequence the water had to be shut off at the Victoria Hospital, Government House and the dwellings in that vicinity. By midnight the hydrant was again all right. Keeping on, the little Ford ran into a fence and broke it and the driver jumped out and cranked it up and it was on its way again. When the driver got to Ryan's Brickyard he found out that there was something the matter with the car. He found the front axle, radiator and the glasses in the lights broken. The peculiar thing about it is that the driver did not know that he had run into a hydrant and must have been in a stupor.

Mr. James Barnes, ex-M. P. P., of Buctouche, is in the city, a guest at the Queen.

FINE SEAT SALE FOR TWIN BEDS

It is pleasing to record the heavy demand for seats for the "Twin Beds" performance at the Opera House on Friday and Saturday evenings, which practically ensures two full houses when the brilliant London and New York success comes to town.

New York paid tribute to "Twin Beds" in an uninterrupted run of fifty-two weeks. Australia enjoyed it for a period of six months, and now London is revelling in it, the play having already reached its second year there. "Twin Beds" tells the story of three couples who live in a fashionable apartment house, with apartments directly above each other, who begin by being merely neighborly, end by loathing the neighborliness they cannot escape, and finally move to another part of town, only to discover that their troubles are trailing them with their ironclad dogged persistence. The C. G. R. has arranged to hold the ten o'clock p.m. Matinee on Saturday on the train on Saturday night, the urban of the performance. This will be good news to the many Morysville theatre lovers who have expressed a desire to witness the "Twin Beds" performance.

SCHOOL BOOK DEPARTMENT

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a recommendation for appointment. Mr. Leger said that meant that the applicants were political friends of the late government. If the latter were slow in paying, did the Department press them?

Mr. Thomas replied that all who could pay were made to pay, irrespective of politics.

Complaint from Westmorland. Mr. Leger said that he knew that where an applicant for vendership was a Liberal he could only get books by paying cash.

Mr. Pinder characterized that statement as absurd. He himself had recommended for venderships three or four men in his own neighborhood, who were strong political opponents of his.

Mr. Leger asked if the department was aware that some of the vendors charged more than the fixed prices for the books.

Mr. Thomas admitted that he had heard so, but he had no means of getting definite information.

Mr. Leger complained that in one case in his own district the only vendor was a liquor vendor, and when other storekeepers applied to be vendors to avoid children having to go to the rum shop for their books, these men were refused unless they paid cash.

Mr. Thomas said that vendor had been cut off three years ago, and he was now being pressed for the balance of his account, some \$150.

Cut Out Politics. Mr. Leger said that it appeared to him that only political friends of the late government could get school books on credit, and he wanted to see that politics was cut out of the business for the future.

Mr. Pinder—"Oh, that's all fish; now you are in you will be as bad as anybody ever was."

A somewhat wrangling discussion then ensued between the two gentlemen, Mr. Pinder remarking that the only man who had brought politics into the discussion was Mr. Leger himself.

Mr. King thought the scale of prices for school books might be revised, and the sale of them put on a cash basis, and the vendership thrown open to the whole province.

Mr. Magee thought the only difficulty in that case would be when any book became obsolete many would be left valueless on the vendors' hands.

Mr. Thomas said in such circumstances the government always made good.

Mr. Leger said in any case books should be sold at such a price as a price as to keep the Department out of debt.

Mr. Dysart said that in outlying districts it would be difficult to get vendors to pay cash in advance, and children would consequently be without books.

Cash System Suggested. Mr. Magee said that as long as the province was losing \$1,800 a year in expenses and interest on outlay and he thought it was up to that committee to find some way of avoiding this. A system with a cash basis might be recommended.

Mr. Pinder said that the committee was going entirely out of the province in attempting to make recommendations.

Chairman Magee said that it was decidedly the duty of the Public Accounts Committee to obtain information and make recommendations if they were considered necessary.

The committee then adjourned until Thursday morning.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	96
C. P. R.....	163
Crucible steel.....	77
Erie.....	25
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	82
Union Pac.....	138 3/4
U. S. Steel.....	131
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	50
Marine Com.....	29
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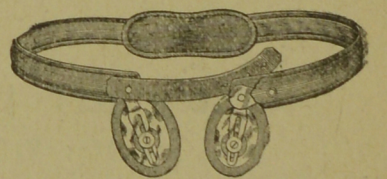
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