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AN INDEPENDENT VIEW.

The Montreal Journal of Commerce, an independent paper, in discussing the C. N. R. deal, has this to say:

The Canadian Northern Railway bill is the most important measure of the Parliamentary session. Some other questions have caused more debate, but there is not one of more far-reaching influence than the measure to acquire the great system of railways, telegraphs, hotels and other enterprises covering seven of the nine provinces of the Dominion, and to arbitrate Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann's claim for \$60,000,000. It is much to be regretted that the Government deferred the introduction of the measure until a late stage of a long session, and then rushed it through the House of Commons by means of the "closure"—a rule only employed once before in the history of Canada. A measure of such magnitude, brought forward at an early stage of the session, and left to take its course through Parliament in the ordinary way, would have had a better chance to win general approval."

THE GERMAN PURPOSE.

Whatever pretence may be brazenly kept up by the official voice of the German Empire, the world knows now why it precipitated this war and what it intended that its end should be. It had been boldly preparing for it at least for a quarter of a century, and its chief spokesmen made no secret of that fact, however incredulous those who listened might be. The Empire armed itself to the teeth, cased itself in protective armor, and trained its forces to the height of effectiveness and brutality for a purpose. Its determination was not only to dominate Central Europe, carry its sway eastward over Turkey and the Black Sea into Asia and Africa, and over the seas, but to make a display of armed power that would make other nations subservient if not submissive.

What becomes of the present Kaiser and Imperial brood of ministers is a minor consideration, but their power and influence must be destroyed. If it is accomplished with the aid of those who have been its deluded or unconscious victims, so much the better for them and for the cause, as well as for those who have the task on their hands of compelling it.

President Wilson, in his reply to the Pope's peace note, hit the nail squarely on the head when he said: "We cannot take the word of the present rulers of Germany as a guarantee of anything that is to endure, unless explicitly supported by such conclusive evidence of the will and purpose of the German people themselves as the other people of the world would be justified in accepting—without such guarantees, treaties of settlement, agreements for disarmaments, covenants to set up arbitration in the place of force, territorial adjustments, reconstruction of small nations, if made with the German government, no man, no nation could now depend on. We must await some new evidence of the purposes of the great peoples of the Central Powers. God grant it may be given soon and in a way to restore the confidence of all peoples everywhere in the faith of nations and the possibility of a covenanted peace."

The long talked of franchise bill was brought down in Parliament yesterday by Hon. Arthur Meighen, secretary of state. It is a very drastic measure and seems to have been designed with a view of helping the Tory party win the coming election. The franchise is to be given to the wives, sisters, widows and daughters of the men who went overseas, but it is to be refused to those of alien enemy birth who have been naturalized within the past fifteen years. The objectionable features of the measure will be strenuously opposed by the Liberals, and if

they get through Parliament it will only be by means of "closure." The Tories at Ottawa appear to be doing all in their power to make responsible government a farce.

Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, of this city, has been recommended by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as one of the board of selection to be appointed by joint resolution of the Commons and Senate to select members of the local appeal tribunals under the Military Service Bill. Mr. McCaffrey has for some time been chief recruiting officer for York, and has rendered valuable service in connection with the war. He is a fair-minded man, of great energy and capacity for work, and his appointment is a guarantee that so far as New Brunswick is concerned, the act will be administered in a fair and impartial manner.

Battleships literally eat paint. The initial color requirements for a new battleship cost about \$25,000, which is the price of about 100 tons of the kind of paint the navy uses. In addition to this, according to the Popular Science Monthly, it is customary to repaint the different parts of a ship two or three times a year, so the annual upkeep probably exceeds this sum. This brings the annual outlay in paint for the entire fleet to a million dollars. The most important coating a vessel receives is the paint applied to the submerged parts of the hull to protect it from corrosion or barnacles.

Pictou Advocate: As the result of the manufacture of shells coming to an end, it is estimated that there will be at least 100,000 men in Canada who will have to seek new employment in the course of the next six months. Already several hundred men have been laid off shell work in New Glasgow alone, and more will follow soon. The men have been making very high pay, from \$4 a day up in many cases, and it would be supposed that they would be well able to stand a lay-off, but such is said not to be the case, for there has been a great deal of extravagance and the shell worker who has a bank account commensurate with his earnings during the past two years is the exception.

New York World: Anyone who supposes the German military authorities would keep silence about it if they really had Kitchener as a prisoner, gives them undue credit for reticence and modesty.

New York Sun: If the tons upon tons of iron crosses awarded in Germany had only been dropped from airplanes, the destruction of London might have been completed.

Through Our Sieve

This has been a hard year on Palm Beach suits.

Already a bathing suit looks as immodest as it does chilly.

Some people are spoiled by success; others are spoiled without it.

A true hero is the man who brings a friend home to dinner on washday.

The most foolish thing about a man trying to deceive his wife is that he thinks he is succeeding.

Somehow the people who do just as they please seem to get along about as well as those who are always trying to please others.

Italy went up the mountains in a cloud and came down on the Austrians in an avalanche.

Since women have taken up overalls those humble garments will soon lose their class as hard workers and go frolicking around as butterflies of fashion.

Even in its unlucky days the king business must be pretty good if Constantine can afford to buy a Swiss villa and support 80 hangers on in idleness and intrigue.

In the Casualty List. The recent casualty lists contained the names of Harry Parsons of Chipman and H. M. Proule of Millville as wounded.

Halifax Chronicle Mr. L. C. Macnutt, collector of customs of Fredericton, and Mrs. Macnutt are visiting the city, and are the guests of Mrs. Nutt is on his vacation. Mrs. M. E. Ellis of Providence, R. I. and Mrs. O. R. Couch of Cleveland, O., are visiting their father, Mr. Elias White of Marysville.

ITALIANS ARE PRESSING THE AUSTRIANS

Rome, Sept. 7. — Italian pressure against the Austrians in the region northeast of Gorizia is becoming grave, the war office announced today. The enemy has suffered extremely heavy losses for several days in his desperate resistance. The text of the announcement says: "Northeast of Gorizia the enemy, having suffered heavy losses for several days, is making desperate resistance against our pressure, which is continuing decisively."

Prof. W. F. Ganong of Rothesay, arrived in the city last night.



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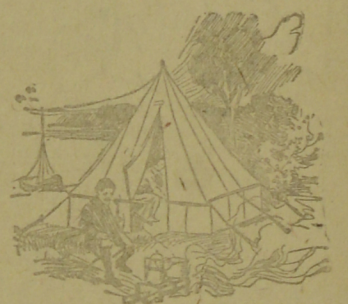
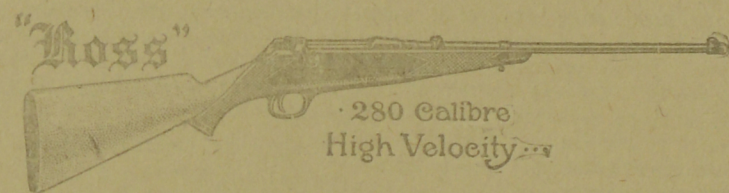
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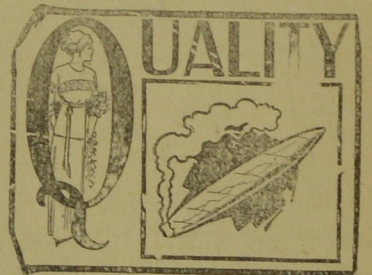
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