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## POLITICAL SMOKE BOMBS.

Under the above caption the Ottawa Citizen, Independent Conservative, makes the following interesting comment:

"Now that an extension of the life of Parliament is not in sight, the party press is turning on the loyalty faucet even at this early date, in the hope of stampeding the country as it was stampeded in 1911, when the real issues were successfully concealed by the smoke bombs of the Interests. The last few years have demonstrated to the people of the Dominion that the decision of 1911 was, to say the least, a blunder. It is to be hoped that the lesson has not been lost and that in the almost certain event of an early election the real issues will be kept in mind. It can, of course, be anticipated that the administration organs will endeavor to impress upon the voters that the question is one of continuing the war, or of bowing to the disloyal portions of the Dominion, alleged to be represented by those who have opposed conscription without a referendum. Already we have evidences of this in the utterances of the local government organ. The utmost endeavors of the party press will be devoted to distracting the attention of the people from the appalling record of mismanagement and worse which has characterized the government's conduct of the war and in arousing racial animosities and prejudices in order to make an effective appeal to misguided patriotism. It is this determination which constitutes the real national danger in this country at this time, but a danger which the administration and its organs are evidently resolved to risk for the purpose of retaining power. Behind the khaki of the men in the trenches the Administration of "Hon." Robert Rogers and his colleagues is attempting to evade the consequences of the long series of scandals and obstinacies which mark the inglorious career of the administration which assumed power under false pretences in 1911 and has since maintained itself in office by the skilful manipulations of such political sleight-of-hand workers as the Minister of Public Works."

## AN INDISCREET UTTERANCE.

English papers are taking sharp exception to a recent speech made by Lord Northcliffe in Washington, in which he makes an ill-judged and very indiscreet reference to the war experience of the United Kingdom. The particular matter to which objection is taken is as follows:

"England was kept in the dark for nearly three years. People were blinded by the fatuous optimism of soldiers and politicians, who, while efficient in peace, were incompetent in war. People were not permitted to know the truth, and when the truth finally emerged out of costly blunders and sacrifices, they were loth to accept it."

If, says the London Chronicle, the speaker were still a private individual, no one would quarrel with him for his hashing up the party view and the personal attacks, which his journals have made familiar. But surely the head of a British mission, representing, though for unspecified purposes, the nation as a whole, has no business to talk in such a strain. The impropriety of it is elementary.

The names of Col. H. F. McLeod, M. P., Hon. A. R. Slipp, and Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P., appear in the published list of those who attended a family gathering of the Conservative party at St. John yesterday. It is quite evident that Col. McLeod has no intention of permitting himself to be "frozen out" in York.

St. John Times: The Conservative campaign is shaping up. The plan appears to be to set the rest of the provinces against Quebec, making it appear that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the tool of a disloyal element which does not want Canada to take any further part in the war. The trick will not work, and the fact that Sir Clifford Sifton has suddenly emerged from the underbrush to denounce the Liberal leader is just one more reason why it will not work.

Judging by the very meagre report of the proceedings of the Tory family gathering published in the Standard today, the affair could not have been a howling success. According to the Standard's report, Hon. Mr. Hazen was "the principal speaker," and was "in splendid form" and was given "an enthusiastic reception." The censorship being strict, the Standard was not permitted to go at any length into details. Colonel McLeod, M. P., also spoke, but the Standard did not deem it worth while to enlighten an anxious public as to the nature of his remarks.

Philadelphia Ledger: Is Northcliffe to be the man to whom Tolstoi's prophecy of the war pointed? Tolstoi said, after declaring that he saw in prospect "all Europe in flames and bleeding" in 1914; "but after 1915 a great Napoleonic leader enters the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little militaristic training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain until 1925." At any rate, Lord Northcliffe—already acclimated—is thrice welcome in America as a great, restless, personal force, backed by indomitable courage and a persistence which means an irresistible stimulus to the cause in which England and America have joined hands.

Mr. A. G. Gardiner, in the London Daily News, says that Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address is the "sublimest utterance in all the records of human speech." Speaking of the probable length of the war, he recalls how Lincoln, while praying fervently for a speedy ending to the Civil War, made no prophecy. He could not see the end. "Yet by the next month the war was over." "We may stumble suddenly upon the end too. But that hope must not engage us."

The conscription bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons yesterday by a majority of 55. The Liberal members who voted for the bill numbered 22. The measure will now be sent to the Senate, where its passage seems certain.

Premier Kerensky! History has not shown a more meteoric rise than this. And Kerensky has thus far "delivered the goods." The great occasion appears to have produced the great man. Keep your eye on him.

## Through Our Sieve

Strawberries 6c. again! Break the news to mother!

Some men are engaged once too seldom, and some once too often.

Women are naturally credulous when their portraits flatter them.

Spain has a way of conducting its revolutions on the soft pedal.

The new German Chancellor used few gestures. Perhaps he had his hand on his watch.

Whenever a girl begins to lecture a young man on financial economy he can safely ask her to name the happy day.

Three things brought Germany to make war—lose it: Mad ambition, fatal stupidity and inhuman ferocity.

"Psychosis" is the vague and polite name the doctors give to the "disease" of young men who are horrified at the idea of going to war. Plain people call it by a less imposing name.

Vigorously the war gardener was pling his hoe; the day was sultry, the gardener likewise. Then a cool sweet lady on a balcony (it is really a back porch) called out: "Hoe everyone that thirsteth!" whereupon he came unto the waters (it was really lemonade or something) and drank freely.

## Tomorrow's Outing.

Members of the City Council and Board of Trade will tomorrow journey to Minto as the guests of the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway Co. They will leave the C. P. R. station by the regular train at 9.20 o'clock and return in the afternoon. It is expected that about fifty persons will make the trip.

"Break" at Old Government House. At Old Government House a "break" occurred during the week end, the place being entered some time between Saturday night and Monday morning and a quantity of military supplies, including blankets, etc., were stolen. It is understood that an investigation into the affair will be requested by the local military officials, who at the time of the "break" notified the civil police.

Mr. W. A. Robertson of Montreal, is in the city.  
Mr. N. R. Cooper of Toronto, is at the Barker House.

PROHIBITION  
POINTERS

No person may sell or keep for sale any liquor without first obtaining a wholesale or retail license under the Prohibition Act, and the sale of liquors in the Province is prohibited except for medicinal, scientific, sacramental and mechanical purposes. Penalty for violation, fine of from \$50 to \$200. In default of payment, imprisonment of from three to six months with or without hard labor.

No person, except he be licensed as above, shall have or keep or give or attempt to give liquor to any person other than in the private dwelling in which he resides, and then only as authorized by this Act. Penalty, same as above.

Any person who has been convicted three times for violating the Prohibition Act, and who shall thereafter directly or indirectly violate the Act, shall be considered a "persistent violator" of the Act, and for every subsequent offense shall be imprisoned with hard labor, for one year. This section should attract the attention of the lawbreakers.

Attention will be called to other provisions of the Act in Saturday's issue.

Be ready on August 16th to vote to repeal the Scott Act to bring the Prohibition Act into operation here. Those who have been violating the Scott Act are in terror of the Prohibition Act and will no doubt do all they can to keep the Scott Act in force, as it is much easier to sell liquor under it than it will be under the Prohibition Act.

Dominion Temperance Alliance.

HATFIELD-REID  
WEDDING JULY 18

In the Congregational church, Kew, Wick Ridge, on Wednesday, July 18th, took place a very pretty wedding when Miss Laura A. Reid, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reid, became the wife of Mr. Harry Hatfield of Fredericton, traveling salesman for Randolph & Sons, Fredericton.

The church was beautifully decorated with asparagus, lilies and potted plants. The arch under which the bride and groom stood was made of green foliage and pink roses.

The bride was charmingly dressed in white tulle and orange blossoms and a bridal veil.

The little flower girl, Miss Evelyn Gordon, was a niece of the bride.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. E. Thompson. Miss Edith Thompson was the organist.

After the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. Some beautiful and useful presents testified to the popularity of the bride. The groom's present to the bride was a mahogany bedroom set. His gift to the organist was a pearl necklace, to the little flower girl a pearl ring and to the usher, Mr. Robert Hagerman, a stick pin.

Randolph & Sons gave the groom a check for \$100 and the office force gave the bride a chest of silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield have gone to Boston for a week. When they return they will reside in Fredericton.

Mrs. Hatfield is a graduate nurse of the Victoria Hospital in Fredericton.

## STOCK MARKET

## NEW YORK

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Beet Sugar.....     | 120    |
| C. P. R.....        | 162    |
| Crucible steel..... | 79     |
| Erie.....           | 24     |
| Erie 1st pfd.....   | 39 1-2 |
| Marine Pfd.....     | 88     |
| Union Pac.....      | 135    |
| U. S. Steel.....    | 120    |
| Air Brake.....      | 179    |
| Kenn.....           | 42     |
| Marine Com.....     | 29     |
| Reading.....        | 94     |
| Rubber.....         | 58 1/2 |
| Studebaker.....     | 54     |
| Bethlehem.....      | 141    |
| Wool.....           | 47 1/2 |

## MONTREAL

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Civic.....       | 76     |
| Detroit.....     | 110    |
| Quebec.....      | 10     |
| Toronto.....     | 75 1/2 |
| Braz.....        | 39 1/2 |
| Cement.....      | 91     |
| Iron.....        | 61     |
| Steel Co.....    | 55     |
| Spanish.....     | 14 1/2 |
| Shaw.....        | 122    |
| Can Cottons..... | 1-2    |
| Laur. Pulp.....  | 185    |
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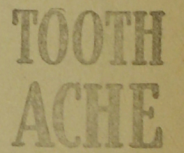
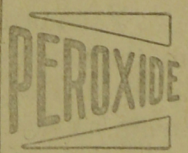
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