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AN INDEPENDENT VIEW.

The Montreal Financial Times is not a political journal, but all the same it has not a very high opinion of the Borden win-the-election franchise bill forced through parliament last week by means of the gag. Discussing the measure in a recent issue, it said:

"We who know Canada better than the Germans are of, course perfectly well aware that the object of the war-time elections act is not to prevent the return of a peace government, but merely that of a Liberal government, which is an entirely different thing. We are equally aware that the existing government is very cleverly playing upon the sentiment of the people in order to justify a piece of nationwide gerrymandering which if it could be viewed in cold blood would shock every citizen of the Dominion."

Remarking that even if we "shrug our shoulders and say to ourselves that while this is a pretty bad case it is one at any rate which cannot be repeated after the war, and that no great harm can be done by continuing the Conservative party in power for the remainder of the war, even if a complete poll of all Canadians on an equal suffrage would show that it no longer had the confidence of the country," the Financial Times proceeds with the following keen dissection and condemnation of the new law, which deserves only the severest condemnation of the Canadian people:

"But this act, view it how you will, deals a blow at the sanctity of the Canadian suffrage, which it will be slow to recover from. We invited the Doukhobors and Mennonites to come to Canada, knowing their views on military service and being at the time not at all out of sympathy with them; and we undertook to make them full members of this commonwealth. And now, for the purposes of the most momentous election in the history of the Dominion, we revoke their citizenship, cancel their rights, kick them into the political gutter. And mind this, it is we who have changed our views, not they. Nor is this all, or the worst. We are giving to every man who has joined the forces the right to vote down, with the assistance of his womenfolk, the families of two, three, four or more men who for whatever reason have not served under the colors in the present war, and whose womenfolk are therefore not admitted to the suffrage. The only reasons that can be invoked for this course are pure sentimentality—the praiseworthy desire to give rewards to those who have sacrificed a desire which should be fulfilled whenever reasonably possible, but not at the cost of all the essential principles of justice and citizenship.

"We are far from being convinced that this gerrymander will work to the absolute of the Conservative party. We are not sure that the vote of a soldier's wife is more certain to be a Conservative vote than that of the wife of somebody else; and we are very far from sure that the vote of a soldier's wife is more certain to be a wise and discriminating vote than that of the wife of anybody else, especially if that somebody be one whose absence from the colors is due to age, physical disability, or an extreme burden of family responsibilities conscientiously carried out. But the whole principle of picking and choosing among the electors of a country to find who shall be permitted to name the country's rulers is hopelessly wrong. It is a tampering with the fundamentals of democracy, and we had always hoped that Canada was destined to be an ideal example of that democracy for the advancement of which the present war is theoretically being carried on."

OUT OF THE FIGHT.

Major J. G. Kerr, of Chatham, Ont., nominated at a mixed convention a short time ago as the "win-the-war" candidate for West Kent, Ont., to oppose Mr. Archie McCoig, Liberal M. P., has already thrown up the sponge. In a letter to the chairman of the Win-the-War Convention, he says:

"Press reports and private information agree that neither the Liberal party nor any influential section thereof will join Sir Robert Borden, and

while Sir Robert may yet succeed in getting some nominal Liberals to come into his cabinet, they will not be there as representatives of Liberalism and the Liberal party, but solely as nominees of Sir Robert Borden. I have considered the situation carefully, consulting both my Liberal and my Conservative supporters. It is plain that the whole Liberal party and organization is behind Mr. McCoig for a straight party fight, and no alternative is left for me, should I stay in the field, than to make use of the Conservative organization. That I never had, nor have now, any intention of doing."

Since Mr. Kerr was placed in the field, the Liberals of West Kent met in convention and renominated Mr. McCoig. The convention was large and enthusiastic and evidently impressed Mr. Kerr, who has decided that the Tories shall not make a cat's-paw of him.

Great Britain and Canada went to war with Oom Paul Kruger because he denied the franchise to British subjects in the Transvaal. Today, says the Regina Leader, "Oom Borden takes the franchise away from British subjects in Canada; and in doing so he violates a national pledge and drags the national honor in the mire. Of the two offences, Borden's and Kruger's, Borden's is the worse."

At the suggestion of Mr. Weichel, M. P., Sir Robert Borden has consented to lift the ban of disfranchisement from some of Mr. Weichel's constituents of German descent in Waterloo. As the Toronto Star remarks, Sir Robert is deaf to appeals to justice, but lends a willing ear to a supporter who is trying to save his own political hide.

The announcement is made that six new Senators from the West will be appointed immediately after the session closes. It is dollars to doughnuts that the majority of them will be Tory politicians of the safety-first stripe.

Premier Kerensky, the strong man of Russia, although a pretty busy man, has found time to take unto himself a wife. A Stockholm despatch says that he was married at the Winter Palace a few days ago to Miss Pemitt, who is described as "a prominent and clever young actress."

Through Our Sieve

About all that the Crown Prince seems able to take is a back seat.

The Russians have crossed the Aa; their objective is probably Zz.

Love is a dizzying spin by starlight, alimony the fine for speeding.

Well, the ex-Czar helped to put the sigh in Siberia, so he can't kick much at conditions there, anyway.

Kerensky, Kornilov and Klembovsky. When K meets K what a lovely time is had by all.

Blushing is a weakness in a debutante, an accomplishment in a widow and an asset in any woman.

If the Kaiser could have his way he would drop the war on the western front and devote his undivided attention to mauling Russia.

A woman's conscience hurts her when she tells a lie; a man's hurts him when he had an opportunity to tell a good one and didn't.

Singing a war ballad is no more a sign that a man is feeling patriotic than singing a love song is a sign that he is in love; in either case he may be inspired merely by a desire to listen to his own voice.

NO COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Boston, Sept. 19.—The New England Amateur Rowing Association decided to omit this year the customary regatta on the Charles River on Columbus Day, Oct. 12. Many of the clubs connected with the organization had found it impossible to complete entry lists for the event.

Visiting Tourists.

Among the auto parties to arrive in the city last evening are M. J. O'Sullivan and Edward Gorman, Hentzdale, Pa. They registered at the Queen Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perry arrived here last evening from Houlton and are registered at the Barker House.

Wounded in France.

Mrs. A. L. Treadwell of Woodstock Road, received a card from some where in France yesterday stating that her brother, Norman Ryder, has been wounded and is in a French hospital. Mr. Ryder went away with the 104th Battalion.

WOULD PUT POTATOES ON THE FREE LIST

Food Controller Doing Nothing to Reduce the Cost of Living.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Sept. 19. — A dull day in the house introduced a variety of topics. Along discussion on pelagic setting was followed by a plea from Maritime Province members that the potatoes should be placed on the free list. Both questions arose on a motion to go into supply and the led finally to a charge by L. A. Lapointe of Montreal, that the food controller was doing nothing to bring down the cost of living. Mr. Lapointe pointed out that there was a good deal of arguing in the house, but there was no solution of the problem how cost of living might be reduced.

Shortly before midnight Hon. J. D. Reid moved the house into committee to consider the bill concerning the payment of salaries of employees of railway companies. He explained that he proposed to move a number of amendments to this bill, covering certain clauses of the general railway act so that, in the event of the bill not being adopted by the senate, this measure could be passed by both houses. Dr. Reid then submitted clauses from the railway act relating to the compensation of workmen, the safety of railway employees, etc. These were accepted.

The Railway Act.

Mr. E. M. Macdonald asked the minister if he really thought the railway act would be passed by the senate.

Dr. Reid replied that he did not know, but he hoped that it would.

Hon. Mr. Graham said that the senate was divided. One side wanted to pass the bill and the other did not. It was hoped by those opposing the bill to get rid of a vexatious clause affecting the Toronto power situation.

Mr. J. E. Armstrong, chairman of the commons railway committee, assured the house that the government was very anxious to have the general railway act pass the senate. He believed that the upper house would adopt the measure.

Mr. Macdonald said the situation in the senate was a peculiar one. All the government had to do, if it really desired to pass this bill, was to crack the party whip, as had been done in the case of the C.N.R. and franchise bills. Apparently the government was not anxious to do this. The bill was then reported and stands for third reading.

PROROGATION EXPECTED ON THURSDAY

(Montreal Star.)

Ottawa, Sept. 17. — Parliament will conclude this week its prolonged and historic session.

Prorogation is expected by Thursday, and dissolution soon after. If the formal process of dissolving is not invoked, it will be effective automatically on the 7th of October when, by the effluxion of time, the term runs out. Polling will likely take place in December, at the earliest; the third and the tenth are spoken of, but much will depend upon the time necessary to get ready the voters' lists under the war time election act, and the arrangements for the soldiers' votes.

There is a desire not to interfere greatly with the Christmas trade or festivities, but it is very possible that conditions may arise which would defer the voting until January.

When the session concludes, Sir Robert Borden will go south for a rest before entering upon a strenuous election campaign. Very probably any readjustment of his cabinet will be deferred until he returns, rather than being arranged before he goes.

The session has been so long and trying that everybody connected with it feels the adverse effects and little inclined to enter immediately upon an election campaign which of necessity will be inordinately long.

The Liberals had a family gathering this morning and arranged for a sort of field day before prorogation to review the session and further put themselves on record on divers and sundry national problems.

THE BIGGEST ENTERTAINMENT.

Continuous Performance to Last for Duration of the War.

Washington, Sept. 19.—The biggest recreational programme ever staged in America, a continuous performance to last for the duration of a war, with an annual supporting fund of at least \$14,000,000, started today at the sixteenth National Army cantonments. The country's best theatrical talent has been mobilized under the direction of Mark Klav, to give free entertainments for the soldiers.

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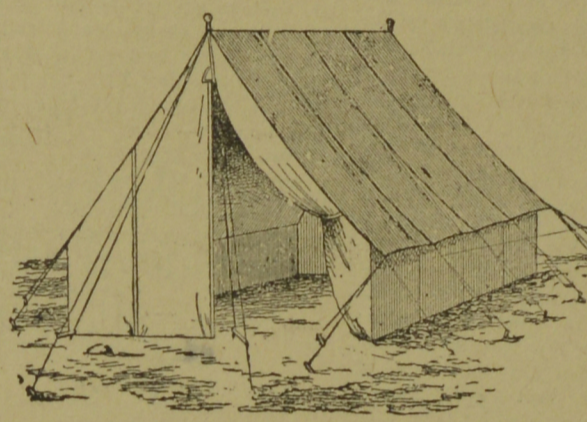
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AUTO ACCIDENT

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but Mr. Ebbett stayed with it and was pinned beneath the wreck.

Mr. Ebbett's Injuries.

Mr. Turner paused long enough to pick up a horse shoe, a symbol of good luck, which he found beneath his head and then went to the assistance of his companion. He had little trouble in extricating Mr. Ebbett from the wreck, and then lost no time in tapping the wires and phoning a message to the Vaughan & Kitchen garage for assistance. He then set about and made some repairs to the Maine car and it was able to return to the city under its own power. A car from the garage brought in Mr. Ebbett and the ladies, Mr. Turner making the trip with Mr. Perry. The Ford car was left in the position where it lodged after going over the embankment. This machine was badly damaged but not beyond repair.

While the accident was apparently unavoidable it must be borne in mind that the rule of the road across the border is to keep to the right, and it is thought that the Maine driver did not realize that a different rule is in vogue here until too late to avoid a collision.

Mr. Ebbett's injuries while painful, are not dangerous, although it is likely that he will be confined to his home for several days.

Mrs. Perry and Miss Miller who were in the Maine car are sisters of Mr. J. C. Miller of this city.

O. T. C. Course.

The male students of the University of New Brunswick started the officers training course this afternoon at four o'clock. Professor Adam Cameron, who took the instructor course the past summer at Aldershot is the instructor. The course is compulsory and will be given four hours a week, two hours each day.

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HAPPENINGS IN MARYSVILLE

The Members of Marysville Lodge, K. of P., to Hold a Decoration Service on Sunday Next.

Marysville, Sept. 19. — A very enjoyable house party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cain last evening. A large number were present and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. Games and amusements were indulged in until a late hour and refreshments were served. The Marysville Brass Band, of which Mr. Cain is a valued member, was present and gave several selections.

Miss Ida Smith of Milltown, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Titus.

The members of Marysville lodge, Knights of Pythias, will hold a decoration service on Sunday next for their deceased brethren at the Methodist and Main Street Baptist cemeteries. Rev. W. Harrison will conduct a special service at the Methodist church at two o'clock. The members of Fredericton lodge also will attend. The Marysville Brass Band will furnish music.

A new sewer is being installed in the vicinity of Reid Bros. property in Ward 1 under the direction of the road committee of the Town Council. This sewer has been a necessity for a



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number of years and the action of the council in having same installed has met with the hearty approval of the citizens generally.

The condition of Mrs. W. T. Day who has been confined to her home by illness for the past few weeks shows signs of considerable improvement.

The roads and streets committee of the Town Council held a meeting at the police station Monday evening, when plans were formulated for improving the highway in several sections of the town.