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## LATE GOVERNOR GANONG.

The sad news which came over the wires this morning that Hon. Gilbert W. Ganong, the respected Lieutenant Governor of this Province, had passed away at his home at St. Stephen, will be a painful shock to the people of New Brunswick. It was known that His Honor had been seriously ill, but late reports from his bedside were quite encouraging; it was thought that the danger point had been passed, and the public were quite unprepared for the announcement of the fatal termination of his illness.

The late Governor Ganong was one of New Brunswick's foremost citizens, a man of high character and unblemished reputation, and his death will be a great loss to the province. His appointment to the high office of Lieutenant Governor four months ago was hailed with delight by all classes of people, and it was the general impression that he would prove to be one of the most popular and efficient chief magistrates the province had had since Confederation. His long and honorable business career and his long experience in public life well fitted him for the office, and had his life been spared he would undoubtedly have made an enviable record as a chief executive. During his short term of office he more than fulfilled public expectations in the discharge of his important duties, and his death is a distinct loss not only to the town of St. Stephen, but to the province as a whole.

The sympathy of all classes will go out to the widow in the great bereavement which has come upon her.

## THE ITALIAN SITUATION.

Col. Repington, the military expert of the London Times, makes the following interesting comment on the situation on the Italian front:

"The object of the operations in progress is to recover the Austrian territory won by Italy, to induce the Italians, by a turning movement which struck at the headquarters at Natisone Valley, to let go their hold of their positions on the left bank of the middle lower Isonzo, to stampede the impressionable Italians by a rough impetuous attack to which they were unaccustomed, to impress opinion in Italy and to cause dissensions in the interior while favoring the cause of the anti-war and pacifist which have never ceased in their antagonism to the national cause. It is a war against the troops, but more a war against opinion. Our business is, while helping Italy in every way, to react against the exaggerated pessimism and want of nerve.

"The main danger came first from the German Army, which, marching probably through the Prille Pass, overthrew the Fourth Army Corps and other elements of the Second Italian Army, captured in succession Laga, Capofeto and the adjacent hill position and then obtained a grip on the Natisone Valley by coup de main against Monte Mata-jui, the most commanding height on this sector of the frontier. The German Army relied on the prestige it still retains on Italy and its impetuous rush to overcome both the defences and spirit of the Italian defenders in this quarter.

"What happened often happens when a tangled maze of hills is penetrated by an invasion of this kind. Many bodies of troops were cut off and time did not allow the withdrawal of the heavy guns to be carried to giddy heights and placed in position.

"The same thing happened in May, 1916, with the same results, but the Italians then recovered themselves; so we hope they will again.

"To hold the impetuous assault of the enemy we must give heed, but Cadorna will not allow himself to be intimidated. From the latest reports, particularly the capture of Cividade and Gorizia, we can have no doubt that the Second and Third armies are now wreathing upon Tagliamento. We are all deeply sympathetic with Italy that the failure of part of her troops to resist the enemy should force upon Cadorna this grave but necessary decision. Tagliamento has a good line of defence, and this season should be a serious obstacle. If the bulk of the

defenders on the Julian front retire successfully upon the river then Cadorna should be decidedly able to show the bold front that his still superior numbers warrant."

Stratford Herald: No union government can be formed which will please all the Liberals and Conservatives. We may object to the inclusion of certain men of opposite political faith, but a union of the forces in Canada that are heartily in favor of vigorous war action is desirable and necessary, and all loyal men should waive aside any feeling of ill-will towards those members whose inclusion may not please us. Give them a chance to show what they can do, and back Sir Robert Borden's endeavors to secure the fullest measure of co-operation possible from the Liberal party. In the trying times that are before us, it will be no sinecure to be a Minister of the Crown.

The large number of applications for exemption under the Military Service Act indicates quite clearly that the voluntary recruiting had pretty well run its course in Canada. It is scarcely likely that the average man who asks for exemption is overly anxious to go overseas.

Through Our Sieve

Holler-eye used to express it exactly.

This would be a good night to steal the Kaiser's doorstep.

Knit and the world knits with you; darn, and you darn alone.

Where do they get that Indian summer stuff?

About all the poetry some people know is that the melancholy days have come.

Some things are desired not so much because they are desirable as because they are hard to get.

To make up her mind whether she would rather be pretty or clever a woman has to be mighty clever.

Cheap substitutes for leather are becoming so popular that presently they may cost more than leather.

Old Ivorydome says that there ought to be more dictionaries so's a man could find some sort of authority for his spelling.

After a man marries, all his bachelor friends suddenly begin to feel exactly like neutrals.

An "idealist" is a man who is content to worship a woman from afar—and let some gross materialist marry her and support her.

## SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. A. W. Edgcombe went to St. John last evening to be with her sister, Mrs. I. Edgar Golding, who received word yesterday that her son, Lieut. Kenneth E. Golding, was missing.

Mrs. E. H. Robinson left this morning for Portland, Me., where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. W. T. Day of Marysville, accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Christie, to Campbellton yesterday, and will remain some time.

Mrs. Katherine Lynch is spending some time with Mrs. O'Brien at Nelson.

## STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK.

Beet Sugar.....	77
C. P. R.....	123
Crucible steel.....	60
Erie.....	15½
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	97½
Union Pac.....	127
U. S. Steel.....	110½
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	32½
Marine Com.....	27½
Reading.....	70
Rubber.....	55½
Studebaker.....	36
Bethlehem.....	94½
Wool.....	47½

MONTREAL.

Civic.....	68½
Detroit.....	105
Quebec.....	15
Toronto.....	61
Braz.....	32
Cement.....	57½
Iron.....	52
Steel Co.....	49½
Spanish.....	13
Shaw.....	107½
Laur. Pulp.....	152

PREMIER OF B. C.  
MAY ENTER THE  
GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Oct. 30. — While nothing yet has been decided pending further negotiations, it is understood in government circles here that union government may be rounded out so far as British Columbia is concerned and also in regard to the numerical balance of Liberals and Conservatives in the cabinet by the inclusion of Premier Brewster.

The British Columbia premier was a party to the union negotiations at the capital three weeks ago and it was reported then that he had been offered a portfolio as the representative of his province in the government. At the time Mr. Brewster did not see way clear to leaving his post as head of the provincial administration, although he intimated that he would support the new government.

Hon. Martin Burrell, the present representative of British Columbia, is said to be anxious to retire from politics to accept a permanent government appointment. Mr. Brewster was in Ottawa a few days ago conferring with Sir Robert Borden. He left for British Columbia to confer with his friends there in regard to the proposal that he should give his services to the new government here.

As far as can be learned no definite word has since been received from him but the impression here is that as soon as he can complete arrangements in his own province he will announce his acceptance of the prime minister's offer.

SINN FEIN STARTS  
FOOD CONTROL

London, Oct. 31.—The Sinn Fein organization, according to the Morning Post, has started a food control department in Ireland, independent of the government. The newspaper prints the text of a circular which it says is being distributed widely, asking priests to help in making an inventory of food stocks as an initial step toward "retaining in Ireland sufficient food for the entire population, and arranging to have it available for distribution whenever famine is to be dreaded."

The circular ascribes the danger of shortage to the excessive exportation of Irish food products, the consumption by the large garrisons there and the submarine menace, and declares a wish to avert a repetition of the calamity of 1847.

## OPPOSED TO CONSCRIPTION.

Montreal, Oct. 31.—"We should say 'To hell with win-the-war' until we've saved our country," said Ferdinand Villeneuve, one of the anti-conscriptionist speakers at a meeting of the St. James-Lafontaine Club last night. Mr. Villeneuve followed this up by saying that "by saving the country we may win the war." He urged his fellow-French Canadians to appear before the courts of exemption, as otherwise they might lose their votes in the general Federal elections, and if Laurier were returned to power the conscription law would likely be repealed.

Alphonse Bernier, one of the anti-conscriptionists out on bail pending trial, reaffirmed his unalterable opposition to conscription. Bernier and Gaston Pilon were selected as delegates to a meeting in Quebec Saturday night for the organization of a labor party.

\$5,000,000 FIRE  
AT BALTIMORE  
RAILWAY DOCKS

Two Fine Piers Destroyed and a British Steamship That Had Just Docked was Sunk.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 31.—A disastrous fire, which wrecked two of the finest of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway terminal piers at Locust Point, spread to a British steamship which had just docked, and caused it to burn and sink, with the probable loss of four of its crew, broke out here last night and was under control at about 3 o'clock this morning.

Ten stevedores who had been at work on the ship, and were thought to have gone down with it, were all accounted for today.

Vice-President Davis of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, said it was the belief of the railroad officials that the fire was of incendiary origin, as creditable witnesses stated that they saw flames leap from piers 8 and 9 at five points almost simultaneously.

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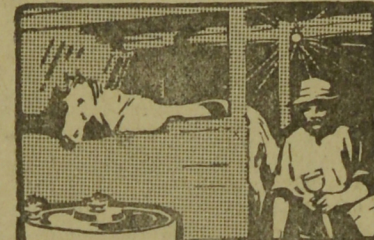
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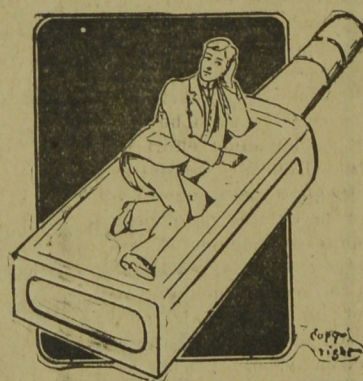
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and of this, said to be a conservative estimate, the piers represented a value of \$1,500,000, the rocks \$3,900,000 and the steamer and cargo \$500,000.

The steamer, which docked yesterday afternoon, had on board eight anti-submarine shells from a British port and these exploded with loud reports when the ship took fire, and it was not long after the ship had been towed to midstream that she sank.

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