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ALIEN ENEMIES.

A correspondent in the Montreal Star takes that paper sharply to task for making use of the term "alien enemies" when referring to the voters who are to be disfranchised by the Borden franchise bill. His letter is as follows:

Sir,—In your editorial in tonight's Star you speak of the Germans who have been naturalized since 1902 as "enemy aliens." Will you please tell us what is your authority or justification for so doing? It is possible for some of them to be enemies, but as soon as they become naturalized they are no longer aliens. The Standard Dictionary defines an "alien" as "one owing allegiance to a foreign country, of foreign birth, and not naturalized, foreign, unnaturalized."

It is quite possible that some who were aliens are now enemies, and would deserve to be disfranchised. They are not disfranchised because they have shown any enmity, but because they have been naturalized less than fifteen years. What is your authority or justification for referring to this class as enemies.

The same dictionary defines "enemy" as "one who is unfriendly, one who cherishes wrath, rancor or malicious purpose toward another, an adversary, any person or force that is arrayed against or enlisted in antagonism with harmful intent, with or without malice."

BOMBING HOSPITALS.

As the Minneapolis Journal points out, in all the world the Germans are the only nation that deliberately bombard hospitals and sink hospital ships. Even the Turks, whose reputation for atrocities has hitherto been unrivalled, refrained from firing on the British hospital ships in the Dardanelles operations.

It has remained for the German aviators, acting under orders from the Great High Command, to seek out the plainly marked hospitals on the western front and to drop bombs on them, their wounded men, their surgeons and their nurses.

In the same way German submarines have repeatedly torpedoed enemy hospital ships carrying the flags and showing the signals that protect such craft among all civilized peoples. The German excuse for the sinking of the ships carrying wounded men was the claim—shown to be utterly false, that they also carried active combatants. But what excuse have these German barbarians for bombing field hospitals?

The Journal wants to know what the pro-Germans at home, the pacifists who want a peace of conciliation with the Huns, think of themselves, when they reflect upon the savage character of the power with which they would have us make a shameful compromise? Do they realize that they are upholding piracy, torture, outrage, pillage, rapine, slavery, and all the pagan cruelties of barbarian warfare, which civilization has long since discarded and forbidden?

And this is the Germany that aspires to rule the world, to make slaves of all other peoples, to impose its kultur and its yoke upon us! The heathen Hun is running amuck. As he lives by the sword, he shall perish by the sword.

An exchange says: "The War Time Election Act, in conjunction with other voting measures which have recently been passed, should convince the most obstinate democrat that there is no need to have an election at this time. What need to have an election when you proceed to write into the law beforehand that the voice of the people shall not be heard through the medium of an election. Better by far have a rump Parliament and know it as such than to raise it to the dignity of an elected body. Is there a chance that the bill introduced in the Commons on Thursday is only a scare, just to show us what we might expect under German rule, or if we hired Nicholas to run an election for the Canadian Duma?"

Halifax Chronicle: The Borden government used the 'gag' to jam through the Canadian Northern steel, and all the other election-winning iniquities.

But the important question of pensions for our wounded soldiers was left unsettled. Sir Robert Borden gladly hands out million upon million to the Big Interests. The men who were broken and spent fighting for their country must wait for simple justice. It is a monstrous scandal.

The centre span of the Quebec bridge was safely installed in position yesterday afternoon. It is the longest cantilever bridge in the world, and its completion is a great engineering triumph for Canadians. The structure spans the St. Lawrence a short distance above Quebec city, and has a total length of 3,230 feet. The centre span is 640 feet long, exceeding that of the famous Firth of Forth bridge, in Scotland, by 90 feet. It weighs 5,000 tons, and is 150 feet above the level of the river.

After a session lasting six months, the Dominion Parliament was prorogued last evening. It was one of the most important sessions since Confederation, and was characterized by a lot of bad legislation. The life of the present Parliament expires on October 6th, and it is expected that an election of a new Parliament will take place early in December.

Through Our Sieve

Quebec has managed to put the ridge in bridge.

After playing bridge for fifty years Quebec has won first prize.

From the despatches we learn that the bridge reached out both arms and clasped the centre span—and now it cant-lever.

New name for a tightwad is "hard-boiled egg," which seems flattering when you consider the price of eggs.

It doesn't take a man long to find out how different married life is from what he thought it was going to be.

The movie world is requested by the food administrators to use property food in its productions. What will Chaplin do for pies to throw around?

We don't like to be criticizing all the time, but we will say that nothing looks more out of place than a double chin in a V neck.

If you accept the theory of a German scientist that wood has food value don't forget that pine knots will need extra boiling to make them tender.

"Mustard shells" are being hurled at allied soldiers, it is reported. We fancy the Kaiser will need to save his mustard for the chills for which he is about due.

JAPAN OFFERS NO OPPOSITION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Tokio, Sept. 16 (delayed).—The Chinese government has sounded Japan on the proposed despatch of Chinese troops to Europe, and the indications are that Japan will offer no opposition to such action on the part of China.

Commenting on the advocacy of Japan's participation in the land fighting a correspondent declares that as Japan is not directly menaced by Germany, no sufficient reason exists to send troops, and the Allies should be satisfied with Japan's naval and other assistance.

In Casualty List.

The name of R. E. Scott of Hammondville, parish of Kingsclear, appears in today's casualty list as suffering from gas poisoning at the front.



"SANDY."

The Irish setter dog owned by Mrs. (Capt.) Percy F. Godenrath, which will take part in the Blue Cross tag collecting tomorrow.

AUSPICIOUS RE-OPENING OF THE GEM

Special Programme Put on Before a Large Audience—Proceeds for Patriotic Purposes.

Notwithstanding the fact that the weather man was in anything but a pleasant mood last evening the reopening of the Gem Theatre created sufficient interest to attract capacity audiences at both performances. The art of the decorator, painter, electrician, etc., is ably displayed in the rejuvenated theatre. The entire color scheme has been changed to a very pleasing drabish blue background relieved with a light sepia and dull ivory.

The screen is set in a border of tinted shades of brown surmounted on either side with blue and white marble effect.

New and comfortable opera chairs have been installed in the auditorium, while the lighting arrangement is entirely new.

Rather elaborate set fixtures adorn the ceiling which can reflect either a white or red light. The latter color is used during the performance. The ceiling shades are a dull white globe surrounded by four circular bulbs.

Underneath the balcony large large brownish tinted bowls have been placed and along the walls dainty dull white fixtures with red light add greatly to the attractions of the entire theatre.

New picture machines have been installed in the projection room and in fact everything possible has been done to make the Gem what is certainly now is, a modern and cosy picture theatre.

A Fine Service.

If the opening program is any criterion of what is to follow the theatre goers of the Celestial City may look forward to something more than worth while. The introductory chapter of the continued photo novel, "The Seven Pearls," reveals a plot, the nature of which it is safe to say will prove interesting enough to make the "picture fan" return weekly to see the finish. Miss Mollie King is co-starred with Mr. Leon Barry, supported by a cast of rare excellence. The other special feature was the Paramount production of "The Law of Compensation," a gripping and soul stirring drama of domestic life, which revealed circumstances known to most of us and heeded by few. Miss Norma Talmadge, a famous legitimate actress, is seen in the leading role. Space does not permit a lengthy criticism, but we have no reluctance in telling our readers to see "The Law of Compensation."

The program last evening was enhanced greatly by the music as rendered by a special novelty orchestra under the able direction of Miss Hazel Palmer.

The Central Committee of the Daughters of the Empire took charge of the opening and great credit is due them for the businesslike manner in which they conducted it.

Darkness Prevailed.

During the first performance the lights went out and the house was in darkness for nearly an hour. This proved fortunate in one respect, for it gave the audience an opportunity of hearing some excellent monologues and impersonations by the resident manager, Mr. C. F. Stowe and Mr. S. C. Hurley of St. John.

The Mail extends to the New Gem best wishes for every success. It is a delightfully pleasing theatre and with the assurance of presenting the best there is in the picture world little or no doubt is entertained of that success.

AMERICAN AVIATION RECORD.

Triplane With Twelve Passengers Attains Altitude of 17,000 Feet.

Newport News, Va., Sept. 21.—Carrying twelve passengers in a Capron triplane, Lieut. Emilio Resnati, an Italian army aviator, attained an altitude of 17,000 feet yesterday at Langley Field, near here. This was 1,000 feet higher than the previous American record with a single passenger, made here by Victor Carlstrom, an American aviator, who was killed several months ago in the fall of his machine, and was regarded as a remarkable performance.

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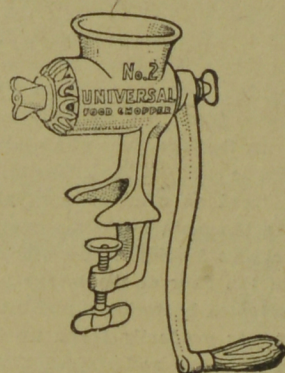
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Supreme Court.

The supreme court met this morning pursuant to adjournment and heard a common motion by Mr. R. P. Hartley of Woodstock. Judgments are being delivered this afternoon in several cases.

Mr. R. P. Hartley, barrister of Woodstock, is at the Barker House.

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