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## AN OUTSIDE OPINION.

The Sydney, N. S., Record makes the following interesting comment on the decision of the Provincial Government to prosecute the Valley Railway boodlers:

"Hon. F. B. Carvell now administers a department of the Dominion Government but his work in New Brunswick goes on. The announcement that the Foster cabinet is about to institute criminal proceedings against certain men who are alleged to have conspired successfully to defraud New Brunswick, is the consequence of Mr. Carvell's action in setting on foot investigations into matters connected with the administration of the provincial crown lands and the construction of the St. John Valley Railway in the days of Conservative rule at Fredericton. Indeed, though he withdrew from his position as chief legal representative of the province at those investigations when he became a member of the Federal ministry, those people are probably not mistaken who see evidences of Mr. Carvell's hand in the investigation to the last.

"The Foster government is taking the proper course. There have been too many instances in Canada in the past of men who were concerned in doubtful transactions going scot free simply because their operations had to do with matters of a political or semi-political character. In the New Brunswick case the men against whom proceedings are to be taken were closely connected with Conservative party affairs. One of them had been a financial agent for the former Attorney General of the province. A large part of the money of which they are alleged to have defrauded the province is believed to have been turned into the Conservative campaign fund. There is evidence which strongly supports the inference that some of the money was used in behalf of members of the late Conservative government, and it is difficult to escape the conviction that members of that government were not entirely unaware of the methods by which such money was obtained for use in furthering their reelection.

"It remains to be seen, of course, whether or not the charge of conspiracy can be established in the courts. Certainly, however, in view of the evidence which has been brought out at the investigations, Premier Foster and his colleagues will have the approval of the people of New Brunswick in their decision to prosecute men against whom a prima facie case would seem to have been made out. Nor will Mr. Carvell fail to receive full credit for his part in what has been accomplished toward exposing and punishing this Conservative corruption. His popularity among New Brunswick Conservatives will not be enhanced, but just at present Mr. Carvell is the New Brunswick minister in the "Union" government and he is probably not greatly concerned as to the esteem in which he is held by those people in his province whom he has fought so successfully in recent years.

Premier Foster and several of his colleagues will take an active part in the conference of provincial ministers at Ottawa this week. Matters of great importance, including a readjustment of provincial subsidies, are to be dealt with. If the western provinces are to be given control of their natural resources, it is only reasonable that the other provinces, the people of which have been taxed for the upbuilding of the west, should be given ample compensation.

The Teutons have succeeded in arranging a separate peace with the Ukrainian Republic, which practically means that Russia is out of the war for good. In fact the despatches state that the Russian army on all fronts will be demobilized at once. The Germans have for weeks been massing their forces on the western front, and it is believed that very soon they will start a big offensive with the hope that they will force back the Allies' line and hasten the termination of the war.

N. Y. Commercial: Canada is treat-

ed as a part of the United States in the distribution of coal, another step in the consolidation of the English-speaking countries of the world to secure peace and freedom for all. Closer political union is not necessary when the same motives inspire, for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Halifax Chronicle: John L. Sullivan did not earn his fame in the most elevating pursuit in the world, but he had a sort of rugged honesty which, apart from his prowess in the ring, won popular confidence, and in his later years he was one of the most powerful advocates of temperance in the United States. No fighter, perhaps, ever had a larger personal following, for the name of "John L." was truly a household word.

Brooklyn Eagle: Make the wages of the proposed industrial army \$10 a day instead of \$30 a month, and patriots will be found to join the ranks. Why, one plumber is making \$300 a day thawing out pipes by electricity. Governments must sweeten the bait for mere routine work, without uniform, brass band or medals.

Toronto Globe: Seven million pounds of cheese and bacon were sent to the bottom by German submarines in one week in December. It is a reminder that not all the food that leaves this side of the Atlantic for the other reaches there. America is not only feeding Europeans, but feeding the fishes.

Buffalo Courier: It is reported that the German Crown Prince has been asking somebody what would happen to him if he visited Canada after the war. We don't know, but fancy that a stay-at-home policy would be safer for him.

Quebec Telegraph: The food controller asks merchants not to display perishable goods in their windows. Easy for the hardware man to obey—but it's hard to say what the baker and fruit dealer are going to show.

Through Our Sieve

Talk about your scraps of paper!

The big scrap has already ended in Russia with another scrap of paper.

Russia out of the war for good! But for whose good?

And now we've found out that the Ukraine, not the Bolsheviks, is Russia.

Anyway "ukraine" looks like the easiest word Russia ever produced.

Twenty-eight days will be quite enough of a month like this.

It is an expensive war, of course, but we can sit down and talk about it for a million years.

Save fat, cries the government. And so many girls are trying hard to get rid of it.

Mollie Wellington, a Los Angeles hen, sometimes lays two eggs in a day. No attempt has been made to cure her.

Savannah reports one heat prostration. Some fellow must have fallen into his furnace.

Have you paused to think what one would be up against if he undertook to give an old-fashioned housewarming?

What has become of the old-fashioned lady who used to scowl when her husband came in at night and slammed a porterhouse steak on the table and who said: "Per the love Mike, Henry, can't you think of anything to bring home but meat?"

Returned Soldiers' Aid.

The meeting of the Returned Soldiers' Aid was held last night and much routine business was transacted. It was decided to hold another social at an early date and arrangements were made for members to meet returned soldiers on their arrival here. Special diet is provided for the sick of the Central Ontario Regiment draft who are now in hospital at the Officers' Quarters.

Water on River Ice.

The river ice is being flooded by water which is the result of the mild weather of today. This is taken as an indication of continued warm weather.

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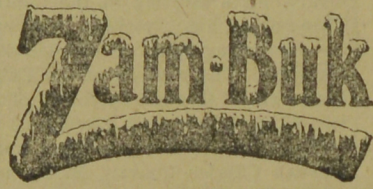
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## LOCAL NEWS

## Still Alarm Yesterday.

There was a still alarm of fire at the residence of Mr. Robert Hamilton, Charlotte street, yesterday afternoon. There was little damage.

## Will Take Action.

It is reported that action in the police court will be taken under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, as the result of the seizure on Thursday last of a bottle containing liquor, in a store in the city.

## May be Appealed.

It is understood that an appeal will be entered by the defendant in the divorce case of Fitz Randolph vs. Fitz Randolph, recently tried before Justice Crockett here. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., is acting for the defendant in the matter. The case is expected to come before the Appellate Court at the Easter term.

## Rev. Mr. Scott's Lecture.

The illustrated lecture, "A Trip Around the World," given in the school room of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church last night attracted a large audience. It proved most interesting and the views shown were very distinct. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer, Rev. Dr. J. McP. Scott, of Toronto.

## Given a Commission.

Lieut. David R. Smith, brother-in-law of Mr. A. E. Eardley, of this city, recently was commissioned as a subaltern in the C. E. F., and now is serving in B. Company, 12th Battalion, Canadian Railway troops. He is a graduate of the U. N. B. and is well known here. Prior to enlisting in the ranks in the 115th Battalion he was engaged as a civil engineer.

## Death at Blaney Ridge.

Mrs. Jane McLaughlin, wife of Samuel McLaughlin, died yesterday at her home, Blaney Ridge. Four daughters and three sons survive. The daughters are Mrs. Hugh Boyle, Mrs. John Davies, Mrs. Walter Poore and Miss Alice McLaughlin of Blaney Ridge, and the sons are Edward, Andrew and Winslow of the same place. The funeral will take place Wednesday with interment at Acton.

VICTORY BONDS  
SOLD AT A LOSS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Ottawa, Feb. 12.—It has been reported to the Department of Finance that investors have been induced to dispose of their Victory Bonds at extremely low prices. Taking advantage of the fact that many of the 300,000 people who bought these bonds are not accustomed to buying securities, unscrupulous agents have persuaded some who are ignorant of the true situation or are misinformed, to sell their bonds at heavy loss. These agents immediately resell the securities at fair profits through the proper channels and pocket the profit. Victory bonds have as their security the Dominion of Canada and holders, the officials say, should see that they obtain a fair price.

Mr. J. C. Hartley, K. C., of Woodstock, is a guest at the Barker House. Mr. F. Neil Brodie of St. John, arrived here this morning. Mr. James Robinson, ex-M. P., of Miramichi, is in the city.

MARYSVILLE  
HAPPENINGS

Marysville, Feb. 12.—The monthly roll-off took place at the Dawson Club Bowling Alleys last evening. In class "A" F. R. Dunbar was the winner with an average pinfall of 89 1-3; in class "B" Marvin Minus won with an average of 82 2-3; and in class "C" Robert Stafford was the winner with an average of 99.

Miss Ella Johnston of Boston, is visiting relatives here. The Methodist sewing circle has forwarded a contribution of \$50 to the Halifax Relief Committee.

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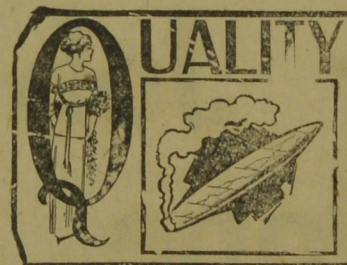
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