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POLITICS AS A GAME.

The carefully staged Rogers dinner in Toronto last week, whereat the host and chief guest bestowed upon himself the leadership of the Tory party, has invited consideration of the old conception of politics as a game, says the Halifax Chronicle. According to the Rogers conception, the "game" of politics is played somewhat after the fashion in which the late Kaiser played the "game" of war. Germany, we can never forget, violated every rule of civilized warfare in an effort to win and dominate the world. A catalogue of the crimes committed at the instigation of German leaders in an effort to win, would fill many columns of this paper. Fortunately, the ex-Kaiser failed. He failed because of the inherent sense of fairness and love of justice among the Allied nations of the world. The Kaiser was deposed and has sought refuge in Holland.

The Chronicle thinks the career and methods of Robert Rogers as a political leader closely approximate that of William Hohenzollern as a war leader. It points out that they have both committed the same crimes, the one, of course, political crimes. They have both been deposed from high position. Now, if William Hohenzollern should give himself a dinner at Rotterdam and nominate himself anew for the over-lordship of Germany, the parallel would be complete.

Robert Rogers was acclaimed at the dinner in question by one Colonel Currie as the author of the War Times Elections Act. The inequities and inequities of that statute have been so frequently discussed in these columns that there is no need to repeat what so often has been said. The War Times Elections Act never should have been passed in its present form, and it should have been the first duty of the Union government to repeal it at the last session of Parliament.

This was not done, and it must be the first duty of the union government to repeal it at the next session of parliament to move for its repeal. To that extent, at least, the government is entitled to show tardy respect to an outraged public opinion. The same government has not been guiltless of playing the game of politics with respect to the War Times Elections Act, the Yukon election, and the question of titles in this country. It is time now that all further playing of the game along these lines should cease. Politics as a game is taboo. Let us all set to work to revise our old conceptions of politics and press forward to the great work of reconstruction which lies before us.

The following telegram from General Pershing was read at a great meeting in the New York Hippodrome on Britain Day: "Steadfast in adversity, wounded with a thousand wounds, Great Britain's hammer blows have never faltered nor weakened. But for the tenacity of her people, the war would have been lost. To those of us who have been associated with them and fought with their gallant troops, words of praise seem inadequate to express our admiration. These things our kinsmen have done, and have brought inseparable union between them and ourselves. We offer our right hand in friendship that our two nations may be more firmly linked together to ensure the future of the world."

Halifax Recorder: A statement is making the rounds of the press to the effect that a move is on foot to add five hundred or a thousand dollars to the salaries of Senators and Commons. It is to be hoped that this is not true, for there is no valid reason for inaugurating a campaign of salary raising among our legislators. The sum of \$2,500 with free railway passes is a very good salary even at the present time, and quite sufficient to keep the wolf a long distance from the door. Years ago the honor of a seat in either House was the all-sufficient thing, but now the money itself is becoming an important consideration, and service for service sake is ceasing to move.

men. The salaries of the members of parliament are direct taxes on the people and the aggregate is now heavy.

Previous to the present year, two great epidemics of influenza ravaged the world, one in 1802, the other in 1889. Each of these was followed by a less virulent but still extensive and distressing recurrence of the disease the following year. According to this, we shall have the influenza back here next year. The possibility is disturbing. And it suggests that Canada may be wise to take up at once the question whether a Dominion ministry of health is a desirability.

Edmonton Bulletin: A Toronto jury spent three hours in deciding that a drunken motor car driver was guilty of "criminal negligence" because he killed a man. If the jury had taken three minutes to decide that he was guilty of manslaughter, it would have been more to its credit and done more to bring both officials and motor car drivers to a sense of their responsibility.

St. Louis Star: It is wrong to say that women do the proposing. A proposal of marriage, like a proposal of peace, comes from the side that is ready to surrender.

Montreal Herald: Drinking a toast to "Der Tag" will henceforth be about the most galling thing one can do in the presence of a German.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Twelve more shopping days before Christmas.

It's a safe bet that the cooties are sorry the war is over.

Dr. Liebknecht slept in the Kaiser's bed and seems to be proud of it. They are pretty much alike.

If a girl really and truly loves a man she doesn't try to find out what the ring costs.

Words which dollars are frequently called upon to put into writing—"spirits ferment."

Give the amateur violinist a word of encouragement and plenty of elbow room and he will do the rest.

Sometimes a girl will cheerfully marry a man whom she wouldn't think of wasting time flirting with.

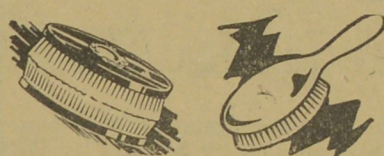
Men never gossip. They simply mention a name to their female friends and then proceed to listen.

Roy K. Moulton says that in Russia they shoot every man who owns a bath tub. Is that all? Then the vast majority there are safe.

Now that a high psychic authority says "every man should wear a necktie to match his soul," we understand the kind of tie with which a latter-day Jack Ketch will decorate Herr Hohenzollern.

There were over 6,000 women cooks and waiters in the British army when the whistle blew to quit. The introduction of woman cooks at one of the officers' camps reduced the mess charge from sixty-five to thirty-five cents a day. If any of these girls can get home unmarried, it will be because Tommy has had fighting enough to last him a lifetime.

Will Confer at St. John
 Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick, this morning was notified by telegram by Premier Foster that Hon. Mr. Calder Federal Minister of the Interior, would be at St. John on Friday afternoon next for the purpose of conferring with a committee of the Executive Council of the Province on the matter of settlement of returned soldiers on land in New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale will attend the conference.

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COL. GUTHRIE
HEARD FROMFredericton Officer Writes to
Mrs. E. A. Smith of St. John,
From "Somewhere
in France."

In a recent letter from Lieut. Colonel P. A. Guthrie to Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, St. John, reference is made to the death in action of Lieut. Colonel McKenzie late O. C. of the 26th Battalion. The letter follows:
 Somewhere in France,
 October 10, 1918.

My Dear Mrs. Smith:
 Recently when on leave to Scotland I spent a few days at Duart Castle with our chief, Sir Fitzroy D. Maclean, Bart., K. C. B. I told him all about your great work in raising money for the pipes for our "Maclean Highlanders" and as he was too ill to write you himself, he asked me to say to you that he and Lady Maclean are deeply thankful for the great service you rendered, and the house of Maclean will always feel indebted to you and those who through your efforts contributed.

He wanted me to ask you to thank each and every one of these friends for him, and to extend to them on his behalf, his kindest wishes for every future success.

Since coming to France I have heard a lot about Colonel Mackenzie. He met his death leading his men most gallantly at a time when his presence and prompt action meant everything to the battalion and the advance generally. The history of New Brunswick's famous "Fighting 26th" will be one and the same, in the story of New Brunswick's effort in this war.

I am proud of him not only as a friend, but as a fellow citizen. As his life was an example, so shall the manner of his death be a living inspiration to all of us who are engaged in chasing the Hun back to Hunland.

Faithfully,
 P. A. GUTHRIE.

BIBLE STUDY IN SCHOOLS

F'ton, Dec. 9th, 1918.

Editor Mail,
 Sir:

Ladies are canvassing for contributions to the Canadian Bible Society whose work is of paramount importance and of inestimable benefit. May their collections be greater than ever.

And may it be but a short time till the curriculum of our Public Schools has been arranged to embrace what too many of our boys and girls lack—definite Bible instruction. "What manner of men are these" who wilfully debar the study of the Word of God from the schools for which we are all heavily taxed?

Yours for Truth,
 FAIR PLAY.

Drowning Rumor False
 A message this morning from Oromocto stated that the report of a drowning accident supposed to have taken place there last evening was false. Mr. Albert Estabrooks and two sons of Waterville were reported to have been drowned. They spent the night at Kelly's Hotel, Oromocto and proceeded to Gagetown this morning.

Late Daisy Sheldon
 The death occurred this morning of Daisy Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, father now overseas. The deceased was nineteen years of age and died from an attack of pneumonia. She is survived by her parents and one brother. The funeral took place this afternoon, Rev. G. M. Young conducting the service. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

AUCTION!

I am instructed by Miss O'Connor to sell by auction at her residence, 678 King Street, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Dec. 12th and 13th, all articles remaining unsold from private sale. Some splendid antique mahogany furniture, including antique four-posted bed, bedroom suites, etc., carpets, mattresses, pillows, pictures, framed and unframed, and many other articles, which would make splendid Christmas presents.

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