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Regina Leader: "The people of the West have every reason to organize to the limit and rise in their might in opposition to Robert Rogers. He has been the worst enemy of Canada, and more particularly of Western Canada, that ever secured a place of influence and power in the public life of this country. Looking over the years that he occupied a position in the government of Manitoba, the people of that province can today partly realize what his ascendancy there meant to them and how the whole political life of that Province was lowered to a plane which made Manitoba a by-word among the provinces. The people there, by painful experience of their own financial problems, know of the results of his reckless administration."

TURKEY BANKRUPT.

The announcement is made that Turkey is bankrupt and has repudiated her financial obligations, a thing which was to be expected. The only satisfaction is that Germany is its principal creditor to the amount of nearly 130,000,000 pounds Turkish, of which 79,000,000 have been advanced since 1914. Turkey has increased its national debt nearly fifty per cent. since the war began, the bulk of its borrowed cash naturally coming from the country which had already bribed its statesmen and leading officials into joining in the great conspiracy against the world's freedom. Next to Germany, France is Turkey's principal creditor, the middle classes of that country having been lured by Turkish bonds bearing considerable interest, which for more than thirty years had been regularly paid.

Turkey will find that under the conditions brought about at the peace conference it will not be permitted to evade its financial obligations any more than it will escape the just penalties due for the vile mistreatment of Armenians and Greeks. The Ottoman debt to Germany will in all probability be compulsorily transferred to the Entente ledger as part payment or security for the indemnity which will most surely be required from Turkey. At the same time, steps will be taken to exact the interest and sinking fund on the portions of the Turkish debt due to France and other allied and neutral countries. To effect this, it may be necessary to take over and administer for a term of years the Turkish finances, a thing which the United States already has been indirectly requested to do.

Turkey is said to be rich and productive, and it seems likely that the Allies will set up at Constantinople a board of control which will take over the customs and excise duties until such time as the claims of the bondholders are satisfied in full.

WILSON IN LONDON.

President Wilson was tendered a royal reception on his arrival Thursday in London, where he will be the guest for a few days of King George at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Wilson is the first President of the United States to visit England while in office and under the circumstances it is but natural that the people of that country should tender him a joyous welcome. In connection with the President's visit the London Telegraph recalls a notable ecomium on the President of the United States delivered by the late Hon. John Bright at Rochdale half a century ago. Here is what Mr. Bright said:

"To my mind," Mr. Bright said, "there is nothing worthier of reverence and obedience, nothing more sacred than the authority of the freely chosen magistrate of a great, free people, and if there be on earth and among men any right to govern, surely it rests with a ruler so chosen and appointed."

That was the testimony of the famous liberal politician of the nineteenth century, the Daily Telegraph continues. We may adopt the spirit of tribute in the frank, respected homage we pay to a president of a proud democracy—a statesman whose authority

and influence at the present juncture can only be rivalled in the annals of the United States by the personal force and moral grandeur of Abraham Lincoln.

The banquet at Buckingham Palace last night in honor of President and Mrs. Wilson was certainly an epoch-making event. It was attended by the King and members of the government, foreign ambassadors, church dignitaries, colonial officers and members of the royal household. There were also present men high in the world of literature, art and journalism. The despatches state that President Wilson escorted Queen Mary into the banquet hall while King George performed the same duty for Mrs. Wilson. The speech of the President in response to a toast to his health, proposed by the King, was a masterpiece.

The Chatham World thinks that the St. John Globe, by its attacks on Mr. Baxter for his connection with financial transactions of the old government, has qualified for a fat printing contract. If our old friend, Commodore Stewart, continues to ingeniously defend boodling transactions which when he had a seat in the Legislature he roundly condemned, he will soon be qualified for a place in the \$10,000 class.

The engagement is announced of Princess Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, formerly Governor General of Canada, to Commander Alexander Ramsay, brother to the Earl of Dalhousie.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Two heads may be better than one—but not not in the same family.

Pessimist—A man just recovering from his first love affair.

Optimist—The same man just escaping from his thirty-first.

Procrastination is a banana peel which has caused the downfall of many a man.

Even when a woman knows her husband is lying she keeps right on asking questions.

Samson might have escaped with his hair had not that female barber talked him to sleep.

Someday someone will tell us why it seems to take us more to pay a farmer 65 c a pound for turkey than to pay even a little more to a poultry dealer.

When two women fall in love with the same man, he is always the last of the three to find out which of them he is going to marry.

By the time a bachelor marries, his heart has been broken and repaired, pressed, cleaned and mended so often that it will scarcely hold together until after the honeymoon.

Sugar is becoming more and more plentiful and by next summer it will not be necessary to cut off the housefly's feet to save the precious sweet stuff before swatting.

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BERLIN GIRLS SING RULE BRITANNIA

London, Dec. 27—German girls sang "Rule Britannia," and other British songs and laughed and danced with released British prisoners during the first stage of the revolution.

This and other scenes in Berlin after the signing of the armistice are described in the Daily Telegraph by Prof. Wyndham Richards on Cardini, Wales, who was spending his vacation in Germany when the war broke out and has been a prisoner there until recently.

"The Soldiers' Council of Ruhleben," he writes, "gave the interned some freedom those wishing to remain in Germany being released immediately, and those wishing to visit Berlin being given passes."

"Berlin may not be occupied by English troops, but it certainly was invaded by English civilians. In all the main streets, cafes, hotels and theatres one met Englishmen and heard English spoken. A number of Britishers took to best rooms in the Hotel Bristol for 12 shillings a day."

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LOCAL NEWS

The Potato Enquiry

Commissioner McQueen is holding court at St. John today and will likely at this session finish his probe of the patriotic potato transaction.

Late Newton Foster

The funeral of the late Newton Foster took place yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. The employees of the Smith Foundry attended the funeral which took place from the undertaking rooms of J. A. McAdam, Regent Street. Service was conducted by Rev. G. M. Young, interment being made at the Rural Cemetery.

Death at Burt's Corner

Mrs. Hosea Barton of Burt's Corner died last evening after an illness of pneumonia. She is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. Elwood Tracey, two sisters Mrs. Elwood Burt of Fredericton and Mrs. Howard Brewer of Burt's Corner and by two brothers Percy Jones at home and Edward Jones at present in France. She is also survived by four children.

WALTER BURDEN HEARD FROM

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pound of black bread are our daily rations in the lager and if you would not work you would get the devil beaten out of you with a rifle till you were forced to do so. It was a great deal better in the trenches, than it was to be a prisoner of war here.

The Red Cross

If it had not been for the parcels from the Red Cross we would have died. Anything is better than here and I thank God that Old England won this war and that we can soon get away from here. It is simply reeking with fever and pests. Anything "Toby" Boyd told you wasn't far from wrong. However, talk does not make matters better does it.

I don't know if I will be in England this year or not, but surely early next year anyway. The nuns here in the hospital use us very well, but in Germany everything is forbidden and we are also prisoners of war. As you will judge, by this time I ought to be able to speak German and I can speak it almost as well as English. That is one thing I have learned at least.

If you work here you receive the high wage of six cents a day, overtime doesn't count, and you may imagine what attraction that offers to a Canadian. If you don't work you go around to the back with the aid of a jackboot or rifle. The kindness received from the guards is really astonishing but they don't know any better, for in Germany it is work in the army and they learn to drill at the age of six, in school. So can you wonder. My love to all.

Your loving son,
 WALTER

MAY SETTLE THE VATICAN SITUATION

Rome, Dec. 28—Monsignor Carrutti the Papal Under-Secretary of State, asked President Wilson to meditate "with a view to settling the vatican situation" during their interview in Paris, according to newspaper here.

He also submitted to Mr. Wilson documents justifying the Vatican's attitude of neutrality during the war, and set forth the humanitarian work done by the Vatican in favor of prisoners, deported persons and others who were similarly affected by the struggle.

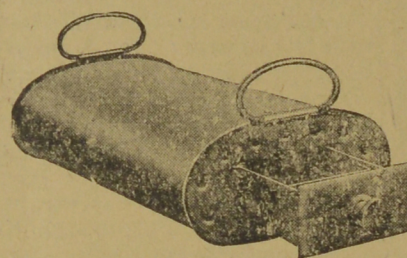
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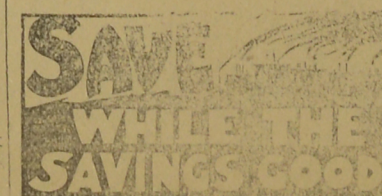
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