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UNION GOVERNMENT.

The Montreal Daily Star, which has always been a strong supporter of Union government, is apparently becoming dissatisfied with the condition of affairs at Ottawa. In a recent editorial it had this to say:

"There is a strong and common feeling that the government should be re-organized and that the people should understand whether the coalition is to dissolve or to continue as the nucleus of a national party. Vital interests in the country are affected by the existing uncertainty. The people are anxious and unsettled. They mean to have responsible government under the old two party system. A decision or a general election cannot be long delayed. The people want to feel that they have a ministry strong enough to govern without undue accommodation or compromise and to know that their fundamental policies and convictions will not be overruled by a Parliament which was elected upon a war issue and has no authority to legislate without regard to pre-war sentiments and judgments.

"Besides a cabinet in which Quebec has no adequate representation is defective in composition and cannot truly express the national feeling and outlook. If Canada is to have a Unionist party, it is of high importance that Quebec should be influentially represented and that we should enter upon the era of peace with a united government. There was a time when the financial future of Quebec was regarded with anxiety. But it has confounded its critics. Today no other province is in a stronger financial position, has wiser leadership in provincial affairs, or has a more thrifty and responsible population. We simply cannot afford to perpetuate racial or religious quarrels, nor can we afford to nurse differences which the war developed. The obligation which lies upon the other provinces Quebec cannot escape. It can make a great contribution to the future of Canada. It prides itself upon its Canadian patriotism. Let its people rise above the old disputes and even above any sense of grievance or injustice, in confidence that their fellow Canadians in the English provinces are only eager for reconciliation and co-operation. In that way lies immense gain for Canada and honor and influence for Quebec."

DAMAGE TO CIVILIANS.

While the Allied and associated governments recognize that the resources of Germany are not adequate, after taking into account permanent diminution of such resources which will result from other treaty claims to make complete reparation for all such loss and damage they require her by the peace treaty to make compensation for all damages caused to civilians under the seven main categories:

- (1) Damages by personal injury to civilians caused by acts of war, directly or indirectly.
- (2) Damages caused to civilians by acts of cruelty ordered by the enemy and to civilians in the occupied territory.
- (3) Damages caused by maltreatment of prisoners.
- (4) Damages to the Allied peoples represented by pensions and separation allowances, capitalized at the signature of this treaty.
- (5) Damages to property other than naval or military materials.
- (6) Damages to civilians by being forced to labor.
- (7) Damages in the form of levies or fines imposed by the enemy.

St. John is entertaining a distinguished visitor today in the person of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who is on a tour of Canada and the United States in the interests of the Boy Scout movement. As the defender of Mafeking, Sir Robert won everlasting fame during the Boer war, and in connection with the Boy Scout movement he has given inspiring leadership to the boys of Greater Britain. In honoring such a man St. John is honoring itself.

The peace treaty takes care of all the German colonies and it is satisfactory to note that none of them will be returned to the Huns. German East Africa goes to the British and German Southwest Africa to the Union of

South Africa. The German Pacific possessions south of the Equator go to Australia and New Zealand and the islands north of the Equator will be held by Japan.

Hon. Arthur Meighen presented in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon his bill to disfranchise the defaulters under the M. S. A. The classes covered by the bill comprise all those who failed in their obligations under the Act. They are disqualified for a period of fifteen years from voting in Dominion elections, serving in parliament or holding office under the Crown.

New York Tribune: "A wild beast, breaking all tethers of morality and demuzzing savage, which sprang at the throat of civilization. To cage the monster, this was the war, its shibboleth 'unconditional surrender.' But it was not enough temporarily to confine. Duty demanded that the bars be thick and strong. This was the peace, its shibboleth 'Never again!'"

It was most fitting that "Der Tag," concerning which the Huns have been boasting and toasting for nearly fifty years, should have arrived on the anniversary of the Lusitania outrage. The Huns longed for "Der Tag" and they have got it in full measure, well rounded up.

New York Times: Against the German peril the world is made safe by the terms of the treaty handed to the representatives of that vanquished and humbled power at Paris yesterday. That is the all-important part of the instrument.

Although the peace terms imposed upon Germany look rather severe, they are very mild in comparison to what would have happened had the shoe been on the other foot.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE
 Many a blunt man has a sharp wife.

Few people who need a big house own one.

Backsliding is one thing that doesn't call for energy.

A homely face prevents a woman from hearing a lot of blamed nonsense.

Men don't feel that they have to talk silly stuff to a homely woman.

Flying across the Atlantic is one thing most of us would put off until tomorrow.

"It's about time," remarked the Man on the Car, "to have the spraying device taken off the weather bureau."

When a demagogue makes reference to "the people" he has in mind everybody he thinks he can fool.

That old enemy of the newspaper reader, Przemysl, is not involved in the peace controversy. It belongs to the horrors of war.

Do you remember when a boy, how frightened you used to get over the saying that the good die young? It was a disquieting sensation.

Here we are at the beginning of May one of the sweetest months of the year and no perceptible change in human nature is noticeable yet.

Arrived at Halifax
 The following New Brunswick men arrived on the S. S. Mauretania this morning at Halifax and will probably arrive in this city this evening or tomorrow: Major N. P. MacLeod, Lieut. C. S. Bennett, Gnr. A. E. Finnamore, Gunner A. B. Gilbert, Signaller J. B. Osborne, Gunner R. S. Hawkins, Gunner W. A. Gibson, Gunner T. Chapman; Gunner J. L. Brewer, Gunner Bridges, Gunner Beardsley, Sergt. Y. B. Tracey; Gunner B. W. Stevenson, Gunner Steeves, Gunner H. M. McLenahan, Gunner A. McElveney, Bdr. J. H. McCollom, Gunner F. L. Morgan, Corp. L. A. Kilburn, Gunner L. C. Kelley, Bdr. P. Kearney; Corp. C. G. Jewett, Gunner C. A. Jewett, Gunner C. A. Hall, Gunner A. H. Clowes, Gunner Gordon Coy; Lieut. S. R. Hawkins.

One sign of a good mother is plenty of
POST TOASTIES
 says—Bobby



STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE ON SHIPBUILDING

Ottawa, May 8.—An important statement on the government shipbuilding programme was made by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Naval Affairs, who asked the House of Commons this afternoon to vote another thirty million dollars for the construction of ships. He said there are now under contract in the shipyards of Canada from Halifax to Prince Rupert, forty-five steel ships for the government of Canada, and twenty-five of them are to be placed in commission this year.

The value of the contracts placed is forty-two millions and up to the end of August \$20,000,000 will have been paid out. In addition to the ships being constructed for the Canadian government, many are being built for the governments of other countries. At Victoria, B. C., fifty wooden ships are being turned out for the French government at a cost of \$200 a ton deadweight.

Mr. Ballantyne said prospects for the expansion of Canada's export trade were never brighter than at present and ships were absolutely necessary.

The government has placed contracts at \$180 to \$200 a ton deadweight which is \$25 a ton lower than prices secured by the American government. He added that all the plates used in the construction of the ships in Canada have been imported from the United States.

Touching on the future policy of the government, he announced that it had not yet been decided how many more ships would be ordered. The thirty millions he was asking for was to complete the contracts already let.

40,000 Men Employed

He said there were thirty thousand men engaged in the shipyards of the Dominion and another ten thousand in Allied industries producing boilers, engines, etc. If the government ceased building ships, forty thousand men might be thrown out of employment. For that reason the government proposed to order additional ships to keep the yards busy throughout the year 1919 and probably during part of 1920 but they could not go on ordering ships because there will be a limit to everything and they were getting very near that point. The shipbuilders must not expect there would be many more government orders to fill, still he realized the Canadian shipbuilders could not compete with the world and the question of bonuses or production of some kind would have to be taken into consideration. The minister referred briefly to the sensational decline in the price of steel plates from 4½ to 2½ cents per pound since the armistice and said negotiations would be carried on with a view to the modification or cancellation of government contracts. A quarter of a million tons had been contracted for in the United States.

LOCAL NEWS

Arbor Day Today.
 Today is Arbor Day and it is being observed very quietly in the schools of the city, no special observation having been provided.

Improvements Being Made.
 The Devon Methodist parsonage is being improved and in addition to other improvements a bathroom is being installed. The work is almost completed.

Given Honorary Degree.
 Rev. A. W. Smithers, M. A., of Fredericton, Missionary Canon in this Anglican Diocese, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law at the convocation of King's College, Windsor, N. S., Thursday.

Quiet Wedding Yesterday.
 A quiet wedding took place at Christ Church Parish rectory yesterday afternoon, when Miss Gladys M. Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harvey, of South Devon, was united in marriage to Mr. Charles E. Brown, of St. John, by Rev. Canon Cowie.

Charge was Withdrawn.
 The serious charge preferred against a young man by a young girl in this city in which the accused was let out on \$1,500 bail, came before the Police Magistrate again today, and was withdrawn by the complainant on advice of counsel.

Stanley Assault Cases
 Harry Gilmour arrested in Stanley on a warrant appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick today and pleaded guilty to assault. A second charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm also was laid and to it the accused pleaded not guilty. He was remanded until the 14th.

Locating in Fredericton
 The office of the Provincial Health Department is being removed from St. John to Fredericton and will be located in the O'Connor Building, King Street. The office is not yet settled down. Dr. G. C. Melvin, Chief Health Officer has been unable to secure a suitable residence in this city, although required to live here.

Took Bath in River
 A lively and amusing row is reported to have taken place last evening at a local hotel when two men swung several times in vain but glorious attempts to hit each other. They at length joined together and came into proximity to a large quantity of refuse matter into which both fell. They were advised to go to the river for a bath which it is stated they proceeded to do in spite of the cold water.

The shower that spoils an Easter hat is a rain of terror.
 Married men always have more buttons off their clothes than bachelors. There is a tradition that the worm will turn, but the Armenians never hit back.

Economy Thrift, Conservation

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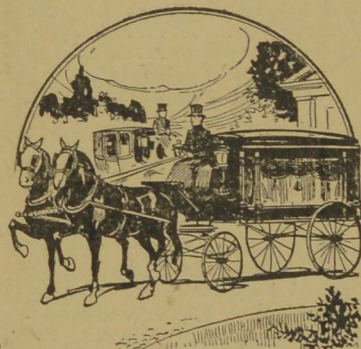
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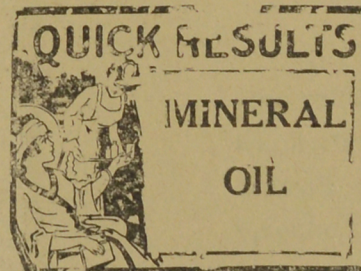


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