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TAXING BACHELORS.

Has freedom been lost to the world, or is the war going to tax the people out of all the rights they have long held dear? asks the Toledo Blade.

Not only, it says, does the United States government propose to pry in to the intimate and personal matter of how much a woman pays for her bonnets and then tax her accordingly, but the British government is talking about taxing the poor defenceless bachelor out of his state of single blessedness.

It's a hard world. Hard enough for the poor woman who hankers for fifteen dollar hats and ten dollar boots, but harder still for the poor English Tommy who has suffered and bled, and if he has not died in the four years of cruel warfare, has come home looking for a little peace and quiet. A cruel bit of irony, the English bachelor may well regard the fact that his government is talking about classing him with such luxuries as beer and spirits and then taxing him to help pay for the war he has just won.

As if the life of a bachelor in that country where women already outnumber the men, were not precarious enough before the war, and would not be ten times as difficult now that hundreds of thousands of men have been killed, the government must add a fresh burden to the unmarried male, making single blessedness a kind of doubly impeded obstacle race. Must a war for democracy prove a victory for slavery after all?

But why try to tax the bachelors out of existence or class him in with the luxuries anyhow? Only the uninitiated would imagine that women would ever have passed such a law. True enough, one bachelor might find a home, support a wife, and so make his contribution to society. But one bachelor can only be made into one perfectly orthodox husband, whereas every woman knows that he can play the part of the "indispensable bachelor-guest" for a dozen hostesses. Who is to take that extra hand at bridge, who is to fill the vacant dinner chair, who is to be invited in to do the heavy pleasant to Aunt Sophia when she comes up for the week end? Who are the buds to sigh for, the widows to despair of, and the matrons to flirt in safety with? Only a man-made law would seek to eliminate the socially essential bachelor.

A MARBLE BUST.

In the House of Commons, Ottawa, a few days ago, Mr. Papineau asked the following questions:

1. Has the Government purchased a marble bust of the Right Honorable Sir R. L. Borden? If so, what was the urgency or necessity of the expenditure therefor, during war time?

2. What has been done with the said bust and how much did it cost?

Sir Thomas White—Will the hon. member in whose name this question stands indicate any information that has come to him in regard to the purchase of this bust? We have made inquiry and have failed to find any basis for the question.

Mr. Papineau—It is in the Auditor General's report for the year 1915-16 under Public Works for repairs and furniture, Ottawa public buildings.

Sir Thomas White—I shall note my hon. friend's statement in Hansard and make further inquiry.

It looks as if the Borden government ordered a bust of Sir Robert and forgot all about it. But according to the Auditor General's report, as stated by Mr. Papineau, the country must have paid for it.

Captain Charles Fryatt, captain of a British merchantman, killed by the Germans, was "legally executed," according to a German court martial. Captain Fryatt, a plucky British sailor, tried to ram a German submarine with his steamship when it was attacked. Later he was captured and because he had tried to defend himself, was executed by the Germans, his death being part of their campaign of frightfulness. His execution aroused a storm of protest in Great Britain and also

throughout the civilized world. The British will prove weak and cringing if they will allow the Germans to get away with this crime.

Sir Thomas White has announced that the government intends to float another domestic loan, probably in September, but he has not stated the amount or the terms. The bill to appropriate three hundred and fifty million dollars was reported from committee last Thursday night. In replying to an inquiry from Mr. Mackenzie as to how the amount asked for in the bill was to be raised, Sir Thomas replied that it would be by domestic loan possibly in September, but he would not state at present the amount of the loan or whether the bonds would be taxable.

Canada is to have a permanent representative at Washington at a cost of some \$50,000 a year and no one will object, says the Kingston, Ont., Standard. If Canada be great enough to have her delegates sign the Peace Treaty, she is great enough to have an ambassador to the United States. The trade between the two countries is bound to increase, while questions are sure to arise which would be best and most promptly settled by a Canadian "on the spot."

Toronto Saturday Night: The Eastern farmer will not pay his shot. He is quite prepared to take all the good which the gods give in the way of outrageous prices for his produce, but when it comes to bearing his share of the load of taxation, not for him, as the returns of income tax collection go to show.

The American hydro-airplane N.C. 4 made the trip from Chatham, Mass., to Halifax in three hours and fifty-one minutes. The distance between the two points is 340 miles.

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By the way, Alma, is it you who fires that gun in the silent watches of the night?

The end of the war seems to have caused a slackness in the matrimonial market.

There is nothing "stuckup" about a hen. She is willing to remain a lay figure.

The silent fisherman is the most successful. Girls should remember this when angling for husbands.

A man's wife is never so proud of him as his mother was the time he wore his first short dress.

As for that preamble to the peace treaty, it seems to us that there is far more amble than pre in it.

Many persons will not read the long peace treaty, preferring to wait until it is filmed for the movies.

Bolsheviks who promised that Lenin would "sit at the head of the peace table" must have got dates mixed.

Rioting is reported in Pomerania, and society is in some uneasiness as to the pet-dog supply for next year.

It may sound reckless to say so, but the time will certainly come when transatlantic flights will not be postponed on account of weather conditions.

That captain who stopped his ship to rescue a woman's hat that had blown overboard probably had paid his wife's millinery bill just before embarking.

Pa tells me to get a package of POST TOASTIES for me — then eats most all of 'em himself! Bobby.

MORE SOLDIERS REPORTED AT ARRIVAL PORTS

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bec on the Scotian and will probably arrive home this evening. He is a son of the late Josiah Hallet of Millville. He enlisted in the Yukon with a unit of infantry and on arriving in England took a machine gun course. He went to France and came through his service without injury. One brother Pte. Arden Hallet was killed in service in France. One other "Bud" Hallet is at present at Halifax, quarantined.

Other New Brunswickers
Among the other New Brunswickers from this section of the province are Pte. L. F. Rioux, North Devon; Pte. A. W. Parsons, Nashwaak; Pte. F. Balmain, Manguerville; Pte. T. Price, Ruslagornish; Sergt. T. A. Moore, Gagetown.

LOCAL NEWS

Olympic at Halifax.
A Halifax despatch states that the steamer Olympic with 5,000 Canadian troops on board, including the 26th Battalion and the 2nd Ammunition Column, arrived this afternoon.

Visiting Relatives Here
Lieut. Gilbert Hart, who lately returned after three and one half years of service overseas, is visiting his grandmother Mrs. G. W. Dykeman, Saunders Street. His mother Mrs. Blanche Hart was called to Ohio four weeks ago by the illness of her daughter Mrs. Peck but is expected home soon. Lieut. Hart before going overseas was on the staff of the Royal Bank in Nova Scotia. He expects to remain here several weeks.

Arrested Here Yesterday
Provincial Constable Gilbert Dryden of Moncton arrested a man by the name of Scott Jones in the city yesterday on a charge of theft laid by a Moncton man named Gaskin. The theft charged against him is the stealing of a sum of money about \$200. Jones was at work here with J. Mal. Chappell at the time of his arrest and his many friends believe him innocent of the charge. He was with the Infantry School here about thirty years ago.

Nothing In It
For some time reports have been in circulation to the effect that the "Whooper" was to be taken off the Canada Eastern branch of the Canadian National Railways. Mr. C. Fred Chestnut chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Board of Trade took the matter up with Mr. F. P. Brady, manager of the eastern lines and was assured by him that there was nothing in the report. There will be a slight change made in the running schedule for the summer months, but the service will not be interfered with.

Died This Morning
The death occurred this morning at an early hour of Mrs. Jane Long at her residence at 665 George Street. The deceased was 80 years of age and is survived by one son Walter, overseas, formerly of the C. N. R., one daughter Ada at home, four sisters, Mrs. Robert Fairley, Mrs. Alex. Bruce, Mrs. Katharine Green of Boiestown, Mrs. Harry Forbes of Grand Falls, and by three brothers, Allen, James and John Fairley of Boiestown. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

An Excellent Number
The Canada Lumberman and Woodworker issues an export edition for May, very elaborately prepared and containing some excellent material. Among the many interesting articles is one on New Brunswick's wooded wealth, written by Hon. E. A. Smith, minister of lands and mines, and another by G. H. Prince, chief forester for the province, on New Brunswick's place in the lumber industry. The latter is illustrated one of the pictures being a view of vast quantities of logs stored at Marble Cove, and is taken from Riverview Park.

Returned From Ottawa
Mr. E. P. Bradt, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick has returned from Ottawa where there was a conference representatives of all provincial departments at the call of Mr. H. S. Arkell, Federal Livestock Commissioner. The conference discussed the matter of taking advantage of conditions in the British market. The provinces are to prepare statements of the numbers and classes of livestock. Mr. Bradt also took up the matter of a stockyard for the Maritime Provinces and as a result Mr. Daniel Johnson of Winnipeg stockyard expert will visit the Maritime provinces next week to inspect the suggested sites.

G. W. V. A. Delegates
A special meeting of the G. W. V. A. was held last evening to elect delegates to the Provincial Convention of the G. W. V. A. and one delegate to the Dominion Convention. Messrs. Charles Dougherty, Ray Brewer and A. E. Ashford were elected delegates to attend the G. W. V. A. Provincial Convention at St. John starting tomorrow and Col. H. F. McLeod was elected delegate to the Dominion Convention at Vancouver in June. A discussion took place over the proposed \$2,000 war bonus, the war gratuity and the question of stronger beer. The delegates will convey the opinion of the local branches to the Provincial Convention and there the matter will be decided for the province and submitted to the consideration of the Dominion Convention in June at Vancouver. Various other questions of vital interest to the returned soldiers were also discussed.

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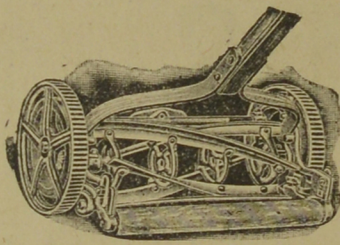
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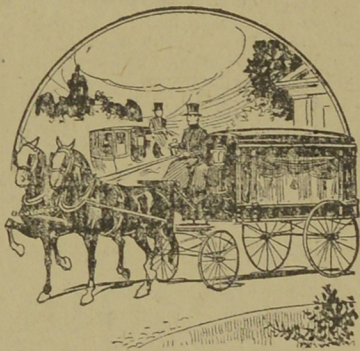
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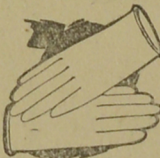
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