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POLITICAL SCANDAL RECALLED.

The death this week at his home in Oak Bay, Charlotte county, of W. H. Berry, removes from the activities of this life one of the principal actors in the famous timberland scandal of a few years ago. Berry was chief government scaler at the time this scheme of public robbery was pulled off, and as such passed the bag to the timber limit holders of the province. About \$75,000 was collected, of which amount he was allowed to retain about one-third as a sort of remuneration for his services. The balance was turned over to one E. R. Teed, of Woodstock, who had consented to act as treasurer of the fund.

When the royal commission met in St. John in June, 1914, to probe the charges preferred in the Legislature by Mr. Dugal against the then Premier of the province, Hon. J. K. Flemming, Berry was among the missing. Subsequently it was learned that he had suddenly decamped to the United States. He was beyond the jurisdiction of the royal commission, and all efforts to persuade him to return and tell his story on the witness stand proved unavailing. Upon the completion of the enquiry he returned to his home at Oak Bay. His hasty flight to Uncle Sam's domain cost him his position as chief government scaler, but he afterwards found employment as a travelling salesman, and also as representative of an American pulp concern.

If the potato transaction was the last straw which broke the political back of the old government, it might be said that the timberland steal was the first one.

HOW SAVING PAYS

As conditions become normal, the purchasing power of the dollar is sure to increase. This is because prices are sure to fall. For as the demand for certain products necessary to the successful prosecution of the war relaxes, their cost must decline.

In connection with saving and investing, this should be borne in mind. Money saved and put into a sound investment, yielding a good rate of interest, will buy a good deal more a few years from now than it does today. Besides, as the dollars are now more easily earned, than they may possibly be later on, it will pay to lay them by.

It is interesting to observe how this is likely to work out. A person buying a War Savings Stamp today pays \$4 for it. In five years the government will pay \$5 for the same. This is an excellent return, but it is not the whole of the story, for the value of money is to be rated by its purchasing power.

Today a barrel of flour costs \$12.00, or the price of three War Savings Stamps, if purchased at the present time. In 1924 the government will pay \$15 for these. If flour returns to its normal price before the war, which it is likely to do, it will probably sell at \$5 a barrel in 1924. In other words by that time the money now put into three War Savings Stamps will probably buy three barrels of flour, as compared with one today.

Dr. E. J. Dillon, a gifted Irishman, who is described as the world's greatest newspaper reporter, will report the peace conference for a syndicate of English and American newspapers. Dr. Dillon is remarkably well posted on European affairs, and his reports of the conference are sure to make interesting reading. Dr. Dillon covered the Balkan peace conference in London just prior to the outbreak of the great war, and although not actually in attendance he managed to secure very accurate reports of all that transpired.

An advisory commission on aeronautics lately appointed by the government has announced a route for the proposed Canadian air service. The Sunset Airway will be the great high road of the Canadian air. Starting at St. John's, Nfld., it will touch at Sydney, Halifax, Moncton, St. John, Red-

erickton, Three Rivers, Quebec, Montreal and other towns on the route to the Pacific coast. It is estimated that the trip from Halifax to the Yukon will be made in forty-eight hours—which will be going some.

The provincial government last year expended the sum of \$172,666.49 in the purchase of seed for the farmers, and with the help of the Municipal Councils succeeded in collecting \$169,140.15. This is a remarkable showing, and reflects great credit upon the Agricultural Department. In addition to the seed purchase the government last year distributed fertilizer to the value of \$100,000, and the transaction did not cost the province a five cent piece.

The provincial government collected in territorial revenue last year the handsome sum of \$791,378.73, against \$544,191.64, in the year 1917. The cut on Crown Lands in 1917 totalled 174,000,000 feet, while in the previous year it was 235,000,000 feet. With the return of normal conditions in the lumbering industry, there is likely to be a further increase in the territorial revenue during the next few years.

Rev. J. B. Daggett, the potato parson, announced from the witness stand that he was out of politics "unless driven back into it." Surely Mr. Murray, Mr. Baxter and Mr. Powell did not testify to the rev. gentleman's business incapacity with a view of driving him back into politics.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The armistice between the weather man and the snow plow has expired.

When it comes to high living, the aviator has something on the rest of us.

In most cases a man doesn't realize how lucky he is when a woman refuses to marry him.

Mistletoe was scarce, but with so many soldiers coming home its absence was scarcely noticed.

It would be interesting to know what has become of General Hell, who used to be a high officer in German army.

Perhaps the reason there are so few good cats is that every woman in selecting which kitten she will not drown selects the prettiest.

Preachers who have quit the job must not attempt to do business with Hon. Mr. Baxter in future. This of course does not include preachers who are registered to solemnize marriage.

Funny world! Col. Whitesley was decorated with a real gold medal for saying "Go to hell," while most men are decorated with a beautifully colored eye for the same thing.

Some people are hard to satisfy; they don't want the German fleet sunk now, although a few weeks ago they were imploring the British and American fleets to sink it at the first opportunity.

A man's soul lies so close to his digestion that when he looks blue and down-hearted, a woman never knows whether to offer him a kiss, a meal, a dose of philosophy or a dyspepsia tablet.

Thousands of cases of shell shock, according to reliable reports, were cured completely by the news of the signing of the peace armistice. We have a notion that thousands of cases of so-called influenza would be cured if the docs would quit throwing the public into a panic about it and declare a truce with nature.

DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION

Montreal, Jan. 2.—The recent train wreck on the National Transcontinental Railway near Glendyne, in which a number of returning Canadian soldiers were killed and many others injured, came in for some severe criticism at a meeting of the executive committee of the Great War Veterans Association tonight and representations are to be made to Ottawa demanding a thorough investigation of the affair.

COLD SNAP IN MIDDLE WEST

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Chicagoans hurried to work today in a temperature of 4 below zero, with assurance from the weather forecaster that it would be colder before it became warmer. Ice sidewalks made locomotion for pedestrians perilous and many injuries from falls were reported.

The city hall commissioner and other physicians declared the cold weather had brought a lessening in the number of influenza cases.

Frigid weather prevailed throughout the middle west, practically every state reporting the lowest temperatures of the winter.

FRENCH WERE THE PIONEER NIGHT FLYERS

Paris, Jan. 2.—Night airplane trips and bombing raids became so frequent during the war that the world has practically forgotten—if it ever knew—the name of the man who made night flying possible.

The pioneer night flyer was Lieutenant Laurens of the French army.

He made the first night flight over enemy lines on the night of October 31, 1914.

Lieutenant Laurens, in his diary record of his historic flight says:—"The officers up at headquarters were very uneasy over the movements of German troops near Main-de-Massiges. Every day the observers came back and reported new lines of trenches.

"Airplanes were ordered to gather the information wanted by headquarters, but the Germans savagely defended that region, and the French airmen could not approach it without being attacked by superior numbers.

"It occurred to me that if the trenches were occupied at night, there would be lights. For the Germans would think they were in security.

"I decided that, by seeing these lights, I might be able to estimate roughly how many troops lay before us.

"We crossed the enemy lines at a height of about 800 meters. I could see the lines plainly. I had no difficulty in observing below me the lights representing the German bivouacs.

"I swooped down and dropped three bombs on the German camps. Then we returned to the French lines.

"I was able to tell the officers at headquarters that the enemy troops were in force at the point in question."

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GETTING AFTER THE COMBINES

The Woodstock Press, which has always been a died-in-the-wool Tory organ has made the discovery that there is a spirit of unrest in Canada, among the farmers and industrial classes. Commenting on this it says:

"The farmers are up in arms, particularly those of the west, because of the high cost of farm machinery, and they strongly urge a lower tariff; the farmers are reasonable men and realizing the need of money by the government now more than ever before, they may be satisfied with 'a tariff for revenue only.'"

In referring to the evils of combines the Press cites the following case, which has come under its own observation:

"The work of the leather combine is exemplified by its action in this town of Woodstock. We had the Dominion Tanneries, Ltd., a successor to the Dickinson tannery which had been running in this town for 75 years, and had been sold to the Armour of Chicago. The Dominion Tanneries, Ltd., was capitalized at \$1,000,000, and employed 100 hands. It was in competition with the Canadian combine, and the latter sent representatives to Woodstock paid the Armour people an immense sum of money for the plant closed it up, and turned 100 workmen out of employment. Is there any wonder that industrial unrest exists in Canada when such things can be done? These combines took advantage of the war, when people needed money as they never needed it before, to inflate prices and as a result, Canada has the unenviable reputation of now possessing several millionaires."

Counsel Moved for Dismissal

A Kingsclear man charged with a serious offence came up this morning before Police Magistrate Limerick for a hearing. The evidence was taken and the Counsel for the defence moved that the case be dismissed on technical grounds. The decision will be given later.

Engine Derailed at Bailey

Yesterday's late mail was owing to the engine of a C.P.R. freight being derailed and preventing any other trains from passing. The accident happened at Bailey about three miles from Fredericton Junction.

Death at North Devon

The death occurred last evening at her home in North Devon of Mrs. Dora McCoy, wife of James McCoy after a lingering illness of pneumonia. The deceased was twenty-one years of age and is survived by her husband her mother Mrs. Charles Glider of River Glade, Westmorland County, by one son Floyd at home and by three brothers George, Guy and Alden of River Glade and two sisters Miss Edna and Mrs. Frank Hooper. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, service being conducted by Rev. G. C. Warren. Interment will be made at Sunny Bank Cemetery.

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