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AUSTRALIA WAS RIGHT

The London Morning Post is one of the acknowledged journalistic authorities and mouthpieces of the Conservative party in the Old Country. It is, therefore, highly significant to find it speaking upon the question of dominion navies so strongly as in the following article quoted by Mr. F. A. Mackenzie in a special cable to The Toronto Star. Mr. Mackenzie is a journalist who is associated with Lord Northcliffe's publications. In his cable under date of December 10th he says that "statesmen here of all parties are realizing that the war has proved the correctness of the Canadian Liberal position on the naval defence. The Morning Post, (Conservative), in a remarkable editorial today declares:

"It would no doubt be invidious to compare the share of the crown colonies with the share of the dominions in the common task, but this much may at least be said. What has been done and is being done is best the result of the voluntary, spontaneous effort inspired by the local genius and the spirit of the particular country concerned and not that imposed upon it by Whitehall.

"In Canada, Australia and New Zealand, the raising, equipping and despatching of their contingents was in each case a local work conceived on a generous scale and handsomely carried out. These contingents will be found to justify the local efforts of the dominions to create their own military forces.

"Even where the central authority and the dominions were in conflict it is the dominion's judgment that is proving right.

"Thus Australia insisted, against a great deal of opposition at this end on having her own navy and this Australian navy, when war broke out, was found to be the right thing in the right place. If Australia had developed this independent policy somewhat earlier we might not have been under the necessity of applying for the good offices of our loyal and obliging ally in the east (Japan)."

"The Post concludes with the declaration:

"These things point also to the great truth that if this empire is spared under Providence to continue its development that development will be upon lines of freedom and co-operation not upon lines of centralization and subordination."

WAR SPIRIT IN POLITICS

The atmosphere of belligerency seems to be all-pervading. It is not confined to sanguinary Europe or to the conservative primaries and conventions in Cape Breton. Why, some of the Conservative papers are even waging war upon such an exalted personage as Canada's war lord—General Sam Hughes. But that is not all. The Toronto Telegram, for example, takes Premier Borden to task for even suggesting that the dissatisfaction caused by what it calls the "antics of General Sam Hughes" is local to Toronto. Quoting a case in point, the Telegram says: "Poor Winfield Scott Hancock, democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States, tried to evade discussion of the relative merits of protection and free trade in 1880 by boldly declaring that the tariff was a local issue. The tariff proved to be sufficient of a national issue to submerge Gen. Hancock and the democrats under a tidal wave of adverse votes."

The Telegram thinks there is danger to the Conservative party and to the country in the apologetic attitude of the Canadian premier toward the Canadian war lord. "History," says that paper, "may repeat itself in various proofs that Sir Robert Borden is entirely mistaken in his assumption that Gen. Sam Hughes is a local issue. Discontent with the militia may easily develop into a national issue with the effect of bringing sorrow to Sir Robert Borden's heart, loss to Sir Robert Borden's country, and injury to Sir Robert Borden's party."

The Woodstock Press, refers to the clergymen who have been denouncing the booting operations of the ex-premier as "arrant hypocrites." The Press is the personal organ of the greatest hypocrite and humbug this province has ever known.

While the graft press is seeking to condemn Hon. C. W. Robinson for not shaking clear of old associations, it is interesting to note that Premier Clarke continues on fairly intimate terms with the grafters and Dick Turpins of the Tory party. In fact he is in almost constant communication with them in regard to the personnel of his ministry. If the Tory press really wants the province to have honest government it should advise Premier Clarke to get rid of the vicious influences which were so closely allied with the Flemming administration.

The task of forming a government, assigned to Premier Clarke by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, is certainly having very careful consideration.

Hon. George J. Clarke may yet develop into a great public benefactor. Already he has made it clear that New Brunswick can get along without a government.

The Hon. J. George J. Clarke, premier of New Brunswick is undoubtedly the greatest political procrastinator of modern times.

The Board of Trade has passed a strong resolution calling for I. C. R. operation of the Valley Railway from Gagetown to Centreville.

If Mr. A. R. Slipp lands a portfolio in the reconstructed government it will be a slap in the face for the Dick Turpins of the Tory party.

The government of New Brunswick was dissolved on Dec. 3rd on which date the premier, the dishonorable J. Kidd Flemming pitched his job. Since that date the province has worried along without a government.

LOCAL NEWS

THE NEW BATTERY

Lieut. Perrin of Yarmouth, arrived in the city last evening. He will at once begin recruiting for the 5th Field Battery.

THE MARKET.

There was a fair sized market this morning and high prices prevailed. Turkeys sold at 28 cents per pound, but were not plentiful. Other prices were about the same as last week.

AT SALISBURY PLAINS

Moncton Transcript:—Mr. Patrick Gallagher has received a letter from his son Walter, now in camp with the 5th Royal Highlanders of Montreal at Salisbury Plains. In his letter Mr. Gallagher, Junior, states that the troops are still living in tents, but that all are well and having a good time, in spite of the hard work.

THE ARBITRATION CASE.

Argument of counsel in the Fraser arbitration case was heard yesterday afternoon. Mr. Carvell summed up for Fraser Limited and Mr. Teed for the St. John and Quebec Railway Company. The arbitrators are in session today, preparing a report. The amount claimed is \$71,000.

STRONG DEMAND FOR

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Mr. J. L. White is also here pushing and has the backing of the portion of the press which is opposing Mr. Slipp what he is pleased to term his claims. Like Mr. Young he feels that he would be a source of great strength to the ministry. Hon. John Morrissey will remain on the job and has the promise of the premier that he will be given a chance to put it up to Mr. Pinder and others who have been intimating that there is graft in his department.

SCHOOL BONDS FOR SALE

The Board of School Trustees offer for sale a lot of Fredericton School Bonds.

These bonds are for \$500 each. Interest at four and one half per cent, payable half-yearly, are exempt from taxation, and will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

For price and further information inquire of any member of the Committee.

COMMITTEE.
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Notice

If the gentleman who bought the two turkeys at the market this morning will kindly call at The Mail Office and pay for them he will confer a favor as the man who sold them does not know the address.

RAID ON ENGLISH COAST

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far away naval station, was instructed to observe strict neutrality in all his dealings with the German commander.

Little is known of the Cormorant here, except that she is a converted cruiser of five thousand tons displacement, acquired by Germany from Russia. Information as to how Germany acquired the vessel from her present enemy is not obtainable. It is supposed the ship has been employed by the Germans as a destroyer of commerce in the Pacific.

CONSUL BROUGHT SUPPLIES.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Agents of the department of justice, working here, informed the attorney general today that the German consul, Baron E. H. Von Schack, supplied the funds with which a cargo of groceries, clothing and ship chandlers' supplies were brought to Valparaiso aboard the American steamship Olson and Mahoney. Clearance for the vessel was refused and the cargo unloaded.

Baron Von Schack positively denied that he had any connection with the purchase of the cargo of the Olson and Mahoney. The alleged evidence offered by the government agent consisted, it was said, of conclusions reached by tracing bank checks. It was found, according to the department of justice representatives, that Baron Von Schack drew against his account for sums which subsequently were said to have been placed to the credit of the agents who paid for the cargo. These agents now are said to be on their way to China.

William Haas, senior member of the grocery firm from which a portion of the cargo was bought, refused to tell the federal jury who was the purchaser and the jury voted a presentment against him, charging contempt of court.

Baron Von Schack insisted that a mistake had been made.

"I know not the first thing about the cargo of that steamer," he said. "I can say positively that I had nothing to do with the supplies loaded aboard her and I do not know who did have."

The Olson and Mahoney is the third vessel suspected of carrying supplies to the German Pacific fleet. One of these vessels had disappeared, and the other, the American steamship Sacramento, is in the hands of the Chilean authorities.

GERMAN LOSSES APPALLING.

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—The hundredth casualty list, containing only 2,484 additions, brings the total Prussian killed, wounded and missing to 717,319. In addition there are 74 Saxon, 75 Wurtemberg and 118 Bavarian lists.

The total Prussian and Bavarian casualties hitherto published are about 1,000,000. Saxon and Wurtemberg lists give an additional 200,000.

Heavy losses of the Bavarians led some Germans to describe them as food for British cannon.

PERSONAL

Hon. Dr. Landry, Provincial Secretary, is at the Barker.

Mr. O. W. Melanson, M. P. P., deputy speaker of the Legislature, is at the Barker.

Mr. Donald Munro, M. P. P., of Woodstock, is a guest at the Barker.

Mr. G. L. White, M. P. P., of Centre ville is a guest at the Barker.

Lieutenant Governor Wood arrived in the city last evening and is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer, is among the guests at the Queen.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Affectation in dress indicates a flaw in the intellect.

We admire a self-made man who does not boast of his job.

And many a woman who is short of breath is long of tongue.

The genuine woman never buttons anything she can pin.

It is easy to find a man who is willing to grunt while you lift.

Happy is the wife who believes that her husband is the best on earth.

It's difficult to convince a man that he is a chump—and if you do, what's the use?

There should be some kind of a train service established on the Valley Railway at once. This is a matter of the utmost importance to the business men of Fredericton. A lot of business could be brought to Fredericton during the next week if something were done. The re-organized Local Government is expected to meet on Thursday. The local members for York have an opportunity to distinguish themselves which they should not let slip. If a permanent train service cannot be established let us have a temporary one during the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Importation OF "Shamrock" Linens

Table Clothes and Napkins to match, Handworked Initial Pillow Cases, Handworked Embroidered Pillow Cases, Handworked Initial Guest Towels, Handworked Embroidered Guest Towels, Handworked Initial Damask Bordered Towels, Handworked Embroidered Linen Hdkfs., Handworked Initial Linen Hdkfs., Leather Cases of 1-2 doz. Pure Linen Hdkfs., Pure Linen Hemstitched Hdkfs, (all prices).

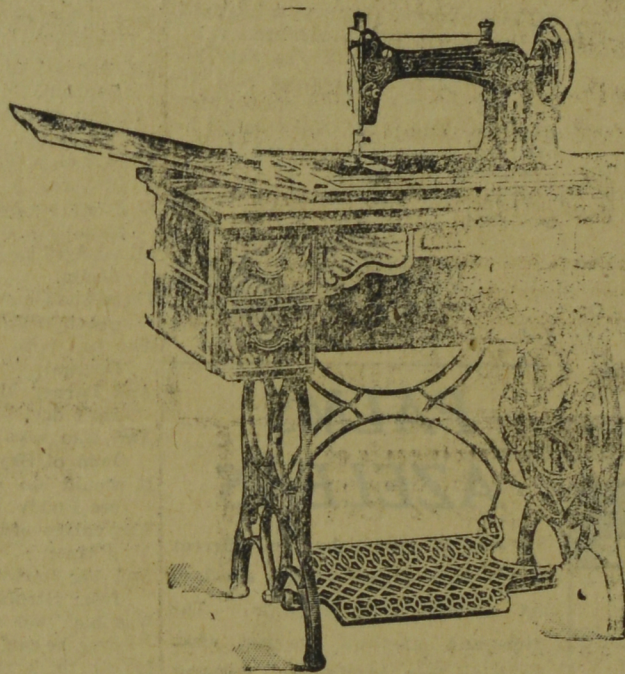
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ON TOLERANCE.

At the German-American Chamber of Commerce in New York an agent for the purchase of woollens said:—

"A better spirit, a spirit of tolerance, is now manifesting itself. On the boat coming over, a French shoemaker and an English cloth buyer shared my table with me and we got on well."

"Gentlemen! I said to those chaps one morning, 'we Germans and you English and you French are not all thieves, vandals and murderers. With us it is like the dog riddle."

"Why is a dog like a man? a boy asked."

"Give it up," said another boy.

"Because its bow-legged."

"But," said the second boy, "all dogs are not bow-legged."

"Well, neither are all men."

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