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LLOYD GEORGE'S VIEWS

The Right Honorable David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, is one of the outstanding figures in the English-speaking world today. His eloquent and inspiring speeches during the present war have been read by millions of people and have been a wonderful factor in stimulating recruiting, not only in the motherland, but all over the empire. Personally, Lloyd George is a man of peace, he is opposed to militarism but he is thoroughly convinced that no nation ever went to war in a more just cause than Great Britain in the present struggle. Speaking at a great meeting of non-conformists in the City Temple, London, a short time ago, he said:

"Had we mediated a war of aggression against anybody, do you think we should have to improvise an army after the war began? We were not equipped for a war of aggression; not even against a military power of the third rank. We were prepared for defence against all the military powers of the world put together. We had no army for continental warfare. I can tell you more than that. We have raised altogether hundreds of thousands of men who have volunteered—don't forget this—for the honor of our native land. It is the greatest volunteer army that the world has ever raised and in a few months we shall double it.

"But this is what I want to impress upon everyone. Had this been an aggressive war, we could not have raised one-tenth of that number. WHEN THIS WAR BROKE OUT, WE WERE ON BETTER TERMS WITH GERMANY THAN WE HAD BEEN FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. THERE WAS NOT A MAN IN THE CABINET WHO THOUGHT THAT WAR WITH GERMANY WAS A POSSIBILITY UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. OUR RELATIONS HAD IMPROVED. THERE WAS NOT A DIPLOMATIC CLOUD OVER THE GERMAN OCEAN. WE HARBORED NO DESIGNS AGAINST GERMANY. WE MEDIATED NO QUARREL WITH GERMANY. AS THE LORD LIVERPOOL ENTERED INTO NO CONSPIRACY AGAINST GERMANY, WE WERE NOT ENVYING HER TERRITORY; WE SOUGHT NOT A YARD OF HER COLONIES. WE ARE IN THIS WAR FROM MOTIVES OF PUREST CHIVALRY TO DEFEND THE WEAK."

For expressing similar views in regard to Great Britain's relations with Germany a year ago, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been roundly denounced by the reptile press of the Tory party. Sir Wilfrid, in reply to the emergency cry of the Tories, pointed out that Great Britain and Germany had never been at war and that their relations were more cordial than had been the case for years. Extracts from this speech are now being published by a section of the Tory press and Sir Wilfrid is being denounced because he spoke a good word for Germany! We commend to the Tory press the above extract from Lloyd George's speech as showing that the opinion of Sir Wilfrid was in line with the views of the leading statesmen of Great Britain. The reptile Tory press, for partisan purposes, may denounce Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but in the present crisis they are not likely to offer any criticism of the course being pursued by Premier Asquith, Chancellor Lloyd George, Sir Edward Grey and the other great statesmen who are guiding the helm of Great Britain today.

The rumor that the local members for Carleton and Victoria had threatened to bolt if Mr. B. Franklin Smith was not given a portfolio in the local government was evidently not founded on fact. Partisans of the strike of Donald Munro, Titus Carter and G. L. White might be sore on Premier Clarke, but that is all, there is to it. The opposition party has no use for them so if they are really anxious to bolt we would suggest that they follow a biblical precedent and slide down a mountain side into the sea. It is not convenient for them to reach the sea they might go up on the Indian Reserve and bolt into the Atlantic River.

It is no doubt that patriotism is an elevating virtue and that politicians who make it a tool of rascality

Mr. Titus J. Carter, the buffoon of the Local Legislature says the report of the Royal Commission on the Dugal charges was most unfair. It is evident from this that Titus has not yet been paid for his services as counsel. As he went on strike before the job was finished the government is probably holding up his account. Anyway Titus shouldn't kick; he had his picture and his pipe in the Standard at least four times while the enquiry was in progress.

THE ALLIED ARMIES

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for the purpose of re-taking the trenches won by us on the 18th. They were repulsed.

"From the Oise to the Argonne the superiority of our artillery continues to be manifested by the interruption of the enemy's fire, the destruction of machine gun shelters and the dispersion of a considerable number of troops.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of La Guirre, we have repulsed three attacks, two upon Fontaine Madame, and one at Saint Hubert.

"Between the Argonne and the Vosges there had been no salient incident to report."

Last night's official communication was as follows:

"In Belgium, in the region of Steenstraete, an attack by the enemy has been repulsed and we have made some progress in the neighborhood of the Korteken Inn.

"The British troops have lost in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle several of the trenches which they captured yesterday. In the meantime the Indian corps has advanced a few hundred metres towards Richebourg L'Avoue."

SURPLUS OFFICERS
ARRIVE AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 20—Fifty-five surplus officers from the first Canadian expeditionary force at Salisbury Plain arrived at Halifax today by the Allan liner Grampian from Liverpool. These officers are from many different regiments of the first contingent, it having been found in some cases that there were more officers in a number of these regiments than the British establishment permitted.

A large number of returning officers are from the 6th battalion. This battalion was formed at Valcartier from a number of cavalry regiments, including the 18th Mounted Rifles, the Fort Garry Horse, the 20th Border Horse, the 32nd Manitoba Horse and others. Though an infantry regiment requires far less officers comparatively, the surplus officers accompanied the contingent to England. There it was decided to reduce the number of officers of the battalion to the proper establishment. Not one officer of the 18th Mounted Rifles remained with the battalion, and there is hardly a non-commissioned officer of that regiment still with the battalion.

All the surplus officers, of whom there were ninety, were offered positions in Lord Kitchener's new army, but the majority preferred to return to Canada in the hope of being appointed to the next Canadian contingent.

As the list of officers for the second contingent has practically been made up, the majority of the returning officers will in all probability have to wait until mobilization of the third contingent commences.

Among those who arrived by the Grampian were Lieut. Colonel C. A. Andrews of Mahone, of the 75th Regiment, Lunenburg; Major J. H. Crighton, also of the 75th; Lieut. Colonel Kirkpatrick of Woodstock, N.B.; Major A. Havard, Altamont, Man.; Major J. J. Bull of Woodstock, Major J. T. N. L'Heure, Ottawa; Lieut. Colonel G. A. S. Hamilton of Montreal; Major Dekam of Ottawa, Lieut. Colonel Bois of Ottawa, Lieut. Colonel MacPherson of Portage la Prairie, Man., and Major Wallbridge of Belleville, Ont.

Mr. L. C. Daigle, dairy superintendent, is among the guests at the Barker House.

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LOCAL NEWS

THE BEAUTIFUL.

A light fall of snow today has put the roads in very good condition for sleighing. A little more of it would greatly stimulate Christmas trade.

CLOSED DOWN.

The plant of the Concret Builders, Limited, at Gibson, has been obliged to close down for a few weeks on account of cold weather.

SACRED CONCERT.

The sacred concert at the Opera House last evening by the Fredericton Brass Band attracted a large audience and was very enjoyable. In addition to a program by the band, there were vocal solos by Mrs. W. A. McLellan and Mr. Flewelling and selections by a quartette composed of Messrs. Cooper, Mitchell, Edney and Colter. As a result of a protest by the Lord's Day Alliance no silver collection was taken. The bandmen desire to thank all those who took part in the excitement.

THE RECORDSHIP.

The appointment of Mr. J. B. M. Baxter as attorney general renders vacant the recordship of St. John. The names of Messrs. M. G. Teed, K.C., W. A. Ewing, K.C., and J. Roy Campbell are mentioned in connection with the vacancy. The position is worth about \$3,000 a year. The salary attached to the office of attorney general is only \$2,100 but successful duties already in sight will run it up to at least \$12,000. Mr. Baxter is therefore, in giving up the recordship not making any great financial sacrifice.

AMERICAN SYMPATHY.

That the best American sentiment is with the Allies in this war is shown by the following extract from a letter from the wife of a prominent Wisconsin banker to a friend in this city:—"This horrible war seems like such a useless, cruel thing. We have a German element in our population, but Germany has very few friends here. I have a German maid whose father and brothers are in the army and she frequently tells me she would like to go back and kill the Kaiser. I suggest to her that she is fortunate to be in a country of liberty and free speech."

TO HANDLE FORD CARS.

Carleton Sentinel.—Mr. R. L. Phillips of Fredericton, has been at Detroit, Michigan, the last week, where he had made arrangements to handle the Ford automobile for the season of 1915, and to largely increase his territory. It will be very interesting for prospective Ford owners to know that the 1915 car will be electrically lighted, also that there will be an improved cowl, dash and radiator hood, which will give the car a very much improved appearance. (Mr. Phillips' territory will include York and Sunbury counties.)

BANK OF COMMERCE

The annual statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce just to hand shows net profits for the year amounting to \$2,668,233.25. After providing for a dividend and bonuses amounting to twelve per cent and donating \$50,000 to the patriotic fund the bank will carry forward the sum of \$1,117,763.27. On November 30th the bank had deposits amounting to \$81,508,809.74. The total assets on that date amounted to \$245,364,398.64. The paid up capital of the bank is \$15,000,000 and the rest account is now \$14,617,763.27.

MR. J. K. EATON DEAD

At Salmon River, Colchester county on Monday, James K. Eaton, C.E., one of the prominent engineers of Nova Scotia died. As a civil engineer he worked at most of the railways in Nova Scotia and later was engaged as Crown Land Surveyor of Colchester. In his immediate family he leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters. The sons are Major D. I. V. Eaton, now at the front in France; Captain Edwin K. Eaton, at Bermuda with the R. C. R., and Captain R. B. Eaton, M.P.P., Alberta. The daughters are Mrs. Walter McLaughlin, of Halifax; Mrs. M. M. Hopkins, Veldz, Alaska, and Miss Lucy Eaton at home.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas season must be bright. Flowers brighten wherever they go and bring the true Christmas spirit. No table should be without them. A box of cut flowers or a potted plant, or a basket of flowers make an appropriate Christmas gift. Carnations, Roses, Violets, Valleys, Chrysanthemums, we will have a large stock of these. Several cases of Christmas flowers for trimming, this is new to us. We carry a heavy stock of potted plants, Pinks, Ferns, Azaleas, Begonias, Poinsettias, Christmas Red Begonias, etc. Call and see our Christmas display. Place your order early. Telephone or Telegraph orders receive careful attention. Choice and early and Letty

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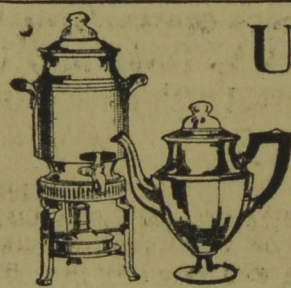
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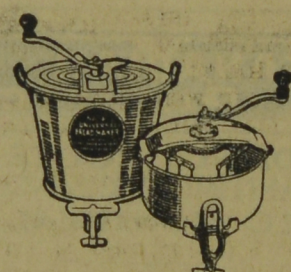
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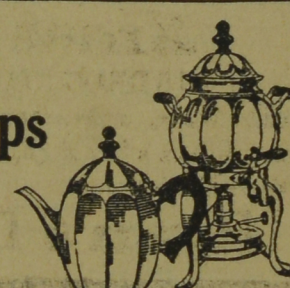
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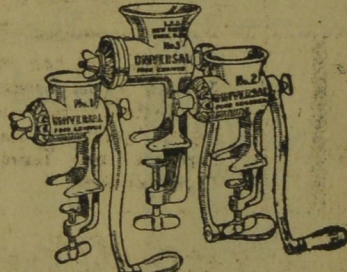
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