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EDITORIALS

It is quite a natural question to ask, since the city treasurer has reduced his staff by one-half, if it would not be possible to have some of the other departments in the City Hall reduced? The first thing that occurs to one is that there is an expensive engineering staff employed without any serious undertaking in that line on hand. Since the completion of the hydro-electric there does not seem to be anything to do that a low-priced man could not accomplish. Why, therefore, keep the present expensive staff? The only excuse there ever was for securing a high-priced man was because of the big projects the city had on hand. These are now all completed or held in abeyance. The people will therefore expect the staff to be reduced to a minimum. Quick, march.

In considering the changes made in the City Hall, it is to be hoped that wherever possible length of service and faithfulness to the city will be considered. The head of the department, who is held responsible for its efficiency, must of course have the service of good men. At the same time, unless there is a wide deviation in their ability, the old hands have the first claim. It is only through the recognition of seniority promotion that good men can be induced to serve the city.

It would appear that the city has at last woken up to the fact that the fish business is to be the backbone of this city. In

the past everybody sat back and waited for the revolution which the opening of the road was to effect. If any magic had been in store for that event the coming of the war has certainly disposed of it for the present. The miraculous having failed, we now turn to the practical and find that potent forces lie about us that will make a great city of Prince Rupert. These forces, however, are passive. They will never move of themselves. They must be acted upon by human ingenuity. Boats and nets and men must be secured and sent out to reap the rich harvest of the seas.

But the business must receive the fostering care of our governments. If the men engaged in this business find that impediments lie in their way and that those in authority care nothing about it their enthusiasm will soon wax cold. The governments must assist. The people of Prince Rupert must keep hammering at their doors till they are compelled to give way. This must be made a free bait port. It must be arranged, too, so that the independent American fisherman can dispose of his fish right here and get his cheque in exchange. The city will have to find facilities for these men who go down to the seas in ships. When we have made it easy for them to trade with us the harvest will come for both of us. Lead on, Macduff!

ONE HONEST MAN.

Scammon, Kan., Nov. 23.—Last winter Thomas B. Evans, late postmaster of Scammon, found that his books showed him indebted to the government for nearly \$1,000. Worried over the discovery made him ill and is said to have caused his death. He blamed himself for the discrepancy in his books, not being an accountant. Evans, saying nothing to his family, began making up the shortage and at the time of his death had done. He died believing he owed the government the money. Auditors of the post-office department checking through the books discovered an error and found that Evans did not owe the government anything. Mrs. Evans has just received a check for \$920.21 from the department, the amount Evans made sacrifices to pay.

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MEXICAN GENERAL EXECUTES PRIESTS

Four Put to Death Because They Headed a Revolt in State of Michoacan.

El Paso, Nov. 24.—A military bulletin from Guadalajara received here today said that four Catholic priests had been executed by order of General Joachim Amara, military governor in the State of Michoacan. It was declared that the clericals had headed an uprising. Several similar uprisings of the people against alleged confiscation and desecration of church property have been reported from several points in Southwestern Mexico.

Soldiers of the Carranza garrison at Naco, Sonora, fired five bullets into the body of Luciano Perez, a deserter, after he had crossed the American border in an effort to escape further service as a soldier. He was seriously wounded and was treated by the American soldiers.

The Maytorena forces continued firing upon the Naco defenses, but seemed to have withdrawn the greater part of their forces farther away from the town. General Hill, commanding the garrison, said a force from Aguas Prieta would attack Maytorena from the rear.

Another Mexican was shot last night while on the American side of the boundary. All told, twenty-seven persons have been wounded by stray bullets. Nine were American cavalymen on border duty, two of whom died. Four were American civilians and the others Mexican men and women refugees. One woman died of wounds yesterday.

The inventor of the best machine for pulling and topping sugar beets will be awarded a \$10,000 prize early next year by a Colorado sugar company.

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PREMIER OF NEW BRUNSWICK IS FOUND GUILTY OF GRAFT

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this act of compulsion which has been charged against him."

The report says also on this head: "What might rightly be considered compulsion under one set of circumstances might by no means constitute or give rise to it under other circumstances and, therefore, it is that while there was no threat or menace in the conversation (between Flemming and Kennedy), we have no hesitation in believing that the compulsion undoubtedly existed, taking its rise primarily from the fact that Mr. Flemming was the premier of the province, and Mr. Kennedy was a contractor in the building of this work in question."

Different Swearing.

In other words, the Premier of New Brunswick "shook down" the contractors. The Hon. H. F. McLeod swore one way and Scott & Kelly, the contractors, swore another way in regard to the payments to McLeod; the commission finds that they cannot say, as against Mr. McLeod's denial that the charge has been proved and therefore they find Mr. McLeod not guilty.

The commission finds that \$100,000 of the \$350,000 borrowed by Gould and his associates from the Provincial Trust Company did not go into the railway and must not be charged against the bonds. They refer to \$107,000 of other charges as improper.

It finds that the 10 per cent which the construction company was getting from the railway company was an improper transaction. Payments say as \$1,000 to the Fredericton Gleaner and \$3,000 to Winslow are stamped by the commission as without justification or excuse. Many preliminary fees to solicitors are also condemned.

In a statement issued, Premier Flemming refers to the finding as "cruel and unjust," intimates he will remain in office and the Legislature and suggests the repayment of a portion of the timber graft to the limit holders.

RUSSIA GOES "DRY."

Prohibition Takes Effect in Czar's Domains and No Strong Liquor Is Obtainable.

Petrograd, Nov. 18.—There is prohibition in Russia today, prohibition which means that not another drop of vodka, whiskey, brandy, gin or any other strong liquor is obtainable from one end to the other of a territory populated by 150,000,000 people, and covering one-sixth of the habitable globe.

The story of how strong drink has been utterly banished from the Russian Empire was related by Michael Demitrovitch Tcheli-sheff, the man directly responsible for putting an end to Russian great vice, the vodka habit.

What is claimed to be the longest electrical transmission line in the world, conveying 10,000 horsepower about 400 miles, has been put in operation in California.

HOW THE KAISER URGES HIS TROOPS

London, Nov. 24.—A characteristic order issued by Emperor William to his troops has been found upon a German soldier wounded in East Prussia. It is as follows:

"Dear Faithful Soldiers,—You have not forgotten the day when crafty, barbarous Russia, having secretly prepared to attack our fair and peaceful Fatherland, mobilized her troops and moved toward our frontier. That same day I, in fulfillment of my duty and prompted by the best interests of the country, decided, in conjunction with my government, to defend our land to the last drop of our blood.

"With this defensive purpose I was compelled to move my valorous troops into France, which, as an ally of Russia, was preparing to strike a blow at us on our western frontier.

"Thanks to the valor of my heroes, France has been severely punished, and Belgium, which interfered with our attack, has been added to the glorious provinces of Germany. From the course of military events you know that the punitive expedition into Russia has also been a brilliant success.

"But, although we obtained due requital for the affronted patriotism of Germany, we must now turn to the new task of protecting our hearths, which moribund France and barbarous Russia are making ready to attack. Henceforward military operations will take another form, which will soon be intelligible to you, my dear, valiant soldiers.

"My heroes, that hour of trial has now come for you and for the whole of Germany. It is necessary to concentrate our energies on the repulse of our enemies, for otherwise Germany will be transformed from a magnificent free country into an enslaved, degraded province of Russia and France.

"If Germany is dear to you, if your families are dear to you, if your culture, your faith, your nation, your Emperor, are dear to you, you will offer the enemy worthy resistance.

"Not one step backward into our country; remember, behind us, destruction is threatening, and it is only before us that our happiness lies.

"For your country, for glory, forward, my dear, my faithful friends."

COL. VON REUTER DEAD, SAYS REPORT TO PARIS

Paris, Nov. 24.—A dispatch received here from Montpellier relates that a letter reaching there from Beziers reports the death of Colonel Von Reuter, the German officer who was concerned in the Zabern affair. A priest who carried the colonel on a stretcher declares that he was seriously wounded by a bayonet thrust in a fight in Alsace.

"European Countries Contaminated With Cholera," says a war item in a newspaper. Even a misprint sometimes tells the truth.

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