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**EDITORIALS**

Handwriting on the wall is not always legible, and, when it is not, interpretation of its meaning is apt to be guesswork rather than accurate forecasting. The two contested elections that have taken place since the elevation of Mr. Hearst to the Premiership of Ontario, however, supply specimens of handwriting on the wall that a man on a galloping horse could read. The figures are extraordinary. In West Hamilton in 1911 Col. Hendrie, now Lieutenant-Governor, had a majority of 1,800. In June of this year he had 1,488. Three weeks ago his successor, Mayor Allan, secured 39 against Mr. Rollo, a Labor candidate with Liberal support.

Dundas county, in which almost as great a change took place in the recent election, when Mr. Hilliard was chosen to succeed Sir James Whitney, has been a safe Conservative seat for a generation. Sir James' later majorities were: in 1902, 504; 1905, 624; 1908, 914; 1911, 921; 1914, when Mr. Stewart Muir made a fine run, 674. Now Sir James' successor gets a majority of 59, as reported at the time of this writing. Mr. Campbell, the Liberal candidate, is immensely popular, and that, no doubt, counted for a good deal. But the

Hamilton and Dundas elections mean more than personal popularity or the reverse. They mean that the tide of public favor is setting strongly toward the Liberal leader and the clear-cut social reform policy of the Liberal party. Ontario preferred Whitney to Rowell despite Sir James' opposition to the abolition of the bar. The electors do not show the same favor to Sir James' successor. An average turnover of half as many votes as were changed from the government to the opposition in the two recent elections would send the Ontario government headlong out of power.—Globe.

In view of the talk of an early Dominion election the above is interesting. It shows that a strong sentiment in Ontario is revolting from the boss rule of the Conservative party. In New Brunswick the Conservative premier has been found guilty of graft by a royal commission and the whole province is up in arms. In Nova Scotia the Liberals are strongly entrenched and will give a good account of themselves in case of an election. It will be remembered how the big majority of the Conservatives in Manitoba was reduced to the vanishing point in the recent election. Alberta and Saskatchewan are almost solid



for the Liberals on account of the demand for wider markets and for freer trade with the States. British Columbia, ground to the dust under the heel of MacKenzie and Mann, is anxious to be avenged on her betrayers. Quebec, disgusted with the results of the Tory-Nationalist combination, has long ago returned to her natural leader, the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier. With these things as they are no Liberal need fear the result of an election, and the quicker they bring it on the better.

**MORE BRUSSELS SPROUTS.**

"The street boys stick a short carrot through the top of their bowler hats and practice the goose-step in front of the mitrail-leuses laid in certain streets," says a prominent resident of Brussels in The Times. "Or they gravely set up large targets twenty yards from the mouths of the cannon, so that a miss would be well nigh impossible. "Favorite pastime of all, they form in line and at the word of command, 'March! To Paris!' the whole line marches backwards. The centries look on, puzzled; if there is one thing a German does not understand it is irony!"

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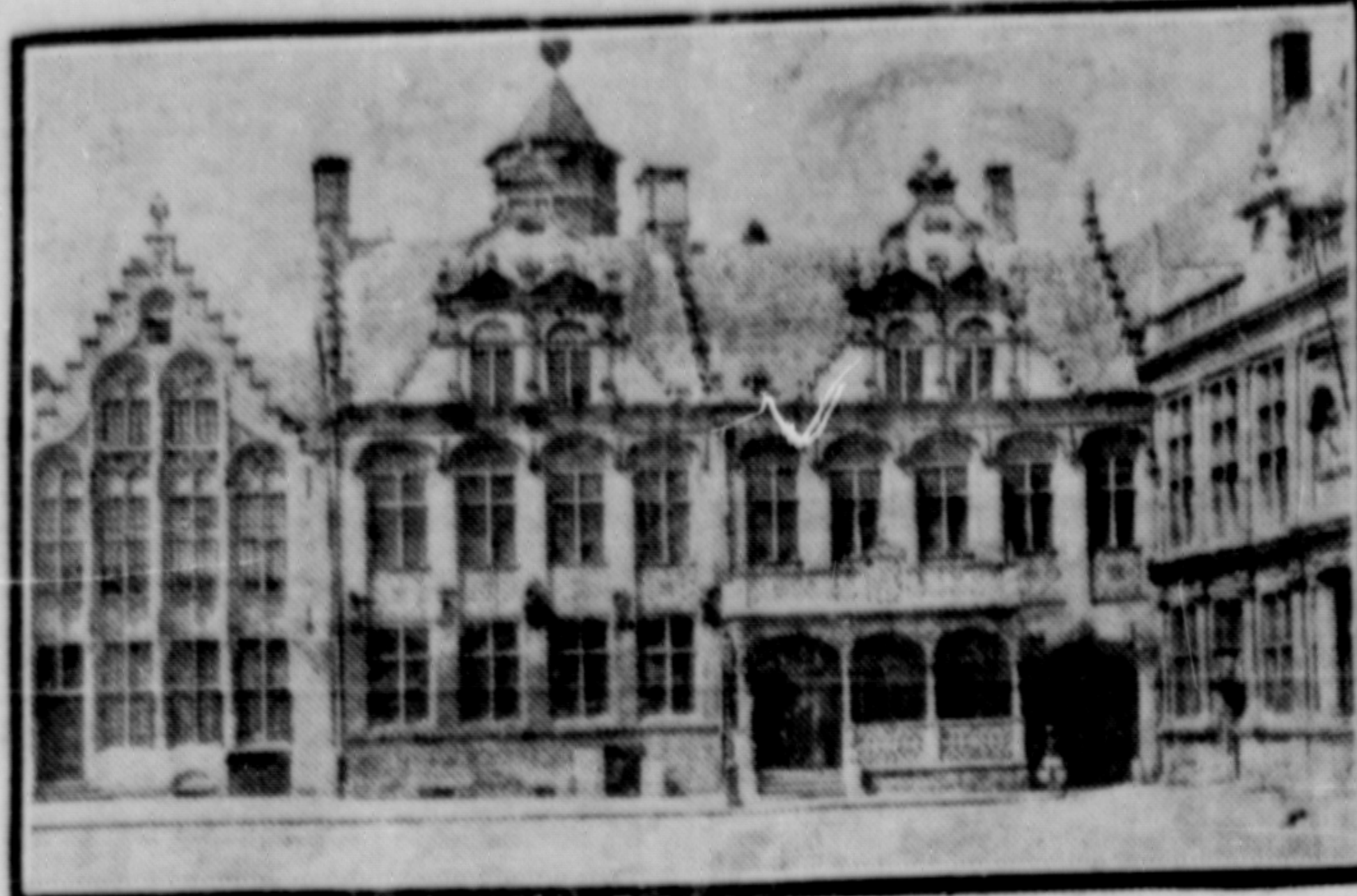
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**BELGIAN HEADQUARTERS AT FURNES**—The Town Hall at Furnes, Belgium, from which plans for the operations of the remnant of the Belgian army are forwarded.

**LORD KITCHENER AS GREAT A STATESMAN AS HE IS SOLDIER**

**IMPORTANT PART HE PLAYED IN EGYPT—SUGGESTED THAT HE GO BACK AFTER THE WAR—BRITAIN WILL RULE NEARLY ALL AFRICA.**

When the history of this greatest war of all history comes to be written it will be seen in perspective how pre-eminent Lord Kitchener's personality really is among the crowd of men who are actually participating in the fierce struggle in all localities and capacities. His is the outstanding figure for those who take the trouble to comprehend the situation, and who are therefore viewing it from the true historical standpoint. The observer who is ahead of his own time is the one who understands his own time better than anyone else does. Nominally Lord Kitchener is Secretary of War; really he is Director General of the whole British military situation, and at the same time the mediator in chief between Parliament and the House of Lords. It is his office to create the army, to select the commanding officers, to furnish supplies and equipment, and require Parliament to provide the ways and means of payment.

It was fortunate that in this most awful crisis in her history Great Britain had in Lord Kitchener the right man for this difficult place, and in Premier Asquith the right man to select him to fill it. A flashlight on the whole situation from this viewpoint is afforded by the published opinion of the present Prime Minister of Egypt, who knows his own country and also knows Lord Kitchener. Rushdi Pasha assumes to speak for the "enormous majority of Egyptians" when he maintains that Great Britain's pre-eminence in Egypt is a good thing for that country, because it will keep open the great highway to the East, will safeguard European financial interests in Egypt, and will conserve the integrity of Egyptian territory. This is equivalent to saying that Tureo-Germanic supremacy would be fatal to Egypt's chance of "realizing its ambition to become an important state"; and the same feeling has become deeply seated in the minds of all intelligent East Indians, whether Hindu or Mohammedans, as this war has satisfactorily shown.

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