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EDITORIALS

There are many marks of real greatness about the people of the United States. As a commercial people perhaps they have no equal. In the realm of inventive genius, too, they have shown wonderful development as witness the phonograph, the telephone and many other modern inventions. Individually, too, they are so much like Canadians and Anglo-Saxons in general that they are without doubt much closer to Canadians than any other foreign people and perhaps in some ways more assimilable than a certain class of Britishers. While all this is true it is also evident that as a nation there is about them a certain smallness that is unworthy of a great people. Their unyielding manner in arbitration treaties between themselves and Britain is well remembered but their conduct in the present war is perhaps more typical. While the vast majority of Americans do not attempt to hide their friendship for Britain and her allies, their government continues a puerile policy of heckling the British government during this critical stage, when every interest in the world should prompt her to assist them. If the United States continues this policy they will not only lose a great deal of the friendship of Great Britain but will have lowered themselves in the eyes of the civilized world.

It will come as a surprise to Canadians that the United States should strive to become Canada's money lender. In some quarters across the line they seem to be as anxious to corner this business as other lines of enterprise. No doubt the security of conditions in Canada as compared to Mexico is one of the causes for this. Perhaps the real cause, however, is that the States are fast becoming money lenders. In

the days of rapid expansion they needed all their money at home but now that the country is largely developed they are looking for a safe market for their funds. This new turn in events may be the salvation of this country. The great war has not only cut off Canada's immediate supply of capital from Britain but will curtail it for many years to come. It is fortunate, therefore, that there is supply and demand of this much needed article in close proximity and due advantage should be taken of it. Somebody ought to tell the mayor and finance minister about this and perhaps they would have better success.

As a matter of fact, the only requirements of Prince Rupert are to arrange for her current liabilities. If this city had had her long term debentures placed, as she might have had, there would be no city in the country with a better outlook. A couple of million dollars for a city like this is nothing and in normal times could be easily arranged. There should be no further immediate expenditures, however. Let the main sewers wait for the present and allow the people to put in septic tanks instead. Apart from the ordinary wear and tear to streets and plants, this city should be able to get along for several years without any further bonded indebtedness. It is not the spending of city money that builds up a town. Our progress in the next few years will depend largely on the fishing business and any attempt to boom things by the expenditure of city money should be thwarted. Let the city lay on its oars and avoid the shoals that have wrecked other communities.

The mayor and the chairman of the finance committee are to take a jaunt at the city's expense upon a financial mission. It is said that they are first to interview the representatives of the city's bankers at Vancouver. Being unsuccessful there, they are to go to Victoria. Imagine the cold, icy reception they will get from the McBride government, which is itself up against it financially. Hence, it is said, they will go to Montreal to tell the city's bankers how to run that institution as far as the city's account is concerned, at least. Being unsuccessful there, they will proceed to Ot-

tawa, where they will probably be told to go to Jericho.

It is said that the mayor is very anxious to see the inside of the parliament buildings. The Tory machine long since tried to dish the mayor but couldn't do it and so, regardless of the welfare of the city, made him mayor, well knowing his unfitness for the office. The mayor and the chairman of finance have put the city up against it financially. Such a bungle have they made of the situation that any hopes which the mayor may have cherished and probably still harbors that he will be the Conservative candidate at the next election have been knocked into a cocked hat.

The Tory machine, not able to knock out the mayor, placed him where he has knocked himself out; and one can imagine that the machine will have very few regrets.

Of course, the people have to foot the bill for these political manipulations. The toll is going to be a heavy one.

NO CLASH OF PARTIES IN FEDERAL HOUSE

Six Members of Dominion House Are to Be Chosen by Acclamation.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—While no official statement has been given out by the leaders of either political party, it is learned that the suggested arrangement whereby vacancies in the House of Commons will be filled without contests has been consented to by all parties concerned in so far as at least as the five constituencies mentioned in previous dispatches have been concerned. The death of Hon. George Clare, Conservative member for South Waterloo, adds another member to the list. This agreement will doubtless be extended so as to include that constituency, or any other which may become vacant in the near future. As matters now stand, the Conservatives on February 1 or thereabout will elect new representatives for Jacques-Cartier, Terre Bonne, London, Prince Albert, and Waterloo constituencies, while the Liberals will return unopposed, a successor to the late Hon. H. R. Emmerson, who sat for Westmoreland. By virtue of this arrangement there will be no clash of party opinion as a prelude to the session of Parliament, which, it is anticipated, will be practically free from contentions and partisan strife.

CANADA GETS U. S. MONEY.

The Montreal Journal of Commerce points out that the advice offered by Sir George Paish some months ago that Canada should turn to the United States for a considerable portion of her financing is being carried out. In the month of December alone Canada secured \$25,000,000 in the neighboring Republic, made up of C. P. R. Equipment Notes, \$12,700,000; City of Montreal Debentures, \$6,900,000; Winnipeg Railway, \$1,500,000; Province of British Columbia, \$2,700,000; and C. N. R. Equipment Notes, \$2,000,000.

EXPECTS GERMAN LINE TO CRUMBLE

Times Looks for Collapse When One Part of Front Is Broken

London, Jan. 26.—English leader writers find great comfort in the French official assurance that the German offensive has been broken and that the German defence will be broken in turn. The Times regards as a bluff the great stress laid in German despatches upon German preparations in the rear of the present positions. "If the Allies had to take, in detail, every trench the Germans chose to construct, the war might last till the crack of doom," it says, but nothing is more certain than that when one part of the German front is badly broken the whole of their present line must crumple up.

The Telegraph says: "There are many indications that the war is passing into its second phase, in which disparity of numbers and munitions will be fully redressed and the main strategy of the enemy will be wholly defensive."

The Daily Mail ridicules Admiral von Tirpitz' notion that he can create a submarine blockade of the British coast and starve the country by torpedoing merchantmen.

"British transports," it says, "have crossed the channel uninterruptedly since the war began and in no case have they been successfully attacked. Von Tirpitz will not have long to wait to learn what America will say if American cargoes and passengers are sent to the bottom of the sea. The policy of frightfulness defeats itself."

The Daily News says: "Submarines are slow vessels and can not possibly hold up fast merchantmen. The only method of carrying out Von Tirpitz' programme is for German submarines to begin attacking and sinking, without warning, any merchantmen in sight."

The Daily Express says: "American newspapers are emphatic in their attacks on German methods and ambitions, but American politicians are busy creating difficulties for Germany's enemies."

HALIBUT AND SALMON FROM PRINCE RUPERT

Shipment From This City Is Joyfully Received in England.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The war has proved the ill-wind that is blowing some good to one Canadian industry and that is the Pacific Coast fish trade. The naval service department has been advised of the arrival in England of supplies of prime Canadian halibut and salmon from Prince Rupert which have made a very successful debut on the British market.

In view of the difficulties of supply which faces the trade in the Old Country in this time of war, the shipments have proved very welcome and it is hoped to build up a steady trade of this kind. Another shipment will leave on the Grampian on January 29. It is considered that at present prices cod and haddock from the Atlantic should also be exportable to England.

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE PLEADS WITH ONTARIO

Unanimous Resolution Moved by Two Protestant Members Asks Fair Play

Quebec, Jan. 26.—After a debate which was charged with moments of importance, and speeches which varied from the judicial one of Mr. Teltier, leader of the opposition, and that of Hon. Mr. Taschereau, to the challenging defiance of Orangism by Armand Lavergne, the House of Assembly this afternoon adopted unanimously the resolution proposed and seconded by two Protestant members, asking for fair play and equal rights to the French minority in Ontario in the matter of teaching French in their schools.

The leader of the opposition, while one with Mr. Lavergne on the object in view, dissented from the manner of attack contained in the address of the member for Montmagny, as he feared it would provoke recrimination in Ontario.

The motion of Mr. Bullock is as follows:

"That this House, without derogating from the principles of Provincial autonomy, and without any intention of advising or interfering with any of the provinces of Confederation in any manner whatsoever, views with regret the divisions which seem to exist among the people of the Province of Ontario over the bilingual school question, and believes that it is in the interest of the Dominion at large that all such questions should be considered on broad, generous and patriotic lines, always remembering that one of the cardinal principles of British liberty throughout the Empire is regard for the rights and privileges of minorities."

COAST CITIES WILL FEED BATTLE FLEET

Bids for \$25,000 a Day Menu Will Be Asked in Places Visited.

Seattle, Jan. 27.—Provisions costing \$25,000 a day will be bought of Pacific Coast merchants for the big battleship fleet, which will open the Panama Canal next month, while that fleet is in Pacific waters. More than 30,000 men are to be fed and they will be fed on Coast products rather than on supplies bought on the Atlantic seaboard and sent through the canal in refrigerator ships following the fleet.

Senator Wesley L. Jones in a letter to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, encloses a copy of a letter from the paymaster general of the United States navy, stating that bids for provisioning the fleet while it is on the Western Coast would be called for in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and other coast cities. This action was taken as the result of the concerted effort of the San Francisco, Portland and Seattle Chambers of Commerce, following the discovery by a San Francisco firm that the navy department was planning to buy the supplies in the East sufficient for the entire cruise and send them with the vessels in the refrigerator ships.

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