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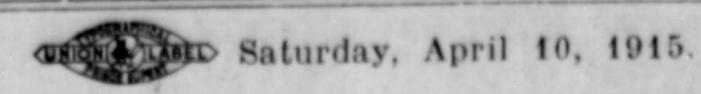
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EDITORIA

Yesterday's election illustrates a well known old truth, that to make a martyr of a man is to restore him to popular favor. Nobody had charged Mayor Newton with dishonesty in connection with his disqualification and the blunder made in the Montreal trip was completely overshadowed by the popular sympathy for the man who is down. The same thing happened in Vancouver in connection with Mayor Taylor, for the oftener they unseat him, apparently, the larger his majority grows. With ex-Alderman Morrissey it was different for, while he contended that he was innocent, the facts showed that the city's account was made out in his own handwriting.

In today's issue will be seen a little more of the terrible graft that has been carried on in militia affairs under the Borden government. It was bad enough to find that rotten boots were sent to the Canadian soldiers at the front in order that a few party manufacturers should be enabled to rake off an exhorbitant profit. But on top of that came the evidence that in nearly all the orders for supplies for the war government middlemen were allowed to slip in, one drug elerk securing as much as \$9,000 profit on the drugs and dressings required for the wounded soldiers while many of the poor boys in the trenches were suffering for the want of coforts which this sum would have supplied.

Now comes the report that

party men were employed to purchase horses for the army in Canada and that not only were exhorbitant prices allow- Recently Lost German Submarine were too old for service, while blame off on somebody else. It British navy. are trying to do. Such crimes within range. deserve the greatst punishment, and the country will demand that they be brought to trial.

One of the hopes for the future is that several of the papers which have strongly supported the Borden government in the past have come out in strong condemnation of this graft. The Ottawa Citizen and several other Eastern Conservative papers have expressed themselves in no uncertain way so that the facts of the case are beyond dispute. In Britain account. this conduct would be considered treasonous and it is time that a similar sentiment was created in Canada. When a man will stoop so low as to rob his country in the hour of her peril he has put himself beyond the protection of her laws and should receive the severest penalty that can be meted out. The government, too, that allows it should come in for similar treatment.

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the flesh" at all, although German submarine U-21, the ofcheques were issued to pay for ficers of which were personally them. The government cannot decorated with Iron Crosses by itor and there are never less than ed the train to Valcartier, and be excused by pushing the the Kaiser, has become part of the three nervous cabinet ministers that they died sooner than face

was their duty to see that hon- Had it been possible to effect est and competent men were the repairs before its loss was secured for that purpose and learned by the German authoriif they didn't do this they are ties, some junior British officers themselves to blame. It would planned to sail the U-21 into not be so bad if they did not try some important German base and to shield the culprits as they torpedo every German war vessel 665 belonged to the Permanent vouchers, descriptions, labels and

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(BY H. F. GADSBY.)

glue factory Every day is wash day in the something.

Public Accounts Committee. At If the glue factory explained the present writing, for example everything the committee could it's horses and spades that are rest easy, but legend continues to being cleaned up-particularly gather in most embarrassing fashion around the vanishing

Somebody has said that all's four hundred. Some say that they fair in love and horse trades. were on the list, but never existed Even parsons have been known in the flesh-being mere ghosts to go wrong when it was a horse of horses, astral bodies of ed, but many of the horses Raised and Repaired by Britain. that was in question, so what chargers that remained at home, wonder if the government's where the cheques were paid, and 400 of them never appeared "in London, April 8.—The famous transactions demand a little in- were present at Valcartier only in vestigation. Frank Carvell is spirit. . Some say they were pallid handling the job as chief inquis- substitutes for horses that misson the spot to see that he doesn't the Auditor General. Some saystumble into a mare's nest.

Briefly stated the horse story conjectures. The fact remains is this. With the first Canadian that nobody knows what became contingent there were available to of them any more than you or be sent 8,486 horses, of which I know where Moses is buried. 7,818 were newly purchased and The horses are gone, and the Force. Of the 7,818 purchased other marks of identity are gone 341 were accompanied by the with them. proper vouchers and were accepted, so to speak. on faith.

The horses from the west were the committee gets down to brass bought at an average price of tacks in the shape of Mr. Arthur S the name implies, \$150, but those from the myste- De Witt Foster, M. P., who spent rious east-which grows more \$72,000 for 428 horses in Kings, mysterious about its horse trades Hants and Annapolis counties, in established long before the the further east you get-brought Nova Scotia. When I say spent Provinces united and an average figure of \$173. Not I mean that \$72,000 was placed to ********************** became the Dominion of that the horses were any better, Mr. Foster's credit in the Bank of Canada. The sound, perhaps, but that the vendors Montreal and the young M. P. isprogressive management were keener and the buyers more sued cheques against this account to three men who did the

> Of the 8,486 horses available to actual buying-F. B. Keever, a be sent only 7,620 crossed the personal friend, T. C. Woodworth, ocean. Of the 866 left behind of Halifax, and W. P. Mackay, 466 were sold at Quebec for an secretary to John Stanfield, the average price of \$54 and 400 have chief government whip. never been heard of since. Rumor | Arthur De Witt Foster, M. P disposes of the missing 400 in Kings County, N. S.,-no relation various ways. Some died of ad- to Sir George-is the youngest vanced age at Valcartier, while member in the House of Comothers who had the hiccups fit to mons. Four years ago next Sepcough their head off, found the tember, fortune marked him for road to the glue factory, or are her own and seizing him gently now figuring in mucilage, canned by his football hair shifted him to chicken and calves foot jelly. All Ottawa, where he made a great these are useful articles of com- hit with her cherub face and rahmerce, but inglorious. On the rah manners. Arthur was a colwhole it was a sad ending for four lege boy and he looked the part. hundred horses that set out to He was elected on a temperance seek the battle reputation at the and social purity platform, and was a great favorite with the Dor-

cannon's mouth. Although horses prices ranged cas Society. In time he became a from \$125 to \$225 in various real cute little politician and parts of Canada, the average banged his desk, and shouted price for the Dominion over was "hear, hear," and laughed sav-\$173. So that Canada was out agely at the opposition on the of pocket on the 466 old crocks slightest provocation. He develsold at Quebec for \$54 each oped along other lines, toosomething like \$56,000, and on smoked a cigar with the corner the vanishing 400, who made no of his mouth and wore his hat at return whatever to the Dominion an angle of 60 degress counting treasury, another \$69,000-a to- from the side of his head. Ottatal discrepancy of \$125,000 on wa is the forcing bed of genius the first batch of horses purchas- and presently Arthur was ed. This does not represent the broker, selling black fox stock total loss, because the prices and things like that at his office quoted are f. o. b. at the point of in Sparks Street. It was there he should be remedied at once, purchase, and do not include any became a financier-you can This we guarantee to do with freight and fodder. One witness learn a lot from foxes, black or testified that there was a fine otherwise-and by the time the business done in slaughtering war broke out he knew his way horses at Valcartier, and that he round pretty well. He knew it so saw as many as eleven shot and well, in fact, that somebody high handed over to the knackers in a up said: "We want horses, Arsingle morning. Cartage to the (Cotinued on Page Three.)

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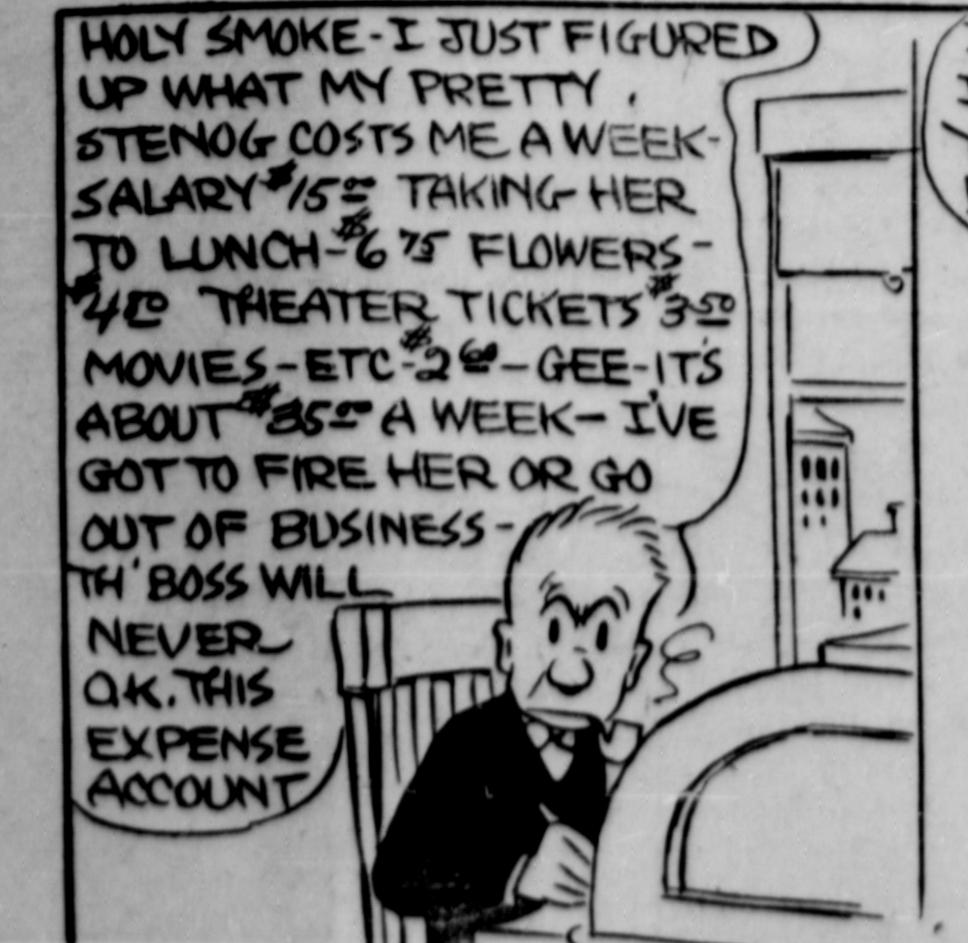
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