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THE BALTIC STRUGGLE.

Perhaps the most welcome of yesterday's encouraging war dispatches was that which reported that the German fleet had left the shelter of the Kiel Canal. To have read that it had engaged the British fleet in the North Sea would have been still more satisfactory; however, it is something to know that it has moved.

The Russians have been making things pretty warm around Libau lately, and, with Italy getting busy to the south, were liable to make things still livelier. If Italy's entrance into the struggle has helped to stir the German fleet into action it has done effective work already. If a few British submarines can worm their way into the Baltic in the next few days, it may become very interesting for the Germans. In the Mediterranean and the Dardanelles, British submarines have shown what they are capable of, and nothing would shake things up in Berlin so much as the loss of a few more battleships. Russia's naval strength in the Baltic is rather an unknown quantity, but it will not be surprising if she is able to regain some of the prestige which she lost in meeting the Japs.

If Holland and Denmark were to enter the lists on the side of the Allies now, it would facilitate matters considerably. Those little nations could do comparatively little fighting, but it would cut off an important source of supply for Germany; allow a close blockade of the River Scheldt; make for a combined land and sea attack on Antwerp, and allow British submarines to be transported over land to the Baltic.

If Holland and Denmark make the move, it will hasten the end of the war by months, and will ultimately be for the benefit of both countries, as anything approaching a Prussianized Europe will spell ruin to these small nations.

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roundly and properly condemued by the Toronto Telegram, t. staunch Conservative newspaper, in regard to the secret boot specification. There are hundreds of men in Toronto who would know at once whether boot specifications were right or wrong. Hon. A. E. Kemp, head of the Purchasexperience that has escaped his sold. knowledge is far greater, in ig- in the market. is not recorded that Hon. A. E. mittee for report. Kemp laughed when he heard ous condemnation of his secrecy, when everything is to be gained and nothing lost by publicity, has come from newspaper politically favorable to his party. It frees criticism of the suspicion of party bias.

An excuse can be found for secrecy after the bogus boots approval. were supplied. It would give an enemy a strategical advantage to know that our troops were poorly equipped in that regard. Such knowledge would have been as valuable as information regarding a shortage or defect in arms or ammunition. The weak spot in an army should always be concealed from the enemy, and if our men had gone at once to marching owing to defective footwear. At the present stage there is no such excuse for secrecy. Publicity will reveal no secret to the enemy, but will avert the danger of developing something to conceal. Hon. A. E. Kemp is a man of recognized business ability. The public expects him to devote that ability to the public interest, and he can do so in

this regard only by full publicity. With regard to general secrecy in public affairs, it is the duty of the press to end it by making it intolerable to the public .- Toronto Globe.

City Council Notes

The residents on Donald Street. who want a sidewalk, are to be people ought to know how their allowed to construct one, the city money was being squandered in supplying the lumber.

to the Council last night that they ing Commission, is not one of have four unemployed horses. the country, and the people ought them, unless he has had some The Council decided that these be to be told exactly how matters

biographers. Yet he presumes | The City Council has decided to to keep the people who furnish employ a salaried manager for the the money, whose interest is as City Market, and that no commisdeep as his own, and whose sion agent will be allowed to sell

norance as to the specifica- A letter was read at the City tions. One of the experts at Council last night from J. R. the Parliamentary inquiry Beatty asking for an increased swore that leather built up of water supply to the Provincial thin splits gummed together government wharf. The matter was better than genuine kip. It was referred to the Fishery Com-

or read it. He has given no Section Two for light and phone to tell the people the truth. such evidence of special knowl- extensions was referred to the Alderman Edge said that Alder- FOR meeting last night.

> tion Park. The Parks Committee time comes. agreed to grant permission pro-

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ALD. MONTGOMERY ASKS MORE QUESTIONS

The city clerk reported that he had been asked questions by Alderman Montgomery, and had handed them to the Mayor, who refused to answer them.

Alderman Montgomery pointed out that he did not ask the questions of the Mayor, but of the City Clerk. The questions were in relation to the cost of the Mayor's last trip, and the financial standing of the city.

Alderman Montgomery stated hat he asked the questions in the public interest, as he thought the these hard times. He pointed out The Board of Works reported that the financial position of the city had been discussed all over stand. If the adverse reports are untrue, the city solicitor should be instructed to take action.

> Alderman Maitland remarked that the reports were both good and bad, and that the matter should not be discussed at pres-

Alderman Montgomery asked if the Council intended to slide the matter over without making a report. He alleged that the report which appeared in The Empire was misleading and untruthful, A request by the residents in and that it was up to the Council

edge. It is well that the vigor- Light Committee at the Council man Montgomery had been present at all the meetings and knew J. McAleenan has applied to the all the facts. The city has noth-Council for permission to erect a ing to hide, and a public report refreshment stand at the Recrea- will be made when the proper

> Alderman Montgomery stated vided the stand meets with their that when \$250 of the public funds had been spent, the people were entitled to know why and Some persons always seem to where it had been spent. He did] be groping in the darkness that not feel that he should beg or buy space from the newspapers in order to inform the public on matters which should be made public by the proper officials in the Council chamber. He remarked that if there is nothing to hide, it will serve no good purpose to keep it dark.

In reference to the reason for the Mayor's trip, Alderman Montgomery said that Alderman Edge had distinctly stated that they had got the Mayor out of the way until they put the financial deal through.

Alderman Edge denied having made such a statement.

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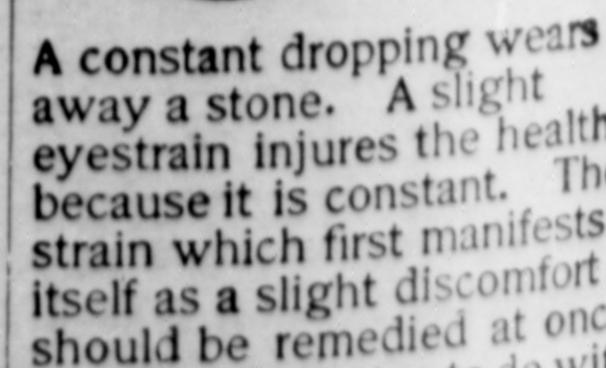
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