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## RUSSIAN SUCCESS

On top of the news that the Russians are successfully evading the clutches of Von Hindenburg, comes the welcome news that General Ivanoff has delivered another smashing blow on the German right wing, causing Von Mackenzen to retreat. Coupled with a severe check on the other wing, this latest success will act as a great stimulus to public feeling throughout Russia. The Russians have always remained confident about the ultimate result, but, after all, continued retreating, no matter how successfully carried out, does not tend to raise enthusiasm. A smashing blow is much more encouraging than a strategic retreat.

Von Hindenburg, in the centre continues to advance, but, if the German wings are going to buckle up, his advance is almost bound to land him in a huge Russian pocket, from which he will have his work cut out to escape. There can be little doubt that continued Russian successes during the next few days will do wonders in the way of assisting the Balkan powers to a decision. Bulgaria is sitting on the fence, waiting for the opportune moment to climb down into the arena. Bulgaria is not likely to bother about coming to the assistance of a Germany in distress, and, in all probability, Russia these last few days has put up just the kind of an argument that the Bulgarian Czar will understand and appreciate at its true value.

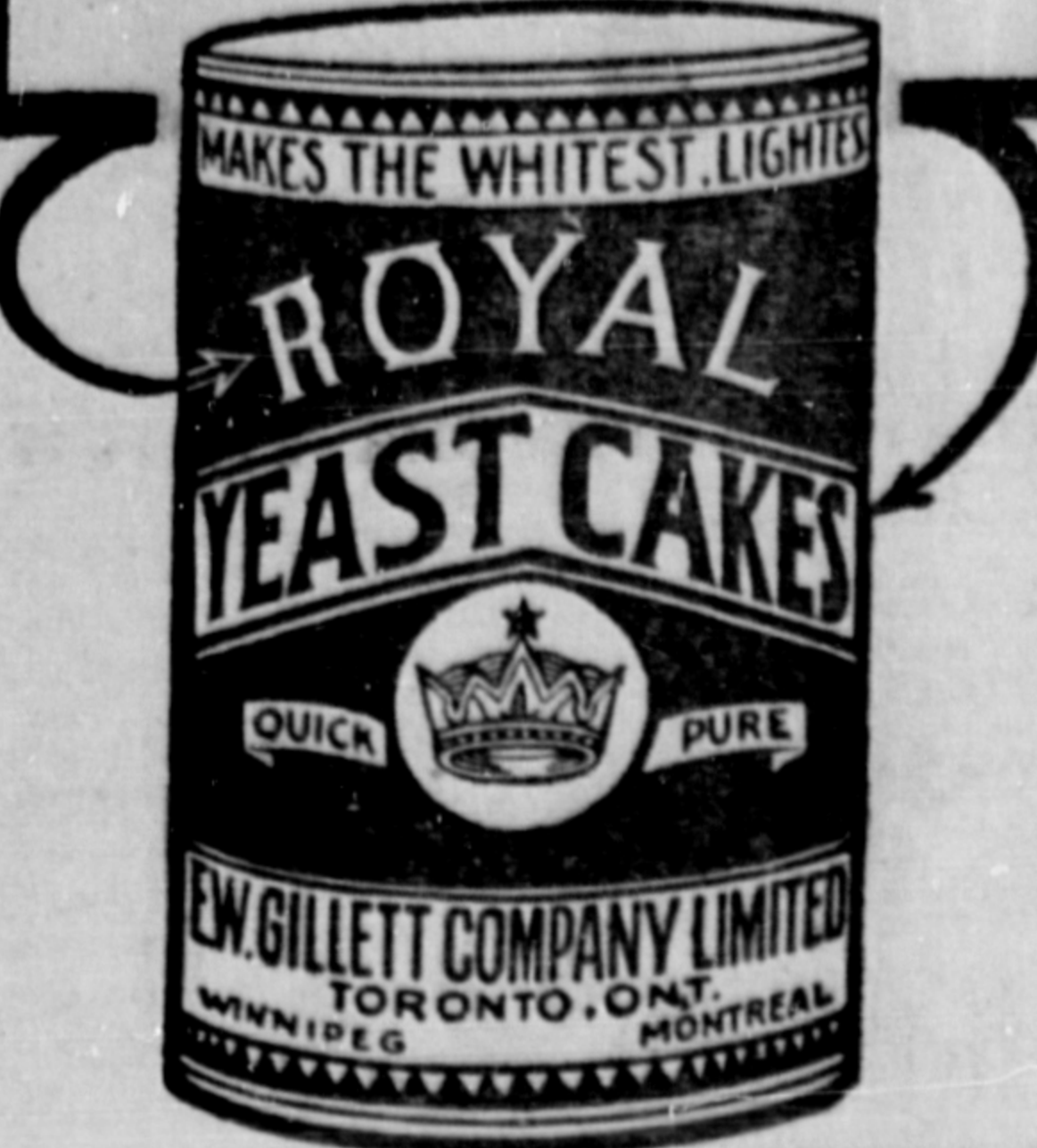
## A BOWSER SPEECH

The attorney-general delivered a characteristic address before one of the Conservative Ward Associations in Vancouver recently. Mr. Bowser rarely addresses open meetings,

and when he does the audience is hand-picked—admitted by ticket. We trust that during the campaign he will repeat that speech in Victoria. We should like to hear from his own lips the remark about the "men who had given this province a clean and capable administration during the last twelve years." He ought to bring Messrs. Reid and Alexander, to whom he presented \$80,000 of the people's taxes as a rake-off in connection with the Kitsilano deal, to offer corroborative testimony to the cleanliness and competence of the administration of which he is a lively and entertaining ornament. He might fill the gallery with victims of the Dominion Trust, which he, the law minister of this province, not only permitted to prey upon the public, but actually facilitated its operations through the passage of unconstitutional legislation.

Additional testimony to the cleanness and ability of the administration might be submitted by those profitable clients, land companies, timber companies and what not who in dealing with the government of which Mr. Bowser was a dominant member, deemed it advisable to retain the services of the enterprising and industrious firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. The attorney-general has declared that the criticism of his dual role is merely abuse and vilification. He is quite mistaken. In most other countries Mr. Bowser would have been compelled to vacate his anomalous position. The Dominion Trust Company was a suitor for favors from the government up to within a few weeks of its collapse, and most of its applications went to Mr. Bowser personally. Yet the firm of Bowser, Reid &

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Wallbridge acted as the company's solicitors in all these negotiations. If the attorney-general cannot appreciate the justice of the criticism of this dual relationship he is hopeless, wholly unfit to be entrusted with the administration of the people's business. When the electors returned the McBride ministry they did not appoint Mr. Bowser's law firm as an attaché of the government.—Victoria Times.

## PREMIER BORDEN'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE A CANADIAN NAVY

(Continued From Page One.)  
August, 1910, acting on the harmonious conclusions of the Canadian Parliament made suggestions as to what form a Canadian fleet unit should take. The admiralty's idea of a fleet unit for Canada was one armored cruiser of the Indomitable class, which is a Dreadnought type, three unarmored cruisers Bristol class, six destroyers, three submarines and the necessary auxiliaries, such as store ships, etc. These suggestions were in part accepted by the Canadian government and it was decided to make a start with four protected cruisers of the Bristol type, one cruiser of the Boadicea type, and six destroyers of the Improved River

class, total cost \$11,000,000 and annual maintenance \$2,500,000. The Bristol type is a protected cruiser of 4,500 tons with a speed of twenty-five knots and carries eight guns. It is the same type of cruiser as the Sydney, Australia's hero-ship which sank the Emden and which is now engaged in conveying Canadian soldiers across the Atlantic to England and bringing wounded soldiers home to Canada. It is the type of cruiser, alluded to as "tin pot" by the Conservative press. A very handy kind of tin pot, of which, if Canada had had a sufficient supply, as the Laurier government intended, there would have been no need to detach a British squadron to patrol the Atlantic, protect trade routes and guard Canadian transport ships on their journey across the ocean.

To make a long story short, Sir Wilfrid Laurier introduced the Naval Service Bill on January 12th, 1910. It followed the lines suggested by the Admiralty. It also provided in case of emergency the government of Canada might place the Canadian fleet unit or any part thereof, including ships and men, at the disposal of His Majesty for general service in the Royal Navy. Emergency was defined as "war, invasion, insurrection, real or apprehended." Asked what war the bill referred to, Sir Wilfrid replied "War anywhere. When Great

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