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## EDITORIALS

Some men are born to greatness, others achieve it and still others have greatness thrust upon them. So said a wise man. Premier McBride belongs to the last class. He is a fair weather statesman. In the days of chivalry he would have been known as a "carpet knight." Throughout his political career he has been lulled to sleep by the flattery of those whom he has allowed to exploit the resources of this province. He never knew what it was to have to do anything strenuous. The country was too busy making money to even seriously question the weakness of his policy. As a result he has sprung up like one of those sickly plants that have never seen the light of day and when the province needs a man at the helm they find Sir Dick a lamentable failure.

Sir Richard cannot stand the criticism of his opponents. He almost cries like a child because the connection of the Dominion Trust has been exposed. He doesn't deny the charges but his plea is, "Tell it not in Gath." In other words, it's not itself, but the exposure of it that he condemns. He is foolish enough to think that if the Liberal press had remained silent the outside financiers would not know about it and the credit of the government would be sustained. As a matter of fact, the connection of the government with the bad speculations of this province is better known in London than in British Columbia, and the only way to restore our credit is to turn out the "spoilers" and put clean men back in their place.

The weak wail of the Premier also tells another story. It reveals the fact that he knows the end is near. Men who are sure of victory do not wail with despair. They walk along with the strength of giants. Indeed, it is no wonder that the Premier feels the advance of his impending doom. From every quarter of the province come reports of dissatisfaction. The flow of money that was squandered in the past for the upkeep of the faithful is all gone and there is no more to come. The element of selfish interest now being removed, the people are looking to the welfare of their country and they are going to vote out a government that they know to be corrupt. If this

is accomplished the hard times that made the people think will not have come in vain.

Is it possible, therefore, that the government should appeal to the people under such trying circumstances? The first thought is to discredit it. They have still another session to their credit and would it not be wisdom to hold what they have. This would be good business, if they did not still have a vain hope of winning by a "fluke." With almost a unanimous House they may hope to save enough out of the wreck to preserve the government in power; but this is taking a long chance. Their chances, moreover, are continually getting worse. Every day they wait they lose. It seems almost certain, therefore, that they will shortly dissolve the House and made a sudden appeal to the country. Nothing would please the Liberals better and the quicker it comes the better.

Has the morning Journal changed its politics since 1911? Today it has a lengthy article on the increasing trade between the States and Canada, loudly proclaiming the mutual advantage of it. American money, too, it declares, is fast finding its way to Canada. Surely this must be treason on the part of The Journal, that took such a strong stand in 1911 on the campaign of "No truck or trade with the Yankees." It is hardly possible that, like such a large portion of the Canadian people, the truth has already broken through the shell of this esteemed contemporary. It may be the forebodings of better things to come.

### BERLIN ENRAGED BY SHIP BILL AMENDMENT

Berlin, Feb. 9.—A news dispatch has been received here from Washington saying that President Wilson has consented to an amendment of the ship purchase bill, which provides that no vessel is to be bought by the United States if such purchase would lead to conflict with any one of the belligerent powers.

Nearly all the German newspapers criticize this course sharply. They virtually unite in calling it a backdown before Great Britain on the part of President Wilson. The Kreuz Zeitung says:

"This tender consideration for Great Britain is more remarkable inasmuch as it injures America herself."

### EIGHT INMATES OF HOME KILLED OFF BECAUSE OLD

Appalling Story Told by Attendant at German Oddfellows' Institution.

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Investigation of Fred Mors' story that he put to death eight aged and infirm inmates of the German Oddfellows' Home here because they were too old and a nuisance, extended today to physicians who are said to have signed the death certificates in some cases.

Adam Bangert, superintendent of the home, and three porters are under arrest as material witnesses. Mors is in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, under the surveillance of alienists. The coroner said that three porters told him that when an inmate of the home died a certain mark was chalked on the door of the room in which the body lay and that a physician was supposed to see this mark and examine the body before issuing the death certificate. The porters said, according to the coroner, that in some instances the doors had been passed by and the death certificates made out, showing the cause of death to be apoplexy. According to the story told by Mors, when he walked into the district attorney's office in New York several days ago, five inmates were killed with an anaesthetic and three with other drugs.

### GOVERNOR IS HERE.

The new governor has arrived—not the Lieutenant Governor, but the naughty one which has been kicking around between Berlin and Prince Rupert since the war started and which is required to complete the electric plant. The Cow Bay plant will be started up to take the load while this is being installed. As a matter of fact, the Cow Bay plant is used on Sundays as a rule to give the hydro-electric a rest or to enable the plant to be overhauled. A supply of coal is therefore still required for the old plant and tenders were opened last night for 100 tons, long measure, there being forty tons on hand now. The tenders submitted were as follows: Union Transfer, \$7.25; New Wellington Coal Co., \$7.19; Lindsay Cartage, \$7.20; Pacific Cartage, \$7.20.

Alderman Montgomery pointed out that the price of coal didn't always determine which was the best bargain, and that the electrical superintendent should be consulted. He moved, therefore, that the contracts be referred to the light committee and the superintendent with power to act. This was carried.

### GERMANY SENDS SUBMARINES TO ZEEBRUGGE BASE

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—Several German submarines have been sent to Zeebrugge from the naval base at Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven. It is assumed in Amsterdam that Zeebrugge will be the base of the naval operations which Germany will deliver against the transports carrying English troops across the Channel to France.

### EARL CHANGES TITLE.

Earl of Aberdeen Decides to Add Temair Instead of Tara to His Title.

London, Feb. 9.—The Earl of Aberdeen, retiring Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whose announced intention of assuming the new title of Marquis of Aberdeen and the Tara, provoked strong protest from Ireland, has reconsidered his decision in view of the criticism. It has been announced now that he will style himself the Marquis of Temair, a name which is anciently associated with the historic Hall of Tara.

### SIR GEO. PERLEY AT FRONT.

Acting High Commissioner to Spend Few Days at British Headquarters on Continent.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Sir George Perley has left for France, according to a cable which has been received here. He will spend a few days at the headquarters of the British troops. He will make an inspection of the arrangements that have been made for the troops of the Canadian expeditionary force when they go to the front.

CHORUS

King and our Coun-try We're from Can-a-da, we're from  
Can-a-da, A-land be-yond com-pare, Where the  
sun shines bright and the stars at night, Look down on our fields so  
fair On to vic-tor-y, on to vic-tor-y, We will  
help to fight the foe, And the Ma-pie Leaf is our

Em-blem dear, As march-ing on we go.

### "WE'RE FROM CANADA."

Chorus of a new Canadian marching song which is "taking on" rapidly in Canadian cities where the second and third contingents are mobilizing and being trained for overseas service. It is British-Canadian through and through, the sentiment is patriotic and the air catchy. It was composed and set to music by Miss Irent Humble, of Toronto.

### TWENTY STEAMERS HELD FAST IN ICE

No Chance of Releasing Lake Michigan Craft Until the Wind Shifts.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Twenty steamers are fast in the ice along the western shore of Lake Michigan between Chicago and Milwaukee, according to reports received by officials of transportation lines, and there is no likelihood of releasing them until the wind changes. Low temperature and high northwesterly winds are held responsible for the fields of ice.

The steamer Alabama, of the Goodrich Line, has been fast in the ice nine miles northeast of this port for two days. There are no passengers on board and the steamer is in no danger.

Six steamers are held fast in Milwaukee harbor, including the Iowa, Georgia and Arizona, of the Goodrich Line, and the Racine and Kansas, of the Racine Line, and a Pere Marquette car ferry.

Several other vessels are marooned off Racine, Wis.

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