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EDITORIALS

A few days ago Canada and the United States celebrated the centenary of a hundred years of peace. Historically, this may be all right, but as far as the people of this generation are concerned, it seems almost superfluous. Apart from a small coterie in the States that has little influence there is not anybody in either country who expects that there ever will be anything but peace between these two countries. The United States has all the territory they want for national expression and, indeed, some of the possessions they do hold they would like to get rid of. If there was any desire on their part for further expansion, the present state of affairs in Mexico furnishes an excellent excuse to secure a country. When they refuse to take over a rich country that is being torn to shreds by war, an action that would meet with the approval of the civilized world, there is little danger of them having an eye on Canada, which is united and progressive.

Once in a while some mischievous idiot arises to say that the friendship of Japan for Britain is founded on the hope that she will have Britain for an ally "when she fights the States." Such a state of affairs is unthinkable to anyone who knows the facts and yet the very repetition of such sentiments is an evil that should not go unchallenged. The United States has always boasted that it had no connection with European politics or alliances, and were content to pursue their own destinies alone. Were they otherwise inclined, an alliance with Britain could be easily arranged. Britain's alliance, on the other hand, with Japan is purely defensive, and should Japan attack the States, which she is not likely to do, Britain would be no more compelled to assist

than was Italy with the Triple Alliance. Britain will never fight the States unless it is for defence, and even this seems impossible; and anybody who is given to making such unwarranted statements should be immediately brought to task. Let us talk peace and not war.

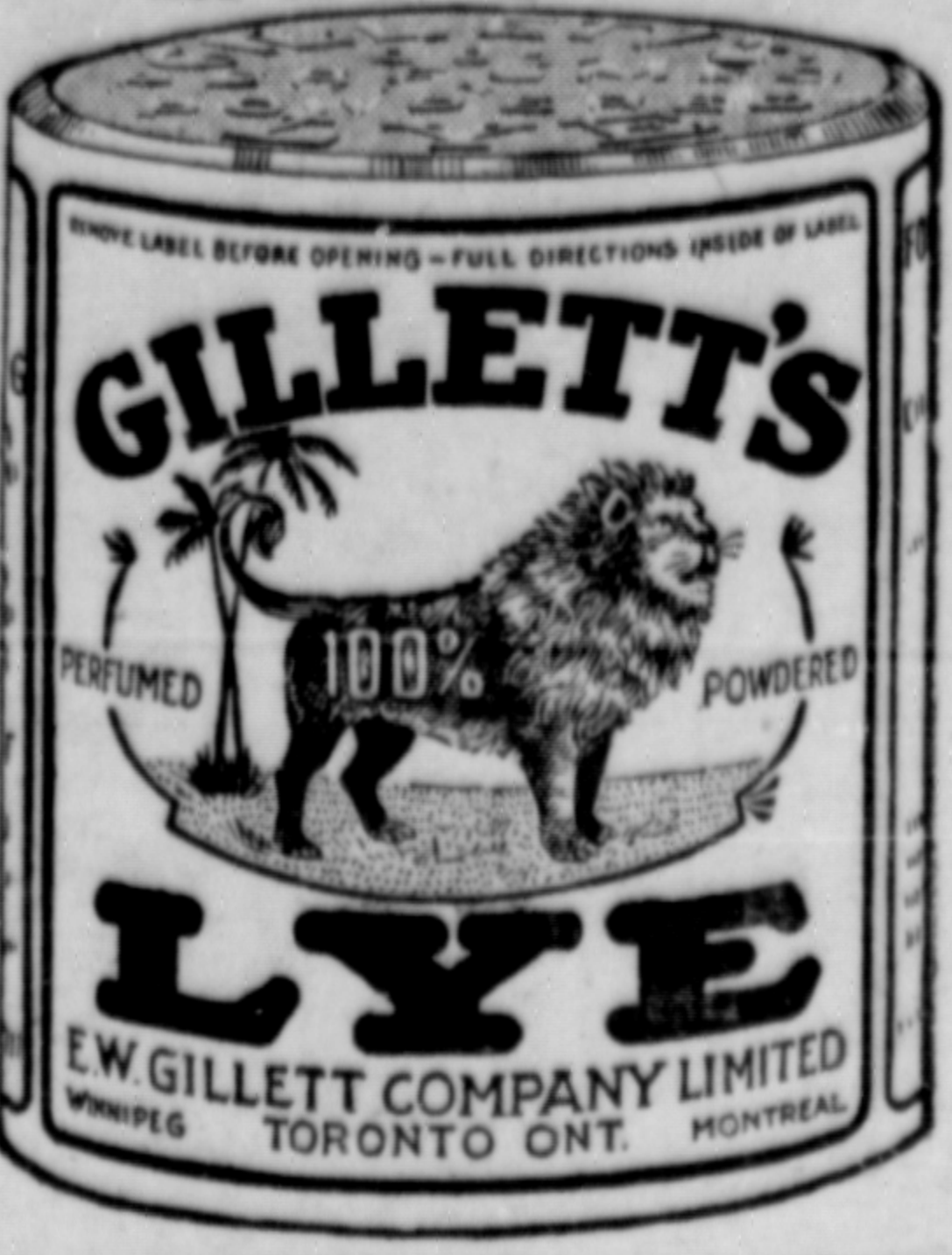
The threat of Germany to sink by submarines all merchantmen found in British waters, surely is like the last resort of a desperate man. It is such a flagrant violation of the law of nations that none would think of attempting it unless it was planned for a final grandstand play. It is an admission that Germany feels that her grand army has already been defeated and that she has not a chance in a thousand to win. Coming as it does, just before the final charge of the new allied armies, it will only have the effect of speeding the end, if, indeed, proposals of peace do not follow their unsuccessful raid. Germany has shot her bolt; and all her little side-shows are nothing but a waste of energy.

MAID SERVANT SHOOTS EMPLOYER FOR KISSING HER

Toronto, Feb. 19. — Carrie Davis, an English domestic, 18 years of age, charged with the murder of her employer, C. Albert Massey, automobile salesman and son of the wealthy manufacturer, Charles Albert Massey, appeared in the Toronto Police Court and was remanded for a week. The girl has a soldier sweetheart who has gone to Salisbury Plain. Her sister, Mrs. Edmund Fairchild, of this city, stated that the girl had complained to her that Mr. Massey had kissed her and she had run away from him. "I told her," said Mrs. Fairchild, "to lock her bedroom door at night, and if he tried again to bother her to run to a neighbor's house, no matter how she happened to be attired. Mr. Massey and his wife had always been awfully good to her, and I can't understand why she should have shot him."

The fact that the shooting occurred on the Massey doorstep, when Massey was returning home from downtown, makes it appear as though the crime was premeditated. The view taken by the brother of the victim is that the girl committed the crime in a fit of temporary insanity; while the girl's friends believe that the girl did the deed on the impulse of the moment.

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



CONCERT IS HEARD ACROSS THE CONTINENT

New York Music Entertains Mayor of San Francisco, Who Holds Phone Receiver.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Music "made in New York" arrived in San Francisco last night via long distance telephone for the sole enjoyment of Mayor James Rolph, Jr., who held the receiver at the Western end of the wire.

The other end of the long copper antennae penetrated the banquet room of Hotel Astor in the Eastern metropolis, where members of the Far Western Traveling men's Association were gathered.

Mayor Rolph had called up New York, to invite the 15,000 members of the association to San Francisco and the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. So clearly did the music of the orchestra come over the wire that talking was delayed until the strains were interrupted. The mayor's invitation was then repeated to the banqueters and their cheering acceptance concluded the conversation.

NEW MAYOR UNSEATED; DISQUALIFIED TWO YEARS

C. McKenzie, of Fort Frances, Is Charged With Corrupt Practices.

Fort Frances, Ont., Feb. 19.—C. McKenzie, recently elected mayor of Fort Frances, has been unseated in a judgment rendered by Judge Fitch, disqualified from holding office for two years, and saddled with the costs of the action, on the ground that he was in arrears in his taxes when nominated, and because of alleged corrupt practices on the part of himself and the agents of the Ontario & Minnesota Power Company, which is in litigation with the town to the extent of about \$30,000, and it is charged, though denied by McKenzie, that he had threatened that the light service would be cut off if he were not elected. Allegations as to the payment of money to voters also figured in the case.

BIG GERMAN BANK SUSPENDS DIVIDEND

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The Berliner Tageblatt says it learns that the Dresdner Bank will pay a 6 per cent dividend this year instead of 8 1/2 per cent, as previously. It is also stated that the National Bank of Deutschland has announced that it will suspend its dividend.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER TAKES GOVT. CONTRACTORS TO TASK

FAULT OF THE POOR SHOES LIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT SINCE THE SPECIFICATIONS WERE FAULTY—QUOTES MANUFACTURERS.

The following recent speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House of Commons was taken from Hansard, and shows the attitude of the Chief on matters affecting the war:

"Let me say at once that we who sit on this side of the House and who represent His Majesty's Loyal Opposition took our course at the outset of hostilities when we declared that we would support the government in their war policy. We conceived that it was our duty to do nothing to embarrass the government, but, on the contrary, to do everything in our power to facilitate the task, the heavy task, which had been placed in the hands of those to whom, for the time being, the Canadian people had entrusted their fortunes. We have acted upon this principle all along, and again we are prepared to act accordingly. We meet the summons of His Royal Highness in the same spirit today, in the month of February, as we met in the month of August last. We are prepared to give to the government, to those who for the moment have the confidence of the Canadian people under our constitutional system, the support to which they are entitled for the attainment of the great end which we all have in mind.

"But whilst we are preparing to do nothing more than, perhaps, we should do, at the same time we are entitled to have from the government a full statement of the expenditures which they have made out of the \$50,000,000 which was placed at their disposal last August. The Canadian people have been generous with their money; they continue to be generous with it; but whilst we do believe that mistakes have been made in the manner in which the money has been expended, that errors of judgment have been committed, of those mistakes and of those errors of judgment we are not disposed to be critical.

"It would be hardly possible to expect that in the case of the expenditure of some fifty million dollars no mistakes would arise; it is perhaps more than we can expect from human nature; but we cannot close our eyes to the fact that not only have mistakes been made, but frauds have been committed which have resulted in injury to the health of our troops, and impairment of their efficiency. These frauds have been regarded as so gross and so criminal that the Minister of Militia himself, not more than two or three weeks ago, stated, not once but three or four times at different places in the country, that if he knew the man who supplied the boots, which have been the cause of so much disease, and sickness, and suffering to our soldiers on the plains of Salisbury, that man would deserve to be shot. The honor of the minister is at stake, and so is the credit of the country. It is not impossible to discover the responsible parties.

Up to the present the minister is responsible, and it is for him to take the necessary measures to vindicate himself. We have been told that a commission of three members has been appointed by the government to investigate this particular matter, and not later than ten or twelve days ago it was stated that the minister himself, not satisfied with this inquiry, had instituted a departmental investigation to ascertain the true facts. I do not know if this is all that is intended to be done by the government; but let me say that the fullest light should be thrown upon this matter, so that the people of Canada may know where the responsibility lies. No member on this side of the House intends to be critical, and for my part I certainly have no such intention; but assuredly we are all gravely concerned that the health and comfort of those brave men who are risking their lives in the cause of the Empire shall have every protection that we can afford. I would say to my honorable friend, the Minister of Militia, were he in his seat, that in certain quarters the blame is cast upon him. It is said that the fact that the boots which were supplied to the troops

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68th REGIMENT, EARL GREY'S OWN RIFLES.

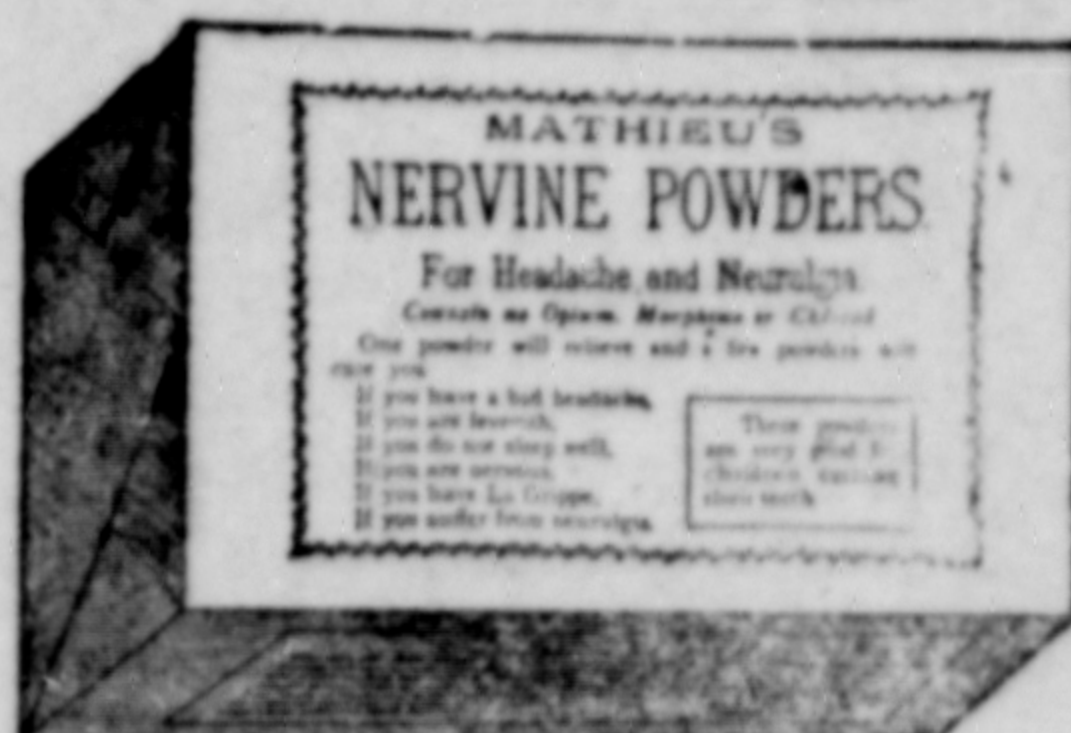
Orders by Major J. H. McMullin, Commanding, for the week ending February 22, 1915:

Parades.
A Company will parade at the Exhibition Building on Tuesday and Friday at 7:45 p. m. Drill squad and company.

B Company will parade at the Exhibition Building on Monday and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Drill squad and company.

Overseas Company.

Men enlisting for this company who have passed the medical examination will parade at the Court House, Second Avenue, on Monday, February 15, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of signing the roll. Married men must bring with them the written consent of their wives to their enlisting. Men will parade in plain clothes. W. A. PETTIGREW, Capt., Acting Adjutant.



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