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## EDITORIALS

How often one hears it said that the hardest thing in the world is to get a good man. The kind of good man that is referred to is the kind that is competent and willing and honest. On the other hand, it is well known that there are scores of men, a portion of the time of every year, out of a job and always looking for something permanent. Putting these things together, the solution ought to be self-evident. The attributes that are required in a good man are born with some men and acquired by others. The man who makes a failure of life is the man who has never set out to do some one thing supremely well, whether that be along the line of statesmanship or digging a trench for a sewer.

There are scores of young men in every town who have not yet learned this lesson. They are waiting for fortune to come to them on golden wings or gouching because she doesn't. The solution can only be found in hard and honest work. No man is worthy of a job who wants to earn his pay and nothing more. It is the man who besides earning his pay, makes the most money for his firm that is always sought after. Besides that, the more a man's heart is in his work, the less trying does it appear. The whole question settles down to one of self-interest. It pays in coin of the realm to render the best service that is in you and the very fact of doing this lightens the burden of your work.

Classical literature is full of references to a fabled drink which turned the upright shape of those who imbibed into a grovelling swine. We do not need, however, to go to classic fables to get our examples. We find them almost every day in practical life. A drunken man is far more filthy than the swine and a great deal more disreputable. Any man who could see himself in that wretched state ought to be so disgusted that he would never return to it. Why is it that men will persevere along that slippery path, when they know the fate of those who have gone before, it is difficult to see.

It used to be the fashion to say that you could not make men moral by acts of Parliament. Perhaps not; but at least you can make them a

great deal more decent by removing the object of temptation. This has been amply proven in Russia, where their recent measure of prohibition has worked miracles among the people. It is safe to say that if it were not for the profit that is in the liquor business, it would not be tolerated for one moment in any decent country. Its effect on the people is almost as bad as leprosy, and governments have long ago isolated that dread disease from human society.

The British Columbia government is planning to spend a little over eleven million dollars in the next year, which is estimated to leave a deficit of almost five millions. The revenue of the Ontario government for the past year was \$11,122,383, and their deficit was only \$627,928.

## MAY ENTER THE FIELD.

Ex-Alderman J. D. McNeill intimates That He May Be Candidate for Mayor.

Vancouver, March 3.—There is said to be a strong probability of a third candidate for mayor in the person of ex-Alderman J. D. McNeill entering the mayoral handicap. Although no definite statement as to his intentions could be obtained from Mr. McNeill, it is known that he is inclined to reconsider the answer he returned to a number of his friends last week and to enter the field. Further representations were made by a delegation of prominent business men, who saw Mr. McNeill yesterday. At the conclusion of this conference he intimated that he would give the question of running serious consideration and might accede to their requests. Nominations for the next election have to be placed next Saturday. Alderman Hepburn and Mr. L. D. Taylor have already definitely announced their candidature.

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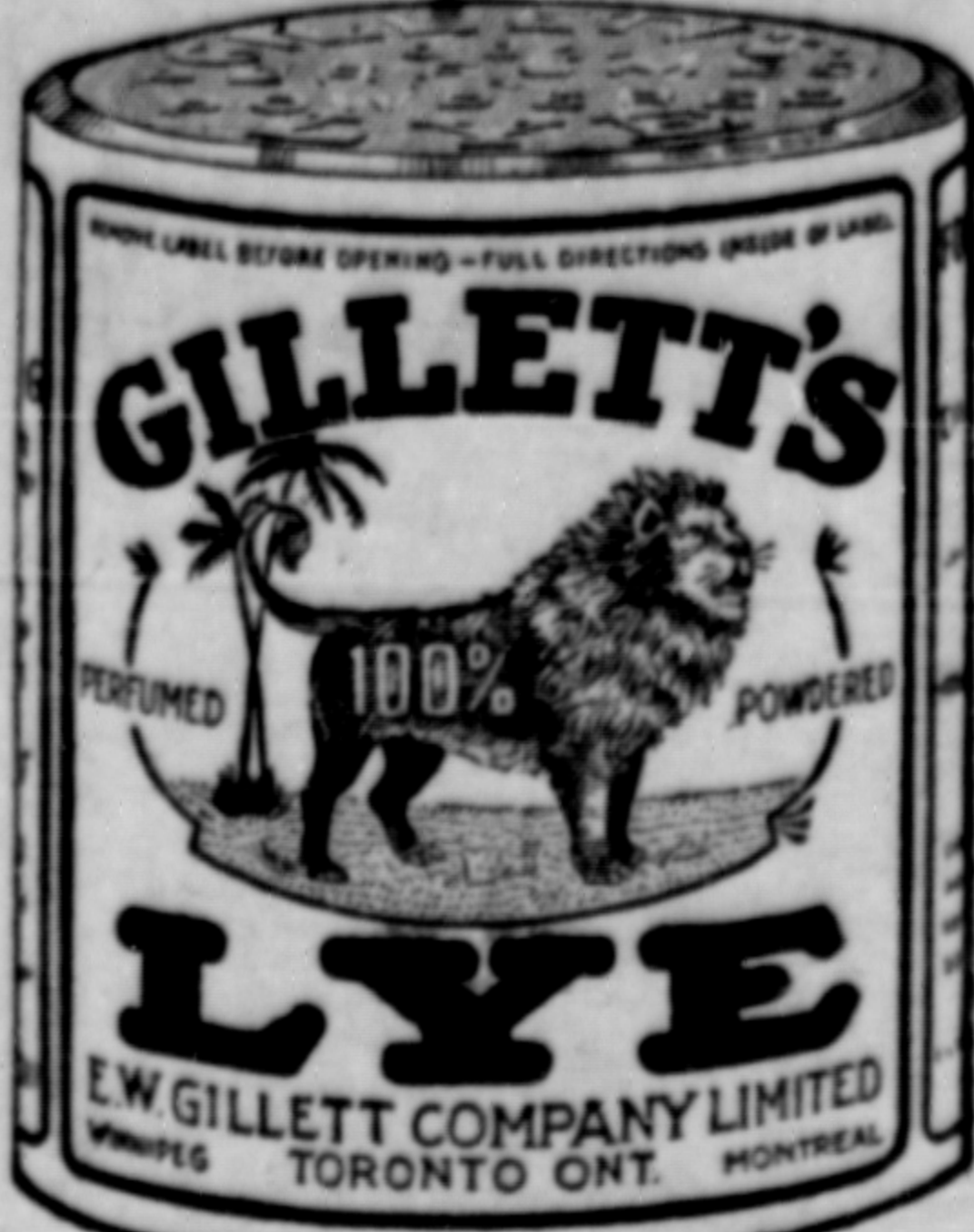
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Hamilton Man Tells How Dominion Soldiers Were Received in France.

London, March 3.—A letter received this morning at the office of the Canadian Associated Press gives some interesting details of the Canadian contingent's life in France. The writer is Percy Buttery, who was on the Hamilton Spectator staff at the time of his enlistment in the Canadian Ammunition Column.

"Owing to the very rigid censorship," he says, "I am unable to tell you exactly how we got here or exactly where we are now. We had a pretty rough passage across, far rougher than anything I had experienced in my two crossings of the Atlantic."

"Upon our arrival we met with a great reception and it was evident that the Dominion troops that had preceded us had established themselves in the affections of the French people, particularly the female portion thereof. Crowds lined the streets cheering loudly and clamorously asking for souvenirs, all along the route we met an equally enthusiastic reception. Union Jacks were flying everywhere, and in point of number seriously rivalled the French national emblem."

"One feature of the crowd, impressing me more than anything, was the large number of young women dressed in deep mourning. At two stations en route the girls handed us postcards on which were written their names and addresses and bitter denunciations of the Germans, requesting us to send the cards back from the front. Eventually we arrived at the village in which we are now billeted and which is about nine miles from the firing line. We can hear daily the booming of guns, while at night rockets are used by both sides. This village, however, and its neighborhood is so peaceful and quiet and the inhabitants so calm that it seems scarcely possible that a big battle is raging a short distance away. This village was in the possession of the Germans for a couple of days, but they were driven out by the bayonet right back to the position in which they are now entrenched and from which in a few days we hope to shift them. In the very field in which our horses are now picketed nineteen Germans are buried and large numbers of others are in different places round about."

## CATHOLIC CLERGY HELD.

All Natives in Mexican Capital for \$500,000 Ransom.

Washington, March 4.—All the native Roman Catholic clergy in Mexico City are being held for a half million dollars ransom, official advices from diplomats in the Mexican capital received here say, and the only priests excepted are those of foreign nationality, who have been ordered to leave the country.

The habitual invalid can stick to the job longer than any other person.

## BILL FOR U. S. TO - PUT EMBARGO ON NATIONS AT WAR

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Word for word with the text employed by the act of June 4, 1794, by which all trade was stopped by the United States with Europe. Representative Stephen G. Porter, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill authorizing the President to declare an embargo between this country and the warring nations. The measure, if it becomes a law, will enable the chief executive to forbid the commercial activities of all ships in the foreign trade. Should an embargo be declared, however, it is specifically terminated by a provision of the measure fifteen days after the convening of the next session of Congress.

Citing the analogy between the conditions which existed during the Napoleonic wars, when the embargo of 1794 was enacted, and the conditions of today, Representative Porter in introducing his bill declared:

"I am strongly of the opinion that if a proclamation were issued placing an embargo on wheat to take effect the moment our surplus stock of that great cereal has been exported it would stop the gambling in it and result in normal prices."

## SAYS MARITZ IS CAPTIVE OF BRITISH

London, March 4.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Capetown says it is reported there that Lieut. Col. S. C. Maritz, the rebellious Boer leader, has been arrested and sent to Windhoek, Cape Colony, as a prisoner.

A dispatch from Pretoria, on February 10, said newspapers there had published a report that Colonel Maritz had been executed by the Germans for treachery. His military movements were supported by the Germans of German Southwest Africa. His reported execution was said to have been due to an attempt to surrender to the British at Kakamas the forces under his command.

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