

# CRISP COMMENT BY ONTARIO EDITORS ON CURRENT EVENTS

The Hun is at the gate—in some cases, in low forms, he has even slipped through.—Stratford Herald.

Guard the public building and bridges now. Remember the barn door and the horse.—St. Thomas Journal.

Women have the right to sit in the Manitoba Legislature. Mrs. McClung may yet be premier.—St. Thomas Journal.

The snow is rather a nuisance at times, but we can be thankful that it is white—not black.—Kingston Standard.

"Safety First," should be the policy of the Canadian Government in dealing with foreigners in our midst.—Brantford Expositor.

Thank heaven! We are to be spared having a war of ballots projected into the war of bullets!—Hamilton Spectator.

If Mr. Fallis of Peel had made his resignation final and withdrawn from public life, he would have shown more horse sense.—Orillia Packet.

The munition crisis in Russia is declared to be a thing of the past. The financial crisis in Germany is nicely under way.—St. Thomas Journal.

A Washington despatch says that radium is now worth \$9,000,000 a pound. The stuff is still more expensive than potatoes.—Ottawa Free Press.

A bright future awaits the man who will organize a successful campaign without announcing it is to be of the "whirlwind" variety.—London Advertiser.

"If any man has been a thief in these days he will not be sheltered," says Sir Charles Davidson. But so far none of the grafters have been punished.—Hamilton Times.

"The bitterest winter the west has known." Booms have "bust" off these too. Evidently the advice "Go west young man," no longer holds good.—Kingston Standard.

If the worst comes to the worst and President Woodrow Wilson loses his job he can always make a good living by conducting a Correspondence school.—Brockville Times.

Five hundred Germans in Berlin, Ont., toast the kaiser and the kaiser's cause daily. If that is all they do, Canada can stand it, but the five hundred will need watching.—Kingston Whig.

The "smokers" which have been instituted by the Brant Recruiting League have not been the success expected. They have failed to "smoke" the slackers out.—Brantford Expositor.

The fire at Ottawa should not be without its lessons to the Canadian people. It is our duty to protect and safeguard in every way the historical and official documents, paintings and relics of the nation.—Regina Leader.

To one man, the report that the German grand fleet is about to come out of Kiel into the North Sea is probably the most welcome news he has heard since the war started. That man is a man of the name of Jellicoe.—Hamilton Herald.

There may be nothing in those rumors of projected German invasions of Canada from the States. But it may be noted that a German Consul-General is under indictment at San Francisco, charged with planning an invasion of this country.—Hamilton Times.

Against the whole German people, except a few Socialists and Radicals, must be charged the crime of supporting the one-man rule of the kaiser. The Germans outside Germany are even more guilty in applauding a regime from which they had themselves got safely away.—London Advertiser.

Patriotism begins at home, and has its root in the home neighborhood. It includes the home town, the home store, the home school, the home church. The man who is true to his home and the community in which he lives is not likely to fail in national enthusiasm.—Port Rowan News.

Desbarats, Ont., claims the proud record of having sent every available man of military age to the colors. It is a post village in the Algoma district of Ontario with a population around the 200 mark, and is a centre for hunting and fishing. The Desbarats volunteers should make good soldiers.—Montreal Gazette.

General Hughes asserted that, as for Australia, all they knew about shell-making was learned from our Shell Committee. Sir Sam may have breached well to the Australians.

Observation does not reveal every striking evidence that is practised what is preached.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Canada has not developed the "look-over-your-shoulder" hotel spy after the German system. But every man should appoint himself a cen-

ber of the secret service in these times. If he knows of suspicious or singular conduct, he should war the authorities without delay and without fear of being sneered at.—London Advertiser.

There is a rumor going around that a member of the Manitoba cabinet, in the act of having his photograph taken, thought to beat the photographer to it by saying: "I suppose you want me to look pleasant?" But the photographer made the reply: "Yes, please, unless you prefer to look natural."—Winnipeg Telegram.