

COAL ALLOTMENTS GREATLY REDUCED

American Fuel Controller Cuts Down Canada's Supply Forty Per Cent.

The new regulations of Dr. H. A. Garfield, the American fuel controller, forbidding the export of fuel to Canada except for war purposes, will not affect Canada's supply for at least three months, as the allotments for that period have already been made.

At the expiry of the present allotment period, however, Canada may be seriously affected if the new order is rigidly enforced in relation to this country's supply.

Even the allotment for the present three months has been cut down to an extent to cause considerable worry among Toronto coal dealers. It was generally expected that the allotment for the first three months of 1918 would be at least equal to the allotment for the same period in 1917, but a prominent coal dealer informed The World last night that it would be only forty per cent as great.

This means that about 325,000 tons of anthracite coal and 1,750,000 tons of bituminous coal will be all that American mines will be permitted to export to this country in the next three months.

Canada is not even sure of getting this amount of coal. The sixty mines which are licensed to export anthracite coal and the thirty licensed to ship bituminous coal are not bound to ship the coal unless they want to.

Dr. Garfield reserves the right, in addition, to direct shipment to any point, and if he should transfer some of Canada's share to another part of the continent in need of coal this country would be even more seriously affected than at the present time.

As it is, the reduction of sixty per cent in Canada allotment for the first three months of this year is causing considerable worry among Toronto coal men.

PAINTERS AT BANQUET

The Canadian executive of the Master Painters' Association met yesterday afternoon at Oddfellows' Hall, W. Delaney of Niagara Falls occupying the chair. It was decided to hold the next convention in July at Hamilton.

Following this meeting the association held its annual meeting, and a banquet was held at half past six with the members of the Canadian executive as guests. President J. R. Robertson called the meeting to order. Satisfactory reports were made by the various officers, and the occasion was punctuated with a number of fine addresses. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, W. Chesire; vice-presidents, Major Geo. Alexander, H. E. Phillips; secretary-treasurer, Stewart N. Hughes (re-elected for the eighth time); auditor, F. H. McCausland; executive committee, W. Paris, J. Stewart, J. P. Dale, E. Wood, E. W. Vernon, H. Watson, E. Taylor and B. Aldrich.

CHARGE OF FRAUD

Thomas S. Ferguson of West Hill, Pa., aged 30, was taken into custody last night on a charge of fraud. Deputy McMullen is the complainant. Bail was allowed at \$200.

CHINESE COOK ARRESTED

Jim Dong, a Chinese cook, living at 171 Simcoe street, was arrested yesterday by Patrol Sergeant Anderson on a charge of having opium in his possession.

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAYS EVENTS REVIEWED

Bulgaria has signed a separate peace with Russia, according to Swiss sources; Turkey has sought a peace, too, but the Bolsheviks refused her request, compelling her to negotiate along with the Germans and Austrians. As Berne and Geneva are the headquarters of the international anarchists, where they have been supported by German money, the report, though not substantiated, may well be correct. The Bolsheviks are apparently trying to force Russia into a peace with Bulgaria so as to nullify the allied promise of protection to her. The Bulgarians, if the peace is ratified, will be able to take a certain number of divisions from the line of the Danube for service on the line of Salonika. The Bolsheviks have, therefore, apparently committed the most provocative act toward the allies. How the rest of Russia will accept their dictation still remains an enigma.

Residents and students of Russia declare that the Bolshevik program has only achieved among the proletariat of the towns, numbering under one-third of the population in the country. The recent attempt to carry out the Bolshevik program led to so much lightning payments to go back to the landlords and to request them to retain the land for the sake of peace. The bulk of the Russian population remains behind by the stirring events which have overwhelmed their country, but the socialists and anarchists have made themselves almost intolerable by their legislation. In order to give the workers in the cities higher wages the Socialists resorted to the printing and issuing of paper money on a large scale. They have thus depreciated the ruble to ten per cent of its normal value. At the same time they issued a decree to fix the price of food. The Russian peasants, who are no fools, have refused to bring out or sell their grain. The consequence is that the population of the towns will suffer bitter famine.

The Bolshevik reports of desertions by forces of Kaledin and other Cossack leaders may be accepted with skepticism, day reaffirmed its support of the Kaledin policy by a tremendous majority. The Cossacks have also consistently expressed disorder and Socialist propaganda in their country, and their troops, as well as the artillery, have maintained their discipline and loyalty. It is also denied that the modern Socialists are the Germans at Brest-Litovsk. A report says that Trotsky insisted upon the trans-

FIXED ASSESSMENT FIVE YEARS MORE

Revenue From Harvester Company at Hamilton Cannot Be Increased.

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Jan. 10.—The frank admissions of the city solicitor and city clerk yesterday that unless other documents were unearthed there was nothing to stop the International Harvester Company from claiming a fixed assessment for another five years has given the board of control something to worry about.

With a campaign launched to get in every penny of revenue possible, the controllers built largely upon the expiry of the fixed assessment in the manufacturers' annex, and the fact was known that this property was not in the annex proper, it had been taken for granted that the Deering fixed assessment would expire with the rest on March 1.

After Tax Arrears. Mayor Booker and members of the board of control, following up the non-time caucus, were in conference with William Kerr, tax collector, this afternoon, intent upon devising ways and means of bringing in arrears of a quarter of a million dollars.

The expiry of legislation which permits the seizure of household goods and chattels in default of payment of taxes is a club that great reliance is being placed upon for union.

Teachers' Salaries Increased. Those teachers of the public school staff for whom no salary increases were recommended by the internal management committee forwarded a letter to the board of education this evening asking for a readjustment. The communication was referred to the internal management committee. The salary recommendations of this committee were adopted.

J. J. Mackay, civil engineer, has been appointed by the lieutenant-governor of Ontario as the fifth member of the suburban area committee for Hamilton and Wentworth. The other members are Aldermen Thompson and Hodgins for Hamilton, and J. J. Mahoney and J. H. Dickenson for Wentworth.

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BRAMPTON RECITAL

BRIILLANT SUCCESS

Theatre Packed With Appreciative Audience to Hear Brydon-Blight Offering to Aid Red Cross.

The Brydon-Blight song recital given in the Glasgow Theatre in Brampton an evening or two ago was a brilliant success, due to the excellent program, the well known ability of the artists participating, and the large attendance. The theatre was packed to the doors by a most appreciative audience, as was demonstrated by the applause and numerous encores to which the artists generously responded.

Mrs. W. H. Brydon of Brampton and Arthur Blight of Toronto supplied the musical parts of the program, which consisted of songs and duets. The songs "The Lark" and "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," by Sampson and Delliah, were the two operative numbers on the program.

Miss Florence Hazel Whitson, reader, captivated the audience with her humorous selections, while Miss Vera Hagerman, accompanied with big musical grace and execution, added greatly to the success of the evening.

The theatre was beautifully decorated, and each of the artists was presented with magnificent bouquets. Altogether the evening was one of music and flowers. The receipts, which were very gratifying, will be devoted to Red Cross work.

YORK COUNTY -AND- SUBURBS

NORWAY CONSERVATIVES ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting Held Last Night Brings Out Much Discussion on Present-Day Problems.

Norway Conservatives held their monthly meeting at the parish house last night when officers for the year were elected, and other matters of importance dealt with. A. J. Dunnett, who resigned the presidency, is succeeded by Mr. Rowland George S. Henry, M.L.A., and Ald. Hiltz spoke, the former at some length, outlining the work of the legislature along general lines, while Ald. Hiltz dealt for the most part with the fuel problem which, he stated, was acute. Each of the speakers took the ground that the city ought to be given wider powers to deal with this and other local matters. Fred Baker also spoke briefly, as did the retiring president, Mr. Dunnett.

Thomas Foster, member-elect for East York, was given a great reception, and in the annual meeting showed the address that the city ought to be given greater powers, and cited the cost situation, where the city did not have a free hand. Another matter which caused a good deal of discussion, and which will come up again, was the relative standing of East York in relation to East Toronto in provincial matters. As the chairman said, an effort would be made to show that we are at par in provincial matters.

MOUNT DENNIS CHURCH CLOSES ITS BEST YEAR

Congregation Unanimous in Asking Prebry for Sanction to Become Fully Organized Church.

The reports brought before the executive of Mount Dennis, Presbyterian Church, at its annual meeting showed the church to be in excellent standing, marking its most prosperous year. Rev. D. T. Maclean, of Victoria, Presbyterian Church presided.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to ask the Toronto Presbytery for sanction to stand as a fully organized church in the mission of the denomination. The members of the congregation expressed their confidence in their temporary minister, Rev. C. T. Williams, and expressed their desire to retain him.

CITIZENS WILL OBJECT TO INCREASED FARE

Patrons of St. Clair Avenue Line Will Put Up Strong Opposition to Proposal.

"Any attempt to increase the civic car fares by the civic authorities from the present rate of six for ten cents will be met by strong opposition. At least as far as St. Clair avenue line is concerned," said a prominent resident of the Eastcourt district yesterday, "the St. Clair avenue line is a necessary one and has done so for the past two years and more, and the large number of working people who use the line are not prepared to pay a higher fare. The fare should be kept at the present rate, without the added expense of increased car fares," he said.

CHINESE LABOR IS OPPOSED BY UNIONS

Oakwood Branch, Independent Labor Party, Pass Resolution to Be Forthrightly Opposed to Government.

A well-attended meeting of the Oakwood branch, Independent Labor Party, was held last evening in the Hall, Oakwood avenue, when the following resolution was adopted: Moved by Duncan Hood, and seconded by W. Williams, and resolved, "That, in the opinion of the Oakwood branch, I.L.P., the proposed importation of Chinese labor into Canada is detrimental to the best interests of labor in this country, and that a protest be sent to Sir Robert Borden, to be placed before the Dominion Government, and also to W. E. Maclean, M.P., be asked to use his influence in this regard."

G. T. Williams pointed out that, as far as supplying the farmers with help, the Chinese laborer was no good for the farmer. Other measures to be taken regarding food production, President Wm. Jarvis occupied the chair.

AGAINST IMPORTATION OF ALL CHINESE LABOR

Amalgamated Society of Engineers, in Earlscourt, Passes Strong Resolution.

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Earlscourt branch, met at the Arena, corner of Boon and West St. Clair avenue, last evening. President W. Webb occupied the chair.

The importation of Chinese labor into Canada was discussed at considerable length, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That a strong protest be forwarded to the Dominion Government against the importation of Chinese labor into Canada."

It was also decided to write W. E. Maclean, M.P., requesting him to use his influence in parliament to stop the importation. There was a good attendance.

MANY FORESTERS MET DEATH AT HALIFAX

Annual Meeting Court Fride of the North Held Last Night at Malby's Hall.

The annual meeting in connection with Court Fride of the North, A.O.F., was held last evening in Malby's Hall, corner of Boon and St. Clair avenues, Earlscourt. District Chief Ranger G. T. Williams presided.

The new officers were installed by the presiding officer, assisted by Past Chief Ranger J. Mathers. Three candidates were also installed on the advisory board. A discussion took place regarding the relief of brothers of the association in Halifax. It was pointed out that nearly fifty per cent of the brethren were killed in the disaster. The matter was left over for further discussion regarding ways and means to provide relief.

SOLDIERS AT GAME

Last night about 100 of the patients of the Davisville Orthopedic Hospital attended a hockey match at the Arena. They were the guests of the Dental Corps, and the management of the Arena, who provided transportation on the street cars and also ambulances for patients who were attending the hospital. The men were delighted with the courtesy shown them, and in the interest and excitement of the game, forgot, at least momentarily, their ailments.

EAST YORK CONSERVATIVES

East York Conservatives are holding their annual meeting at 320 on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12, at Victoria Hall. Among the speakers will be Hon. J. E. Forbes, M.L.A., and Geo. S. Henry, M.L.A.

SUB-POSTAL STATION ASKED FOR EARLSCOURT

Some Residents Feel Need of New Station, But Decide Are Always Turned Down.

"The establishment of a sub-postal station, so badly needed in the Earlscourt district, would go a long way to solve the problem of the open doors in the postal pillar boxes which have occurred on more than one occasion in this district recently," said Mr. Henry Farley. "The section is one of the largest in the city and is now, and has been for some years past, entitled to a sub-postal station for its own convenience. This request has always been turned down," said Mr. Farley.

"The business men of the district also demand protection for their mail matter," said a prominent business man on St. Clair avenue. "Our association appealed repeatedly to the postal authorities for a sub-postal station, but always met with a flat refusal on the grounds of not being necessary. We shall bring the matter to the attention of our members at next meeting, when it is to be hoped a strong appeal will be made to the United Kingdom government for proper postal facilities for Earlscourt," he said.

WESTON HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" Forms Part of Program and is Well Presented.

Weston High School held its annual commencement exercises and concert in the auditorium of the school last night in the presence of a large number of pupils and their parents. The splendid financial success of the concert will give the school a new start in the patriotic work it has been recently conducting. The chairman was J. Gardhouse. Principal A. Pearson and the members of the staff occupied seats on the platform.

The pronounced feature of the entertaining portion of the program was the staging of Shakespeare's play, "The Comedy of Errors," which was well set. Most acceptable vocal and instrumental solos were rendered by local talent.

NEW LABOR BRANCH

Mount Dennis Workmen Organize in Connection With Independent Party.

At a meeting called to organize the laboring men of Mount Dennis, a branch of the Independent Labor party was formed. A. Miller, who has been connected with the labor movement for 20 years, was in the chair. He traced the growth of organized labor in Great Britain, the United States and Australia, and was able to show the need for united effort by the workmen of Canada to secure representation in the halls of legislation.

SECOND EUCHRE PARTY

The second of a series of euchre parties held by the West Toronto Bowling Association and the Waverley Club was given in the Waverley club rooms, Dundas street, last night, at which there was a large attendance.

MEETINGS DISCONTINUED

Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association Will Help Save Coal.

Owing to an endeavor on the part of the superintendent of public schools to conserve coal, the Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association, which meets in the Annandale School, will temporarily discontinue its meetings. To comfortably heat the building for a night meeting of this nature at different periods in

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NEW OR OLD RAGS GET MY PRICES. E. PULLAN TORONTO. EMPIRE TYPEWRITER. TO TRY OLD PLAN. The Davisville Methodist Church Ladies' Aid met yesterday under the presidency of Mrs. George H. Reid, at their monthly meeting, when reports were submitted showing the society to be in a flourishing condition.

"—so are they all, all honourable men"

—a little more than three years ago—although it hardly seems that long—when that First Division of very gallant men left Canada to defend the principles of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders—

—a company of Toronto men and women, representing all citizens of the community, undertook a certain moral obligation.

That obligation was, and still is, to lend their utmost endeavors once a year to the raising of a fund, to be known as The Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund, the proceeds of which should go to supplementing the Government's senaration allowances to the wives and other dependents of our soldiers overseas.

No one foresaw at that time the magnitude of the task ahead; but that pledge, that moral obligation, made then, stands now. And on three days—January 22, 23 and 24—that same company of men and women, assisted by nearly two thousand volunteer workers, will again appeal to the citizens of Toronto to "Carry On" by subscribing to this worthy cause.

Toronto must redeem her pledge, even as the few living men of the Immortal First Canadian Division, and the hundreds of thousands in the other divisions, are daily redeeming their pledge to us.

Let it here be said that, despite criticism, much of it ill-founded and unjust, the Committee have administered the Fund fairly and wisely. They regard it as a Trust from the people, and disburse it to the beneficiaries as they honestly and conscientiously believe the Donors would have them do.

To those who believe the Government should take over the administration of this fund, the answer is—until the Government does so (and it is not at all certain that it would be wise for the Government to do so) the moral obligation is on the citizens of Toronto to continue to support it, and to give if possible, more generously now than ever before, because the need grows greater with every hour.

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