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The City Council and Home Defence

It is scarcely to be doubted that the city council will endorse the recommendation of the board of control to petition the government to set the Militia Act in operation. The object is to fill up the home defence ranks with the men still unutilized or not usefully employed, between the ages of 18 and 45. It is stated that by request of the British Government 50,000 men are maintained in arms in Canada, but it must be carefully noted that no request for men to proceed overseas has ever been made. Canada's contribution to the fighting lines has been altogether a voluntary one and so far as Great Britain is concerned it will continue to be. But the Canadian Government and the Canadian nation has a duty not only to the allied powers and the empire, but to the men who have already gone from Canada, and who are waiting in the fighting lines for the reinforcements that are so badly needed to end the war and bring them home. Shall we not maintain our own divisions at the front?

The most feasible way of doing it is to call out men under the first two schedules of the Militia Act and get them sufficiently trained to get free the 50,000 or more men available who have already volunteered for overseas service. The men enrolled under the act will be for home defence, unless subsequently, at their own option, they should volunteer for active service abroad.

We have frequently expressed our conviction of the necessity of invoking the Militia Act, and our regret that the government has failed to take this step. There has been a plea put forward by manufacturers and others interested from the employers' standpoint that the country cannot afford to part with any more men. It is sufficient reply to this that the country will not be asked to part with any man now employed on indispensable service. It is from the ranks of the idlers and the loafers that the home defence force would be drawn, and, in some cases, of those who are employed in unnecessary pursuits. There are quite enough idle men in the country and returned soldiers to carry on all the negligible occupations.

Immense bodies of sympathy are being offered the government over the situation in Quebec. It remains to be seen whether Quebec is such a bugaboo in regard to home defence as has been surmised. We believe that for the purposes of home defence Quebec would be as enthusiastic as any. We have already suggested that the enforcement of the act might be left optional with the provincial governments. We decline to think any provincial government would refuse to invite the operation of the Militia Act.

There have been some feeble complaints that there are more men at the front now than can be used. It ought to be apparent to all that the number sent forward only represents an effective strength of about one-third of the total. To keep the men in the trenches, there must be an equal reserve immediately behind, and another body of men who have just been relieved and who are in the rest lines recuperating. In this way 300,000 dwindles to 100,000, and there must be others in training besides ready to fill all gaps. The cables this morning abundantly emphasize the need.

Lord Derby's statement on Saturday regarding the war outlook is of the first importance, and must be considered by people in authority if the empire is to be preserved. The crisis of the war is by no means past. "I would be a false friend," he declared, "if I did not warn the country that the war is going to be long continued, and the struggle even more bitter than in the past. It can only be won by everyone doing his utmost. The three things most vital are money, men and munitions. Money and munitions are being supplied in large quantities. Men we want and must have. The nation will have to make greater sacrifices in the way of giving its manhood to fight its battles. I am as confident as any one of the eventual result, but do not let us be lulled into the too great optimism of thinking that the end is near."

These are solemn words and no one is better entitled to speak them than Lord Derby. There has been some factious criticism in England, because Premier Lloyd George does not more frequently appear in parliament. The need for his application and industry and his devotion to duty is another measure of the gravity of the situation. We do not believe the city council will fail to appreciate the importance of the crisis, nor to do what it can to stimulate the government to action.

Labor and the Militia Act

The News appears to be doing all in its power to support the government in an effort to shirk the duty, the responsibility and the obligation of putting the Militia Act into operation. Even the news columns are requisitioned for this purpose, and on Saturday the recommendation to council of the board of control that the government be petitioned to enforce the Militia Act was made the subject of obstructive suggestions. "It is probable," it was stated, "that the labor representatives in council will strongly oppose the endorsement of this recommendation, and a heated debate may be looked for."

Why, may we ask, should the labor representatives oppose it? And why in the city council of loyal Toronto should there be a heated debate over the proposal to do the one thing needful and essential above all others? It is news to us that labor men are opposed to the shirkers and slackers being called upon for service. The labor men themselves have volunteered with a right good will and have furnished the back-bone of the army. Those who remain behind have signed their cards of universal service practically without exception, and they are with few exceptions occupied in necessary and in the majority of cases indispensable service at home. So much is this the fact that in a number of cases—shipbuilding for example—it is proposed to bring back from the trenches the skilled men in the required trades. The operation of the Militia Act will affect only the slackers and shirkers who are rendering no service to the nation and who are having an easy and perhaps profitable time at the expense of the better men at the front. No man legitimately at home or occupied, need fear the operation of the Militia Act. There has been earnest and indignant feeling in labor ranks at the failure to conscript the wealth of the country as well as the labor, but this feeling is not confined by any means to the ranks of labor. The difficulty is to get effective and official expression for it. It is a hopeful view that expects a government of millionaires to show much sympathy towards the idea of conscripting wealth. But it has been done in Great Britain, where there is a more genuinely democratic spirit than in Canada. This is due, perhaps, to the fact that in England the nation is alive to the war, while in Canada large numbers of people do not appear to appreciate the fact that a war is going on.

If in labor circles in Canada there be some who feel disposed to oppose the government in progressive measures, the government is itself largely to blame. The government has not taken the labor men into their confidence. Labor men, like others, have to be shown. Mr. Lloyd George always recognized this, and when the opportunity arose representative labor men were sent to the front and into the trenches to see for themselves and report to their comrades on the needs and conditions. It is with a policy of that kind that the ranks of labor in Great Britain have been enlisted in the great war, and when conscription became necessary, gave it cordial support. Ben Tillett, Jim Seddon and others are examples of this.

If the government has any doubt about invoking the Militia Act, they should weigh the labor with the labor. The apparent indifference to labor of the government, which has led to the formation of the labor party, has not quickened the sympathies of labor men for the government policy of inaction, but if there is to be a change to a more positive attitude there is no reason to doubt their support.

OFFICIAL WAR PICTURES.

One of the greatest achievements in the history of motion pictures is the latest official war pictures, the battle of Courmelle and the advance of the death-dealing tanks, which is announced as showing the globe and Rialto theatres all this week, commencing today. These are the first motion pictures of the tanks. Fighting, maneuvering, the war, the fighting, the death-dealing tanks, which is announced as showing the globe and Rialto theatres all this week, commencing today. These are the first motion pictures of the tanks. Fighting, maneuvering, the war, the fighting, the death-dealing tanks, which is announced as showing the globe and Rialto theatres all this week, commencing today. These are the first motion pictures of the tanks.

OFFICERS RESENT CRITICISM.

Officers of No. 2 Military District are resenting criticism aired against them in connection with an item for a dinner costing \$381, given in their honor by the Exhibition board. Major-General Logie declared yesterday that he told Dr. Orr that the officers did not want the dinner and attended only as a matter of courtesy when the invitation was pressed.

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CARVING IT HIMSELF



News in The Sunday World

GENERAL.

The Grand Trunk earnings for the second week of February were \$326,761, a decrease of \$128,524 compared with the same week last year.

Temporary injunctions obtained by minority stockholders of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation to restrain the corporation from increasing the capital stock from \$30,000 to \$75,000, have been dismissed.

Demobilization of the United States forces on the Mexican border has been ordered by Washington.

Addressing the Canadian Club in New York, Major-General Leonard Wood declared that sportsmen should take a hand in the preparedness movement by teaching every youth how to use a gun effectively.

A. D. MacTavish, general manager of the eastern C. P. R. lines, denies that freight is being held up and declares that there was a general increase of traffic in January and the first two weeks of February over the same period last year.

Because of the higher wages being paid to laborers, the shipping lines trading between New York and South America have increased the freight rates.

A movement is being made at Ottawa to prohibit the export of printed paper and so reduce the cost to Canadian daily and weekly papers.

Dr. A. A. Nicholls, one of the best known of Alberta physicians, died at Edmonton Friday.

A Grand Trunk official on Saturday issued a statement at Montreal, in which the freight tie-up is attributed to the abnormal traffic of the eastern lines.

The Cuban administration declares that the revolution is being stamped out, and that the backbone of the rising is broken.

A blizzard, which struck Winnipeg Friday, tied up the car service on Saturday morning.

LOCAL.

Just three days in Canada Corp. F. Davis, an English soldier, fainted on the streets of Toronto from the pain of his wounds sustained at the front, and was removed to the base hospital.

The military authorities have taken steps to deal with the traffic in the buttons of returned soldiers, and state that both soldier and recipient will be severely punished.

At the meeting of the W. C. T. U. Saturday, a speaker asked for prayer.

The Marguerite Clarke Fund

In The Sunday World we were able to acknowledge subscriptions for the Marguerite Clarke Fund amounting to \$843.25. We are beginning tonight with a fine offering of \$70, brought in by two members of the Little Girl who had lost her right thru the explosion of a dynamite cartridge and one or two of us thought we'd like to do something to help, and so men said as they handed over the nice fat roll of bills, and it is certainly most creditable. We have heard, too, of another similar subscription coming in soon, so that we may say we are surely getting on. But we want to reach the \$2000 mark, and to do this there is still some way to go. Previously acknowledged.....\$843.25
Night employees of the Universal Tool Steel Co.....70.00
Royal Grenadiers Chapter, I.O.G.E.....25.00
Mrs. Neely.....2.00
Raymond Hitchcock.....5.00
In Sunday's World Mr. Dwight Tyner was credited with only \$1; the amount should have been \$10.
Mr. W. H. Haslett was credited with \$1; the name should have been W. H. Nesbitt.

VOTES FOR WOMEN ARE WANTED NOW

Opposition Leader Would Have Them Granted Without Further Delay.

FOR NEXT PARLIAMENT

Calls for Legislation to Allow Them to Vote in Next Election.

Mr. Rowell was yesterday asked if he agreed with the statement of the attorney-general, Mr. Lucas, in reference to woman suffrage, appearing in the press, that "Even if a bill is put through this session it is doubtful if women would be able to vote at the next provincial election."

Mr. Rowell replied: "I do not agree with the attorney-general. The next legislature must deal with and settle many of the most urgent after-war problems, and the women of Ontario should be entitled to vote for the members of this legislature as well as to give the right to vote at the next election, without difficulty, if the government is to be a government."

"It is true the assessors in the rural municipalities commence their work on or before the 15th of February (the day I introduced my resolution in the house), but they have until the 30th of April to complete their work, and this time can easily be extended by an amendment to the act."

"If the government would act promptly, as we suggest, the legislation could be passed and the law put in operation in a few days. Three years ago when the seat of one of the members of the present government was in question, the government rushed a bill thru practically all its stages in one day and had the lieutenant-governor come down and assent to it the following day. I do not suggest quite the same speed with this bill, but it could easily be put thru all its stages."

A Berlin report states that the French failed in an attack on the Alsace and in the Champagne district.

Turkey has expressed its friendship for the United States, and hopes that the relationship may continue.

Capt. C. A. Polack, of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, told the United States Federal Court Saturday, that he had been ordered by an official of the German embassy to disable the ship's machinery.

Lloyd's Saturday announced the sinking of three more British ships by German submarines.

OVERHEATED STOVE AGAIN.

An overheated stove caused a fire on the premises of J. H. Dunn, gent's furnisher, 424 West Queen street, last night, which resulted in \$400 damage being done to the building and \$300 to the stock.

A Sparkling, Satisfying Lager
Many people cannot tell the difference between O'Keefe's Imperial Lager and imported lagers. You will find all the flavour, sparkle and purity are maintained in
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Tell your Dealer to send you a case for your table use. Be sure you get O'Keefe's.
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THRIFT CAMPAIGN MAKING PROGRESS

Many Women's Organizations Awakened to Importance of Movement.

DOING FINE WORK

Backyard Gardening and Vacant Lot Cultivation Are Among Endeavors.

That the women's thrift campaign is making itself felt in many parts of the city was evidenced at the meeting of the central committee, which took place at the city hall Friday, with Mrs. Loosmore in the chair.

The correspondence read by Mrs. L. A. Gurnea showed that many individuals and organizations were awakening to the importance of the movement. Mrs. Loosmore told of the fine work being done at several centres, among them, Barlscourt and Oakwood, where addresses have been given, and as a result much activity along the line of thrift undertaken.

An interesting discussion took place as to the advantage or the contrary of buying goods in bulk, the question being left an open one. Branksome Hall, where such fine work is being done, demonstrating the domestic science side of thrift, was quoted for its good service in the cause.

One of the most interesting of the reports read was that on backyard gardening, given by the convener, Mrs. Tyrrell. So great is the enthusiasm in this direction that 75 societies are now affiliated with this sub-committee. The names of the organizations have been sent to the government, which will send literature bearing on the subject. A campaign is being planned for March for the purpose of raising the trees of the city of coconuts and the loose bark and moss of trees. The women and children will be asked to assist, and the city will be petitioned to spray and clean the trees, especially the fruit trees in the yards. The property committee has also been asked for a grant to help rid the city of caterpillars and moths.

The co-operation of Geo. Baldwin of the Toronto Vacant Lots Cultivation Association has been secured. He will take over vacant lots and assist the people in the making of their gardens. A fee of \$1 will be charged, which will cover the expense of manure and ploughing. The public schools will also have lectures on gardening at various places under the direction of the board of education, and the domestic science classes will deal with the care and canning of vegetables.

A letter from Mrs. H. D. Warren, convener of the savings committee, reported that a savings bank had been opened in one munition factory. As a result of the publicity which has been given to the need for petting and goods of Canadian manufacture, it was stated that at least one drug store is displaying a window of altogether Canadian drugs. The subject of a thrift exhibit was left for consideration, with Miss Doyle as convener.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following are the officers for the current year of the 48th Highlanders' Chapter, I. O. E.: Hon. regent, Mrs. John I. Davidson; Hon. vice-regent, Mrs. Mackenzie Alexander; Mrs. C. Warren Darling; vice-president, Mrs. John Jennings Wright; Mrs. J. M. Lowndes; secretary, Mrs. Hugh MacKenzie; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Michie; standard-bearer, Mrs. J. W. Kirkness; Echo secretary, Miss Allan; councillors, Mrs. Ernest Wright, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Mrs. Dan Ross, Mrs. Alex. Sinclair, Mrs. A. A. Miller, Mrs. J. Flatter, Mrs. Robert Darling, Mrs. Mark Godfrey, Mrs. Michie and Miss Effie Michie.

WORK FOR SOLDIERS.

The work done by the Red Cross of All Saints' Church is represented by thousands of surgical supplies, besides 530 pairs of socks, two hundred and thirty-three parcels of soldiers' comforts were over-seen thru the year to the men who have enlisted from this church.

In a few days and provisions made for the assessors going right on with their work.

Of course, it would have been better if the government had accepted instead of opposed our bill of last session to give the women equal suffrage, and the assessors would now be proceeding with their work, and the women would be put on the list at the same time as the men. But the government can hardly now contend that their refusal to grant the suffrage to women before, is any good reason for not giving effective legislation this session, so as to ensure the right of the women to vote at the next provincial election.

"I hope the government will act promptly, and we will heartily co-operate."

For tourist permits only, the following customs officers: D. A. Chater, Windsor; A. T. Montreal, Walkerville; W. C. Brown, Prescott; W. A. Gilmer, Brockville; A. Boyle, Niagara Falls.

UNION JACK CHAPTER.

The Union Jack Chapter, I. O. E. has started a campaign to raise a 500 club in the district of South Etobicoke, New Toronto, Mimico and Humber Bay. The money is in the interests of the Red Cross.

MORE ABOUT THE H. C. OF L.

With all commodities soaring in price, it behooves the buyer to look for full value in every article.

WHEN BUYING MATCHES SPECIFY

EDDY'S

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LICENSE ISSUERS IN EVERY COUNTY

Representatives of Highways Department Appointed to Convenience Public.

FEES FROM PERMITS

Foreign Tourists Fifty Cents, in Toronto Fifteen, Others Fifty.

Representatives of the highways department, authorized to issue motor licenses, will be appointed in the near future all over the province. This is with the idea of conveniencing the public by enabling them to get their licenses without trouble, and also to give the department representatives in every district who will be able to inform the department on matters of interest to it.

It has further been decided that the fee to be deducted by the issuer for each permit will be as follows: Permits issued by customs officers at border points to foreign tourists, 50 cents each; permits issued in Toronto, 15 cents each; permits issued in other than the foregoing, 25 cents each.

Following is the list of appointees, with the counties for which they are appointed and the place of their residence: Brant, K. Bunnell, Brantford; Bruce, A. P. Johnston, Walkerton; Carleton, A. M. Ross, Ottawa; Elgin, Henry Roe, St. Thomas; Dufferin, R. H. Duffin, Dufferin; Huron, R. H. Duffin, Dufferin; Kent, R. H. Duffin, Dufferin; Lambton, R. H. Duffin, Dufferin; Lanark, John H. Lewis, Smith's Falls; Leeds and Grenville, Edwin L. Weatherhead, 145 King street west, Brockville; Lennox and Addington, Edwin S. Lapun, Napanee; Middlesex, A. H. Keene, London; Muskoka, Samuel D. Boyar, Bracebridge; Norfolk, Stanley Boughner, Simcoe; Ontario, T. Lawler, Whitby; Oxford, Everett A. Rea, Woodstock; Parry Sound, Fred Conkey, Parry Sound; Perth, S. R. McConkey, Stratford; Peterborough, Wm. H. Lytle, Peterborough; Prescott, Russell, Geo. H. Pharrand, L'Orignal; Prince Edward, C. C. Spencer, Pictou; Rainy River, Geo. Gladhill, Fort Frances; Renfrew, Finlay Watt, Pembroke; Simcoe, Ruben E. Webb, Barrie; Sudbury, R. P. Ross, Sudbury; Thunder Bay, W. H. Laverty, Fort William; Waterloo, J. P. Scully, Kitchener; Wellington, Col. W. W. White, Guelph; Wentworth, W. H. McPhie, Hamilton; York, W. G. Robertson, Toronto, and W. B. Hastings, Toronto.

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