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TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 15.

Is There a New Agreement?

What North Toronto wants is quick action in the relief of the congested transportation situation on Yonge street. This immediately and above everything. Any arrangement that will provide this will be welcome to the citizens.

The proposals made by Mr. Commissioner Harris came into conflict with prior undertakings of the city in the Hydro, power and radial agreements, and these agreements could not be ignored.

The next stage was the alternative proposals by Sir Adam Beck, which were to have been produced at the same time as amended proposals from the Metropolitan negotiators last Thursday. Sir Adam had his plans ready on Friday, but the new Metropolitan plans have not been produced yet. If there be any contentious points raised in them it is unlikely that legislation could be obtained for this session.

This was the subject of the bill drafted and produced on Friday last, which, had it been agreed to, could have been revised and approved by the city legal authorities and presented to the legislature by today at latest. The delay on the part of the Metropolitan negotiators therefore makes it doubtful whether anything can be done this year, unless the board of control and city council unite on Sir Adam Beck's plan for immediate relief.

The line on Mount Pleasant avenue, it is believed, will be proceeded with at once. Whether as an adjunct to the Yonge street line as proposed, or as an independent line, it will be highly serviceable to the large number of residents east of Yonge street. It is unfortunate that the city officials did not realize the force of the Hydro agreements when conducting the negotiations with the Metropolitan Company. Any agreement entered into now must conform to the terms of these earlier agreements which have been enforced with the same strictness in Hamilton, Niagara and other municipalities, as the Hydro Commission requires in Toronto. Whatever agreement is proposed must be in harmony with these earlier contracts.

General Currie Exonerated.

In his address to the Canadian Club yesterday, General Griesbach took occasion to defend General Sir Arthur Currie from the aspersions that have been cast upon his judgment and consideration of his troops. Gen. Griesbach was most emphatic in his repudiations and refutations. He had frequently been asked if the Canadian troops had been sacrificed unnecessarily or for the gratification of some person or some personal satisfaction. The question had been asked if Vimy Ridge was justified. History, he said, would answer all these questions, but he could quite easily see how people who had lost those near and dear to them were prone to listen to these stories. It would borrow them to think they had lost their dear ones unnecessarily.

General Griesbach asserted that the leadership of the Canadian corps had been skilled and conscientious throughout. It was easy to picture a supreme general in a safe place ordering troops to undertake what was impossible, but he, honest and conscientious man could do that any more than an honest and conscientious man could mislead money in business. Just as in commerce, also a man must get results at a reasonable price. The Canadian leadership was skilled, honest and conscientious, and, moreover, the sons, cousins and other relatives of the generals were in the ranks, and there was no complaint from them, they had suffered severely. Sir Arthur Currie was always carefully appreciative of the situation. There was careful inquiry about the plan. Was it necessary? How should it be done? He desired to accomplish it with the fewest possible casualties, and he must choose the best men to handle the situation like the head of a great corporation.

This testimony should allay forever the painful rumors in circulation about Canadian actions which for their results were achieved with fewer casualties than were sustained by any other armies.

A Gift to 'Varsity.

Probably no university on the continent is so poorly endowed in proportion to its importance and the number of its students, as the University of Toronto. The ancient foundations like Harvard or Columbia have benefited by age, but more modern centres like the Chicago universities and the California institutions have been the recipient of

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST'S WARNING



"TRUST HIM NOT, SWEET MAID, HE'S FOOLING THEE."

favors which give them a youthful appearance our Canadian universities can only envy.

It is most encouraging to find Sir John Eaton setting an example in this field with an undertaking to provide \$25,000 a year for 20 years for a chair of clinical medicine. This represents a capitalization of half a million, and is a princely gift. Dr. Duncan Graham has been chosen for the chair. He is a senior officer of one of the hospital units now overseas. But the example set only suggests the breadth of the field which lies open for those who desire to follow.

At any rate, millionaires and multi-millionaires who have been prospering in Canada can make some return and help Canada to prosper by assisting her seats of learning. The more independent the universities of a country become the more important are her contributions to the world of thought, of philosophy and science, of general culture and art, of civilization and humanity in every degree.

The need and the neediness of the university bear no proper relation to each other. It would astonish thinking people if Sir Robert Falconer set forth the reasonable requirements of the great organism over which he presides, and explained the scantiness of the means with which they must be met. The government made a long step in advance of the last, but it will take a generation to catch up what is lacking. Generous benefactors like Sir John Eaton set forward the calendar of the country.

OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under the head letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited they must not be longer than 200 words and written on one side of the paper only.

The Housing Problem.

Editor World: Many suggestions have been made as to the solution of the housing problem in the city of Toronto, and much small talk has been thrown out by those to whom leaders have looked for action, but very few have made any attempt to go over the top. Now, I wish to make a suggestion.

The one thing that prevents many a workingman from building his own house is the high interest he must pay on any loan he may effect. Here the working man gets it in the neck, viz: the workingman puts his money in the bank (loaning it to the banks for investment), and receives three or three and one-half per cent. interest. The government asks the people of Canada for loans, and made a record rate of interest (5 1/2 per cent.). But the workingman asks to borrow money, and he is asked, not the 5 1/2 or 5 1/2 which the banks and his government offered him, and for which he lets them have his savings, but he is asked anything from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 per cent., and private loans run much higher.

Now, the people of Canada, did their best for the Dominion government, and the British flag. Let the Dominion government do its best for the people by a continuation of their "price fixing" plan, in this case a fixed price of interest, the same price they offered the people, 5 1/2 per cent., and make it illegal to charge a higher rate than this. If this is done the people will settle the housing question themselves.

NO REVOLT IN SERBIA.

London, April 14.—Serbian officials in London declared today there was no truth in the report that a revolution had broken out in Serbia. The latest official despatches from Serbia report no unusual happenings there.

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

By JANE PHELPS.

The Interior Decorator Takes Charge of the House.

Lorraine Morton, of course, knew nothing of Neil's business matters. She had said to me: "You must make use of that handsome husband of yours to help you socially. Many of the men he must know in a business way are probably also prominent in a social way. It isn't easy to get into the set in which I happened to be born, but you are clever and educated, and so is your husband. It will perhaps take time, but you will get there in the end, if you are persistent."

Lorraine, as she said, had been "born" into the set in which she moved. She hadn't much money, not nearly as much as we had, or rather as we spent, but she lived in an old mansion on Washington Square which had been in the family for years—forever, she said—and was received nearly everywhere. I had no desire to be one of the so-called "four hundred." But I did wish to belong to the select coterie of people whom Lorraine knew, a few of whom I had met. In my new house I would entertain in a way I could not think of in an apartment, so when I shopped Lorraine and I jumbled together over what we should do in the way of entertaining when all should be ready.

Neil had gasped when I told him the decorator's price for making over the interior, but had said: "Go as far as you like! I just sold a big block of stock the other day. There's no need to economize. Just give me the figures so I can have some idea of what this thing will total."

Neil's generosity delighted me, and made Lorraine gape. "Mr. Forbes must have slathers of money to give you carte blanche like this," she remarked. For all that she was one of the elite, Lorraine was dreadfully slangy at times. But she said to me as she pleased in that, as in other things, her position was secure.

I really wanted people to find me worth while. I longed to be a sort of leader, and I thought that if I could be for a long time, if ever. The idea had rather gone to my head. I was so exercised over my new house. I shopped so incessantly that I was worn out. For the first time since our marriage, I began taking my breakfasts in bed. My conscience pricked me at first. Often the morning was the only time I had to talk with Neil. But after a while that ceased to trouble me. I wasn't thinking where all this would lead; I only thought of what I, myself, wanted to accomplish. I did not even see where my domestic life was going, because I did not think of domestic things. And all the time I rarely saw Neil. I mean saw him to talk to him, or to ask the questions which I used to ask about where he had spent his time and with whom.

Then one day I received quite the greatest shock I had had since the day I had listened at the door when Mr. Frederick and that Mr. Black were in the library with Neil.

It was Lorraine who dealt the blow. "What is your husband's business, Bab?" she asked one day. "I thought he was a broker. I have heard him mention stocks, and you have also talked about it." Isn't he on the exchange?"

"No—he is a mining and oil promoter—or perhaps they are some-times called brokers? I know nothing about business, Lorraine. Neil doesn't believe in talking of his affairs at home."

"But Bab—a promoter! That accounts for what?" It had been a long time since I had given Neil's

business any thought, so taken up was I with my new idea.

"Why—I heard—that he had many undesirable acquaintances," I knew by the way she hesitated that she had more to tell me.

"Undesirable?"

"Yes, men of shady character and vulgar habits. I hate to say such things to you, Bab, but it will be no use for you to try to do anything in a social way if this is so."

Clearly, there came into my mind the whispered expression I had caught when dear father talked to me: "A house of cards."

Tomorrow—Lorraine dashes Bab's hopes of social success.

Ida Tells of Reckless Motorist

By IDA L. WEBSTER.

Yesterday we saw what might have been a most horrible accident, and that it had not been for the fast brain work of the motorman of the Avenue road car, there is not the slightest doubt but that at least one life would have been lost.

And this is how it all happened. A motorist was going like mad, that is he was traveling at a rate of 30 miles. When he got to Yonge street, instead of slowing up and waiting for the approaching car to pass, he tried to cut across in front of it, and thus beat the Fleming Company.

That he got away with the bit of cleverness is due solely to the fact that the motorman of the street car was a man of intellect and quick action. In the twinkling of an eye Mister 1850 of the car number 1826 stopped his "hustle" but in doing so he almost jarred everyone out of their seats and off their feet. The hour was almost five in the afternoon, so you may believe that there was some crowd aboard.

However, all that was nothing to do with the fact that a citizen driving a car preferred to take the lives of not only the occupants of his car, but also of the Avenue road car in his hand rather than wait for the latter conveyance to pass.

Whether this driver was of age or not we do not know, but one thing which we do know is that there are any number of kids driving cars who are not even in "longs." When one considers that fact there is only one thing to think, and that is that the boy is not over fourteen years of age. These youthful drivers may be seen every day on the street.

Somewhere we are under the impression that there is a law which prevents young persons from driving cars. If this is so then the sooner it is enforced, the better. Also the sooner a law is made and carried out which will keep reckless idiots such as the one whom we mentioned in this article from cutting corners on Yonge street, the more certainly the walking or street car riding citizens may expect to live their allotted number of years.

OSGOODE HALL NEWS

Appellate Court, Second Division. List of cases for Tuesday, April 15, at 10 a.m. (standard time). Canada Furniture vs. Levine. McKenzie vs. Toronto Railway. Proctor vs. Stewart. Lees vs. Weekly Times. Satterington vs. Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway. Windsor vs. Curry. McGinnis vs. Toronto. Judges' chambers will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 10 a.m. (standard time). Before Mr. Justice Maschen.

BANK OF COMMERCE.

Branches of The Canadian Bank of Commerce have been opened at the following points: Glace Bay, N.S., L. J. Perry, manager; Bellefleur, Nfld., E. Holmes in charge; Tracadie, N.S., sub-agency to Antigonish.

VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column if Phoned or Sent In.

PLAIN SPEAKING WINS APPROVAL

Opponent of \$2000 Grant Elected Vice-President of Central G.W.V.A.

Comrade Macdonald, a veteran, with more than three years' service in the front line to credit, a new acquisition to the central G. W. V. A. and a vigorous opponent of the grant of \$2,000 to \$10,000 as a special gratuity proposed by certain branches of the G. W. V. A., was last night elected second vice-president of the branch at its general meeting, following a frank and determined address outlining his intentions with respect to the proposed grant if elected. Received at first with humorous good natured indifference, he was finally acclaimed with vociferous cheers for his outspoken opposition to the proposition. Comrade O'Grady was elected first vice-president in place of Comrade Geo. Pearson, who will henceforth devote his energies to G. W. V. A. interests via the will of journalism. Comrade C. E. Wilson was elected president. Comrade Thompson, who is seriously ill, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring officers. The following were elected delegates to the provincial convention, which is to be held at Windsor on May 14: Comrades J. V. Conroy, E. Wilson, Brookbank, Everingham and O'Grady.

The meeting unanimously voted for the exclusion of the Hutterites from Canada.

PLANS ALL READY FOR PARADE OF FIFTEENTH

The return of the men of the 15th Battalion, one of the most famous of the Canadian units, will be celebrated with due ceremony. The parade will form up as follows: Wounded from all 48th units; drafts to the 19th, 35th, 56th and 74th Battalions; returned men from the 32nd Battalion; same from the 134th Battalion; the line of route will be as follows: Armories to Queen street, thence to Bay street, down Bay to King street; thence to Yonge street to Bloor and on to the University Stadium. There the column will march down to the Exhibition Camp, where it will be demobilized. The evening will be taken with a smoker and boxing bouts at the armories. The visitors will include all men from the original 48th battalion.

VETERANS INCENSED.

Clifford Love, a veteran of the 2nd Battalion, was recently fined more than \$200 for a violation of the O. T. A. A. fact which has incensed all classes of returned soldiers. Love is said to have been convicted on the evidence of Jack Murphy, a man who has, it is alleged, been up before the magistrate more than once on this charge. Love himself stated in evidence that he had taken several drinks of wine, iron and beer tonic, and that he was not the man who was alleged to have taken super-per cents with Murphy. The G. W. V. A. is taking up his case with its accustomed vigor.

"MAD FOURTH" SAILED.

Captain N. F. Macdonald of Brantford, which city shares in the inter-city day and night school, Mr. Edward Johnson, president Patriotic Society, Miss M. Miles; Messrs. Gold and Glassman.

SPECIAL GRATUITIES.

Calgary G. W. V. A. has elected a delegate for a conference which it

proposes should be held between all the provincial veterans' associations and the government to request legislation that would grant all the way from \$2,000 to \$10,000, according to service.

The 48th will parade at the armories on Wednesday, at 8:15 p.m., for the purpose of arranging for the welcome and entertainment of the 15th Battalion. O. T. A. F. (48th Highlanders). Every officer, P. O., and man is expected to attend. Dress must.

LIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Central G. W. V. A. officials last night reported a total of 310 new members during the past 30 days, a figure which is believed to have been exceeded by no other branch in the Dominion.

EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Largely attended, the regular meeting of the G. A. C. last night at St. George's Hall discussed various phases of organization, and reports were read from committees showing the splendid financial condition of the association and specifically touching upon its extensive activities, the progress of the cigar store being specially commended.

DIAMONDS STOLEN FROM COLORED MAN

While sleeping in a Church street rooming house last night, John Fisher, a colored man from Montreal, awoke to find his bedmate, another colored man, missing, and with him \$500 worth of diamonds, including a \$400 diamond necklace and a \$100 pair of cuff links. In his trouser pocket there remained a \$300 diamond ring and a teardrop valued at \$200. The names of the missing roomer is unknown, but the police have his description, and hope to recover the missing valuables.

HARBORD COLLEGIATE DISCUSS MEMORIAL

Committee Selected to Choose Monument to Fallen Heroes.

Representative from a critical standpoint was the meeting of the main assembly hall of Harbord Collegiate last night, which had for its primary object the definite choosing of a fitting memorial for the boys of the school who have fallen in the war. Parents, teachers, graduates and pupils, met to discuss the burning question, and much animated argument took place. Action was taken in the appointment of a general committee. The meeting was not large in the true sense of the word, but included acting members from all those vitally interested in the subject.

Col. E. W. Hagarty, principal, commented briefly on the results of those fixed aim of Harbord's memorial. Generally speaking, the fund for the purpose reaches already an amount near \$6,000.

As a preliminary the colonel was elected chairman of the committee. Harbord erect not a cemetery monument, but an artistic memorial, a motion was proposed and seconded that the school erect in front of the building a monument, as distinct from anything of utilitarian purpose, to the memory of the boys, possibly of bronze and granite.

The committee elected were: Hon. Thomas Crawford, M.L.A.; Mr. H. C. Hocken, M.P.; Mr. J. A. McLaren; Mr. Asa Hall; Dr. Julian Louden; Mr. McCon D. Burrows; Col. E. W. Hagarty; ex-teachers: Miss Gertrude Lawler, present staff; M. J. A. Carlyle; Mr. J. P. MacLachlan, Miss M. Wood, Miss Robertson, Capt. Rex Merrick, president Graduates' Association; pupils of the day and night school, Mr. Edward Johnson; president Patriotic Society, Miss M. Miles; Messrs. Gold and Glassman.

A Line of Cheer Each Day of the Year

By John Kendrick Bangs. (Copyright, 1913, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

THE VERDICT.

I hope to live today in such a proper way that when tomorrow sits in judgment on it, its keen, penetrating eye will view me smilingly. And righteously conclude that it was pretty good.

J. A. ELLIS SPEAKS ON CITY HOUSING

No Profit to Builder at \$3000—Unit House Best.

J. A. Ellis, the Ontario housing commissioner, addressed a crowded meeting at the Earlscourt Public School last night, under the auspices of the British Imperial Association. J. R. MacNicol occupied the chair. Mr. Ellis made it clear to the meeting that he was not his intention to criticize the government; he was a government official and he was present to explain the administration of the act. The reason why the government took up the matter of housing was in consequence of the shortage of houses in Ontario and other provinces, and the fact that some houses were as bad as many as two and three families living in one house—made it necessary for something to be done and interests of the working classes.

As the government viewed the situation, said the speaker, a man who owned his house would be a better contented citizen than the man who merely rented a house.

The sum allotted to Ontario was eight and a half million dollars, but already some seven millions of this had been called for by seven municipalities, and there would be 40 to 50 more still to come. One of the weakest spots in the housing scheme that the speaker mentioned was the fact that the government was borrowing the money at 5 1/2 per cent., and lending it out at 6 per cent.

Building houses on the unit plan was favored by Mr. Ellis, as this did not prevent a citizen borrowing money for extension after when he desired to add two or more rooms to that house. Very little profit can be made by builders of brick houses at \$3,000, Mr. Ellis stated, but if built in the bulk there was a good margin of profit. He had found this to be the case in Windsor, where wages were about the same as in Toronto.

Scored Speculators. The speaker touched on the land owned by the city of Toronto, sufficient, he said, to take care of 120,000 people, and he scored the land speculators and lawyers who were doing their best to keep the price of land beyond the reach of the worker. Some method of expropriation would have to be found for dealing with them, he said.

Speaking of changes that would take place after purchase, Mr. Ellis said that if a man defaulted and houses came back to the city they need not be a loss, as the value would be in the house, and in any event such cases would receive very careful consideration.

The commissioners to be appointed under the act, Mr. Ellis said, would not be paid a salary, but there would be expenses attached to the office in which the work was done which would come from the municipality.

Rev. Peter Bryce and Akl. Brook Sykes were on the platform and the B.I.A. brass band played selections during the evening under Bandmaster Greenwell.

AID THE CHILDREN.

Brantford, Ont., April 14.—Total returns in the canvass for the Brantford Commercial Travellers' Club for the Children's Shelter are \$4,060. Brantford giving \$2,621, and Paris \$1,220 to the three thousand objective.

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