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Von Bernstorff's Chagrin

United States despatches mentioning the embarkation of Von Bernstorff had very little to say about his compulsory call at Halifax. The German ambassador might leave New York, but he could not cross the ocean without paying his respects to John Bull.

Perhaps it is no less galling to many good Americans to know that their harbors are blocked with vessels which dare not proceed to sea, because the Kaiser has said they must not, and the president dislikes to disobey him on account of the risk of making trouble.

Dr. Vogt's Resignation

General regret will be felt in artistic circles throughout the continent that Dr. Vogt has come to the decision which is announced this morning. The Mendelssohn Choir put Toronto on the musical map of the world.

The Six Day Week

In its current issue The Outlook gives vigorous support to the movement in New York for a better observance of Sunday. It endeavors fairly to state the correct position the legislator should take when it says: Sunday legislation does not rest on the sacred character of the Fourth Commandment.

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look declares against Sunday baseball, Sunday movies, and Sunday saloons, but sees no objection to amateur athletic sports for which no admission fee is charged; would have libraries and museums open on Sunday; would have municipal Sunday afternoon band concerts in the parks, and would facilitate cheap excursions from the city on Sunday to the seashore and countryside.

We must remember that while the vast majority of the people of the United States are Christians, the Christian religion, as such, has no official status. In any state the Hebrews and Seventh-Day Adventists were in the majority they would be quite within their rights in making Saturday instead of Sunday the statutory day of rest.

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NINETEEN MORE SOLDIERS RETURN FROM FRONT

Twelve Toronto Men Included in Party Which Arrived Here Yesterday.

Nineteen more soldiers returned to Toronto yesterday after service overseas. Some of them took part in the engagements at Ypres and the Somme, receiving severe wounds, while several had to come back from England owing to physical defects and illness. The party included twelve Toronto men.

WILL THEIR POSITIONS BE FILLED?

Editor World: The stern and terrible work lies before us before the victory we are striving for is attained, the day of peace is not far distant and in the near future thousands upon thousands of our gallant Canadian boys will be coming back to their homes and loved ones. Will they also come back to the positions they left? Many will not want to go back to office work and other sedentary positions after taking part in the "great adventure," but all who are able to will want to earn a living. Will they come back to Canada to find their positions filled with citizens from across the border or naturalized aliens, or will there be work and wages for those who have risked their lives for the cause of empire and the safety of Canadian homes, while many of our sedentary British subjects content to remain at home and become richer while others fought and died for them? It is a matter that deserves the serious consideration of employers and also of the government.

DO GERMANS TIE UP THE GRAND TRUNK?

Editor World: Referring to the article in The World of Feb. 3, I wish to ask: How do you know that some of the officials of the G.T.R. are not German sympathizers or spies? Many of our local officials are from the U.S.A.; competent men of the G.T.R. being denied promotion and incompetent men transferred from the roads of the U.S.A. to fill such offices as train master or superintendent, and these are unable to move the freight. Is it due to their ignorance or incompetence or unwillingness? If the American roads can move the freight, why can't the Canadian roads or are these same men in charge in the Canadian roads blocking the way for coal to get to the munition plants in Canada, because they are paid by German money to do so? Why are not young, prosperous, ambitious and competent Canadians promoted to be train masters or superintendents, instead of bringing men from the U.S.A. and have our traffic tied up and no reasonable explanation? Please take this up, and find the real deadlock. Remove this obstacle and get the freight moving. The engines are here, the cars are waiting to be moved, and all it wants is met with brains to order them instead of U.S.A. culls. If these men were smart men the U.S.A. roads would not let them go; they would retain them. But when they are not fit to move freight in the U.S.A., party friends ship them over to Canada to tie up our freight.

SECRETARIES GO HOME.

H. Ballantyne, of Calgary, secretary for western Canada of the National Council of Boys' Work of the Y.M.C.A., and A. S. McAllister, of Halifax, secretary of the maritime provinces, who have been in the city attending a general conference of the secretaries from the various centres, left yesterday for their homes, to resume their work.

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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

Their quality is beyond question, but besides this every box is a generously filled box. Look out for short-count matches; there are many on the market. Avoid imposition by always, everywhere, asking for EDDY'S.

POPULAR TEA ROOMS ARE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fifteen Thousand Dollars' Loss Caused by Blaze at Bingham's Limited.

Fully \$15,000 damage was done by fire early yesterday morning, which supposedly originated in the serving kitchen of Bingham's Limited, tea rooms, 146 Yonge street. The fire completely gutted the ground floor and second floors at the rear of the building. The building, which is owned by the Sheard estate, was damaged to the extent of \$5,000. The loss is covered by \$33,000 insurance, placed with Canadian, English and American companies. The blaze was discovered by a policeman while patrolling his beat. He saw smoke issuing from the building at the rear, and immediately notified the fire department. Upon arrival the firemen found flames bolting from the three floors, and a second alarm was sent in. Numerous streams of water were got to work on the burning building, but it took over an hour for the deluge to take effect. The store was recently opened, and was lavishly decorated for the purpose in view. The fire was fed by molasses, sugar and other inflammable commodities. "Buster," a pet cat, was found wedged between the ash and the window at the rear of the top floor, where it had apparently died in its terror and been overcome by smoke and suffocated. Fifty employees will be temporarily thrown out of work.

CITY HALL NOTES

Property Commissioner Chisholm was instructed by the board of control yesterday to dispense relief in the way of coal to needy citizens. Rogers and Co. have guaranteed a supply of coal to the city to be delivered in half-ton lots and in the city's own cars. Upon the advice of Controller Shaw, the board of control yesterday decided to confer with Provincial Secretary McPherson before establishing a local bureau to look after returned soldiers. The people are to vote next January 1 upon the question, "Are you in favor of taking over the Toronto street railways at the expiration of the franchise in 1931?" The board of control yesterday agreed that Finance Commissioner Bradshaw would need several years in which to prepare financial arrangements. At the request of the board of control, Parks Commissioner Chambers will report on the utilization of back yards and gardens in Toronto with a view to assisting the bigger production campaign.

WANT MORE MONEY.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Ont., Feb. 14.—J. E. Flynn was chosen chairman of the public library board at the regular meeting last night. The board will ask the city council to increase the grant to \$5,000 this year.

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