BUNGLING TO STOP OR CITY WILL ACT

Reception of Returned Men Described by Aldermen as Scandalous.

LOCATION OF "MOVIES"

Government to Be Asked to Prohibit Them Near Churches.

Sharp criticism of the government for failing to make proper provision to receive the men who returned Sunday night. was made by Alderman Ramsden at the opening of the council meeting yesterday afternoon. The alderman stated that he was at North Toronto Station during the evening, and saw many women in an exhausted condition thru their long wait.

"The matter has already been brought before the federal government," said the mayor, "We are now in the fifth year of the war, yet the same state of things is allowed to exist. If nothing is done we will have to take other means of bringing the men home."

Cont. McBride ponted out that neither the city nor the province had representatives at the station last night. The men were sent off with bands and cheering, but they got a cold welcome home.

Address on Single Tax.

J. R. Brown of New York addressed the council on behalf of the Single Tax Association urging the advisability of single tax. He said the present assessment laws were stupid, foolish and asinine. Under them improvements were taxed and a premium thereby placed on those who refused to spend money.

"The land, and the land only, increases in value by the expenditure of public money," he said.

Mr. Brown pointed to the situation around the city hall "A magnificent building is surrounded by shacks—a diamond set in mud." He urged that the city charge social value for social service.

A deputation from the Great War Veterans' Association asked that civic insurance be paid to dependent parents, widows and orphans, no matter where resident. Also to dependent sisters and brothers. Those who spoke were Messrs. Stratton, Turley, Lacey, Gustar, Conroy and Hill.

The deputation expressed themselves as satisfied with a motion to pay to widows, fathers, mothers, children and brothers and sisters, where dependency can be shown.

Positions For Soldiers.

A recommendation to appoint F. Workman a temporary clerk in the audit department, was referred back to the board of control. Controller McBride objected to the appointment owing to the fact that it was against the ruling of council that others than returned soldiers be appointed to civic positions.

The recommendation of the board of control requesting that a memorial be presented to the Ontario Government asking that provision be made in the regulations respecting moving picture theatres, to prohibit the erection, operation and location of any moving picture theatre within 200 feet of a church or Sunday school, was passed by the council.

A memorial will be presented to the provincial government requesting that, after the payment of $605,727.00 by the municipality at the close of the present year, as provincial war tax, the government will discontinue the tax. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Without any comment the city council granted the House of Industry the sum of $20,000 to assist that institution in meeting its deficits. The Hospital for Sick Children was granted $40,000, to help that institution clear its deficit of $89,735.79. Both of the grants were recommended by the board of control. It was pointed out that in both cases it was' the city's patients that were cared for. The outbreak of Spanish influenza among the children of the city was largely responsible for the deficit on the books of the Sick Children's Hospital.

The Letting of Contracts.

Whether the city should let contracts for material to firms located outside of the city, or if they should go to firms located in the city, was the cause of a great deal of eloquence on the part of members of the city council, when the question of tenders for fire hose of the fire department came up for consideration. Con. O'Neill was of the opinion that Toronto firms should get the civic business. After lengthy discussion the contracts were awarded to the Dunlop Rubber Company, 2500 feet of hose at $1.40 per foot, and the Gutta Percha Rubber Company, 2500 feet of hose at the same price. Four firms all quoted on the supplies, and all submitted the same price with the exception of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, who offered a slightly cheaper grade of hose at $1.30 per foot. This hose, the fire chief stated, while not as good a grade, had up to the present stood the test. On the vote of 10 to 5 the contracts were awarded as above.

Want Kaiser Punished.

Ald. Ball, seconded by Ald. Cowan, presented the following resolution, which was carried by the council.

"Whereas during the period of the great European war crimes were committed by Germany against all humanity and civilization, and whereas in the interest of the future generations it is essential that these crimes be expiated, be it resolved by this council that Sir Robert Borden, as one of the representatives of the allied peace conference, be requeted to press this view before his colleagues so that adequate punishment will be meted out to the ex-kaiser and his confederates in accordance with the heinousness of the crimes committed, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Sir Robert Borden.

Council passed a resolution urging that the returned soldiers be brought back as units, and not in sections as had been suggested by the government, in order that an official welcome could be given them by the city.

The resolution of Alderman Ryding to the effect that the city solicitor be requested to apply for legislation to provide for the government of the city by a commission, and that the following question be submitted to the electors at the approaching elections, "Are you in favor of the city being governed by a commission composed of five members?" was referred back to the legislation committee after a lengthy debate.

TORONTO RAILWAY OBJECTS TO FINE

The case between the City of Toronto and the Toronto Street Railway came to life again yesterday, when James W. Bain, K.C., for the Toronto Railway renewed his appeal from the big fine imposed by the Ontario Railway Board for the non-appearance of new cars. Sir William Meredith thought that Mr. Bain was misapprehending his remedy. He thought that he ought to have asked the railway board to relax the order respecting the new cars. Mr. Bain concluded that the act does not say that he should go to the board, and that the legislature had no such object in view in giving the board power to fine.

SAYS BANCROFT WAS KAISER'S DELEGATE

Controller McBride Makes Strong Attack on Well-Known Labor Man.

There was a warm time in council last night when Alderman Ball introduced a resolution that the city treasurer be, and is, hereby requested to pay accounts now outstanding in connection with the royal commission regarding the arbitration proceedings on the wages of civic employes.

Controller McBride, as soon as the resolution was presented, jumped to his feet and in a wild burst stated that he had a letter from Osler Wade to the effect that if the money was paid to Fred Bancroft and Thomas Stevenson, who were on the board, he would take out an injunction against the city council. Controller McBride also read a speech alleged to have been delivered by Bancroft at the Exhibition in 1912, in which he said, as a member of organized labor, that the trades union movement in the world was growing strong enough to "chain the dogs of war."

"Did he say British dogs of war?" asked Alderman Gibbons.

Controller McBride then read the following extract from the alleged speech:

"Canadian labor has no quarrel with Germany. Suppose Germany obtained some colonies, how much worse would the workers be under the kaiser than they are at the present time?"

"And that is the kind of man the citizens are allowing themselves to mix with," said Controller McBride. "I had to go back six years to get this speech, but it is worth going back sixty years to find out what calibre this man Bancroft is, a man who sneaks like a snake in the grass. No wonder there were recent riots in Toronto. I would have done the same myself. Bancroft was then the kaiser's representative and he is now. And," continued the controller, working himself up into a frenzy, "yet this is the kind of a man you would vote to pay $210—money belonging to the men whom Bancroft would stab in the back.' He was willing to pay Thomas Stevenson his share of the money, as Mr. Stevenson had always stuck to the colors.

Alderman Ball in view of the charges made by Controller McBride that Bancroft was a "damned spy," a "traitor," etc., amended his resolution to pay T. Stevenson, but not to remunerate Bancroft.

Controller McBride: "Now Mr. Alderman, you are trying to evade public opinion. You can't put that over in this council. Your paper had one libel suit and now you are drawing in your horns."

The council favored payments to Mr. Stevenson by a majority of 18-5.

Alderman Plewman moved that the number of aldermen be reduced from three to two in each ward. The question will be submitted to the people at the next election. A by law will be drafted in time for Friday's special meeting.

City vs. Toronto and York R.R. Arbitration Called for Dec. 17

Arbitration between the city and the Toronto and York Radial Railway will be continued on Dec. 17, the date set by the Ontario Railway Board. On Friday, the Toronto Railway Company will appear before the Ontario Railway Board to report on the service that it is rendering.

Col. Gunn Calls Conference To Thresh Out Arrival Matter

Col. John A. Gunn, C.M.G., D.S.O., New Toronto district commander, stated last night he would hold a conference with Secretary Warwick of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, take up the matter of lists of returning soldiers, and make a request to Ottawa for a new plan of arrangements for troops arriving in Toronto.

ONTARIO CASUALTIES

UNCLASSIFIED.

Killed in action—F. Wissler, Fort William.

Died of wounds—F. Spafford, Wellington.

Died—Chas. Sim, Hamilton; L. Woods, Shantry; A. Bonnell, Ottawa.

Wounded—A. Skewes, Hamilton; F. Hamel, Hamilton.

RAILWAY TROOPS.

III—J. Vincent, Hamilton.

GERMANS SIT APART FROM ALLIES' TABLE

Paris, Dec. 2.—The international armistice commission at Spa is holding its meetings in the Grand Hotel Britannique, it was stated in despatches received here today. The French flag flies over the building, which is guarded by German sentries. The allied and German delegates occupy separate tables. Each body uses its own language, and it is translated simultaneously into the others.

There are no actual discussions, only the reading of notes. The Germans are in direct telegraphic communication with Berlin.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

EARLSCOURT

ENTERTAIN RETURNED MEN.

The Earlscourt woman workers gave a supper and musical entertainment on Monday night to the returned men of Earlscourt and Davisville, their wives and friends in the rooms of the G.W.V.A., St. Clair avenue. The Davisville men were brought to the hall in autos by several Earlscourt merchants, and despite their wounds and other disabilities thoroly enjoyed the hospitality extended them.

J. R. MacNicol presided and recounted some of the deeds of the men. Secretary Lacey of the G.W.V.A., one of the speakers, mentioned the unsatisfactory work of the patriotic fund and gave several instances where soldier dependents had been unfairly treated. This is the fault of the government, said Mr. Lacey, and when the next election takes place we shall know which way to vote, a remark that brought forth tremendous cheering. Other speakers included Sgt.-Major Arthurs, Nathan James of the G.W.V.A., Mrs. Seagar and Mrs. Annie Lea, president and secretary of the Earlscourt woman workers. Since the formation of this association many hundreds of parcels of good things have been sent to the front for the Earlscourt soldier boys.

A committee of ladies waited on the soldiers and presented the men with tobacco and other gifts to take away with them. A full program of music, songs and recitations was rendered by the soldiers and their friends.

A special collection was taken up at the new filtration works, Toronto Island, Monday in behalf of the Earlscourt G. W. V. A.'s new hall, by Sgt. R. Wiseman and the officials of the plant offered every facility for the purpose. A large number of men are working here who have been to the front, and the management give the preference to returned men. A. M. Sanderson is the superintendent, and following returned men are now employed at this plant: G. C. Brown, E. Clarke, R. France, A. Cotgreave, M. Furyk, J. Humphrey, J. Lawrie, J. McNeill, A. McDonald, R. Reeve, P. Said, W. Souray, R. Smith, R. Wiseman, J. Verral, F. Fletcher.

Major Buchanan, the government pension commissioner, will attend the headquarters of the G.W.V.A. at Belmont Hall, Earlscourt, on Thursday, for the purpose of adjusting all claims in connection with pensions for Earlscourt soldiers. Many complaints have been registered of late, and soldiers' wives in some cases have had to apply for help to the Earlscourt branch of the G.W.V.A. because of the inadequate pensions allowed by the military authorities. All persons having complaints against the authorities are asked to be present.

RIVERDALE

The annual meeting and election of officers in connection with Riverdale Ratepayers' Association will take place in Leslie street school this evening at 8 o'clock. Among the matters to be discussed are the unsafe condition of the roadway east of Leslie street on Gerrard, a shelter for passengers at Greenwood avenue, public lavatory at Greenwood avenue, corner of Gerrard, and a public library for the district.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Canadian Tippler Association was held last night in Brunswick Hall and the following were elected: C. Brown, president; Isaac Porter, vice-president; Gordon Dawson, treasurer; James Hearst, financial secretary; Wm. Taylor, rec. sec. Executive committee: T. J. Jacobs, A. Bollard, T. Donnelley, William Taylor, Tom Dawson, Thomas Finn and Charles Brown.

The present membership is 112.

Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church completed a very successful financial campaign and every-member canvass last evening. On Nov. 24 a body of 65 canvassers visited the whole membership in one afternoon. The parish was divided into 17 districts, each under a captain, and the object was to secure pledges for the financial support of the church work at home and abroad during 1919. The congregation responded well and pledged $1008 per Sunday for 1919.

In the year 1917 the average Sunday offering was $45. The increase shows a great forward movement in the church. Last Sunday anniversary services were held in the church, and the pastor appealed for a thank offering of $1000 to be used in the reduction of the mortgage. The money contributed was counted during a concert held last evening in the church. D. S. Blyth kept the audience informed of the progress in countings by drawing clever cartoons on a blackboard. Great enthusiasm prevailed when the final announcement revealed $1136.74 contributed.

Rev. H. A. Berlis, who presided, is the pastor of this young and growing congregation. The musical program was contributed by local artists under the direction of F. C. Parker, organist of the parish.

Ald. Richard Honeyford will be a candidate for re-election in Ward One at the next election, notwithstanding rumors to the contrary in certain quarters, according to a statement to The World by the alderman yesterday.

TODMORDEN

The good roads commission work of resurfacing a portion of the Don Mills road at the head of Broadview is now finished and the barriers removed.

CURRIE SENDS THANKS OF CORPS TO KEMP

London, Dec. 2.—General Currie has sent Sir Edward Kemp the following message: "Please communicate to the prime minister the profound thanks of the corps for his message of congratulation. To receive our country's 'Well done' fills us with pride and helps us not to forget, but to remember most poignantly the hardships, dangers, anxieties and suffering now happily passed. In the mighty struggle for freedom and right the world knows that Canada did her share. The record of the soldiers of our great democracy is one unsurpassed in the annals of war. I have every faith that the traditions of high ideals, courage, self-restraint and generosity our superb troops have forged on the battlefield will be a moral asset of immense vale to the common weal when after the march past our proud soldiers, laying down their arms, will resume with energy and determination their constructive tasks as free citizens of our great country."

Six Years for Assassins Of Ambassador in Moscow

Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—The Berlin Vorwaerts says Bloomkin and Andromieff, the assassins of Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador, who was killed in Moscow last June, have been sentenced to six years' imprisonment, and that Spiridonova and Hacklin each received a sentence of one year's imprisonment for complicity in the crime.

DANFORTH

DANFORTH POULTRY SHOW.

The regular monthly meeting of the Danforth Poultry Association was held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last evening. D. K. Crooks, president, occupied the chair, and the prizes won at the recent exhibition held in Aberdeen Hall, East Toronto, were presented by ex-Controller R. H. Cameron, who complimented the association on the large display of over 900 birds.

The following were the prize-winners: Silver shield for best bird in the show, bantams excluded, P. L. Simmons; Association Cup, for exhibitor scoring most points in any variety, W. Hearn; silver cup, donated by Jos. Russell, M.L.A., for best collection of white Wyandottes, won by D. K. Crooks; trophy, donated by John Wanless & Co., for best collection of Black Langshans, A. Middleton; silver cup, donated by Ald. Johnston, for best collection of Barred Rocks, Mr. Evans; silver cup, donated by Hillier & Co. for best collection of Rosecomb Rhode Island Reds, George McKillop; silver cup, donated by Controller John O'Neill, for best pair Black Orpingtons, M. Hearn; silver cup, donated by D. K. Crooks, for best collection of Single-Comb Rhode Island Reds, won by Ald. Johnston; silver cup, donated by Controller Sam McBride, for best collection of Buff Orpingtons, won by A. Rider; silver cup, donated by J. J. North, for best collection of Dark Cornish, won by Checkley and Brickell; silver cup, donated by M. H. Howard, for best collection of S.C. White Leghorns, won by B. Major; silver cup, donated by ex-Controller R. H. Cameron, for best collection of S.C. Black Minorcas, won by Fred Harlow; silver cup, donated by G. Bell, for best collection of Anconas, won by Armstrong and Rossitter; silver cup, donated by M. H. Howard, for best old pen, won by W. McKie; silver cup, donated by W. H. Howard, for best young pen, won by J. H. Blackie; silver cup, donated by J. Arthur, for best pair of pet game, won by E. D. Le Bar; silver cup, donated by George Smith, for best bantam in show, won by W. Roe; silver cup, donated by D. K. Crooks, for best pair of feather-legged bantams in the show, won by W. Carter; silver cup, donated by R. W. Burgess, for best pair of clean-legged bantams, won by W. Mitchell; silver sugar bowl, donated by E. Hillier, for best collection of White Cochin Bantams, won by W. Roe; cut-glass pickle jar, donated by Thos. Foster, M.P., for second best collection of Barred Rocks, won by T. Grimshaw; four silver spoons, one each for best cock and hen, cockerel and pullet, Dark Cornish, won by Checkley and Brickell.

As well as the foregoing, a large number of money prizes were awarded.

The judges were: Joseph Russell, M.L.A., John Bedford, R. B. Fox and Geo. Robertson, government inspector. Show committee: D. K. Crooks, W. H. Howard, A. Wiles, J. North, J. Arthur, E. Hillier, W. Hearn, R. Hearn, F. Clarkson, W. Roe, W Baldwin, H. Vankoughnet, George Smith and B. Major.

There was a large attendance of members and visitors from similar associations in the city.

"IDEAL OF THE NEW DAY."

"What is the Ideal of the Church in This New Day?" was the subject of an address, delivered by Rev. A. J. Brace, pastor of East Gerrard Street Methodist Church, to a large audience at Hope Methodist Church, Danforth avenue, last evening. The speaker pointed out that the law of love must take the place of the law of self. Rev. A. I. Terryberry, pastor, presided.

VIADUCT WORK SLOW.

Not much progress was made on the Bloor street viaduct yesterday. A few rails were laid on the new roadway west of the Glen road subway, the bridge deck of which was completed and used by the teams carting earth for the widening of the roadway near the Sherbourne street entrance.

The double line of tracks will be joined up with the Sherbourne street intersection on Thursday next, according to the statement of an official on the job. "With a little energy the work might have been finished on Saturday last," he added.

Grading for the macadam surface was completed on the Parliament street side of the new roadway as far as the Glen road subway, and macadam work, it is expected, will commence today. Work on a new curb at the corner of Sherbourne and the new roadway was commenced yesterday. It is expected the lights will be installed on the new roadway today.

LEASIDE

LEASIDE HOUSE CLOSES UP.

The hostess house, Leaside, closed yesterday and will not reopen until further notice. It was under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. and was established chiefly for the benefit of the R.A.F. men at the camp, and the young women employed at Leaside by the imperial munitions board. Socials, dances and other entertainments were frequently held and meals provided, and the house was a popular resort and well patronized. Mrs. Irwin, the resident hostess, has left for Halifax, where she has been appointed to look after the wives of soldiers returning from overseas at the Y. W. C. A. depot.

TROOPS TO AID CZECHS HOPED FROM ALLIES

London, Dec. 1.—Hope that the United States and the allies will soon reach a decision regarding their policy toward Russia, so that Czecho-Slovak troops in Siberia may be released for the occupation of Slovakia, was expressed in an interview here today by Prof. T. G. Masaryk, who has just arrived here from New York on his way to Prague to take the oath as head of the new Czecho-Slovak state.

"I have just received the news," he said, "that the Magyars will resist occupation and organization of Slovakia. I hope the allies will send troops to help us occupy Slovokia territory.

"It is necessary that our armies be brought back from Italy and France and I want our armies in Siberia to return too, but this, I realize, depends on the decision of the allies. I trust the allies and the United States will soon formulate a definite plan about Russia."

Few to Be Discharged In Brantford Factories

Brantford, Dec. 2.—Tho many have been discharged by munition industries in Dundas, Paris and Toronto, it is expected that there will be only one or at most two Brantford firms forced to take this action, the other firms which were manufacturing munitions some months ago having ceased that work before the declaration of the armistice came. This city is thought to be in a particularly good position by reason of the fact that several of the munition firms changed over to peace time production and got very busy on the same before the end came. Unless the situation in Brantford is affected by the unemployed of other cities and towns coming here this city will be in a splendid position, owing particularly to the great need for agricultural implements.

FOOD BOARD ORDERS ARE NOW RESCINDED

Changes in Food Regulations Following Upon Signing of Armistice.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Changes in the food regulations following upon the armistice of Nov. 11 insofar as they affect the general public, are summarized in a Canada Food Board statement as follows:

Compulsory restrictions of the amount of flour which may be held in stock by dealers, householders and others have been rescinded.

The compulsory purchase of a proportion of substitutes for wheat flour has been rescinded.

The use of substitutes by manufacturers, bakers, public restaurants and households are no longer compulsory, but in view of the necessity of conservation and in order to prevent waste of stock of substitutes already on hand, the food board urges the greatest possible voluntary use of them to be continued.

Sandwiches may now be served in public eating places during the noon meal hour.

Restrictions on the quantity of bread served at public eating places are now removed.

Manufacturers may make and sell doughnuts, biscuits, crullers, Scotch shortbread or cake, and French pastry, provided they use vegetable fats only.

Manufacturers, provided they do not exceed forty pounds of sugar to every 100 pounds of flour, may make and sell iced cakes and biscuits filled with icing, so long as they do not increase the total amount of sugar used as allotted.

Restrictions on the manufacture of wheat in the form of breakfast food, alimentary paste, buckwheat and self-raising flours, etc., have been rescinded.

Conservation regulations of beef are still in force and are still important, in view of the requirements at the present time and in the future.

Conservation of butter and animal fats is still very important.

Until the end of the year the regulations of the consumption of sugar will be necessary, after which it is hoped the new crop will be available.

WILSON INSISTS IT IS HIS DUTY

Will Attend Peace Conference, as His Principles Have Been Accepted.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Declaring for "modified private control" of the nation's railroads under unified and greater public regulations, President Wilson today spoke out against return to the old conditions of railroad operation.

In his annual message to a joint session opening the short term of the "reconstruction congress" today the president outlined this and other measures as his policies of readjustment. At the same time he explained his peace trip to Europe as one that it was his "duty" to make.

President Wilson formally announced his intention to go to Paris for the peace conference, saying the allied governments have accepted principles enunciated by him for peace, and it is his paramount duty to be present. The president said he would be in close touch by cable and wireless and that congress will know all that he does on the other side.

Right of Women.

After devoting the introduction of his address to the exploits of the American nation and to tributes to the officers and men and the workers at home, President Wilson asked: "And what shall we say of the women? They have added a new lustre to the annals of American womanhood. The least tribute we can pay to them is to make them the equals of men in political rights."

"It is surprising how fast the process of return to a peace footing has moved in the three weeks since the fighting stopped. It promises to outrun any inquiry that may be instituted and any aid that may be offered.

"The ordinary and normal processes of private initiative will not, however, provide immediate employment for all of the men of our returning armies. There will be a large floating residu of labor which should not be left wholly to shift for itself. It seems to me important, therefore, that the development of public works of every sort should be promptly resumed. I particularly direct your attention to the very practical plans which the secretary of the interior has developed for the reclamation of arid, swamp and cut over lands, which might, if the states were willing and able to co-operate, redeem some 300,000,000 acres of land for cultivation.

Needs of France and Belgium.

"May I not say a special word," the president continued, "about the needs of Belgium and northern France? No sums of money paid by way of indemnity will serve of themselves to save them from hopeless disadvantage for years to come. Something more must be done than merely find the money. I hope therefore, that the congress will not be unwilling, if it should become necessary, to grant to some such agency as the war trade board the right to establish priorities of export and supply for the benefit of these people.

Referring to his announcement that the French and British Governments had removed all cable restrictions upon the transmission of news of the conference to America, the president said he had taken over the American cable systems on expert advice so as to make a unified system available.

Regarding the railway problem the president said:

"The question which causes me the greatest concern is the question of the policy to be adopted towards the railroads. I frankly turn to you for counsel upon it. I have no confident judgment of my own. I do not see how any thoughtful man can have who knows anything of the complexity of the problem. It is a problem which must be studied, studied immediately, and studied without bias or prejudice. Nothing can be gained by becoming partisans of any particular plan of settlement. It was necessary that the administration of the railways should be taken over by the government so long as the war lasted. It would have been impossible otherwise to establish and carry thru under a single direction the necessary priorities of shipment But all the necessities have now been served, and the question is, what is best for the railroads, and for the public in the future?

"Exceptional circumstances and exceptional methods of administration were not needed to convince us that the railroads were not equal to the immense tasks of transportation imposed upon them by the rapid and continuous development of the industries of the country. We knew that already. And we knew that they were unequal to it partly because their full co-operation was rendered impossible by law and their competition made obligatory, so that it has been impossible to assign to them severally the traffic which could best be carried by their respective lines in the interest of expedition and national economy.

Old Conditions Must Be Modified.

"The one conclusion that I am ready to state with confidence is that it would be a disservice alike to the country and to the owners of the railroads to return to the old conditions unmodified. Those are conditions of restraint without development. . . . I hope that the congress will have a complete and impartial study of the whole problem instituted at once and prosecuted as rapidly as possible. . .

"I welcome this occasion to announce to the congress my purpose to join in Paris the representatives of the governments with which we have been associated in the war against the central empires for the purpose of discussing with them the main features of the treaty of peace. I realize the great inconveniences that will attend my leaving the country, particularly at this time, but the conclusion that it was my paramount duty to go has been forced upon me by considerations which I hope will seem as conclusive to you as they have seemed to me.

No definite program of reconstruction can be outlined now, Mr. Wilson said, but as soon as the armistice was signed government control of business and industry was released as far as possible.

DEATH OF CHARLES McGILL.

Was Formerly General Manager of Defunct Ontario Bank.

Montreal, Dec. 2.—The death has taken place here of Charles McGill, who was general manager of the defunct Ontario Bank at Toronto, and who was sentenced to a long term in the penitentiary for embezzlement. McGill served two years of his term and was then released. He worked as a bookkeeper in a furrier's here until a few days before his death.

BECAUSE THEY FAILED.

Paris, Dec. 2.—Discussing the situation in Germany brought about by the former emperor's act of renunciation, The National Zeitung of Basle, according to a despatch to The L'Information, says: "The impression is made that the Hohenzollerns were dismissed only because they failed to conquer, and not because they violated all laws of humanity."

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DISCUSS PROBLEM OF DEMOBILIZATION

Sir James Lougheed and Officials Meet Secretaries of Soldiers' Commissions.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—The problem of demobilization and the measures already taken in hand by the Dominion Government, together with the question of the co-ordination of Dominion and provincial government efforts will be the subject for discussion at tomorrow's session of the third conference between the secretaries of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' commissions and the officials of the department of soldiers' civil reestablishment.

The conference will likely last tomorrow and Wednesday. It opened at one o'clock today with an address of welcome by Hon. Sir James Lougheed, minister of soldiers' civil re-establishment, and E. Scamwell, assistant deputy minister and former secretary of the old military hospitals' commission. The secretaries of the provincial commissions present today were: P. A. Hughes, Prince Edward Island; J. Pye, Quebec; J. Warwick, Ontario; A Pearce, Manitoba; G. P. Weir, M.C., Saskatchewan; H. Stutchbury, Alberta, and G. F. Pyke, British Columbia.

Touching upon the problem of demobilization and employment for the returned soldiers, Sir James Lougheed expressed hope that the provinces would co-operate, and went on to outline the general scheme of co-ordination of all the government departments.

Discussion during the afternoon and evening was mainly confined to the department's dealings with disabled soldiers and sailors in the matter of pensions, hospital and sanitarium treatment and vocational training and pay and allowances.

An interesting feature of the afternoon was an address by Capt. E. A. Baker, M.C. and Croix de Guerre, the blinded officer who is in charge of the department's care of blinded soldiers. In the course of his address Capt. Baker revealed that at present there are in training this winter 110 afflicted men, of whom about 40 have totally lost their sight.