

## CANADA'S PUBLIC DEBT PASSES HALF A BILLION.

With the New Loan Added It will Go Over the Six Hundred Million Dollar Mark—An Increase of Over 42 Millions Apart from War Expenditures, In One Year—Huge Interest Charges.

OTTAWA, December 10.—The net debt of the Dominion has now passed the half billion mark. It stood at the end of November at \$501,688,167, which is an increase of nearly ten millions during the month. This half billion debt does not include the new Canadian hundred million dollar war loan completed at the end of the month which, when added, will bring the net debt over the six hundred million mark. This will be almost double the public debt at the commencement of the war, and will involve an annual interest charge of nearly thirty million dollars.

At the opening of the war Canada's public debt stood at \$331,873,812. The increase, therefore, not taking into account the new internal loan, has been since the war began \$169,794,355. Of this huge increase \$127,265,431 is attributable to war expenditure, every cent of which has had to be borrowed. This leaves \$42,528,922 to be accounted for by other borrowings.

War expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1915, was \$60,750,476. For the first eight months of the present fiscal year it has exceeded that amount and totalled \$66,514,653. For the next four months, owing to the ever-increasing number of Canada's fighting men, and the necessity of providing them with extra winter clothing another sixty million will be added. This is clear from the fact that the expenditure for November

## Peace People Already at War

ON BOARD THE PEACE SHIP OSCAR II. (By Wireless to Cape Race, Nfld.) Dec. 9.—The peace ship is threatening already to be its name.

Internal strife has broken out, and bids fair to become serious. Rev. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, has taken the leadership of a band of insurrectionists.

These malcontents demand to be shown what the peace party expects to accomplish, and what grounds it has for so thinking. They insist on seeing the documents which Mme. Roska Schwimmer asserts she has with her, to show that belligerents on both sides are willing to hear peace proposals and that unofficial representatives of the warring nations will attend the Ford pacificist conference on the other side.

Mme. Schwimmer defies the malcontents. She claims that the documents which she has are of a confidential nature, and refuses to allow them to be read.

Mr. Ford now declares that he will not content himself with ending the war in Europe. He is planning to end industrial warfare as well. As yet he has not told what his plans are for this accomplishment.

A street car inspector was watching the work of the new conductor. "Here, Foley," he said, "how is this? You have 10 passengers and only nine fares have been rung up."

"Is that so?" asked Foley. Then, turning to his passengers, he yelled, "There's wan too many on this car. Git out, wan of yez."—Williamsport

The country is to be saved from a further addition to the enormous debt which she will carry, even should she be permitted to withdraw her armies from the field at the time mentioned above.

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### Plenty of Turkey.

The following story is reported from the trenches in France. A young German lieutenant and his orderly were doing patrol duty. All day long they had been riding through the woods without a bite to eat. Toward evening they came to a battery of heavy artillery where they dismounted and asked for some supper.

The captain in charge of the guns told the young lieutenant that he could have some nice turkey. The young man took a hearty bite of the offered meat, then looking up suspiciously, asked: "Beg your pardon, Captain: did you say this was turkey?"

"Why, sure, that's turkey!" He took a few more bites and asked again: "Are you really sure, Herr Captain, that this is turkey?" "Certainly, Herr Lieutenant: turkey it is!"

The lieutenant finished his meal in silence, and thanked the captain for his hospitality. Then he called his orderly. "Fritz," he directed, "saddle our turkeys!"—Everybody's.

### Sir Roger Casement and Irish Prisoners

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A convoy of incapacitated British soldiers released from German military prisons arrived in England to-day.

Two Irish soldiers among them told the Daily Mail of efforts made by Sir Roger Casement to persuade the Irish prisoners to join the Germans.

"Sir Roger Casement," they said, "visited the camp at Limburg, and said: 'Now is the chance to strike a blow for Ireland. What has England done for you?' He promised all kinds of advantages to be derived from joining the Germans."

The narrator, Corporal Mahoney, of the Irish Rifles, added: "We were being starved. No parcels were coming, for the people at home did not know where we were. Our food had been cut down by half. The Germans made no secret of their intention to starve us into joining them. Sheer hunger drove fifty men, some of them English and Scotch, to submit. We booted the first two out of camp. The others were taken right away."

A month ago Sir Roger Casement began his campaign again. A man acted as his agent, and with two soldiers, who joined him, came to the camp in the uniform of the Irish Rifles. They are now sub-officers. The German guards saluted them. Each of us was taken before Sir Roger Casement under an armed guard, and we were again urged to join the Germans. None of us would do it, but 35 promised to think the matter over, or asked for further information. They have been placed in a room by themselves. "Remember, it was sheer hunger that drove the first men to join. It was not solely Irishmen who gave way. Two who came back for a new campaign looked very much ashamed of themselves."

### Jess Willard is Gathering Coin

Championing is a profitable business. This is evidenced by the financial report of Jess Willard's engagement with the "101" Ranch. Summarized, the financial statement issued by Manager Tom Jones includes these items:

That Willard was guaranteed \$1,000 a day, and "worked" 140 days.

That his average earnings were approximately \$1,200 per day, or \$168,000 in all.

That Willard received 60 per cent. of this sum, or \$100,800.

That the other 40 per cent. had been divided by the other members of the Willard syndicate, Frazee, Weber, Curley and Jones.

That Willard still is worth \$50,000, after buying Frazee and Weber out of the contract for \$33,000.

It is also brought to our attention that Willard cares more for his family than for filthy lucre. After the contract with the show expired Willard was offered a 20-week contract at \$500 per week to go on the stage, but Jess spurned it, saying that he needed a rest, and more than that wanted to be with his wife and children for a spell.

### A New Member

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—A new member has been added to the imperial munitions board. The appointment is announced of F. Perry, who for some years has represented in Canada a large private banking house of London. At one time he was attached to the British colonial office, and later on was imperial secretary to Lord Milner in South Africa, and chairman of the Witwatersrand native member association in South Africa.

Mr. Perry is now in England, but is returning to Canada at once to take up his duties.

Not even the chap who talks to himself should believe anything he hears these days.

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J. G. STONE, Chairman.

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