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England is getting ready to stake everything on this aggressive naval program, even at the risk of offending neutral nations, of even losing a portion of the goodwill of our neighbors, the United States. Never was so serious a determination made as England is making today in regard to contraband of war. The people of the British Isles are ready to put up their last shilling to sacrifice their devoted sons in order to save their women and their homes from the destructive hate of Germany; to head off the wreck of the British people and the British Empire, that must follow the defeat of the British navy. Every German, man and woman, girl and boy, is being systematically taught to hate the accursed Englishers, to prepare for the day, if it comes to them, to wreak the direst vengeance. Never such ferocity, never so many barbarians turned loose.

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In this unparalleled situation, Canada continues to allow her nickel to be exported to the United States where Germany's opportunity of getting it for warships and for ammunition, becomes ten times as easy as it we prohibited the export, except under the most stringent regulations, and then only in British ships and for purposes that we know are absolutely not in any way detrimental to the empire in this struggle of her life!

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And yet for some reason not yet disclosed, the Canadian nation allows her nickel, desired by Germany even before copper and rubber, to be sent into the United States, subject only to the supervision of the American company whose one object is to sell as much of it as it can! The whole organization of the International Nickel Company is based on the use of this metal in war; it is devised to create a monopolistic trust of it, and to get enormous prices for it from the warring and armed nations of the earth. It is against the company's interest to check the use of nickel. They have no such stake in this war as have Canadians, and for this undisclosed reason the Canadian Government has allowed the friends of the International Nickel Company to dictate a policy in the matter of nickel that can be defended on no ground of loyalty or friendship or duty to the motherland. You might urge 50 defences of this policy from the standpoint of the shareholders of the nickel trust, of the conduct of their friends and associates in Canada, excuses for a Canadian newspaper that is willing to help the nickel trust to control the supply of Canadian nickel from a well-protected base in the country of our neighbors to the south. But you can't justify the Government of Canada for a moment.

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Can any Canadian hold up his head, can the Government of Canada hold up its head, or any member of parliament hold up his head if one nickel bar, or one pound of nickel oxide is found in the contraband cargoes that England proposes to seize and search in her blockade policy? "I'm a shareholder in the International Nickel Company" will not do. And again we ask for the names of the shareholders of this company that has taken over Canada's supreme duty of offering no comfort to the enemy.

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In some way the hands of the British Admiralty may be tied by a contract skilfully devised some years ago by the company; but surely the Government of Canada is free to act. We made no contracts. We refuse to believe that England is satisfied with the unpatriotic, nay, we say, disloyal conduct of abandoning the supreme duty of moving every power on earth and to employ every resource to see that not an ounce of nickel leaves Canada to run even a possible risk of getting into Germany's armament and ammunition establishments!

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The most dreaded menace to England today is a supply of Canadian nickel getting into Germany! And the most perfect blockade in the world is already half run when the contraband happens to be a valuable and heavy metal scattered all over a neutral country with 10,000 miles of sea coast!

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Why does Canada put the mother country at the risk of searching ships for Canadian nickel made since the war began? We will have trouble enough in the matter of nickel that we scattered to the four winds before the war and the profit and control of which passed out of our country into the United States.

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Canada will not be held guiltless for conduct in this case; nor will the men who have declared for dreadnoughts, against German professors, who are shouting over our victories or bemoaning our losses, be able to look an Australian or a Britisher or a South Afrikander in the face if we allow this shameless thing to continue. And what about our allies? The allies of England are alarmed over this conduct of Canada! We know it!

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It's time for the people of Canada to let the government at Ottawa and the government at Toronto know that immediate prohibition of the export of nickel is their wish and will be their command if delayed.

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All the passengers on one of our trains signed the petition for the prohibition of the export of nickel. The women of Canada will sign the petition in thousands when they get a chance. To think of Canada letting her nickel go out of her control and sending Canadians as food for Canadian nickel bullets, or British sailors to be torpedoed by German submarines of Canadian nickel steel!

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Cochrane Northland Post, Jan. 30: The Toronto World's campaign against the export of Canadian nickel would be more fair if it admitted the fact that refineries for the nickel cannot be built in Canada and operated before the war is over, and that the nickel is an article which is mighty useful in Great Britain's business just now, in view of the fact that she is building two war crafts for every one that Germany lays down.

To The Cochrane Post, we say that we know how the prohibition can go into force and yet supply the mother country—if she wants it. She may rather be concerned that the enemy does not get it. But if England must have it and a refinery can't be got ready in time, we can let the nickel company take it to its plant in Jersey to refine, provided it returns it back to Canada the day it is run out of the furnaces.

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Owen Sound Advertiser, Feb. 11: Last Thursday's issue of Toronto World contained a story about the purchase of Canadian nickel lands by parties from the United States, supposed to be German. The matter is one that under present circumstances, should be investigated; and if the facts are as they are supposed to be—that the properties are being bought for German interests—the sale should be stopped. The governments both at Toronto and Ottawa will have to deal with the nickel question. "No nickel for Germany" is the demand of the Canadian people; and it is up to the governments to devise the means of carrying out the demand.

Different means have been advocated, such as the prohibition of the export and the nationalization of the whole nickel industry. It is for the government to say what course will be taken. The whole question will have to be threshed out in parliament at the coming session; and the representatives of the several constituencies should be instructed by their constituents on the question. The question is not political, but national, and demands united and prompt action.

TO INCORPORATE LAMBTON DISTRICT

Special Meeting to Consider Police Village to Be Held Soon.

At a special meeting held by the Ratepayers' Association the unemployment situation was discussed. The statement was made that about 100 men on the Brooke estate are idle, and at the next meeting the placing of a proposal for widening Scarlett road, near the golf course, before the York Township Council, will be discussed. The part of the road in question is the hill leading down to the Black Creek. The cutting away of the banks and the widening of the road, it is stated, would allow two rigs to pass, and would relieve pedestrian traffic, the passenger at present having to step into the gutter on the approach of a rig. There are places where the road could with advantage be leveled off, it is said, by the dumping of the earth cut away.

J. Ball, the president of the association, states that he has been informed by 3rd Deputy Reeve Graham that there should be no difficulty in the way of street lighting if a petition is presented to the township council. This question will also be taken up at the next meeting of the association.

Successful Social.

A very successful social and euchre party was held last night by the Lambton Park Ratepayers' Association in Ball's Hall, corner of Scarlett road and Eileen avenue. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, about 70 people attended. After the card games, refreshments were served and a musicale held, Mrs. Pyke, Charles Adams and S. Perkins contributing songs.

On Tuesday next, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m., a public meeting, called by the trustees of the new school section, No. 33, York, will be held in Ball's Hall, when it is expected that some proposal regarding a site for the new school will be placed before the ratepayers.

Lambton Incorporation.

It is stated that a proposal is on foot for the incorporation of Lambton as a police village, and that a joint meeting of the Lambton Mills and Lambton Park Ratepayers' Associations will be called at an early date to discuss the matter. Part of Lambton is in Etobicoke Township, while part is in York.

Complaint is made that while the sidewalk on Scarlett road was cleared after the first snowstorm, it has not been touched since. It is stated that unless the gutter is cleared, the flood in the spring will wash the sidewalk into the subway, which will be rendered impassable by the depth of water, and that this work would relieve a little of the unemployment in the district.

YORK COUNTY ...AND... SUBURBS

COUNCIL RECEIVES WAR FUND REPORT

Complaints Regarding Rude Questions Result of Untrained Workers.

HOME FOR CHILDREN

Finance Committee to Make Report on Need for New Institution.

The way in which the funds of the York Patriotic Association are administered was explained to the York County Council at the morning session yesterday by S. P. Shantz, one of the officers of the association.

In his talk Mr. Shantz stated that $26,000 a month is being paid out to the families of 909 men who enlisted in the first contingent and 450 who have joined the second; $117,000 had been paid out by the Toronto office up to the end of January, among those who had received money being the families of four French reservists and one Belgian family.

Up to January 1st, $330,000 of the amount subscribed had been paid in by the treasurer; the expenses of the local office per month are $425.

Untrained Volunteers.

"There have been complaints received to the effect that investigators have asked insulting questions of applicants for money," said the speaker, "but upon investigation we have ascertained that the complaints were made about untrained volunteers, who were anxious to help, but had not been sent out by the officials of the Patriotic Fund." He pointed out that all applications for relief were referred to two trained investigators loaned to the organization by the Social Service Commission of this city, and in no case were any questions put by them found insulting.

Speaking in connection with the work done, he said: "The idea of the committee is that the families and dependents of the men who have gone to the front will be in as good a position financially as before the bread winner left."

Mr. Shantz stated that some of the wives of the reservists have been sent to their friends in England at the expense of the fund, while 16 dependents have been buried since the fund was opened. Together with the separation allowance of the government, the $17, which is the average monthly amount paid by the fund to each family, provides for the family. "More than a quarter of the applications received have been from ineligible persons, and these people are the fault-finders," he said.

Council Satisfied.

In moving the vote of thanks Reeve W. Keith of Newmarket said that while there might be some dissatisfaction among individuals, yet he thought the council were quite satisfied with the way the funds were being administered.

The greater part of the afternoon session of the council was taken up with the report of R. P. Coulson, the inspector of the York County Children's Aid Society. The inspector stated that the work of the society was steadily increasing, the rapid increase in the population of the suburban districts being in some measure responsible for this. "I have ten children on my list who I think should be taken care of by council," he said. "There are a number of applications received for the adoption of children of the age of 14 and 15, but the difficulty is to obtain homes for children of the age of 4 and 5." Mr. Coulson told of some terrible cases where youngsters had been in distress in many cases thru the neglect of the parents.

Should Maintain Home.

W. J. Knowles, reeve of Aurora, thought that the time had come for the county to maintain some kind of an institution for the neglected children. After some discussion the matter was referred to the finance committee to arrange a grant for the society.

A by-law was carried for the grants to the following agricultural societies, farmers' and women's institutes and public library boards.

Agricultural societies — Woodbridge, $100; Markham, $100; Newmarket, $100; Schomberg, $50; Scarboro, $50; Queensville, $50; Sutton West, $50; Weston, $50; Richmond Hill, 50; $25 was granted to each of the farmers' and women's institutes in West York, East York and North York.

Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, Toronto branch, $25; Flower, Fruit and Honey Show, $25; North York Poultry and Pet Stock Association, $25; Stouffville Christmas Fair Society, $25; Pefferlaw Spring Fair, $25; Thistletown Spring Fair, $25.

Grants of $25 were made to the following public library boards—Newmarket, Mount Albert, Weston, Scarboro, Islington, Aurora, Markham Village, Queensville, Sutton West, Stouffville, Don, Highland Creek, Irvinville, Woodbridge, Runnymede and Richmond Hill.

WESTON

A most successful informal dance was given by the executive committee of the Weston Lawn Tennis Club in the Pavilion Hall, Weston, in aid of the Belgian Fund. A substantial sum was realized for the cause. The hall was prettily decorated with hunting, tennis nets and flags of the allies. Mr. Johnson (the pianist) kindly gave a generous donation to the fund and excelled himself at the piano. The patronesses, Mesdames Musson, Kaye and Ambler, together with the committee, vied with each other in welcoming their numerous guests. The buffet refreshments, in charge of Mrs. Vineson, were contributed by friends of the club.

BERLIN'S BIG LEAD.

DRUMBO, Ont., Feb. 3.—An O.H.A. intermediate game, played here tonight between Berlin and Drumbo, scored 12 to 7 in favor of Berlin. Referee—Sproule of Toronto. Line up:

Berlin—Hainsworth, goal; Truschinski, point; Seibert, cover point; Leroux, rover; Boettger, centre; Hiller, right wing; Solomon, left wing.

Drumbo—Kruger, goal; J. McTague, point; Blumenstein, cover point; R. McTague, rover; Taylor, centre; Miller, right wing; Balkwell, left wing.

TOWN OF WESTON WITHOUT A MAYOR

Seat Declared Vacant by Judge Winchester Yesterday Morning.

NEW ELECTION ORDERED

Successful Candidate Had Not Complied With Election Statute.

Weston is now without a mayor, the seat having been declared vacant by Judge Winchester, at his chambers yesterday morning. No evidence was heard, Dr. W. J. Charlton not opposing the statement that he had not resigned as a member of the public school board, according to the statute, ten days before his nomination for the mayoralty. Dr. E. F. Irwin having withdrawn his claim for election by acclamation, Judge Winchester, according to the statute, ordered a new election, and in his summing up stated that Dr. Irwin having applied in the first place for personal gain—that is, for election, he could not relieve Dr. Irwin of costs, but would apportion the costs between them.

J. A. Anderson of Anderson & McMaster, acted for Dr. Irwin, while Dr. Charlton was represented by James Fullerton, K.C.

Dr. Charlton announces that "he will stay right with it," and that he entertains no doubt of the result of a new election.

Dr. Irwin, on the other hand, does not intend to stand again for election. Since the election on Jan. 4, he has devoted his whole time to his medical practice, which had before suffered because of the time taken up in municipal affairs. He had felt it incumbent upon him to stand, as the reeve of the then village, but because of the increase in his practice, states that he has decided not to mix in municipal politics at the present time. Dr. Irwin makes this statement:

Denies Statement.

"The only thing which has annoyed me in the whole election proceedings is that Dr. Charlton should have considered it necessary, at a late hour, to put out a circular giving the people of Weston an absolutely false impression regarding the building of the road thru Weston."

"The seven-inch concrete road promised the people by Dr Charlton will be built by the commission without any cost of construction or maintenance to Weston in the scheme of the road, which E. A. James, the engineer of the highways commission recommended to the commission and to Weston council. The tender on this road was $39,000, of which sum the commission agreed to pay $12,500, the balance to be paid as a local improvement on Weston."

The extract from Dr. Charlton's election address is as follows: "Road No. 7, Weston, Main street thru Weston to be paved with concrete seven inches thick, and paved at such an elevation that in future the concrete can be covered with brick or bituminous macadam if necessary. Should you elect me as your mayor, I shall request the good roads commission to carry out the above program, thus relieving the town of the construction and maintenance of this road."

Waterbound Road.

Dr. Irwin further contends that should merely a waterbound road, similar to the general country roads be constructed, it would be a great mistake, considering the amount of traffic thru Weston. It would interfere with the arrangement for moving the street railway track to the centre of the roadway, and it would require to be relaid in a number of years. Moreover, the town would lose the amount to be contributed by the commission to the cost of a permanent roadway.

Pleasant Time Spent.

A very pleasant time was spent last night by the Weston council No. 5 of Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, when the married people of the council gave a social and dance in Oddfellows' Hall, Church street, to the single members. Chief Councillor C. F. Wacey acted as master of ceremonies.

Degree Meeting.

At a degree meeting of Weston L. O. L. No. 216, David Rowntree, jr., was advanced to the Royal Arch degree. Addresses were given by Rev. Dr. C. R. Ashdown and other important representatives of the order. Efforts will be made to secure the 12th of July parade for Weston.

A cutter driven by Pat McEwan was upset yesterday while rounding the corner of King and Main streets, and C. Message and himself thrown out. The snow broke the fall, but Message was severely bruised by the cutter falling on top of him.

The Weston Women's Institute is arranging a Red Cross concert to be held in the Weston Town Hall on Tuesday, February 9, at 8 p.m., and is asking the assistance at this concert of any ladies interested in Red Cross work. Mrs. J. H. Taylor, convenor of the committee, will be glad to receive offers of help. An excellent program of entertainment is being prepared, and refreshments will be provided.

MOUNT DENNIS

Under the auspices of the choir of the Anglican Church, of the Good Shepherd at Mount Dennis, a concert in character will be given in the basement of the church on Monday next, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m.

WOBURN

A meeting wil be held this evening in Woburn Hall to discuss the need for improvement in the rural mail service. At present letters sometimes take two days to reach the city, a distance of six miles.

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DOUBLE-TRACKING DEBATABLE MATTER

Company's Private Bill Has Aroused Intense Interest in North Toronto.

PROBLEM IS PROMOTED

Now Question for the Provincial Legislature to Deal With.

North Toronto's perennial problem, the double tracking of Yonge street, has entered on a new phase. It has been promoted from a municipal to a provincial affair by the private bill which the York Radial Company has filed at the Queen's Park, asking for power to double track Yonge street, subject to an agreement with the city. Residents of the old town who took an active part in the stirring debates and fruitless negotiations with the company, which were the star feature of municipal politics in North Toronto, await the debate on the bill with keen interest. Possibly the most important point in connection with the application is the fact that the company franchise from the C. P. R. crossing to Farnham avenue expires this year, and if the application refers to double tracking from the C. P. R. crossing to the north limit of the city, legislative consent to it would practically constitute a renewal of the company's franchise on this section. The city could then do nothing but negotiate within the terms of the application, i.e., double tracking from the crossing to the city limits.

Two Points of View.

Public opinion concerning the railway problem in North Toronto has generally divided into two parties—those who favored any change which would result in improved service and better traffic conditions, and other citizens who considered a perpetual franchise on any public highway an outrage which should not be the basis of negotiations of any kind. Had the Metropolitan been merely a suburban radial serving North Toronto the problem would have been slight, but every effort on the part of the town to force some sort of settlement was nullified by carloads of representatives from the municipalities between Toronto and Sutton. They contended that that section of the city traversed by the radial formerly the town of North Toronto was entitled to no more consideration than any other municipality along the line, and the legislature generally took this view.

Franchise Must Go.

At present, altho the various arguments pro and con are wearing somewhat threadbare the double-tracking issue is the most important matter on hand to those who take an interest in public affairs.

In conversation with The World last night, G. A. Hodgson, president of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association, said:

"I don't think the Metropolitan should receive any consideration in the matter of double-tracking Yonge street unless the company is willing to give up its local franchise, so that city cars can run to the city limits and we can get a single fare from any section of the city. That, of course, brings up the question of an entrance for the radial, but I haven't considered that part of it. I think the radials should have an entrance to the centre of the city by a special right of way. If the legislature grants the company's request for double-tracking, which I don't think it will, the city will immediately have to widen Yonge street at a cost of two or three million dollars. Cars of the Metropolitan type could not be allowed to tear along on a double-track when the street is only 66 feet wide. We don't want any agreement which will tie the district up to a radial service. If anything is done it should be part of the agreement that North Toronto will be served by the city system at a single fare."

Agreements Useless.

James Logie, who took an active interest in the old town's affairs, and has taken part in most of the campaigns for better car service, was almost too disgusted with the whole business to discuss it last night. Pressed for an opinion, he said: "I don't want to see any legislation put thru that will increase the Metropolitan's grip on Yonge street. Agreements made in the past have not amounted to much; in fact, the municipalities have never been able to make the company keep them. I think the government should be big enough to settle the thing forever by taking over the line from Toronto to Sutton for incorporation with Sir Adam Beck's hydro-radial system. It's time that the government started to plan ahead in conjunction with the City of Toronto. The company claims to have a perpetual franchise, and there's no need to make matters worse by giving them any more rights. I know there would be legal difficulties in connection with the government buying the line for a possible subsidiary company could be formed which would run the business until the hydro-radials were in operation.

Freight Must Go.

John P. Patterson, who was a member of the town council during the stirring time prior to annexation, considers the double tracking of Yonge street essential in order that a better service may be provided. "I think most people will admit," he said, "that the company is giving the best service possible at present, considering the track accommodation, and I would favor an agreement which included compensation for the additional rights given the company. The fares should be reduced to at least 10 tickets for a quarter, and it should be part of the agreement that when the city takes over the T. S. R. franchise in 1921 that the city system will have running rights on the Metropolitan double track to the city limits. What about the freight traffic on Yonge street? That will have to go of course. We couldn't sanction any agreement which did not bar freight cars."

I. O. D. E. ENTERTAINMENT AT MIMICO FRIDAY

A minstrel show under the auspices of I.O.D.E. Union Jack Chapter will be held in the assembly hall, Mimico Asylum, Friday, Feb. 5, for the benefit of the local relief fund.

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