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SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 27.

The King to the Slacker

His Majesty the King has addressed another message to his people on the occasion of his signing the conscription bill. He has, on the advice of his ministers, deemed it necessary to enroll every man over eighteen and under forty-one years of age. He congratulates his people on having raised 5,441,000 men by voluntary enlistment. It is a big record, and, as the King says, surpasses the record of any other nation in history in similar circumstances. It will be a source of lasting pride to future generations.

He might have said several other things which are sufficiently obvious. One of them is that the Germans and any others like them, more than a peaceful nation, according to his peace-loving, one never knows what may occur when war is aroused. The nations that talk about attacking the United States for example, will think twice before they stir up the eagle as Germany stirred up the lion. There is a definite story of nations, all the English-speaking peoples, it is associated with a love of peace, but also of honor, of truth, of decency and of liberty for all. Britain has shown how deeply ingrained it is.

There is another thing which is only too obvious about the conscription bill, and that is its necessity. It has been had as patriotic and liberty-loving as these five million there would have been no need for a conscription measure. But the need for men continues to be very great in spite of the five millions. We must get the last drop out of the tin can. It is always the hardest to get the last drop. These last fellows who stick so close to home will be as sweet and as sound as those who came first and willingly, but whether or not we must get them out.

We wish that our Canadian fellows who stay at home when they might go to the front, would think over this situation in Great Britain, and consider if they wish to make it necessary for a similar measure to be put into force here. There are thousands of people who think there should be such a measure. The need of men is pressing and urgent. It is only necessary to read the stories that come daily from the front, to understand how inconsistent and urgent the need for men must be.

All that have been before depend upon the sufficiency of those who follow. Unless we tie the knot on the tail of the thread, the thread slips thru. Those five millions depend upon the men who go now for victory. It is a proud thing for the last men to think that they are as necessary as the first. But it would be a prouder thing for them to take up their duty voluntarily, than to wait until they have to be compelled to go. Let all our young men turn out and tie the knot on the long strong thread of Empire. We must sew up the Kaiser.

The Soldiers' Newspaper

Explanations have been given by the deputy postmaster-general as to why it is that ten dollars a year is exacted from the father or mother who wishes to send a daily paper to the son in the trenches. We respectfully submit that these explanations do not touch the real question at all. We know why things are as they are. What we want to know is why they are not otherwise. Let it be granted that the international postal arrangements have decided that we ought to pay ten dollars a year for a soldier's newspaper. It appears that the only reason why we should continue to do so is that the French Government have not been asked if they have any objection to Canada sending the papers on at the domestic rate. If the deputy postmaster-general will explain why it is that the French Government have not been asked, and if having been asked why they have refused, we should all feel enlightened. After that we might

Direct Taxation If We Fail to Reform

Suppose, just for the sake of supposing, that a man had a considerable income and property, and that he spent \$1,700 a year, and threw \$17,000 into the fire every year, what would we think of him? As we answer that question we must apply the answer to ourselves, for that is what we do in the matter of our forest and lumber property as a nation. The only difference is in the values. The proportion remains the same, but the total of our waste is vastly greater. It is so great that it is difficult to get a reliable estimate of the loss.

It has been put in another way by the Canadian Forestry Association. For every twenty trees which we plant each year, we cut down 17 and burn 170, and the association remarks that it would be a queer farmer who planted 137 acres of wheat every year and harvested 17 while he burned and destroyed 170 acres. Can we get this into our heads? Of the extraordinarily valuable forest property which we have in Canada we are gradually reducing our capital at a rate which threatens to extinguish it in a comparatively short time. The United States did this and have suffered dearly for their folly. They have been trying to repair it for some time past, at great expense and labor. We can cure the ill before it becomes vital, and fatal to the numerous industries which depend upon forest products for their existence.

Last year we allowed one-half of the whole forested area of Canada to burn down. For years we have allowed many millions of dollars' worth of timber to be burned annually. Nor is the loss in timber alone. The forests play a special part in the conservation of the rainfall of the land, protecting the snowfall and soaking up the rains so that it is only by slow degrees in forest regions the water soaks away to the little streams and swells the river currents and supplies water to the thirsty land all summer long. Where the country is deforested the snows melt at the first touch of spring, the rainfalls sweep over the bare districts, the rivers jump into flood and carry ruin and devastation in spring freshets and other inundations.

A serious effort is being made by the forestry association to awaken the Canadian public to the importance of this matter. A great many people appear to think that it does not concern them, and is none of their business. In the little booklet, "A Matter of Opinion," by Mr. Robson Black, the secretary of the association, the taxpayer is appealed to directly. The Ontario Government gets from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000 a year out of the timber taxes. If the forests did not provide this amount the tax-payer would have to dig it up out of his pockets. It is important to him, therefore, to conserve this source of revenue if he does not wish to have one or two more mills on the dollar of direct taxation placed upon him. If we burn up our timber we shall have to face direct taxation to supply the loss in revenue which will follow the destruction of the forests.

There are other figures which are calculated to make the tax-payer sit up and think. Invested in forest industries in Canada there are \$260,000,000. We lose this investment if we go on burning up our forests. The wage list dependent on forest products is \$40,000,000. This is what makes it a crime against civilization and the nation to leave fires burning after picnics in the woods, or to throw matches about carelessly, or to drop cigar or cigarette ends in the forests. The man who starts a fire may initiate some horror like the Forquihue catastrophe, and it almost goes without saying that the unextinguished fire in the woods may rob the nation of millions' worth of property.

"The Boy Scouts' Forest Book" is another publication of education which is another illustration of interest among a class which can do so much to protect the forest from its greatest foe. It is being presented to 16,000 members of the Boy Scout movement in Canada, but the boy scouts' parents had better read it as well. Every other page has two illustrations and the reading matter is of prime interest to all who ever get outside the city.

Mr. James Lawler has also prepared a little book on "Twenty Canadian Forest Trees" which may be had on application to the association at Ottawa. The movement is one of the



Most practical that have appealed to the citizens for co-operation in their own defence. It means millions to the nation and an easier life to the individual.

Political Intelligence

There was more or less comment in political circles yesterday over the visit to the city of T. H. Crerar, president of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, and G. F. Chipman, editor of "The Grain Growers' Guide." The visitors were entertained, according to The Globe, by "a group of friends" at the National Club on Thursday. Gordon Waldron, barrister-at-law and editor of The Farmer's Sun, who was one of the hosts, told The World that the two gentlemen had been entertained by the Canadian First League. They evidently spoke quite freely on the tariff question, and their views on this subject probably coincide with those of The Farmer's Sun, rather than with those held by the local Liberal newspapers.

Seen at the King Edward Hotel by a World reporter, Messrs. Crerar and Shipman discussed themselves with saying that they were merely passing thru the city on their way to New York. The league they understood to be a non-partisan organization. Both gentlemen, however, ventured the prophecy that the western farmers would be well represented in the next parliament. While they would not commit themselves upon this point, it is a fair surmise that the Liberal party must reorganize to some extent or see a new low tariff party arise in the west.

Mr. Crerar reports the west buoyant and optimistic as ever. Business is good in the cities and towns and another big crop is hoped for. In this connection he stated that there were between sixty and seventy million bushels from last season's harvest still unmarketed in the country elevators and in the hands of farmers. This, of course, does not include wheat in store at terminal and inter-lake elevators or held for milling purposes. With the opening of navigation, however, the grain will move rapidly eastward.

As to the railway situation, Mr. Crerar personally favors the nationalization of all the railways of the Dominion. Our politicians, he said, naturally shrink from such a big undertaking, but if they once addressed themselves to its solution the very magnitude of the task would wake them up and make them tackle other big questions in a bigger way.

When the conversation drifted to the recent British Columbia legislation authorizing a loan of \$10,000,000 to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, which is to run from Vancouver to Fort George (or rather to Prince George, as the station on the G.T.P. is called), one of the gentlemen in Mr. Crerar's party said: "British Columbia is the province of magnificent giving. The people out

DELIVERY OF THE MORNING WORLD

to Toronto Island was resumed on Monday, May 22. Change of address and new orders may be telephoned to Main 3308. EARLY AND PROMPT DELIVERY IS GUARANTEED. The Sunday World will be obtainable as usual every Saturday night from the efficient and obliging Sunday World carrier, F. Weinstein.

Big Drive by Allies Coming in Balkans

Rome Believes Great Offensive is About to Be Launched.

WILL SHORTEN WAR

Early Elimination of Bulgars and Turks is Counted Upon.

ROME, May 26.—A terrific smash within a few weeks, aimed at eliminating the Turks and Bulgars from the war, will be the allies' next great stroke for peace. This is the report in general circulation here today. Heavy allied blows from Saloniki and in Mesopotamia will be followed by a tremendous offensive against the Austro-Germans in an attempt to win the war before winter.

French, English, Serbian, and Italian forces are reported concentrated at Saloniki, awaiting the word to strike against the Bulgars and Germans in Southern Serbia.

The public continues to watch with confidence the official statements regarding the situation on the Trentino front. It is now reported the first Italian reverses were due to a shortage of heavy cannon to cope with the big Austrian guns. The French are believed to have come to the rescue with artillery, and new pieces are being hurried forward from Italian factories, so that the deficiency will more than be supplied within a few days.

ACTIVITY AT SALONIKI

ATHENS, May 25, via Paris, May 26.—Exceptional military activity at Saloniki is believed here to portend developments of great importance. General Hristov, of the British staff, and other officers of the allies who have been on leave in Athens, have been recalled suddenly.

BULGARS ALARMED

PARIS, May 25.—A Havas despatch from Athens says it has been learned from a reliable source that 30,000 Bulgarians have been brought from the Black Sea coast to reinforce the Macedonian front.

Through Sleeping Cars to Algonquin Park for Fishermen

To accommodate fishermen and other visitors to Algonquin Park the Grand Trunk Railway System are running a through sleeping car from Toronto to Algonquin Park, leaving Toronto 8.30 p.m. Fridays, arriving Algonquin Park 10.22 a.m. Mondays. The Highland Inn is now open to receive guests, and low round-trip tourist fares are in effect.

BUELOW RUMOR DENIED

BERLIN, May 26.—The rumor in circulation abroad that Prince Buelow is going on a special mission to Washington is officially denied.

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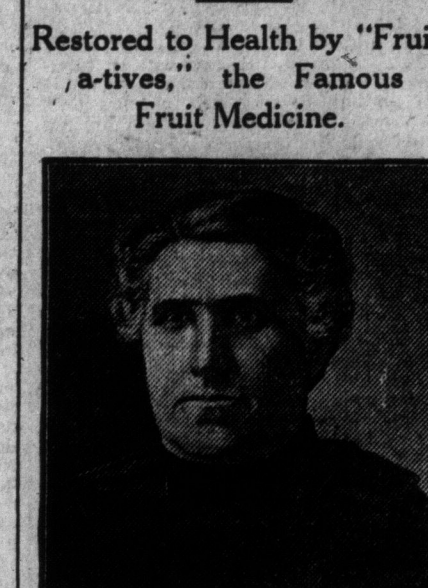
VON RINTELEN INDICTED

Steps Taken as Basis for Securing Extradition.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Franz von Rintelen, the German agent who has figured in several alleged G.I. bomb plots and who is now in England, was indicted today by the federal grand jury as a base for obtaining his extradition to this country. This indictment charges him with fraud in connection with the procurement of a false American passport.

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ILLNESS OF J. J. HILL BECOMING CRITICAL

Great Railway Builder Has Taken Sudden Turn for Worse.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 26.—Dr. William Mayo, surgeon, of Rochester, Minn., is being rushed to St. Paul on a special train to attend James J. Hill, who is ill at his home here. His son, L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, went in a special train this morning for Dr. Mayo.

Mr. Hill, who has been ill for ten days, is thought to have taken a bad turn.

Canadian Pacific Great Lakes Steamship Service

Canadian Pacific steamship sails from Owen Sound at 11.00 p.m. each Wednesday for Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur and Port William. Connecting train leaves Toronto 5.25 p.m. Full particulars, reservations, etc., from any Canadian Pacific ticket agent, Toronto.

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YONGE STREET GAP DECISION RESERVED

Lengthy Argument Was Presented Before Privy Council Yesterday.

GEARY TOOK A PART

Sir John Simon Chief Counsel for Toronto Railway.

LONDON, May 26.—Before the privy council today arguments were heard on behalf of the City of Toronto against the Toronto Railway Board regarding the right of the latter to lay tracks and operate cars upon that portion of Yonge street within the city limits lying between the tracks of the Canadian Pacific and Farnham avenue.

The appellate division dismissed an appeal by the present appellants from the order of the Toronto Railway Board and Municipal Board. Today's appeal was heard before Lord Chancellor Earl Loreburn and Lord Shaw, A. C. Clausen, K.C., and Capt. G. R. Geary, K.C., supported the appeal. Sir John Simon and D. L. McCarthy, K.C., appeared for the railway. An agreement was made in 1891 between the corporation and the railway, and validated by Ontario statute, to grant to the company the right to operate surface street railways in the city for thirty years.

Mr. Clausen's contention was that the agreement did not give the right now claimed by the company, because no franchise could be granted for more than twenty years, and no franchise to come into operation in the future—in this case more than 34 years after the date of the agreement—could be granted at all.

The Metropolitan Street Railway in 1891 had a franchise from the township of York over that part of Yonge street, including a piece running from the present Canadian Pacific tracks to Farnham avenue, and a short time later, under the agreement, the city had acquired this piece of land.

Judgment was reserved.

Additional Sleeping Car Service—Toronto-New York—Via Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley

The Grand Trunk Railway System in connection with the Lehigh Valley Railroad will, commencing May 29, operate through electric lighted sleeping cars Toronto to New York, leaving Toronto 4.30 p.m. daily, Hamilton 5.35 p.m., arriving New York following morning at 7.30 o'clock; returning leave New York 8.00 p.m. daily, arriving Hamilton 10.20 a.m., Toronto 11.35 a.m. This service is in addition to present sleeping car leaving Toronto to 6.05 p.m. daily. The Grand Trunk Railway is the only double track route to New York. Tickets and further particulars at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge sts. Main 4209, or at Union Station, Main 4860.

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