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EVERY LEGISLATOR INTERESTED.

Curiously enough, the speakers from St. John, in opposition to the New Brunswick Power Company's bill, before the members of the legislature yesterday, forgot altogether to press home the consideration which should most forcibly appeal to those members. Perhaps the unusual nature of their surroundings made it more difficult for them to express their views as clearly and fully as usual, or their desire not to occupy too much of the time of the legislature hurried them along. Perhaps also their failure to secure such an able array of trained advocates as the power company had engaged placed them at some disadvantage in the formal presentation of their case. And yet the members of the legislature did not fail to note the fact that while on the one side there was arrayed the best talent money and self-interest could provide, to make an appeal for special privileges at the expense of the people, there were on the other side the plain spokesmen of the people themselves, smarting under a sense of grave injustice, and asking that they be protected from an organized assault upon their rights.

The consideration referred to in the foregoing paragraph is the fact that if the New Brunswick Power Company is permitted to create millions of capital over night by a mere stroke of the pen, and compel the citizens of St. John to pay interest and dividends on those fictitious millions for all time to come, there is no end to the tribe of imitators who will spring up all over the province and try to enrich themselves in the same way. If a little group of money-chasers can get hold of a public utility, double or treble its capitalization over night without putting a dollar of additional money into the plant, or improving its service one iota, and then compel the people to provide dividends on the increased capitalization—the water—there is no end to the exploitation of the people and their resources that will occur. If the members of the legislature open that door, they will be amazed at the number of eager gentlemen in search of easy money who will come trooping through from all parts of the province, wherever there is a public utility to be exploited or established. In other words, St. John is the first trench. If it is taken by the advance guard of the army of exploiters, their following will quickly overrun the province. This fact gives every representative of every constituency a personal interest in the present fight in St. John, for the interests of his own constituency are also involved.

THE WAR SITUATION.

One of today's cables says that the battle on the western front has settled down to a grim race to determine whether the German man power is enough to make good the threat, to annihilate the British army and force its capitulation. In other words it is a question as to "which side can kill the most men in the next few weeks and at the same time and more recruits to fill the depleted ranks."

This emphasizes once more the urgent need of sending more men from Canada and the United States. It is of course to the latter country the Allies look for the necessary man power to gain the victory, and there is the great handicap of insufficient transportation facilities. This means that the British, French and American armies now in the field must make superhuman efforts to hold the line until new armies arrive. The Germans are reckless, and ready to sacrifice their men in the most prodigious way to achieve their end. We appear to be at the greatest crisis of the war, and the news of each day is awaited with profound anxiety. The enemy has thus far failed to do more than press the Allies backward, but we would feel a far greater degree of confidence if we were convinced that the Allied reserves had not been seriously depleted in the terrific fighting of the last three weeks. It is admitted that when the enemy assaults any given point it is with superior forces, but his losses must be enormous. The British do not give ground without exacting a heavy toll. Today's reports indicate that the situation at Arras, which did not appear yesterday to be critical, and that the British held most of their line satisfactorily, although weather conditions favored the enemy. On the French front the fighting has been less severe.

Hon. Mr. Baxter very sharply criticized Speaker Currie yesterday. Only the day before Mr. Young (opposition) paid a very high tribute to the speaker for his impartiality. You pay your money and you take your choice.

DR. SHEARER'S APPEAL.

At the close of a rather dreary afternoon of debate on the budget in the legislature on Wednesday afternoon, immediately after formal adjournment, the house was galvanized into instant and sustained attention and interest by Dr. Shearer, honorary secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada, speaking for the Social Service Council of New Brunswick. Dr. Shearer, courteously received by Premier Foster, who asked the house to remain for a few minutes to hear his message. The distinguished advocate of social service lost not a moment in plunging into his subject, and presented his case with singular clearness and force. He pointed out that there is a new centre of gravity which is not material, but social and spiritual. The better care of children, of female delinquents and of the feeble-minded was shown to be essential to the new order. The speaker congratulated the house on such recent legislation as makes for social welfare. Referring to the public health bill before the house he pointed out that it was not nearly so drastic as the health laws in the western provinces, and that all the provinces were giving more and more attention to the conservation of human life through the operation of well equipped departments of public health. He made the startling statement that of 80,000 deaths of infants in Canada last year—more in number than the soldiers from Canada actually killed in three years of war—the great majority of these little lives could have been saved. The house had for several hours listened to a perfunctory debate on roads, timber, lands, farm crops and fisheries, and there was a refreshing contrast in the striking message of the social service advocate, who wasted not a word in his brief but brilliant address, which must have had a powerful influence upon the minds of his auditors.

IN A NUTSHELL.

Stock and bonds outstanding at time of purchase from St. John Railway Company—\$2,087,000.

Against exactly the same property the New Brunswick Power Company immediately issued stock and bonds to the value of over \$5,000,000.

The St. John Railway Company's books showed that the total investment in its property to be \$2,417,875.66. More than \$2,500,000 of securities have therefore been added, without increasing the value of the plant one dollar, and the users of street cars, gas, electric light and power are asked to pay dividends on the value.

These are the facts, as shown by the New Brunswick Power Company's own figures. All the rest is camouflage, to divert attention from the main issue.

If the New Brunswick Power Company is permitted to acquire a public utility, then more than double its capitalization without spending a dollar for betterment, levy on the people for the increased dividends and get away with it, the door will be opened for financial exploitation all over the province.

A girl who lives in Fairville but works in a store in the city now pays practically a four cent car-fare. If the new rates go into effect she will pay seven cents. A Fairville resident making two transfers would pay eight cents. The shop-girl would pay in a year between twenty and thirty dollars a year additional in street car fares. It is not surprising that Fairville sent a large delegation to Fredericton yesterday.

The New Brunswick Power Company yesterday made the best possible presentation of its case for increased rates. All that money and organization could do was done. The MacIntyre report, however, is still unanswered. The watered stock is there and cannot be concealed.

The opposition in the legislature is not formidable. It carries the burden of its own acts when in power. The members on the government side have only to turn up the record to break the force of opposition criticism.

GENERAL MORATORIUM ACT FOR ALBERTA

Calgary, April 11—A general moratorium act will be introduced by the provincial government, says a special despatch to the Albertan today from Edmonton. It will affect all citizens, but will be of a limited nature. It provides that the principal will be protected, but that interest, insurance and tax measures will have to be met if so decided by the judge. It will affect only the indebtedness created before the outbreak of the war. This will affect all citizens except soldiers on overseas service and returned soldiers. The soldiers will be protected by a complete moratorium, including all charges and this will be extended until two years after the war. At present the soldiers' moratorium extends to but one year after the war.

RUSSIAN FLEET AT HELSINGFORS SAFE FROM HUN CLUTCHES

Two Hundred War Vessels Moved to Kronstadt—The Vladivostok Incident Likely to End Quietly

Petrograd, April 11—(By the Associated Press)—The Russian fleet at Helsingfors, aggregating 200 vessels, apparently has escaped from the menace of capture by the Germans.

The first squadron, composed of battleships and cruisers, has arrived safely at Kronstadt. The second squadron, composed of torpedo boats and submarines, is reported to have been moved to the third, made up of transports and vessels of older types, is expected to reach Kronstadt tonight.

Moscow, April 11—(By the Associated Press)—The excitement over the Japanese landing at Vladivostok is rapidly subsiding and the Moscow newspapers are generally inclined to the belief that the incident will be settled locally and that the Japanese and British will withdraw.

Nervous Dyspepsia

Accompanied an Exhausted Condition of the Nervous System—Health Restored and Aged Mother Greatly Benefitted by Food Cure.

Lequille, N. S., Apr. 11—Nervous trouble is not confined to any age, and often people who look well are miserable on account of a feeble condition of the nerves.

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Vladivostok, April 8—(By the Associated Press)—The Japanese admiral has issued a proclamation to the Russians here saying that he sympathized with the situation in Russia, hoped for the glorious success of the revolution and had no intention to interfere or take sides in the situation.

Unfortunately the political struggle has resulted in disorders in Vladivostok in which three Japanese were killed, and he had landed marines merely to protect Japanese residents.

Tokyo, April 8—(By the Associated Press)—Special despatches from Vladivostok say that a proclamation issued by Admiral Kato giving reasons for the landing of Japanese created a good impression among the Russians.

Seventeen unregistered aliens were secured by U. S. intelligence officials during a raid on a German restaurant in New York.



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And we do hereby further urge and request that each and every Clergyman in Our Province of New Brunswick shall, from his pulpit on Sunday, the fourth of April, instil into the minds of the people the fact of the food situation as it affects the Allied cause, emphasizing the responsibility resting on this favored land, and invoking the blessing of Almighty God on the human efforts put forth towards production, that they may be blessed by Him who alone gives the increase.

And we do hereby still further urge and request the careful consideration and patriotic co-operation of all our people in the matters herein set forth.

All of which premises and our loving subjects and all others whom it doth or may in anywise concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of New Brunswick to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, His Honor William Pugsley, D. C. L., K. C., One of Our Privy Council for Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of New Brunswick, this second day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command, ROBERT MURRAY, 4-19 Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

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SPEAKS ON NEWSPRINT SITUATION

Montreal, April 12—H. D. Bean of the Abitibi Power & Paper Company, in an address before the Kiwanis Club here yesterday on "the pulp and newsprint paper industry in Canada," spoke of the fixing of the price on newsprint as having stopped the expansion of the pulp and paper industry in Canada for the time being, stopped the export in increasing quantities to the United States, and stopped extensions projected in various mills. Two thousand tons of paper were the demand from the United States for Canadian paper, he said, and 250 tons of newsprint every twenty-four hours were required to furnish Canadian newspapers. Mr. Bean said nearly \$10,000,000 was the investment in the 100 mills in Canada. It took the pulp wood from approximately 60,000 acres to supply the demands of Canada alone for a year, he said, but he believed Canada had 300,000 square miles of pulp wood limits, and 60,000 acres taken out would not make a noticeable inroad.

ARCHBISHOP BRINGS UP IN HOUSE OF LORDS SUBJECT OF CERTAIN DISEASES IN ARMY

London, April 12—The Archbishop of Canterbury in the House of Lords yesterday called attention to the alleged prevalence of venereal diseases among the British soldiers in France.

The Earl of Derby, secretary for war, promised to do what was possible to eradicate the scourge.

The war secretary said he had seen the chaplain-general of the American forces, who had telegraphed to President Wilson a proposal that a staff officer, perhaps a legal officer, and a medical officer should come to this country and consult with the archbishop, other ministers, medical men and legal advisers. In that way an understanding might be arrived at by which England and America would be able to work together for the common good, not only of the armies, but of the countries to which the armies belong.

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Dated at the City of Saint John, the twenty-seventh day of February A. D. 1918.

HERBERT E. WARDROP, Common Clerk

that the generalissimo was in a different position regarding the British army from what he was in regard to the French army. For the present General Foch was exercising the power of general-in-chief and he was directing the strategy of the fight. Mr. Law thought there was no man, either in or outside the house, who was not thankful that that was the situation. The result would be that there would be closer co-ordination than had been possible in the past.

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