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YESTERDAY'S DRIVE

Yesterday's drive for the Salvation Army was remarkable for the universal expression of sympathy. Of course there were exceptions—there are always exceptions, and they are generally found among persons who could well afford to give; but there were fewer of them yesterday than usual. This is the testimony of the canvassers, and it puts the Army on its mettle to deserve the wonderful expression of confidence and regard. The drive came after the war had ended, and the tense feeling which had made other drives a patriotic duty had somewhat relaxed. There was, however, on the other hand a feeling that the organization which had done so much, and is so well fitted to the very best of the time, should not have to appeal in vain; and there was the other feeling that St. John must keep up the splendid record for generosity which has marked the history of the past four years. The Rotary Club is not large in membership, but it commands public sympathy, and when it undertook, as they saying is, to put this thing across, there was no lack of helpers, especially among the various chapters of the Daughters of the Empire. And all over the city, in home and shop, in store and office and factory, the contributions were waiting to be gathered in. The drive was not notable for large single contributions, but for the number of small ones. No doubt tomorrow's appeal will be not less heartily answered by the people in the streets. Such a response is necessary to make St. John's objective. The Canadian soldiers never lost a gun or failed to take an objective. Their example is before us.

ROCKWOOD PARK.

The city council did right to increase the grant to the Horticultural Association. Rockwood Park is a recreation ground for all the citizens and the money given to the Association is wisely expended. The city itself could not do better, and probably not nearly so much as is now done for the money. The citizens do not make nearly enough use of the splendid natural park at their doors. Though so near it is not disturbed by the noises of the city, and its natural beauty makes it a charming resort. The Horticultural Association has pursued the wise policy of modelling as little as possible with the natural features of the park, contenting itself with touches here and there and making all parts of the area easily accessible. Eventually the city will no doubt take it over, but in the meantime it does well to support the Association in its work. The time must come when the street railway service will enable the people to ride nearer the park entrance than at present, and then the park will come into its own. Even before that time arrives the playground area at the entrance should be developed for the benefit of the young people of the city. One thousand dollars was voted last year as a beginning, and should be expended.

THE BOLSHEVIKI.

There was a Bolsheviki demonstration in Montreal last night, with threats of a general strike. The statement was made before a United States senate committee yesterday that the Bolsheviki have organized Soviets in the industrial centres and plan to take the government. What they would do if they had the chance is illustrated by a statement made by Professor Ludovic H. Grandy, a Socialist, who at the outbreak of war was Professor of Physics and Mathematics in the Technical Institute of Dordrecht, Holland, and also one of the editors of 'The University Review of Philosophy, Holland. He says:— "I personally saw the application of the Bolsheviki theory to many factories. For example, Koop's agricultural machine factory, employing 500 men, at Alexandrofsky, near Moscow. The Council of Workmen in this factory voted to make Koop an employee at 500 roubles a month, and made one of the loudest-talking workmen (who was also president of the Soviet) director of the factory. They voted themselves salary increases from 800 to 1,000 per cent. Every day the workmen held meetings, sometimes lasting several hours, in the factory. There they discussed their rights and privileges, but the words duties and obligations were unknown to them. They also voted themselves the right, 'as an intellectual necessity' to read newspapers during supposed working hours. Nominally they 'worked' eight hours, but literally not more than four and a half a day. But they paid themselves for all time spent in meetings, reading newspapers, and loafing. The funds they obtained by rifling the factory vaults, and when they were empty they went to Koop's house and to the banks where he kept his private account and under threat of using arms, took away what money remained. In all, they seized about 1,000,000 roubles." And in the end, of course, there was neither money nor industry.

The Chinese government gives enemy citizens till March 1 to get out of China, the exceptions being doctors, invalids and persons over sixty years of age. All enemy property is to be sequestered. On Feb. 1, Heineforth Germany will not find it easy to exploit China or any other country.

Referring to labor and the British election, Canadian Finance says:—"The British electorate—male and female—has set the standard for the rest of the civilized world to follow. The true leaders of labor received faithful support, but where pacifism and labor joined hands, labor went down to defeat. The moral is obvious and particularly applicable to the social unrest in our own land. The real labor movement is accepted as a proper and desirable part of our national life, but the presence and toleration of reactionary elements in the movement is the great menace to the future of democracy. Labor is being used as a cloak for propaganda of a type which, if successful, would destroy for an indefinite period the great work already accomplished by the wide visioned leaders of true labor."

Fredericton, as well as St. John, has a housing problem. In its report of a board of trade meeting this week the Gleaner says:—"There was a discussion on the housing problem and the scheme proposed by the government. The secretary was advised to get further information for a future meeting. The opinion of the meeting was that the housing problem was one of great importance to this city, there being a feeling that the recent epidemic showed that many people lived in houses that were not what they should be from a sanitary standpoint while others drew attention to the large number of families now seeking houses and unable to procure suitable accommodations."

The following despatch from Hamilton indicates serious social conditions in that city:—"During the past month the detective department has been asked to locate more than thirty young girls reported as having run away from their homes. Of that number about twenty-five have been found, some living under rather questionable conditions, while others had left their parental abode in order to make their own way in the world."

The city council in making public grants confined nearly all of them to last year's figures. This will make it necessary for the public to come to the assistance of some of them or see their work seriously hampered. This is especially true of the Playgrounds Association which had hoped 1919 would see an important extension of its work, but is really worse off than last year, since new equipment and supervision of new grounds are absolutely necessary to a successful year.

It is a significant fact that the Conservatives in the Saskatchewan legislature have joined the Liberals in an unanimous demand for a lower tariff and for reciprocity with the United States. The west is very strong for free trade relations.

If the Russian Bolsheviki reject the proposals of the Allies for a conference with other parties in Russia and a termination of hostilities in the meantime, the Allies should take stern measures with as little delay as possible.

Canada will do well to send all the interned Germans and Austrians back to their own countries and encourage those not interested to take the same road. That would help to solve the labor problem.

If Trotsky has really been taken prisoner he should be held until order is restored and then tried for his crimes. He is a Kaiser of another sort but deserves as little consideration as William Hohenzollern.

A new Home Rule party has been formed in Dublin, in opposition to the Sinn Fein.

RETURNING HOME



Col. R. M. Dennistoun, Judge Advocate-General for Canadian troops overseas, will return to Winnipeg in March to resume his duties as judge of the Court of Appeal for Manitoba. He went overseas in command of the 53rd Battalion in 1915 and has been in England and France ever since.

Ample. Heck—Does your wife understand any language except English? Peck—No; she can do all the talking that's necessary in that.

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RECENT DEATHS

Hon. H. D. Yerxa.
Hon. Henry D. Yerxa, one of New England's leading business men who left his old home in York county, this province, when nineteen years of age to seek his fortune in Boston, died on Tuesday evening at his home in Cambridge (Mass.). From a poor boy on a farm at Kenwick, where he was born in 1847, he worked his way up the business ladder from grocer's boy until he became president of a big wholesale and retail grocery concern, the Cobb, Bates & Yerxa Co., of Boston, one of the largest establishments of the kind in the United States.

Mr. Yerxa's family in York county were descended from Loyalist stock, having come to this province from the Hudson river district of New York at the time of the Revolutionary war. When he went to Boston young Yerxa obtained employment with the grocery firm of C. D. Cobb & Brother. He advanced rapidly and eventually became a partner in the firm. In 1871 the firm Cobb, Bates & Yerxa was organized.

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15c Can Talcum Powder 10c
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River basin, and was chairman of the basin commission. He was elected a member of the executive council of Governor W. Murray Crane and John L. Bates. He was a trustee of the Cambridge hospital and was a benefactor and official of the Holy Ghost hospital for incurables, Cambridge. He was chairman of the standing committee of the North Avenue Baptist church, Cambridge. He was a director of the Beacon Trust Co., a member of the Canadian Club of Boston, and other organizations. Mr. Yerxa's wife, who was Miss Sarah Emory, died thirteen years ago. He is survived by a son, Herbert E., treasurer of the Cobb, Bates & Yerxa Co., and three daughters, Miss Sarah E. Yerxa, of Cambridge; Mrs. William S. Young, of Cambridge; and Mrs. Theodore O. Barnard, of Boston. A number of relatives reside in York county.

Captain Eddy of the dominion government service, Ottawa, is in the city in connection with the pilotage situation. It is expected that all pilots on the Atlantic coast may come under government in a short time.

INSTALLED OFFICERS.
District Deputy Bourgeois, of Moncton paid a visit to the local council, Knight of Columbus, last evening and installed the already elected officers for the coming year. There was a large attendance and the proceedings were very impressive and interesting. The government fisheries bureau say the skin of the codfish provides an excellent leather, tough as parchment and very durable. The same is true of salmon skin.

Why Uncle Sam Turned Teetotaler

The unanimity with which the State legislatures have hastened to ratify the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution is a source of wonderment to many representative American newspapers. Thus to the New York Tribune it seems "as if a sailing-ship on a windless ocean were sweeping ahead, propelled by some invisible force," while the New York Times explains the mystery by suggesting that "prohibition seems to be the fashion, just as drinking used to be."

The nation-wide sweep of anti-liquor sentiment is accounted for by other well-known publications in more positive terms. The Pittsburg Gazette-Times declares that the abolition of intoxicants is dictated by "the deliberate judgment" of the American people and the Toledo Blade terms the movement "as remorseless as the rise of tides in the sea," yet the New York World characterizes it as "a most emphatic denial of local self-government."

In the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week—January 25th—these varying views are discussed in detail. Other articles of strong contemporary interest in this number are:

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