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What Will Ottawa Do Now?

There is probably more doubt about the course President Wilson will adopt than about any other unknown quantity in the war situation. Most people regard him as a sort of republican Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who would jump in on the wrong side if he dared. He has the American Republic behind him with from 75 to 90 per cent. of the people, as her public men estimate, strong for the entente allies and their principles. But apart from this there are many apologists for his policy, who believe that his policy is to exhaust every diplomatic course, and to give Germany every possible opportunity to be decent and civilized before actually proceeding to the final step.

Intolerance

It is rarely that the opportunity occurs to have one's mental apparatus put to extreme tension with such satisfaction and beneficial results as in the case of the stupendous spectacle which has been in the city for two weeks, the moving picture called "Intolerance." Stupendous is the only word to describe it adequately, and those who have carried away any adequate impression of its amazing experiences must have felt that life had enlarged its limits and become a vaster and more complex reality than could ever be imagined from the conventional daily round.

If the picture were one of imagination only this deduction could not fairly be made, but these pictures are living history and preach the ancient lesson. "The things that are are the things that have been, and the things that shall be, and there is nothing new under the sun." Babylon with all its magnificence, Jerusalem with all its tragedy, Paris with all its intrigue, New York with all its vice, these are all but human nature, divine in its ascension, diabolical in its descent.

The merit of the pictures is not merely in their vastness, but in the extreme naturalness of the action, the absence of stage effects, the grace and simplicity of scenes, where good taste is the first essential, and the historical accuracy of the details. Those who have left the study of ancient history aside for a quarter of a century will find much that is new and true in the story of Babylon, and there is no lack of learning and scholarship in dealing with the periods considered.

All that art, all that music, all that knowledge, all that love for humanity could suggest seem to have been enlisted in teaching the lesson that, more than any other, humanity has still to learn.

It is astonishing to contemplate the apathy and lack of energy displayed by government and people alike in the presence of such a perpetual menace. We should have been striving every nerve as they have been doing in Britain for many months, but a voluntary and unstimulated response is all the government asks. It is this apathy that leads the thinking people of the country to demand a national government, which will speed up the war work, which will regulate the coal situation, which will take over the railways, as in England, which will organize the country and do deeds worthy of the stupendous crisis in which the whole world is plunged.

People say on reading Germany's latest announcement—"What will Wilson do now?" They might also add—"What will Ottawa do now?"

Taxing Land Values.
A highly important announcement was circulated yesterday in the statement by Sir Adam Beck that he would recommend in future that taxation be permitted on hydro-electric lands on a basis of values consistent with adjacent property. It is a step forward in the acceptance of the commonsense and equitable taxation of land values and exemption of improvements. It is to be hoped that the government will

accept the principle, and Sir Adam appeared to be confident that this would be the case.

At the present time by aid of the legislature all hydro-electric property is exempt from taxation and many municipalities have felt this to be a burden where lands formerly taxed have been withdrawn from taxation. In a few cases the hardship has been marked. The Township of Artemesia being one of the chief, where a considerable tract of land was taken for the Eugenia Falls development. The city is interested in various ways. The hydro offices on University avenue stand on an important site worth \$40,000 or \$50,000. The whole argument for taxation of land values and exemption of improvements is implicit in the policy which Sir Adam has undertaken to recommend. It would be absurd and is recognized as absurd, to propose taxation of the costly improvements which the hydro-electric system has constructed throughout the province. An example of this is given in the cases of municipalities whose lands are of little value, but thru which runs the expensive plant of the system the assessment on which would perhaps be greater than all the other assessments in the township.

It is an advantage to such municipalities to have the system passing thru them, making available the hydro-electric energy whenever it may be needed and forming an inducement to attract settlers on that very account. The same thing is true of all improvements and their encouragement is the best encouragement for the growth of the community in which they exist. The equitable taxation of land values will supply all the necessary revenue, and the city that most nearly approximates to this policy will prosper accordingly.

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CIVILIZATION AT STAKE

TURKISH ENVOY TRIES TO DEAL WITH ALLIES

Djavid Bey Arrives at Geneva as Delegate to Seek Peace.

Paris, Feb. 1.—Djavid Bey, former Turkish minister of finance, has arrived at Geneva, according to The Matin, as a delegate from the Turkish ministry, commissioned to get in touch with the entente powers. Djavid Bey was selected, The Matin says, because he was the only Ottoman minister who refused to sign the trade proclaiming the opening of hostilities.

PERCENTAGE TOO HIGH.

Analysis Showed Brantford Hotel Dispensing Liquor Which Was Too Strong.

Special to The Toronto World.
Brantford, Feb. 1.—The result of an analysis by License Inspector R. J. Eacrett of temperance beverages being sold at the Belmont Hotel, was that Wm. Fraser, the proprietor, was charged with selling liquor without a license. It was evidently another of those cases where the beverage was bought in good faith, being labelled less than two and one-half per cent. The case was laid over for a week and it may be that a charge will be laid against the party who sold the beverage to Mr. Fraser.

HOLSTEINS SELL WELL.

Fifty-six Head Bring Over \$7,000 at Brantford Sale.

Special to The Toronto World.
Brantford, Feb. 1.—The annual spring sale of Brant County Holstein Breeders' Association brought high prices. Fifty-six head were offered, the total receipts being over seven thousand dollars, and an average of \$120 per head. The lowest price was \$40 for a month-old heifer, and the highest \$275 for a cow which goes to Sarnia.

CAN'T SPARE A MAN.

Brantford Manufacturers Refuse Permission to Recruit Soldiers in Their Premises.

Special to The Toronto World.
Brantford, Feb. 1.—An endeavor was made by the members of the recruiting league to have Pte. Sam Landers address the men of the different factories during his stay here this week in the interests of the 21st Battalion, but some of the factories refused the necessary permission. The claim was advanced by the factory making the refusal that their industries could not spare one man they had working. The meetings will be held just outside these factories during noon hour.

GALT INTO COAL BUSINESS.

Mayor Edwards Has Purchased Sixteen Cars To Relieve Situation.

Special to The Toronto World.
Galt, Ont., Feb. 1.—To help relieve the situation, Mayor A. M. Edwards today announced that the municipality would go into the coal business, and that he had bought 16 cars of fuel and would buy more until every home in the city was supplied with coal. The first cars of the shipment will arrive tomorrow. Coal will be sold at cost price, \$9.50 a ton, and will be delivered by the board of works team and weighed on the city scales.

CLERGYMEN MAKE CHANGE

Special to The Toronto World.
Brookville, Ont., Feb. 1.—Rev. John Lyons, of Brookville, who is in charge of the parish of St. John's, today by cable, sailed for Canada on Jan. 26, and are expected to arrive here late next week. It is understood that they are returning to undertake military duties in Canada.

KINGSTON SOLDIER'S ESCAPE INTERCEPTED

With Three Toronto Men, Almost Gets Away From German Prison.

Special to The Toronto World.
Kingston, Ont., Feb. 1.—"I expected to be home for Christmas sure," writes Pte. Frank H. Pillar to his aunt, Mrs. A. Davidson, of this city. "With three of my chums I managed to break away from the German internment camp. We were away six days and got as far as the frontier when we were nabbed and taken back." Pte. Pillar, who is barely 18 years of age, enlisted at Toronto, and his three chums are all Toronto boys, but only the name of one of his companions is given, that of Oliver Sherbourne.

PERE MARQUETTE SERVICE AT SARNIA INADEQUATE

Committee of City Council Confers With Manager and Board Representatives.

Special to The Toronto World.
Chatham, Feb. 1.—The question of more adequate accommodations on the Pere Marquette Railway between Chatham and Sarnia was discussed at a conference held this morning between J. Clark of the Dominion Railway Board; R. S. Black, general manager of the Pere Marquette; Mayor J. G. Kerr, and Ald. P. E. Baxter and Murray Reeve of the railway committee of the city council. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Clark stated that he was unable to give any idea as to what the board's decision would be. Mr. Black explained that the railway was anxious to accommodate the city and county in every way, but on account of the coal shortage it had been found necessary to cancel the morning and evening trains, in order to facilitate the freight shipments of coal from Rondeau. He expressed the opinion that the coal situation would be relieved about March, when the trains would be reinstated.

RECORD ALSO AT CHATHAM

Customs Receipts Have Broken All Previous Records at That Port.

Special to The Toronto World.
Chatham, Ont., Feb. 1.—Customs returns for the various ports in the Chatham district announced today again constitute a record. An increase of \$11,754.90 is shown over the previous highest record for customs returns of the district, and the previous local record has been beaten by \$26,781.83. The following are the returns for the various ports: Chatham, \$108,514.61; Ridgeway, \$35,238; Glenora, \$1,883.97; Rondeau, \$19,625.58; Glencoe, \$204.81; Tilbury, \$467.85; Dresden P. O., \$5.50. Total—\$126,240.74.

MUNITION WORKER DIES

James Clayton Was Married Only a Month Ago and Succumbs at Work.

Special to The Toronto World.
Brookville, Ont., Feb. 1.—Death came with startling suddenness to James Clayton, a well-known young resident of Brookville, while at work this morning, shortly before four o'clock at the National Ammunition Co., where he had been employed only a short while on munition work. Death was due to heart failure. He was married about a month ago.

CANADIAN OFFICERS RETURN.

Special to The Toronto World.
Galt, Ont., Feb. 1.—Lieut. G. J. D. Clarke, O. C. of the 11th West Waterloo Battalion, which was broken up in England, and Majors L. W. Johnston and N. Mackenzie, is learned today by cable, sailed for Canada on Jan. 26, and are expected to arrive here late next week. It is understood that they are returning to undertake military duties in Canada.

TAKE LARGE SHARE IN BIG WAR LOAN

Great Insurance Companies Subscribe Over Two Hundred Millions.

OTHERS BUY BLOCKS

Lady Wernher Invests More Heavily Than Any Other Individual.

London, Feb. 1.—The feature of the greatest war loan in the history of this or any other country, has been the enormous amounts subscribed for by the big insurance companies, who, between them, have secured just over \$215,000,000. The Prudential Assurance Co. easily head the list with the large sum of \$100,000,000. Lady Wernher, who inherited great wealth from her husband, Sir Julius Wernher, the famous South African diamond and gold magnate, who left over \$57,000,000, is so far the largest individual subscriber, having, in memory of her youngest son, who was killed in action last year, invested \$10,000,000. Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch comedian, stands out well among the individuals, having subscribed for \$250,000.

The large subscribers are:

Prudential Assurance Co.	\$100,000,000
Standard Life Assur. Co.	15,000,000
Phoenix Assurance Co.	15,000,000
Royal Insurance Co.	15,000,000
Refuge Assurance Co.	12,500,000
United Kingdom Temperance Assurance Co.	10,000,000
Guardian Assurance Co.	8,000,000
British Dominions Ass. Co.	6,250,000
Royal London Mutual Ins. Co.	6,250,000
London Life Assurance Co.	5,000,000
Star Assurance Co.	5,000,000
Britannic Assurance Co.	5,000,000
Sun Insurance Co.	5,000,000
Royal London Assur. Co.	1,250,000
Eagle Insurance Co.	500,000

Other large blocks of stock were secured by:

London Council Council	\$35,000,000
Imperial Tobacco Co.	12,500,000
City of London Corporation	10,000,000
Furness, Withy Ltd.	5,000,000
Metropolitan Carriage, Wagon and Finance Co., Birmingham	5,000,000
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society	5,000,000
Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows	4,000,000
W. Cory & Sons	3,750,000
Anglo-Argentine Tramways Co.	2,250,000
Houlder Bros. & Co., Ltd.	2,500,000
Leeds Corporation	1,250,000
Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd.	1,250,000

SHOWS GERMANY SEES SHE CANNOT WIN WAR

German Note to U.S. Betrays Desperation in View of Dutch Paper.

London, Feb. 1.—A despatch to Reuters from Amsterdam, says The Telegraaf, considers that the German note creates an extremely serious situation, because Holland will now see that as she is aware that she cannot win Germany is having recourse in this desperate action.

"The time has come now or never will come," The Telegraaf continues, "when the Dutch nation must ask itself on which side its interests will be safest, and the reply is not doubtful. We have everything to expect from the entente allies. They may put difficulties in our way, but they have not torpedoed our ships and do not threaten to murder our sailors and passengers. We must protest more energetically and strongly than heretofore when one of our ships is sent to the bottom."

BIG SALE OF MOLESKINS.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 1.—Seventy-six thousand moleskins sold for \$15,000 at the international fur auction, here today. Fifteen thousand Kolinsky skins sold for \$6,500.

FAIR PLAY.

A Scotch physician, who was also a member of the Kirk session, met the grave-digger "a little while ago" a "gram," and threatened to expose him. "Doctor," said the man, "I have covered up many a fault of yours, and I think ye might excuse one of mine."

STEAMER FRONTIER FLOATED.

Special to The Toronto World.
Chatham, Feb. 1.—After resting on the bed of the River Thames for nearly a year, the pleasure steamer Frontier was raised this afternoon by the Reid Wrecking Co. of Sarnia.

RESULTS OF QUEEN'S DECEMBER EXAMINATIONS

Degrees in Pedagogy Announced and Contain Several Toronto Names.

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Kingston, Ont., Feb. 1.—The results of the December examinations for degrees in pedagogy at Queen's University faculty of education were announced today and contain the following:

Science of education, N.