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WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 2.

## "How is the War Going?"

One question is first on every lip when friends meet: "How do you think the war is going?" It does not matter in the least how you think the war is going, if you are not doing something to make it go. Every man in Germany can answer to the question what he is doing for his country, by a definite statement of fact. In Canada and in other parts of the empire there are many men who can only say they do not like the war, but they would not raise a finger to stop it nor to shorten it. This is what makes the problem of how the war is going a difficult one to solve.

If every man turned to and did what was in him, by enlisting, by subscribing, by taking some share of the burden, however slight, the whole force of the country would soon be able to settle the question. It must be settled this way sooner or later. It may be very much later, after fiery trials and sufferings which can only be avoided by immediate action. Those who refuse to act now, are laying up for themselves suffering in the time to come.

It is inconceivable that the British Empire should surrender while the spirit of Nelson and Wellington survived even in embers and gleams among the ashes of her people. It is not sufficient to talk heroics, however. People must do what they say and act as they think. There is need of men. There is some evidence of an awakening, but we cannot be too wide awake. There should be a regiment a week enlisted around Toronto if we are to do our share for the ideals we boast about.

Elgar's cantata is full of the star-bright ideal of the race:  
"Nor shall her might diminish  
While firm she holds the faith  
Of equal law to all men—  
'And holds it to the death;  
For all the world shall learn it—  
Thou long the task shall be—  
The text of Britain's teaching,  
The message of the free."

## More Iron Crosses.

British sailors will not be the last to applaud the nerve and pluck of the little German cruiser which ventured to "gobble up" a large merchant and passenger steamer on a regular trade route. The feat will be hailed with wonder and delight in Germany where the navy has not had much chance to do anything, but has been fairly meritorious in following its British model. The German sailors themselves are not proud, it is said, of the Lusitania's destiny, nor any similar raids, and they may be allowed to take whatever consolation they can derive from the capture of the Appam.

Curious questions of international law come up in connection with the appearance of the Appam in a United States port. It is not clear whether the vessel is to be regarded as a German prize, not yet adjudicated upon, and therefore not classifiable under any precedent that the United States has at command.

If the vessel is interned would the United States be acting as a receiver of stolen goods? If the vessel is turned out to sea to be gobbled up by one of the British cruisers which is no doubt waiting for such a contingency, will Germany have a right of complaint against the Washington Government? It seems as though the Berlin authorities spent their time in inventing methods of embarrassing the United States as a neutral power in its dealings with other belligerents.

We do not think that the incident is of very great importance, but it furnishes what is nearer a comedy incident than most of the German methods of war can be said to have done. Whatever happens we may be sure that Lieut. Berge will not so far from New York. The chief result in Germany will be another liberal issue of iron crosses.

## Differing Points of View

If there was any mistake made about the deputation which waited on the board of control yesterday it was in sending it to the wrong place. Fire

Chief Smith is the man on whom the deputation should have waited. It is he who has the sovereign power in the brigade with the power of life and death and of setting up and pulling down. The board of control can do nothing but beg before him. The city council have washed their hands of the affair, knowing what the man was when they entrusted power to him.

The chief advocate of Chief Smith all last year and chief apologist for him at present states that the sacrifice demanded by Chief Smith's ideas of reorganization was unnecessary, and that he could have afforded to let bygones be bygones, but that as he was not built that way it must be regarded as unfortunate. There is nothing else to be done.

The deputation might have appealed to Chief Smith, but it would probably have been of no use. Chief Smith was reported to have said in an interview published on Monday evening that he regarded the opposition to his action as the result of wire-pulling on the part of District Chief Gunn. With this absurd idea in his head it would be impossible for him to acquiesce in anything a deputation might urge.

Chief Smith is unable to see that his action, as our contemporary puts it, is unfortunate, and that he might have let bygones be bygones. He might have been magnanimous and exercised clemency. But he regards such a policy as weakness. He does not, in other words, understand the art of government. In default of such understanding he adopts the Prussian method. If some of his friends reasoned with him and showed him that it is he and not his victim that is now "in wrong," it might be possible to do the city a service even yet.

## Russian Music.

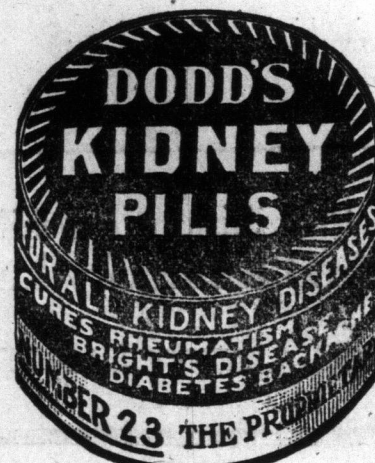
When the Mendelssohn Choir opened its nineteenth season with a miscellaneous program, assisted by the Russian Symphony Orchestra, an organization which for quality and individual virtuosity will not need to ask for favor from any similar aggregation of musicians, it performed an international service. This one thing the war has done for us at least, in bringing us to a better understanding of the Russian people and a better appreciation of Russian art, and it must have struck many who listened to the vast conceptions of the Slav composers that there is in them something more compellingly akin to the Canadian spirit of prairie, lake and mountain than is to be found in the conventions of the older schools.

The Russian ideas lead away from the old standards. There are no rounded periods, but one encounters massive climaxes which come because they must, and a wild abandonment to the inspiration of lofty emotions, drifting like clouds, and overwhelming ideas that spring like Aphrodite from an ocean of harmony. This is more in the spirit of the Rocky Mountains and the Great Lakes than even Wagner at his supremest. There was variety in the Russian part of the program sufficient to illustrate all these tendencies, and to bring the folk-soul of Russia home to the audience.

Russia has a wonderful future before her, and Canada, lying in the same latitude, must have much that is of the same order of experience, and her art must partake of a similar inspiration. The two countries may help to interpret life to each other. Already they are more in touch through commerce than is generally understood.

## AEROPLANES AND INVENTORS.

Editor World: I was very much amazed on reading your issue of The Toronto Sunday World yesterday to see an article under the heading, "Removes Human Element From Aerial Warfare," that a Mr. McKendrick claims to be the sole inventor of the automatic manless aeroplane dealt with in the article, and states that for the past three years he has had this idea in mind. I beg to emphatically refute thru the columns of your paper the statements made by this man and also to disclaim him as the inventor of this machine. The idea is entirely my own, and with the assistance of my son I constructed a model, and so far from Mr. McKendrick being the inventor, I may state that up to last November, when he was first introduced to me by a business man in this city, he had no idea whatever of the manless aeroplane or anything of the description. In reading the particulars given in your paper, I notice that, although in many respects he has made use of my ideas, he is quite at sea as regards several essential details. The reason for Mr. McKendrick's introduction to me was that he should finance the building of a full-sized machine on the understanding that he was to receive one-fourth interest. Naturally I had to disclose to him a very considerable amount of information concerning my ideas, and he was shown the model and the working explained to him in detail. I was under the impression that I was dealing with one whom I could trust. Negotiations were not carried to a



## OUT TO STAY



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By John Kendrick Bangs.

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The not personally an opponent of ultimate prohibition, I consider it most presumptuous and unpatriotic for any body of men to thrust this comparatively unimportant question on the public when the whole force of the empire is being strained to meet the German peril. Not a man nor a dollar should be diverted from this, the only question. Should the empire be defeated (and who can say the prohibition laws that might be passed? Until the war is over, no patriotic man should give an hour of his time or a dollar of his money to an inopportune agitation which is kept alive by well-known advocates of prohibition who make a living out of it. These Neros must play their little fiddles that the empire is in flames. Later they will obstruct the business of the country; hold long debates in the house of commons; present petitions weighing tons, while the whole of the defence of the empire is held up.

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## GREAT-WEST LIFE HAS BEST YEAR IN HISTORY

Total Business Issued, Surplus Accumulated and Other Features Surpassed Records.

The report on the year's operations, read at the 28th annual meeting of the Great-West Life Assurance Co. yesterday, said that the total business issued in 1915, amounting to \$24,467,929, was the largest in the history of the company. The company's income was \$4,779,490, an increase of \$534,984 for the year. The assets on Dec. 31, 1915, totaled \$18,204,545, a gain for the year of \$2,874,796. The surplus earned was \$78,478. The net surplus was given at \$2,874,796. The business in force at the end of last December was \$119,466,067, a big increase of \$11,244,135. The net death claims, including war, were 45 per cent of the expected, and the net rate of interest earned in 1915 was seven per cent.

## LIQUOR DEALER MUST PRODUCE MISSING DRIVER

License Board Will Not Be Made Catspaw, Chairman Told E. J. Convey.

E. J. Covey, liquor dealer, at 60 Augusta avenue, again failed to produce the missing driver in his case before the Ontario License Board, and in adjourning the board ordered him to have the driver of his wagon present when the case was next called in the police court. Covey did have him on Friday last, but he was afraid that he would be sent down and again run away.

## CANADIAN GALLANTRY PRAISED FROM BENCH

Justice Darling at Hampshire Asizes Refers to Patriotism of Troops.

WINCHESTER, Eng., Feb. 1.—Justice Darling, charging the grand jury in the Hampshire Assizes today, referred to two charges of murder on the calendar, in which both the accused belonged to forces of the crown from his majesty's dominions beyond the seas. He deeply regretted to say that in both cases the man to come by his death had belonged to those Canadians who had so nobly responded to the call of duty and the empire in danger, not waiting to be forced to come, indeed, they could not be—but of their own free will. Two of those men had perished. Whatever might be the guilt of anyone, one could not but regret that the men had lost their lives before going to the front.

## WHY NOT FLORIDA FOR YOUR WINTER TOUR?

The attractions are unsurpassed, beautiful palm trees, warm sea bathing, orange and banana groves, golf, tarpon fishing, luxurious hotels for all pockets. Two nights only from Toronto. Winter tourist tickets now on sale. Be sure that your tickets read via Canadian Pacific Railway. Excellent service is offered via Detroit and Cincinnati. Particulars from Canadian Pacific ticket agents, or write M. G. Murphy, district passenger agent, Toronto, Ont.

## MANY MUNICIPALITIES ASK FOR HYDRO POWER

Call for Legislation Authorizing Development of Waterways in Eastern Counties.

WAIT ON SIR ADAM BECK

Deputation Assured That Commission Will Endeavor to Extend Its System.

About thirty representatives of municipalities along the Trent Valley waited on Sir Adam Beck yesterday relative to hydro radial and power development in the eastern counties, and unanimously passed a resolution calling on the government of the province of Ontario to pass the legislation necessary to enable the Hydro-Electric Power Commission to develop for the benefit of their various municipalities the water powers of eastern Ontario.

Mayor J. J. Duffus of Peterboro explained the objects of the deputation and after commending Sir Adam for his past work in behalf of western Ontario related some of the problems for the eastern counties in the way of power and light and radial railways.

According to Captain J. H. Burnham, M.P., the east was practically unanimous for hydro power. He regretted that specialulators had got hold of some of the valuable water powers down there, and thought it absurd that people should pay so heavily for what was really their own property and heritage. "It is absolutely necessary for the development of the east that we have power on a public ownership basis," he said.

Other speakers were: Sam Clarke, M.L.A., Mayor Richardson of Kingston, Mayor Armstrong of Campbellford, Mayor Mitchell of Bowmanville, Mayor Conant of Oshawa, Mayor Duncan of Cobourg and Mayor Ireland of Trenton. All told of the urgent need of their individual municipalities for hydro power.

In his reply, Sir Adam announced that the long-standing friendly suit between the provincial and the Dominion governments concerning the ownership of surplus water powers was now practically settled, and this meant that the commission would shortly be in a position to go ahead and do for the east what they had done for the west.

In the deputation were the following: Alex. W. Richardson, Mayor of Kingston; T. J. Rigney of Kingston; A. J. Armstrong of Campbellford; Mayor Mitchell of Bowmanville; Mayor Conant of Oshawa; Mayor Duncan of Cobourg; Mayor Ireland of Trenton; Mayor J. H. Burnham, M.P.; Mayor J. J. Duffus of Peterboro; Mayor W. H. Butler, A. H. Stratton, John Edgar, G. A. Gillespie, Captain J. H. Burnham, M.P., A. J. Armstrong, W. J. Armstrong, Mayor of Campbellford; Ald. J. C. Fowles of Campbellford; W. H. Ireland of Trenton; W. H. Kirk of Trenton; A. M. Rankin, representing Frontenac County; Nelson Parkinson, representing Hastings County; Edward County; G. D. Conant, Mayor of Oshawa; Reeve F. L. Mason of Oshawa; J. B. Mitchell, Mayor of Bowmanville; Reeve Geo. James of Bowmanville; J. W. Alexander, president Dominion Organ & Saw Company; E. J. Convey, chairman of the Annes, chairman finances committee; Whitby; J. W. Bateman, M. J. Hallett, Thos. Conlin and R. J. Golding of Whitby.

## LAY COMMISSIONER TO ASSEMBLY IN WINNIPEG

President Falconer One of Those Appointed at Meeting of Toronto Presbytery.

CHURCH UNION POLICY

Will Be First Subject for Discussion at the Next Meeting in March.

President Falconer of Toronto University was one of six lay commissioners appointed by the Toronto Presbytery at St. James' Square Church yesterday, to the general assembly at Winnipeg. President Falconer is a minister of the Presbyterian Church, but not being in charge of a church and holding a secular position, he was eligible for appointment among the laymen. The other commissioners were: Rev. Dr. J. A. Turnbull, Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, Rev. Dr. John Neil, Rev. Dr. Harper Gray, Rev. C. A. Mustard, Rev. Frank Rae, W. H. Andrews, Rev. William Mackay, Rev. D. MacTaggart, Rev. J. F. Scott, Rev. R. Bryden, Rev. J. A. Stewart, Rev. Dr. Wardlaw-Taylor, Rev. J. W. Bell, Rev. J. D. Morrow and Rev. Dr. J. C. O'Brien.

Blair John Louden, John A. Peterson, K.C., J. K. MacDonald, G. Keith and C. S. McDonald. Ten additional elders will be added to the list of commissioners to the general assembly at the Toronto meeting of the presbytery.

Ordination at Aurora. J. A. Tuer was appointed acting minister, as a substitute for Rev. A. Allen of Aurora Presbyterian Church. Mr. Tuer will be ordained as a minister at a special meeting of the presbytery at Aurora Church, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, Rev. Dr. Thomas Eddin will preach the ordination sermon.

Church union was made the first order of the day at the March meeting. The ballot by the membership will be fully discussed and a recommendation respecting the policy desired by the general assembly. A proposal yesterday that the issue be referred to a committee, was negatived. Dale Church was given permission to increase the mortgage to \$20,000. A series of 12 opening services this spring were expected to wipe out the mortgage indebtedness. Rev. J. O'Brien, assistant minister at Dale Church, and Rev. J. Fraser Cook of the publishing department, made application for transfer from the American to the Canadian Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Robert Hamilton applied for leave of absence as minister at St. Enoch's Church, Winchester street. His application will be acted upon at the next meeting of the presbytery. Rev. Dr. Milligan, minister emeritus of Old St. Andrew's Church, attended the presbytery yesterday for the first time in two years. His services were warmly welcomed by the members.

SASKATCHEWAN'S LACK OF COAL IS SERIOUS

Trains Held Up and One Village Hotel is Only Warm Spot.

REGINA, Feb. 1.—The coal situation in Saskatchewan is becoming serious in the legislature this afternoon by Dr. Macdonald, who was told that no train had moved since Jan. 5. Farmers were driving into town in 50 and 60 miles every day in an effort to get coal.

Dr. Mitchell said that in the village of Ceylon people were closing their homes and going to live in the hotel. All the coal reaching the place sold at \$2.50.

\$225 N. Buffalo and Return From Toronto Jan. 22nd.

The Toronto Bowling Club is running an excursion to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, Saturday, Feb. 13, leaving Toronto 8:10 a.m. via Grand Trunk Railway. Return fare to Niagara Falls, Ont. \$2.25 and Buffalo \$2.75. Tickets are sold returning on all regular trains up to and including Monday, Feb. 7th.

Secure your tickets at City Ticket Office, northwest corner King and Yonge Streets. Phone Main 4209. 2845

## TURKISH CORPS SENT TO ERZERUM RELIEF

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Athens correspondent of The Daily Mail learns that the Turkish first army corps has been sent to the relief of Erzurum. It cannot reach that city, he says, in less than a fortnight.

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