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GENERAL PLEA FOR PERSONAL LIBERTY

Forum Speaker Would Only Place Restrictions Required to Keep Peace.

There have been numerous speakers addressing Sunday afternoon meetings at the Open Forum, who have advocated personal liberty in many different ways, but there have been few indeed who made their appeal for liberty as general as the speaker yesterday. According to W. E. Barker, who spoke in the afternoon on "Liberty," there should be virtually no supervision or restraining influence in any shape or form, other than required to keep a semblance of peace in the land. From what could be gathered during his rambling talk, it was his opinion that every bit of censorship on speech, press, theatre or movies was tyrannical repression and was hurting civilization.

"The essence of civilization is liberty," he said, "and that means liberty in every conceivable way. Of course, it is necessary to have certain restraining influences but none other than is required to keep the peace. The governmental function ceases at that point, in my estimation, and the individual should be allowed perfect liberty in speech or in any other way. We haven't civilization if we have a curtailment of personal liberty."

"Censorship and restraint are evidences of retrogression on the part of a country. Progress has always come thru some one individual being permitted to voice his opinions. All progressive thought and action has originated with one man, and if he was not allowed to give voice to it, the world would not have progressed. We are now at a period of history where it is time for us to fight against so much restraint of personal liberty," he said.

GIVEN SUIT OF CLOTHES SEVERAL SIZES OUT

A striking case of governmental irresponsibility was brought to light recently in the case of Robert Cudde, a private in the Canadian Machine Gun Corps, who, on being discharged from Rosedale barracks, was given a cap and a dyed hospital suit three sizes out. Cudde served overseas with the Canadian infantry and was wounded.

Investigating the case, Secretary J. V. Conroy of the G.W.V.A. found that no clothing was kept on hand for discharged men here in Toronto and an indent had to be sent to Ottawa. Cudde stated that on re-establishment he had disposed of his civilian suit and had no balance with which to purchase a proper suit.

In his case, Cudde would certainly not create a favorable impression on any prospective employer, no matter how eager he may have been to secure a job.

\$3 KEEPS ONE CHINAMAN ALIVE UNTIL HARVEST

While many people are aware of the fact that there were Chinese in France during the war, yet they do not realize the part they played at a time of grave crisis. In 1916 the allies were desperately in need of men for their armies. The British war office sent its representative to China, and there recruited a corps of 90,000 Chinese laborers, who gladly came to the aid of Britain in her hour of need. The situation has changed. It is now the dark hour of China's need. These 90,000 laborers have returned to China, but the provinces from which they came, viz., Shaanxi, Chihli, Honan, Shansi and Szechuan, are in the grip of famine. These men and their families are among the millions of people whose lives can be saved only by speedy assistance from abroad.

The simple fact is that while Canada in 1920 was blessed with a year of unprecedented plenty, North China was visited with a year of drought. No rain for a year. What was the straw, no grain, no food for man or beast.

The natural question asked by a Canadian is, "Why does not the Chinese government deal with the situation?" Were there in China a stable, united and solvent government, it would have at once taken steps to cope with it. Unfortunately the Chinese government is unstable, disunited, and hopelessly insolvent.

There has just come another appeal to the Canadian people for help, this time in the form of a cable from Lieut.-Col. Gray of the British legation, Peking. There is food in China, it is being shipped abroad because there is no money on hand to purchase for the starving. It must find a market somewhere, if not in China, then in England or the United States.

And the small sum of \$3 will now keep a person alive until the next harvest in China. There has been but \$200,000 sent by Canadians to China up to the present, not more than sufficient to save 100,000 lives, while millions perish.

FEEDING STUFFS ACT.
 Ottawa, March 13.—R. K. Anderson (Haiton) wants the government to state what steps have been taken to enforce the feeding stuffs act, which was assented to July 1, 1920, and authorized effective Jan. 21, 1921. He also wants to know if any person has been appointed official food analyst.

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PRISONERS HEAR CONLEY STATEMENT

Friends Allowed to Visit Men Held on Murder Charge.

The statements made to the police by John Conley, charged with two others with the murder of L. C. Sabine, and Walter Hurler, her as a material witness in connection with the same, were read to Wm. McFadden and Roy Hotrum, the other two charged with the murder of the druggist on Saturday morning, according to Fletcher Kerr, counsel for Wm. McFadden.

While at headquarters the prisoners were allowed to see relatives. Hotrum was seen by his two brothers from Hamilton who are respected citizens and in good positions. Arthur Conley was seen by his wife, and John Conley by his father.

Inspector of Detectives Guthrie on Saturday stated that Art Conley had not "talked" since his arrest.

The jail now confines many "bad men," convicted or awaiting trial for crimes of violence. Major Basher, governor of the jail, has been granted an additional guard to watch these men. Over 18 months have passed since Major Basher has taken charge, and although an unusual number of prisoners charged with shooting, house and shop-breaking, theft and robbery with violence have been in his custody, not one has escaped, although many attempts have been made.

Since the "crime wave" has been so high, 32 men have been sentenced to the "pen" for terms ranging from five years to 15 years, and these have first passed thru the jail.

LEFT ESTATE OF \$109,469.
 Widow Will Get Bulk of Wealth Left By Norman Judson.
 According to the will of Norman Judson Copping who died on Feb. 3, 1921, leaving an estate of \$109,469, the Sick Children's Hospital and the Home for Incurable Children will receive \$500 each while his widow, Virginia Copping, aged 26, will receive the income from the residue of the estate for life. On her death, her two daughters, Cynthia and Virginia, will receive equal shares of the estate property. The estate disposed of the following: Stocks and securities \$63,000; Automobile 360; Mortgage 1,000; Real Estate 16,664. In event of the estate becoming insolvent it is stipulated in the will that it be divided among the Sick Children's Hospital, the Incurable Children's Home and the Salvation Army.

125 NEW CITIZENS ARRIVE FROM OLD SOD

Despite the acute unemployment situation in Toronto and Ontario immigration to both city and province forges ahead. On Saturday morning the steamer train from the Metagama brought in 125 men, women and children from the British Isles, a number of them hoping that there would be no difficulty in obtaining work.

PREMIER INDEFINITE ABOUT POWER TAX

Acknowledges Receipt of Resolutions Passed at Recent Hydro Meeting.

Without definitely stating that the government did not intend to impose a tax on the production of Hydro power, Premier Drury, in acknowledging receipt of copies of the resolutions passed at the meeting of the Hydro-Electric Association in Toronto, yesterday, replied that it is not the intention of the government to introduce legislation, criticized in part of the resolution. The premier's letter was addressed to T. J. Hannigan, secretary of the Hydro-Electric Association, and a copy was sent by Mr. Hannigan to Acting Mayor McGuire.

BIG HOTEL PROGRESSING.
 George H. O'Neill, general manager of the King Edward Hotel, stated to The World on Saturday afternoon that work on the partitions in the new twenty-story annex was well under way, and that the terra cotta work was practically completed or almost so. The brick work is finished. The roof is on, and all the inside work. The management expects to have the annex ready in every respect for the C.N.E. season.

RUSHING UP DWELLINGS.
 A feature of the building permits issued by the city architect so far this month, is the number of detached dwellings with private garages. About 80 per cent of the permits, which total \$700,000, are for dwelling houses.

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PROPOSAL TO PAVE STRIP ON YONGE ST.

Plan to Put East Side in Condition to Carry Traffic While Laying Tracks.

The commissioner of works will have a conference on Wednesday with Gen. Manager Couzens of the transportation commission, on a proposal made by Acting Mayor McGuire that the east side of Yonge should be paved at once and made ready to carry the traffic while the trunk sewer is being constructed along the west side, and the double tracks are being laid in the middle of the street. This proposal would not interfere with the widening scheme, as the extra 20-foot strip will be added to the west side if the council decides to go on with this improvement. The sewer construction will be a tunneling job, and according to the works department will be carried out this winter if someone had thought of it. A recommendation from the works committee for the widening of Yonge street from the C. P. R. tracks northward will go before council on the 26th, and if it is accepted, both the works department and the transportation commission will be able to get busy on the Yonge street clean-up. Both the acting mayor and the transportation commission are anxious to have an early start made towards getting this thoroughfare in good condition.

The commission will probably have a report on Yonge street ready in the course of a week.

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT.

Shopper Was Responsible For the Arrest of Woman Operating in Big Store.
 Phyllis Westcott, 335 Church street, was arrested on Saturday in the T. Eaton store by Detective Dawn on a charge of picking pockets. The woman is also charged with the theft of a waist from the T. Eaton Co. Margaret Boss, 659 East Dundas street, the police say, was the woman from whose pocket the Westcott woman stole \$5. The victim, however, felt the alleged dip's hand in her pocket and held her. Her screams attracted the attention of the house detective, who notified detective headquarters, and Detective Dawn was sent to take the woman into custody. When searched, she had a waist concealed about her person.

SUBDIVIDING YORK TOWNSHIP.
 The bill to divide York township will be before the private bills committee on Thursday next. The revision and council of York will meet on Monday to consider what they will do in the way of improving the measure. They may want some changes in the dividing line.

HEN LAID THREE EGGS IN DAY, SAYS OWNER

Poultrymen in Bedford Park are discussing the story of the London, England, hen which laid three eggs in less than 24 hours. A letter recounting the feat has just been received by Mr. W. Fellows, 414 Bedford Park road, from Mrs. E. Fellows, 8 Eastbourne road, London, England, the owner. At noon the hen, a Black Minorca, laid one egg and at ten o'clock at night followed with two more, according to the owner.

NOT A STADIUM ENEMY.

Controller Gibbons Says His Position Was Not Correctly Presented.
 In reply to the statement made recently by an evening paper that Controller Gibbons was a "stadium enemy," he emphatically denied its correctness. "I voted in favor of spending \$17,000 on a proposed Rosedale stadium, last year," said he, "and this year I supported the parks commissioner's policy to provide 5,000 seats in five different athletic fields."

Controller Gibbons stated further that when the matter came before the board of control on Wednesday last, he had been decidedly against a change in program until the policy had been definitely decided upon. What he wished to do was to leave the matter over for the estimate.

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MINING PROMOTER GOES TO JAIL FARM

Following a plea of guilty by J. W. Corley, K.C., his counsel, Thomas R. Vezina was Saturday sentenced to only one year at the jail farm for passing eight worthless cheques at the Home Bank, totalling \$8,143.05.

Vezina, a middle-aged, well-dressed man, was a promoter of mining ventures which had most value on paper. Acting Crown Attorney McFadden said that the cheques, presented on February 23, had been drawn on another bank, where the prisoner had no available funds, and stated further that the man had been properly introduced to the Home Bank and had done considerable business there.

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