

government will take under consideration as suggested in the most friendly spirit and as coming not only from a friend, but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war, and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue.

At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the central powers, this paragraph follows next. The suggestion which I am instructed to make the president has long had in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time because it may now seem to be prompted by a desire to play power in connection with the recent overtures of the central powers. It is in fact in no way associated with them in its origin and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered, but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The president can only bear that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances.

Then, all the notes proceed identically as follows: "The president suggests that an early occasion be sought to call out from all nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guarantee against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them. He is indifferent as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the initiative in its accomplishment, in any way that might prove acceptable, but he has no desire to determine the method or the instrumentality. One way will be as acceptable to him as another, if only the great object he has in mind be attained.

Objects the Same. "He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are essentially the same as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world. Each side desires to make the rights of a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world. Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary to settle the rights of the present war upon terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved.

United States Viciously Interested. "In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world, the people and government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war. These interests, moreover, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker peoples of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government. They stand ready, and even eager to co-operate in the accomplishment of these ends, when the war is over, with every influence and resource at their command. But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest, but the president does point out their intimate interests in its conclusion, lest it should presently be too late to accomplish the greater ends which he is so earnestly pleading. That to the central allies will be delivered to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania and Serbia. That to the central allies will be delivered to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania and Serbia.

Comparison of Views. "The president has just finished together justifying in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views on the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire and in which the neutral nations as well as the belligerents are ready to play their full responsible part. The contest must continue to proceed towards undefined ends by slow attrition, until the group of belligerents or the other is exhausted, if not after million of human lives must continue to be offered up until on the one side or the other there are no more to offer, if resentments must be kindled that can never cool and despair be engendered that there can be no recovery, hopes of peace will be a willing consent of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle. The life of the

C. N. MAY SOLVE PAPER PROBLEM

New Line of Railway Runs Thru Great Pulwood District. DEVELOPING WEST Prospect Good for Building Up Towns in Former Wilderness.

A delusion which has been cultivated assiduously since the days of Canadian confederation is being challenged today by Canadian Northern Railway officials charged with the development of the areas traversed by the line of that company between Sudbury and Port Arthur. It is expected that the operations now under way on behalf of the C.N.R. with respect to the production of a substantial local tonnage thru that stretch of Canada. Active work has been under way since last July and, although slow at first, it is necessary, be slower than on the plains to the west of Winnipeg, the prospect for the building up of towns and traffic in what was a wilderness five years ago is considered promising.

Hanna, third vice-president of the road, in discussing this new move, pointed out that less than three years ago—to be exact, New Year's Day, 1914—Sir William Mackenzie drove the last spike of the Sudbury-Port Arthur line. As the work of construction had been commenced in the late autumn of 1913, little more than two years had elapsed required to span the 543 miles of hitherland lying back of the great inland sea. No one, it is pointed out, would have dared to venture a prediction of the time when the line would be completed. The fact that it has been completed in less than three years is a decided triumph for the C.N.R. In the country thru which the new line runs there is sufficient prospect of business to satisfy even the harshest of metropolitan papers for more than two hundred years. As the land is cleared of the forest of spruce and other timber the settlers will find more to please them in these sections of New Ontario than has been the case up to the present time. It is especially the first great step which has been taken to make the new line self-supporting by its local traffic, quite apart from its revenue value as a carrier thru business between the east and west.

Work Up Natural Riches. "The work up of the line, said Mr. Hanna, "has arrived at the conclusion that preliminary work must be completed in the mineral and timber riches in the mineral and timber provinces of the province. The new line will give to the settlers in the fertile agricultural lands of the north, the new dividing line of the information that is available for the future. It is especially a preliminary to the larger, and of course, more exhaustive, geological maps now being prepared. The work of the timber on each side of the railway may be completed. The land which may be used for agriculture and here, particularly in proximity to the towns, is being surveyed; mineral-bearing lands, and men are in lumber camps, and the valleys of the rivers which will float the pulpwood to the strategic points.

Each year at the of the railway ties the settlers each year since, along the Sudbury-Port Arthur line, there is this new call for 1000 additional ties. The company has been supplied from a large portion of the Canadian Northern Railway north of Lake Superior. The work of the lumber is being done by the company and a large portion of the lumber is being shipped to the pulp mills. The work of the lumber is being done by the company and a large portion of the lumber is being shipped to the pulp mills.

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RAILWAY TRACKAGE IS FREELY OFFERED

Representatives of Lines Hold Conference With Sir Henry Drayton. NO TRAFFIC HOLD-UP Sir Donald Mann Offers Two Hundred Miles of Mountain Section.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—Offers of railway trackage for use overseas are being received from several sources. The Canadian Copper Company's subsidiary of the International Nickel Company has offered considerable trackage material and will ship to sea-board on receipt of a wire. Sir Donald Mann has offered 200 miles of trackage on the mountain section of the C.N.R., and will utilize the Grand Trunk for the distance to be dismantled. Small railways and dealers and contractors are doing anything in trackage material they can spare.

A conference was held today at which the representatives of various railways met Sir Henry Drayton. Among those present were Graham A. East and Gordon Grant of the government railways; Sir Donald Mann and A. J. Mitchell of the C.N.R.; E. W. Beatty, W. R. Minnes and W. B. Langigan of the C.P.R.; and Frank Watson of the Grand Trunk. They all assured the chief railway commissioner of their desire to assist in supplying the demand for trackage in France. Sir Henry has an intention to designate what portions can be dismantled without injury to traffic. He, with his colleagues on the investigating committee, Messrs. Smith and A. E. Worth, will make a report to Hon. Frank Cochrane and an order in council will follow authorizing the appropriation of many miles of trackage in Canada to meet the needs of the transportation system for the allied armies in France.

BECK MAKES APPEAL FOR HYDRO RADIALS

Opposition to Plan is Voiced at Meeting in St. Catharines.

Special to The Toronto World. St. Catharines, Dec. 20.—In discussing the Port Credit-St. Catharines radial proposition before an audience in the city last night, Sir Adam Beck stated that he hoped the continuation of the project would be from St. Catharines to Niagara Falls would be required to be built, and that the hydro radial system, which is being operated in this district (Niagara St. Catharines and Toronto Railway) would be taken over and become a part of the hydro radial system. Nationalization of all railways of the country would rid the country of the railway promoter, one of the greatest curses, and thus put national life. The project would be a fair-weather project, and would probably mean a total severance of the Canadian Northern Railway north of Lake Superior. The work of the lumber is being done by the company and a large portion of the lumber is being shipped to the pulp mills.

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GRUESOME CONFESSION IS MADE BY DETROIT DOCTOR

Admits Madeline Kramer Died Before Illegal Operation Could Be Performed. Windsor, Dec. 20.—Dr. Harry Lonsbury, who in Detroit fell awaiting sentence after pleading guilty to manslaughter in connection with the case of Mrs. Madeline Kramer, whose body was found in a ditch on the outskirts of Detroit five days ago, is a Canadian and a native of Pelee Island, near here. It was learned today, Dr. Lonsbury, who has graduated in Detroit, has been in office while an anesthetic was being administered preparatory to the performance of an illegal operation, he admitted. Her body was concealed in the physician's cellar several days and then removed by him at night to the Harry spot where it was found. Dr. Lonsbury had been in conflict with the police on previous occasions, and his name was charged against him. He will be sentenced by Judge Connolly next week.

SIX MORE AVIATION STUDENTS QUALIFY

Graduation Will Be Celebrated by Flight-Over Toronto Today. GET SPECIAL REPAST Troops on Duty at Camp Christmas Treated to Turkey Dinner.

Three aviator-instructors of the flying school at Long Branch, Ontario, graduated yesterday morning. The students who passed the final flying test yesterday were: K. J. Turney, Toronto University; T. E. Holmes, 14 Dunn Avenue; W. E. Calver, 24 Huntley Street; W. J. Whitford, received from Ottawa, Hamilton; and O. P. MacGregor, Montreal. Only Five Pass. Out of a total of 23 volunteers for enlistment in the Toronto armories yesterday only five were found suitable for military service. Of these the Welland Canal Guards secured two recruits, the Artillery Depot, U. of T. Training Co. and the signers each one.

A special field day with all the Toronto C.E.F. troops taking part in the manoeuvres has been planned for tomorrow, but owing to the nearness of the Christmas holidays it has been postponed. Under the direction of experts from the Guelph Agricultural College all of the area at Camp Borden previously covered by tents has been seeded over with grass and clover seed. To enrich the sandy ground, black loam has been brought from nearby marshy districts and spread over a large section of the camp.

CANADIAN CAMP NEWS

Canadian Associated Press Correspondence. London, Nov. 10.—To meet the requirements of the winter campaign, the war contingent association has already despatched 81,000 pairs of socks to Canadians at the front. Lieut. M. Alexander F. G. Haven, R. T. Sallman has been attached to the Pioneer Training Division. Major R. H. Fort is attached to the Shorncliffe gymnasium. Major E. Harrington has gone to Canada on leave. Pte. F. Pickup, Coldstreamers of Sydney Mines, Canada, and Pte. H. Main, Scots Guards of Nova Scotia, are posted as wounded. Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley of the prisoners of war department, Red Cross, has received £10 from Mrs. Crowley and friends in Montreal. The death has taken place here of Daniel Jarvis McCormick, widow of W. L. Griffith, high commissioner's secretary, has been created a commissioner to administer the oath of allegiance to the oath of persons who may be appointed to discharge any duty under the Canadian Government within the United Kingdom. A new one-dollar Canadian note has been received from Winnipeg to be sold for the benefit of the British Red Cross Fund. Private J. Watson, formerly of Saskatchewan, Private J. Kenny of Prince Edward Island, both of the King's Liverpool, are reported respectively as missing and prisoner. Capt. J. W. Candlish has taken duty at headquarters, Shorncliffe; Major Dunham, Toronto, appointed acting D.A.A.G., Shorncliffe; Major Pragnell, D.S.O., promoted lieutenant-colonel; Capt. C. Lamb, appointed divisional paymaster, Brighton; Lt.-Col. McCullagh is detailed for research work in orthopedics at Alder Bay; Capt. G. H. Stevens appointed acting D.A.D.M.S., invaliding branch; Lieut. L. J. Strath, Windsor, pronounced medically unfit, is returning to Canada with Mrs. Strath; Major Preece of Barrie, is now on duty at West Smeeth; Capt. A. J. Lomas, medicals, has been transferred to the London area; Lieut. R. M. Foster, Winnipeg, has been transferred to the machine gun depot, Crowborough; Lieut. E. Banks has returned from France and is now doing duty with the Alberta Reserve Battalion; Nurse J. E. Mann has resigned.

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SPRINKLER SYSTEM RENDERED USELESS

Inquiry Commenced Into Fire at Quaker Oats Factory, Peterboro. THEORY SUPPORTED Believe Fire Caused by Combustion in Drying Room of Plant.

Peterboro, Dec. 20.—The evidence of W. H. Denham, superintendent of the Quaker Oats Company, whose plant was destroyed by fire last week, given before Fire Marshal E. P. Heaton at the opening of the investigation today, supported previous suppositions that the fire and explosion was caused by combustion in the drying room of the plant. Mr. Denham gave the statement of Wm. Walsh, a fire victim now in the hospital, who, suspecting fire, lifted the cover of his grinding machine and discovered the blaze. A spark made by some hard material passing thru the grinders presumably started the fire that preceded the explosion. A previous fire had been extinguished by the sprinkler system and hand fire extinguishers, which were near at hand, but the fire and explosion of last week put the sprinkler system out of commission and the workmen had no time to take other measures. 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