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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

Mr. R. B. Bennett, M. P., Director of National Service, stated a number of obvious facts in a vigorous way, in his first address at the Imperial Theatre last evening. Not one of his hearers would dispute the statement that there should be a classification of men into fighting men, agriculturists, munition and steel workers, workers in essential factories and in transportation; or that there must be effective general organization for war purposes. The people of this city and province do not really need to be told these things. They know them.

A Frankfurt banker is quoted as saying that Germany will never conquer her enemies, and should make peace quickly. He says the Germans were deceived at the attitude of Italy and Roumania as much as they were with regard to England, and that all their foreign ministers and ambassadors lied to them. He predicts the early financial ruin of Germany, and that an internal revolution will come if peace is not earnestly sought for by the government. There are many indications of growing misery and discontent in Germany, but since her armies are still unbeaten and she holds so much foreign territory there must still be a long struggle before she will accept terms dictated by the Allies. Let us be under no misconception in that regard.

Once more the Imperial has been crowded at a great patriotic meeting. Once more the flags, the bands, the uniforms of soldiers and the eloquence of gifted speakers have made their appeal. There was the customary enthusiasm, the customary essential talk as well as that which was to the point, and the customary indifference on the part of many to the national anthem at the close. What will be the result? Mr. Bennett well said that the answer rests with the people individually. This is their fight or it is nobody's.

The executive of the local Patriotic Fund were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. C. B. Allan as secretary during the difficult period of the inception and early administration of the fund. This office has been conducted with the minimum of expense, and with marked efficiency. Mr. Allan in retiring leaves it thoroughly organized, and deserves the tribute paid to him by the board. It is interesting to note that nearly eleven hundred families in St. John are benefiting from this fund.

Britain now has nearly two million men in France. Will somebody explain why so large a proportion of Canada's army is still in England or in Canada? And why so many Canadian officers are idle in England instead of being sent home and taken of the pay sheet?

St. Wilfrid Laurier has written a letter strongly urging every man in Quebec to fill out and return the national service card. There is no mistaking the attitude of the Liberal leader in regard to the duty of Canadians in this crisis.

The united Women's Missionary Societies of St. John urge the appointment of a provincial superintendent of neglected and dependent children.

Canada wants every man to do his duty now. Fill out and return the national service card.

Can a command that is obligatory but carries no penalty be described as efficient?

C. B. ALLAN GIVES UP PATRIOTIC FUND POST; F. S. WEST IN PLACE.

At a meeting of the executive of the local patriotic fund yesterday afternoon the resignation of C. B. Allan was accepted, and F. S. West, who has been a member of his staff for some months, was appointed to the post of secretary-treasurer caused by Mr. Allan's resignation.

The total receipts of the committee for the twenty-nine months were \$304,452.58 and \$14,964.18 sent direct to the department up to October 31, 1916. Total receipts for the period \$319,416.76. The amount received to be paid out was \$306,096.68, which gives the district a credit balance at Ottawa at the present time of \$13,320.08, in addition to which there is a credit balance to the fund in a local bank of \$1,200.

For the twenty-nine months the total expenses for salaries and other costs of operating the local office was \$7,000, or about two and one quarter per cent. The money paid out by the fund in the year 1916 totalled \$174,814.97.

In accepting the resignation of Mr. Allan, the executive adopted a resolution expressing their very great regret and testifying to the efficient and faithful manner in which he had discharged his duties.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK London, Jan. 4.—The British transport Herias has been sunk, it was officially announced tonight. One hundred and fifty military officers and men are missing.

The Comand liner Ivernia, a 14,278 ton steamer, has been for some time in the British government service as a transport, having at various times carried troops from Canada and between British ports and the Dardanelles. There has been nothing in recent reports regarding her movements. She was built in 1900.

New Military Order Toronto, Jan. 4.—No more transfers of non-commissioned officers for appointments as officers in the Canadian expeditionary forces in Canada will be approved, it is the important announcement in camp orders issued by Major-General Logie this afternoon. Orders also state that applications should not be made for the recall to Canada of junior officers who are now on active service abroad.

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Hard to Say. Passenger—"What makes the train run so slow?" "Irate Conductor—"If you don't like it you can get off and walk."

When He Remembers. "Willie, don't you know that it is wrong to fight?" "Yes, ma, I know it's wrong, but I never think of it that way unless the fellow who tackles me is one I'm sure I can't lick."

Recent Weddings Saunders-Kirk On last Tuesday evening at the George Street Baptist Church paragon, Frederick, Sterling Saunders and Mrs. Nina Kirk, both of Fredericton, were united in marriage.

Recent Deaths George M. Larkin Many friends in the city will hear with regret of the death of George M. Larkin which occurred yesterday afternoon very suddenly.

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