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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 26.

The Mayor and the Street Railway.

the weakness of the recently organized "Canadian National Railway stem" lies in the fact that it does not serve Ontario, west of Toronto,

An attempt is being made to gain and does not get to either the Niacredit for Mayor Church on having gara or Detroit frontier.

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saved the city from convenient and The old Grand Trunk fairly gridrapid transport some years ago, There irons the Ontario peninsula, and was a time when the member for East could easily build two more tracks Toronto was joined in this celebrity, on its right-of-way between here and but for some perverse cause the glory Hamilton. If the Grand Trunk is to has been taken away from him and become a part of the Canadian Nabestowed entirely on Mayor Church, tional Railway System, the govern-Mayor Church is very proud of his ment will not have much construcachievement. 'He has added one-third tion work to do in Ontario. On the to previous estimates and now de- other hand, if the Grand Trunk is to clares that the city has saved \$40.- remain an independent line under 000,000 by declining to be comfortable, private corporation control, the Canadian National Railway System must healthy and prosperous.

immediately embark upon extensive Explanations are constantly being made of these involved affairs, and in construction work so as to serve Monday's Evening Telegram Mr. western Ontario and reach the Amer-Frederic T. Barcroft furnishes a lican border at the Niagara and Decolumn and a half to say that Toronto roit rivers. The need is so imperative that delay would be inexcusable. escaped a calamity by refusing to own and operate all the surface and radial ed that its financial burdens and lighting plant, for the consideration especially its commitments in respect to the Grand Trunk Pacific will comof \$30,000,000.

The effort that is being made to pel the Grand Trunk Railway Comshow that we are getting better value pany of Canada to seek nationalization. But we must not forget that now for our thirty millions than if the Grand -__nk has some powerful we had spent it on street car accommodation and rapid transportation is so earnest that one feels that the Grand True't was enabled to turn a friend who is doing good by stealth mayor is conscious that an explanation pretty sharp corner last summer is needed. It is all very well to say when it refunded some \$15,000,000 of

that we have saved thirty millions, maturing obligations upon favorable but what have we lost? terms. It is likely to find moral and In the first place we have lost

enormously in comfort and health. The rival the Canadian Pacific Railway conference, Abraham will rise up and medical health officers tell us that the Company. contagion of influenza was largely car-

The Union Government, so far, has ried thru the crowded cars. We only done well in dealing with the railway culations that all the ancient worthies lost two or three thousand lives from question, and its policy, as we underthis cause, but what are they beside stand it, includes the nationalization in Palestine in time for the peace of the Grand Trunk. That policy conference.

The assessment has increased in should be energetically carried out, Toronto since 1913 by nearly \$170,-if possible. If for some reason it must be abondoned, then the govern-very day the allies started their ofincreased rentals and the rise in prices which follow such concerts in the state roats in prices which follow such concerts in the state roats in prices which has had to be shouldered to figure out the annual tube to this cause which has had to be shouldered by the citizens in increased rentals and taxation as a result of our inade quate transportation system. In the ensemble will be from Jerusaler government the tangend and the prices which follow system.



OTHER PEOPLE'S **OPINIONS** Father Abraham is Coming!

Editor World: The land given to Abraham extended from the Euphrates to the River Nile, and when

The troubles of the future I'll not hurry. even financial support from its old this land is under dispute at the peace Fil not take up today tomorrow's worry. But bear the burdens of the present hour With all the smiling vigor in my power. say: Gentlemen, this land belongs to Our daily meed of strength if it be me-can prove by chronological cal-Is like to serve us well whenever needed, But he will bend or break who, /over-

Adds a last straw in burdens of fore-

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"DRAT THE CREATURE, WHERE'S HE PUSHING ME?" THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

Brian's Letter Disturbs Ruth

CHAPTER CXXI. "Dear Ruth," Brian had written "I was delighted to receive your let-ter. Keep your aunt with you. She will be company for you; and keep you from getting lonely. It's grea; to be over here, Ruth-great to be able to fight for the country you love. And the women are wonderful! I realize it more every day. Mollie King is here, doing nursing. I see her often. It helps to keep me out of mischief. One has much idle time just now, but later when I get into the fighting line, I shan't find time dragging. I can scarcely walt. It is too bad you couldn't have come over with me. Bu; of course, that would have meant giving up your position. delighted to receive your let have meant giving up your position, even if wives were allowed—which they are not."

they are not." There was much more, but Ruth scarcely knew what she was reading. "Mollie King is here, doing pursing. I see her often. It helps to keep me out of mischief." These short sen-tences which told so little, yet, to Ruth, implied so much, she read over and over and over.

and over. "He sees her often. She keeps him out of mischief," Ruth muttered aloud. Then: "What mischief could he get in:o half as bad as being with her?"

Really Ruth was enormously mis erable over that letter. She had skipped all that about Mollie when she read it to her aunt; yet that astute old lady had realized that, for some reason, Ruth was worried over the letter.

"I could almost wish he wouldn't come back," she murmured, then imcome back," she murmured, then im-mediately felt conscience-stricken for the thought. Yet she could not un-derstand Ruth. She insisted that she loved Brian, was constantly telling Mrs. Clayborne of this and that lov-able thing he had said er done, yet she had not told him of the baby-the child she so passionately loved, and had named for him. Of course Mrs. Clayborne had no

DESERTER CARRIES and had named for him. Of course Mrs. Clayborne had no way of knowing that Ruth had de-cided—before that letter came—to write Brian about his boy; that she was planning to have a picture taken to send him. But so it was. Ruth had written Brian a long letter, tell-ing of the baby, telling him that she wouldn't worry him before he left— which she knew was not her true reason, but the only one she could think of which would look at all feasible, and which would not hurt

feasible, and which would not hurt him. She could not tell him that, because she knew he spent that last hour with Mollie King, she had kept silvnce. She would not mention Mollie.

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RETURNED SOLDIERS AND HIGH TAX RATES

Toronto must bear in mind its obligation to the returned soldier. There is no greater wrong done to the returned man and his dependents than to have him confronted with the burden of a high tax rate, which means higher rents and higher cost of living.

After the sacrifices he has made, to be called upon to bear part of the obligations of his home city resulting from injudicious expenditure is a grave injustice.

Many grants have already been made which were not justified and which the returned man and his family in Toronto will be required to assist in paying. The man who pays rent-as well as the man who owns his own home-is the man who pays the taxes.

The returned soldier, after hardships endured and disabilities received in his country's service, should be given an opportunity of re-establishing himself in civilian life without the additional handicap of an unjustified tax rate.

It is your duty as a citizen to use your vote to elect the best representatives to your civic government for 1919.

CONTROLLER JOHN O'NEILL,

COMRADE'S PAPERS Soldier Will Serve Year's Term to Pay for Military Offences.

What is the difference between making bets and holding the money? David Palmer appeared in police court. Mollie. This letter, a long one, had been a hard one to write, and had taken her entire evening. She read it over after receiving the one from Brian, then deliberately core it into tiny bits Tuesday morning on the charge of



thru the municipality is a symptom Kingdom and is to date from the 1st In the operation of the system had of a generally bad condition in the of April, 1919.

it been taken over, Toronto faced railway world that ought to be treatsomething like blue ruin according to ed and cured at the earliest possible Mr. Barcroft. "One hesitates to cal- moment.

culate," he says, "how serious such an error would have been to the credit

Exhibition Success.

of the city," and that isn't all, he as-sures us. But why does he hesitate Canadian National Exhibition, is cer-the earth will blossom as the rose, and to calculate? Mayor Church would tainly to be congratulated upon the the earth will give her increase, and not hesitate a moment if the figures would help his campaign. Perhaps Mr. Barcroft hesitates to calculate, because if he were called in to give an surplus is a striking testimony to the time is everlasting life-that is cause if he were called in to give an opinion to a company organized to get skill with which the compromise hold of a perpetual franchise for the between expenditure and attractions we have long prayed for—"Thy king-dom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." But, hold of a perpetual franchise for the street railway service of Toronto in whatever area the city may ever in-clude, as to whether such a franchise would be worth \$100,000,000 it would came to the city.

FOR PENGUIN 'PLANES

PREMIERS ARRIVE.

AIDING BELGIUM.

storing order there.

Chicago,

be awkward to have it on record that it was not worth \$22,000,000,

This is about the situation as far as Toronto is concerned:

The city was offered for \$22,000,000 the unfettered franchise of the street the unfettered franchise of the street railway service of the city, together with all plant and property, including eight years unexpired franchise of the street railway and to monopolize credit, and Mr. T. A. the city limits.

If a corporation could see big profits entitled to some share of the glory; fractions of years and leap years into in a \$100,000,000 offer for a perpetual in a \$100,000,000 offer for a perpetual franchise, is it reasonable to think that Toronto would have ruined itself that Toronto would have ruined itself by taking over the franchise even for but like everything else requires on these secrets. Want to know? by taking over the franchise even for but, like everything else, requires on these secrets. \$40,000,000, the exaggerated figure systematic leadership; and this, forconcocted for Mayor Church's argu-tunately for the city, Mr. Kent is able ment? Toronto would have no divi- to supply.

dends to pay, and the corporation would run the concern for extreme PROPELLER GUARDS profits, as it does now.

Street railway purchase is not an issue in the present election, but it is

Issue in the present election, but it is dragged in by Mayor Church's direc-tors in lieu of everything else. It would have been more to the purpose to warn the city against the attempt to extend the franchise which is being quietly made, and which includes loading up the city council with pro-corporationists who would be prepared o see the rosy side of an offer of \$100,-0,000 to the city for its street rail-ay franchise. There is no other anger so imminent. Purchase five or six years ago would have spoiled any such project, but if Mayor Church's direc-tors in lieu of everything else. It would have been more to the purpose to warn the city against the attempt to extend the franchise which is being quietly made, and which includes loading up the city council with pro-corporationists who would be prepared o see the rosy side of an offer of \$100,-0,000 to the city for its street rail-anger so imminent. Purchase five or six years ago would have spoiled any such project, but if Mayor Church

such project, but if Mayor Church is re-elected he can do nothing better than make the ownership of its street Lvoff and Vladimir N. Kokovsoff, re-elected he can do nothing better

railways by the city a certainty both former Russian premiers, are in 1921.

The Road to Hamilton.

The busiest railway mileage in Canada is the Grand Trunk double track line between Toronto and Ham-ilton. The Canadian Pacific has run-ning rights over this line, which not Canada is the Grand Trunk double

The times of restitution will begin; millions of people living today will never die, the lame, the halt, the blind will be made, whole; then Satan will

"THE BETTER 'OLE" be bound for 1000 years and the peo-ple won't be tempted to do wrong;

- Hall to See War

Clarence C. Harris, Station "D," Toronto.

WANT GREATER RUMANIA.

Paris, Dec. 24 .- The creation of a

greater Rumania, capable, with the

co-operation of her Balkan allies, of

commanding the respect of Germanic races, was advocated last night at a

Rumanians of Transylvania, Buko-

neeting of the Paris committee

Chamber motions will be taken

DRAWS THE CROWDS

Movie Classic.

he close of court motions.

A Line of Cheer

Each Day of the Year

By John Kendrick Bangs.

SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY.

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Accompanying the announcement

called back into service by develop-

were warnings to the public both from the committee and Secretary Glass

of the necessity for continued strict

economy and against worthless securi-

GENERAL RHODES IMPROVES.

ments.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The capital issues committee of the treasury, the government's war agency for the suppression of war agency for the wealth to those marger to the wealth to those marger to the wealth to those marger to the should devote her Big Attraction at the Allen wealth to those nearest to her? uppression of unessential security issues, announced tonight that it would

sues, announced tonight that it would suspend activities on Dec. 31 and re- Intimacy of Brian and Mollie.

Military Express Appreciation

Salvation Army to provide entertain-Jan. 6. ties. The committee stated its in- ment and Christmas cheer for mili-

ties. The committee stated its in-tention of making a supplementary report to congress recommending a law to prevent impositions upon the investing public, and Secretary Glass said he would ask the present con-tences imposed by courts-martial for desertion upon Recruit F. C. Lamb and distance for the tention of t

Stockholm, Dec. 25 .- The Bolshevikt ities of the Salvation Army my warm are making considerable progress appreciation of the work they are with their penetration of Esthonian continuously doing in behalf of our Dublin, Dec. 25. — The Sinn Fein scored a marked victory yesterday by the election of Prof. John MacNeill of Dublin University as Dublin's represen-tative in parliament, Prof. MacNeill was court-martialed and acentenced to penal servitude for his asalike to the patients and to the per- war, Cortereal; minister of marine sonnel on duty here."

WAS CHANCELLOR EMERITUS. Orlando, Fla., Dec. 24.—Henry Mit-chell McCracken, chancellor emeritus of New York University, died yesterday in a hospital here. He was 78 years old. Data de la construction de

session of her, which, added to the jealousy she had so long felt, warped rented a room from Maria Ward, and

jeatousy she had so tong lots, the her sense of proportion. "Til never tell him now! He can have his good times with her!" ("her" being Mollie), "I will have ("her" being Mollie), "I will have having choked her windpipe, kicked her leg and bruised her arm and good times, too. I'm thru staying at her leg and bruised her arm and home and moping because I am mar-ried. Precious little moping he is shoulder, all of which the defendant denied. Mrs. Ward admitted that she

For the time being even the danger o which Brian might any minute be to which Brian might any minute be exposed, failed to soften her feelings be took boild of her when she Capacity Audiences at Massey Hall to See War A fine of \$5 and costs or ten days mind, overshadowed by the thought that he was often with Mollie King. was imposed on Johnston Holiday Spirit.

Sixteen-year-old Jimmy Melbourne was charged with stealing a bicycle She wished he hadn't told her. Her active imagination had pictured them

SUSPENDS ACTIVITIES thought little of Brian. He knew it instinctively. Neither she nor Ruth had ever hinted that such was the Now Brian was away-might

> Promises to Be Popular Moving Picture.

Drury Lane productions, will be the voters. This plan could not be work-In appreciation of the efforts of the attraction at the Allen the week of ed out this year but it will be urged

A GREAT PICTURE

FORMS NEW MINISTRY

Souza Faro; minister of justice, Alfonso Mello; minister of comr Azevedo Reves; minister of agriculture, Fernandes Oliverira; minister of

WOMEN PREPARE FOR CIVIC VOTING Special Committee Issuing Circular Explaining Elec-

tion Rights.

How seriously the committee who he took hold of her when she are opening the bureau to distribute information to work of the she information to women on the subject of voting are taking the matter, is shown by the fact that the yesterday was Christmas eve, a time when women are generally very busy about household affairs, a representative was at 61 Yonge street putting finish-ing touches to the preparation for opening tomorrow, December 26. All women interested—and "I see her often. She helps to keep ne out of mischief!" Abraham Donnsard appeared on All women interested—and this several charges in the police court dock. Antonio Zissoff charged should mean a large portion of the

citizens of Toronto-are advised to get in touch with the new centre if they require information on the subject of voting. An outstanding item which should be understood is that anyone wishing to vote must have her name on the voters' list. The list was completed on December 6, and may be seen at the city clerk's office or any public school or public library.

How Many Votes. Thousands of circulars are being prepared for distribution, an advance copy of which states that every copy of which states that every qualified voter has a right to one vote for mayor, four votes for controllers, three votes for aldermen for each ward in which he or she is qualified to vote, two votes for members of the board of education for each ward in which he or she is qualified to vote. The telephone number of the bureau

is Main 820. An idea being put forward by the bureau is that married women who do not own property in their own name should take joint lease or ownership A screen adaptation of the famous English melodrama, "Sporting Life," said that a number of men are willing Of Salvation Army Efforts which was the most successful of to co-operate. This plan would give by the women's committee with a view to the future. Mrs. Sidney Small was in charge yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 25,—Death sen-tences imposed by courts-martial for desertion upon Recruit F. C. Lamb and Frivate George O. Jacobs, 150th In-fantry, were commuted by President Wilson yesterday to dishonorable dis-charge and twenty years' imprison-ment at hard jabor. Lamb was conand candles were sent out yesterday to these families by the army dis-

The cases of need were in-vestigated by 18 of the officers en-

Between Two Political Groups

Barcelona. Tuesday, Dec. 21 .- Disorders occurred here during last night labor, Forbes Bessa; minister of pub- between groups representing the Auinstruction, Alfredo Magalhaes; tonomy Party and others from the minister of food, Acevero; minister of Spanish Unity Party. A police icolonies, Baptista Coelho. lieutenant was shot and killed.

among the prominent Russians who have arrived in Paris to assist the movement of unifying Russia and resentenced to penal servitude for his as-sociation with the Sinn Fein movement. He was released later.

