

## CANADA DID MORE THAN DONATE MEN

High Spiritual Aid Gave Stimulus to British Arms.

### RECALLS GREAT FEAT

Sir F. E. Smith Gives Address Before Canadian Club.

Sir Frederick E. Smith has been described as a debonair young gentleman. He addressed the Canadian Club yesterday with the easy assurance and quiet superiority of a curate on a lay mission. He has a charming accent and a good vocabulary, and his confidential disclosure of commonplaces gives them the proportion of state secrets. Sir Frederick could make a skirmish look like a war or a war look like a skirmish. So he is a great lawyer, and attorney-general of Great Britain. He has some favorite attitudes. His first position is thumbs in the armpits of his waistcoat. In the second he inserts the left hand in the trousers pocket. In the third he fingers his chain with his right hand. Resuming the first position, to emphasize a point he clasps his hands together, and in a fifth clasp them above his waistline in the attitude of cook taking orders.

He paid most earnest compliments to Canada, and delighted in her loyalty to the empire. The Germans had expected the usual grinding, terrible demand of war would result in the empire's dissolution. It was only left to them to remember that very profound historians had the same view. He remembered a passage in Goldwin Smith in which he said with most complete sincerity, "What is the use of talking about loyalty to an empire which dare not tax and could not compel to fight?" There was a higher loyalty which had not been reckoned on which led people to tax themselves.

He complimented the Canadian troops which he had often envied for as the finest raw material ever seen, but their lack of discipline was such that it was quite impossible to assign them to duty. Meanwhile every farmer for twenty miles round Salisbury Plain was having fresh looks made for his poultry houses and even his stable. No one could forget the test of the second battle of Ypres, and he doubted very much whether tried veterans could have done as well. Historians will never forget their sacrifice, and when they came back with half their numbers they marched thru cheering lines of British troops who thus paid their tribute. In fourteen months' continuous fighting against the very flower of the German army they never lost a battle.

Canada had done a greater thing for England than to contribute men and material, said Sir Frederick. The example of Canada had been a stimulus and among all her services none had been greater than this high spirited aid.

### NO LICENSE FOR FLOOR STREET OIL STATION

After Several Months' Discussion Property Owners Win Their Point—Doing of Committee.

When an angry deputation of residents from the district near Bloor street and Denison avenue visited the property committee yesterday afternoon and demanded that the matter of granting a license to the filling station they have erected at that corner, be settled once and for all, the members of the committee acquiesced and refused to issue the license. The matter has been hanging fire for several months.

During the course of the discussion, which was long and heated, Aid. Ball said: "We have reached the stage where the operation of gasoline filling stations has become a monopoly. For the payment of \$5 a year a man is given permission to do a tremendous business at profit. Its advocates either an increase in the license fees, or a clause compelling the person building the station to erect a structure in keeping with the architecture of the district affected."

Aid. Plewman suggested that a clock be placed in the entrance to the city hall. "It would cost too much to put up a clock in keeping with the architecture of the building," said the property commissioner.

"It is true that the Hydro is seeking new business thruout Ontario, while at the same time we in the city are forced to economize," asked Aid. Plewman. Mr. Chisholm stated that he did not think so. "They can hardly fill their present demands," he explained.

For various reasons applications by the following firms to erect buildings were held over until the next meeting: T. Eaton Co. Company, a site at Coxwell avenue and the G. T. R. tracks; O. & W. R. Smith, for a planing mill at 12 Drayton avenue; and E. J. Mitchell, for a garage at 171 Broadway avenue.

### TWO AVIATORS KILLED BY COLLISION IN AIR

Cadet D. E. McMillan and Cadet M. N. Milne Caught Together With Disastrous Results.

A collision resulting from an obvious breach of the rules of the air was responsible for the death of two cadets at Armour Heights yesterday when two machines flying at a high altitude collided in mid-air, killing Cadet D. E. McMillan and Cadet M. N. Milne.

McMillan was a Canadian, being born in Durham Centre, 20 years ago, coming here three months ago to join the Flying Corps. He is said to have been out of his course and to have hit the other machine.

Cadet Milne was an American, from Malden, Mass. He was 23 years old. The bodies were removed to the morgue where it is expected an inquest will be opened tomorrow.

When questioned, an official of the Royal Flying Corps said: "There is never a thought of withholding any information regarding any accident. It is, however, necessary that we first obtain the facts about any accidents ourselves."

Both of the bodies were pretty badly burned when the gasoline tanks exploded.



German prisoners taken in the new push being examined, near Messines. Photo by courtesy of C. P. R.

## DEADLOCK CONTINUES AT PEACE CONFERENCE

Russians Still Differ From Germans Over Referendum in Occupied Territories.

London, Jan. 21.—A long report of the proceedings of the committee for the regulation of political and territorial questions at Brest-Litovsk, Friday, sent out by Berlin, discloses the fact that the central powers and the Russians are in no nearer agreement on the point of how the populations of the occupied territories are to record their desire for self-determination. The discussion concluded with a reply by Foreign Minister Trotsky, who declared that the future formation of these countries, "one-sided and independent treatment of the territories occupied by the Austrians, could not be granted to the Ukrainians, but he believed an agreement was possible between the Ukrainians and Russians."

Asked by Von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, for a statement regarding the relations between Petrograd and the Caucasus army, Trotsky said that the army was commanded by officers devoted to the Bolshevik decision, which was confirmed by the general congress of the delegates at the Caucasian front.

Dr. von Kuehlmann also asked whether the Petrograd delegation intended to deal with the island of Finland in questions concerning them.

The Bolshevik foreign minister reserved his reply, whereupon the deliberations of the political committee were adjourned until Jan. 29. The economic committee continued its work.

### HIGHER LICENSE FEES TO INCREASE REVENUE

Controllers and Civic Heads, After Five Hours' Struggle With Tax Rate, Report Progress.

For five hours yesterday the board of control and heads of the civic departments wrestled, in a private session, with the problem of finding ways and means to increase the city revenue. At the end of that time they reported progress, but declined to make any definite announcement with regard to any policies that had been decided on.

License fees, it is understood, took up a large part of the five hours' discussion. It is thought that registry offices will be practically doubled, and that laundry, oil-filling stations and other license fees also will be increased. A \$3 poll tax to catch every male who does not pay an income tax also is in sight.

Mayor Church is pessimistic about the year's tax rate, and freely stated that 20 mills would be a fair guess at the ultimate figure. The general feeling is that it will be at least two or three mills above last year's rate of 25½ mills on the dollar.

### MAY OPPOSE TITLES

It is Also Said City Council May Disfranchise Aliens.

It is said that one of the members of the city council has a motion already prepared, which he will submit to one of the early meetings of that body, and that the motion is to disfranchise aliens.

Another member of council is said to have a motion ready, calling for the disfranchisement of all aliens at the ultimate election, if they have not been naturalized for at least fifteen years.

### FIRE AT SCHOOL

An overheated stove in "Double 16" portable school at Perth avenue school grounds was responsible for a blaze which damaged the building to the extent of \$200 yesterday. The fire was discovered by Captain Edward Kearns of Perth avenue fire station, who immediately ordered out his section. One line of hose was sufficient to extinguish the blaze.

### REDUCE POWER EXPORT

Mayor Church, as president of the Ontario Power Union, has called a meeting of the municipalities in the hydro-electric area for Wednesday, January 30. At this meeting he will suggest a curtailment of the export of power to the United States.

### ARCHITECT'S ESTIMATES

The city architect is asking \$63,113 to run his department for the coming year. Last year's figures for his department's estimates were \$63,213.

### CAPT. FOX CHAIRMAN

At a meeting of the men's committee of the women's pension fund, Capt. Fox, of Bay street firehall, was appointed chairman.

## GERMANY FRIGHTENS DUTCH GOVERNMENT

Holland Holds Steamer Because United States Has Claim on Services

Washington, Jan. 21.—The Holland-America liner Nieuw Amsterdam, being detained at Rotterdam, with 2000 passengers, including the new Dutch minister to the United States, Augustus Phillips, is held because Germany has warned Holland she will not permit the liner to sail unless the Dutch Government agrees that the ship shall at once return to Holland.

At the same time the United States Government is insisting upon the condition that the Nieuw Amsterdam come directly back from Holland after making the one trip over. It was with this express understanding that the American authorities allowed the ship to sail and now they are insisting that the condition be observed, while at the same time Germany is making the same demand of the Netherlands Government.

## CUT IN BRITISH LOSSES REPORTED AT LONDON

Official Figures Fall Nearly Eight Thousand Below Preceding Week.

London, Jan. 21.—British casualties reported in the week ending today, were 17,043, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 27; men, 2277. Wounded or missing: Officers, 213; men, 14,477.

These figures represent a decrease of nearly 8,000 from last week, when 24,979 casualties were reported, an unusually high total for this time of the year. The week ago the figures were 18,998, and three weeks ago, 9951.

## NEGOTIATIONS GO ON WITH TROTSKY AWAY

Bolshevik Foreign Minister Proceeds to Petrograd to Report to Lenin

Copenhagen, Jan. 21.—Foreign Minister Trotsky, before leaving Brest-Litovsk, told Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, according to a telegram from Berlin, that he was going to Petrograd for a week to report to the congress of workers' and soldiers' delegates. He is quoted as having said that his departure in no manner indicated a discontinuance of the negotiations, which would continue during his absence.

## HAD GERMANS IN COMPANY

Operatic Manager Fined for Bringing Them Into Canada.

Windsor, Jan. 21.—For assisting three Germans to pass into the United States into Canada, Alphonse Bachelder, road manager for a New York operatic company, was fined \$600, and costs by Magistrate Leggitt this morning. Bachelder pleaded guilty to the charge, but professed ignorance of the law. His wife promptly paid the fine.

## STOCKS IN STORE

Statement of Terminal Elevators at Port Arthur and Port William.

Port Arthur, Jan. 21.—The statement of stocks in store in terminal elevators at Port Arthur and Port William at the last week-end with receipts and shipments during the week is as follows: 31 store, wheat, 6,126,072; oats, 4,278,449; barley, 1,104,361; flax, 720,089. Receipts: Wheat, 736,540; oats, 431,227; barley, 131,224; flax, 60,488. Shipments: Wheat, 1,070,533; oats, 154,507; barley, 59,021; flax, 68,584.

## Italians Attempt to Bury Alleged Pro-German Alive

Frostburg, Md., Jan. 21.—Asserting he had expressed German sentiments, and had stated publicly his wish for the success of the German offensive in Italy, an Italian today threw Philip Hoffman, sexton, into the grave of Leonard A. Hall, being buried in St. Michael's cemetery here, and were proceeding to bury him alive, when his cries for help brought back Rev. Father J. Donlon, who was leaving the cemetery. The priest brushed the men aside and, being armed and bruised, was pulled from the grave.

## RECEIVER KLONDIKE COMPANIES.

Dawson, Jan. 21.—Harold G. Blankman, of Dawson, has been appointed interim receiver and manager of the Canadian Klondike Mining Company, and is to continue in that capacity until the conclusion of the action in which the Gravelly Mining Company is the plaintiff and the other companies named are defendants within the next few months.

## ELECTED MAYOR OF AYLMER.

Aylmer, Que., Jan. 21.—Armand de Bruyne was re-elected mayor today by a majority of 44. The council was returned by acclamation.

## ENEMY BEGINS TO FEAR AMERICAN ARMY'S SIZE

Dr. Mehring Draws, in Prussian Diet, Discomforting Inference From Canada's Effort.

Amsterdam, Jan. 21.—In the lower house of the Prussian Diet on Saturday Dr. Franz Mehring, independent socialist, made the following enquiry: "If Canada, with less than nine million inhabitants, has been able to throw a quarter of a million soldiers into Europe, who were not able to fly or swim, what grounds has the Prussian minister for denying to the United States, with 110 million inhabitants, any military capacity?" Dr. Mehring proceeded to reproach the Prussian minister, Dr. Hertz, for such a claim, which he declared, was likely to bring heavy penalties upon the country, especially if coupled with empty threats.

The minister, replying, admitted that he was unable to prove his statement concerning the American army, but was still convinced that it could not come over.

## UKRAINIANS ESTABLISH RADA OF BOLSHEVIKI

Rival of Kiev Assembly Will Send Peace Delegates to Brest-Litovsk.

Petrograd, Jan. 21.—The Ukrainian Rada of Kharkov, controlled by the Bolsheviks and a rival of the Rada of Kiev, has designated three delegates to go to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk. The delegates came to Petrograd today and conferred with the Bolshevik authorities, who extended them recognition and sent them to Brest-Litovsk with instructions to confer with the other Ukrainian delegates and determine who actually represents the Ukrainians.

Only fifteen Ukrainian members out of a possible one hundred attended the opening of the short-lived constituent assembly.

## FRENCH REFUGEES ARRIVE

Sent Out by the Germans and Travelled Thru Switzerland.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A thousand French refugees from the districts around Lille and Roubaix have arrived in Paris today, according to a telegram from Berlin, that he was going to Petrograd for a week to report to the congress of workers' and soldiers' delegates. He is quoted as having said that his departure in no manner indicated a discontinuance of the negotiations, which would continue during his absence.

## SHOT HIS CASHIER

President of the Peoria State Bank Claims Self Defence.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 21.—E. A. Strause, president of the Peoria State Bank and Savings Bank, who shot and instantly killed his cashier, Bernie M. Mead, in the bank, on December 23, was indicted for murder today. Strause claimed he shot in self defence.

## Flemish Aims for Autonomy Are Favored by the Germans

Amsterdam, Jan. 21.—Advices received here from Brussels say that the self-constituted "council of Flanders" announces that it will hold an election for the purpose of giving the Flemish people the opportunity of expressing their view regarding full independence.

The despatch adds that a deputation of the council, which waited on the German minister of the Interior, Herr Walther, received a sympathetic reply, the secretary expressing his best wishes for the further cultivation of Flemish aims for autonomy.

## RALPH CONNOR AT CHATHAM.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Jan. 21.—Major C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church yesterday. At a luncheon given by the Chatham Club at noon today he was the principal speaker. He said that victory will go to those people who can display the highest quality of mass meeting in this city tonight and the war and his experiences at the front.

## WON MILITARY CROSS.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, Ont., Jan. 21.—A special despatch today announces the decoration of Lieut. Harry Genet with the Military Cross. Lieut. Genet is the second son of Lieut.-Col. Harry Genet, D.S.O., and he joined the Imperial forces in England early in 1915.

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## RECEIPTS FOUND FROM BERNSTORFF

Money Collected for Red Cross Was Sent to German Embassy.

Aberdeen, S. D., Jan. 21.—Receipts for \$9,000 signed by Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, were found today by officials in records in the office of the Free Press, whose editors, W. Hallett and J. P. Paul Gross, are being held pending the arrival of federal authorities, who charge them with not filing correct translation of certain articles in their paper.

Hallett and Gross are said to have claimed that money amounting to \$30,000 was collected and sent east for the German Red Cross, but records show that only \$1,000 was sent directly to the Red Cross and that \$9,000 was sent to the German embassy in Washington. The remainder was sent to a firm on the New York stock exchange called "K. N. and K." in records here.

## Old Timers of North Dead

One a Member of Famous Vigilance Committee of Skagway.

Dawson, Jan. 21.—John Laumster, one of the old-timers of the north, is dead at the age of 62. He was a member of the first city council of Skagway, and a member of the famous vigilance committee of one hundred and one which stood up to the Soapy Smith gang. He had lived in Dawson for several years. Edward Monahan, a pioneer of the Klondike, died in the hospital here, aged 86, after a long illness. Many years ago Monahan was one of the most successful miners in the Yukon. He made and then lost considerable money in mining speculations.

## A THIRTY MILL TAX RATE.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, Jan. 21.—The calling of a public meeting, as well as a meeting of the representatives of all the spending boards of the city is planned by Ald. Harty, chairman of the finance committee of the city council, for a wide discussion of Brantford's financial situation. A thirty mill tax rate is in sight. Public school rate, with graded increases for teachers, will be much higher.

## FELL DOWN CELLAR STAIRS.

Special to The Toronto World. Woodstock, Jan. 21.—Martin Y. Helst of Cassel fell down his cellar steps on Saturday night, sustaining a fracture of the skull, from the effects of which he died last night. He was a well-known resident in the town, and was born in Canada. Besides his wife and one daughter, he leaves five brothers and one son. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was a member of the Cassel and Woodstock Y.M.C.A. secretaries resigns.

## Y.M.C.A. SECRETARIES RESIGNS.

Special to The Toronto World. Woodstock, Jan. 21.—After serving five years as secretary of the local Y.M.C.A. Ralph Cochran has resigned his resignation. He has accepted the secretaryship of the Owen Sound Y.

## WOODSTOCK PASTOR DEAD.

Woodstock, Jan. 21.—Following a brief illness, William Cary, for eight years pastor of the local B.M.E. church, died last night in the local hospital. He was born 33 years ago in Toronto.

## BELGIAN BATTERIES KEEP UP BOMBARDING

Bad Weather Prevents Infantry Actions Beyond Patrol Work.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The official Belgian communiqué for the week ending Jan. 21, received by cable at the Belgian legation here today, follows:

"For the past few days the weather has been unfavorable for artillery action in the Belgian sector, and heavy rain has created low visibility, thus limiting active activities. However, there has been some activity by the German artillery in the regions of Rancapelle and Dixmude to prevent Belgian attacks."

"The Belgian batteries have continued to bombard the enemy and to shell the enemy defensive positions. There has been no infantry action. However, some enemy patrols have been repulsed by the firing of our advanced positions. In spite of very unfavorable atmospheric conditions the Belgian Flying Corps has made a number of flights and reconnaissance for control of artillery fire and for repulsion of enemy aeroplanes."

## NO SETTLEMENT ARRIVED AT

Hon. John Oliver Denies the Report Regarding Great Eastern Railway.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 21.—Announcement is made by Hon. John Oliver, that all reports in regard to any settlement having been arrived at between the government of British Columbia and Foley, Welch and Stewart, in respect to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, are absolutely unfounded. As to whether the railway company will continue to operate the railway, the minister declared that until the present the government has received no information that the company intended to cease operations.

Considerable discussion, the minister says, has taken place between representatives of Foley, Welch and Stewart and the government relative to a proposed settlement, and discussions did result in a written offer of settlement from the representatives of Foley, Welch and Stewart, but this offer was rejected by Mr. Oliver.

## APPEAL IN MURDER CASE.

Edmonton, Jan. 21.—The appeal of Adam Nagel, found guilty of murdering his wife at Medicine Hat after a trial lasting 13 days, and sentenced to be hanged in March, will be heard by the appellate division of the supreme court of Alberta, starting Wednesday morning. Nagel, thru his counsel is appealing for a respite case, his appeal being based upon certain medical testimony admitted at the Medicine Hat trial by Justice Hyndman.

## DEATH OF SIMCOE DIVINE.

Simcoe, Ont., Jan. 21.—Rev. J. Parker Bell, for 53 years a Methodist preacher in Hamilton Conference, died suddenly at one o'clock this morning, having been in one of his usual states of health until an hour before. Born on Yonge street, York County, 75 years ago last week, he preached on many circuits, and was supernaturally sixteen years ago.

## U. S. CORN CROP RUNS SERIOUS RISK OF LOSS

Governors of Five States Petition McAdoo for Prompt Action to Save Stocks.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Telegrams from the governors of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Kansas, declaring that unless the corn crop is moved within the next few weeks much of it will be lost, were laid before Director-General McAdoo today by Representative McCormick of Illinois, who requested that a practical railroad man be appointed to take charge of moving it.

Ohio, according to Governor Cox, has marketed 20 per cent. of its corn crop, and 75 per cent. is still on the farms.

Governor Capper telegraphed from Kansas that only 10 per cent. of the state's merchantable corn crop has been moved, and less than 10 per cent. is in the country elevators, and this must be moved before March 1.

Nebraska is the only state where the corn situation is normal, according to these reports.

## Billion Dollar Aircraft Plans Explained to U. S. Congress

Washington, Jan. 21.—The billion dollar aircraft program, presented first to congress in the regular estimates last December, was explained to the house military committee today at a confidential session by Maj. General Squires, the chief signal officer. The great sum is to be included in the army appropriation bill.

## SNOW BANK TOO CLOSE TO TRACK.

Kitchener, Jan. 21.—The coroner's jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Wm. Ella, who was killed last Thursday night when he fell from a G. T. R. freight train in which he was working at Petersburg, brought in a verdict this afternoon that Ella came to his death by accident as a result of being struck by a snowbank which was too close to the track.

## WILL CLOSE KITCHENER SCHOOLS.

Special to The Toronto World. Kitchener, Jan. 21.—At a meeting of council tonight a motion of Ald. McKay that the schools be requested to close for a week and the public library be closed for a month, and that the churches double up, was passed.

