

INTEREST GROWING IN THE "CITY WIDE MISSION" CAMPAIGN

Big Event for This Week
Will Be Home Visitation
Carrying Greetings of
United Churches.

One of the most significant signs of the growing spirit of unity between all the Protestant churches of the city is the response to the "City Wide Mission" call, and practically every church is taking part in this effort. Nearly all the pastors report a deepening of the spiritual interest shown in the church services and an increased attendance at the weekly prayer meetings. The cottage meetings have been most successful, last week over 100 were held, and so far as could be learned were attended by over 1,500 persons.

The big event for this week is the home visitation on Wednesday, when it is planned to visit every home in the city and convey the greetings of the united churches to the residents.

At the same time a religious census of the city will be taken and it is hoped to bring the church and the people into closer touch than ever before.

Many have drifted away from the habit of attending church. The arrangements for this work have been made by a committee under the direction of Rev. J. H. Anderson, and are now about complete.

Every public institution will also be visited and the greetings of the churches carried to those inmates of the hospitals. In addition to carrying the formal greetings place flowers in each ward and room in which there are sick persons, as they feel that it is much better to present them while the recipient can enjoy them than to place them on a bier after the person has passed away.

The soldiers will also be called on. As the committee felt that it was no more than right that the boys who were serving the Empire should be recognized by the churches.

The committee are grateful to the Anglican churches for the hearty co-operation which they have given to the work, particularly in view of the fact that the Lenten season is the end of their church year and they are busy with their own work.

These activities are preliminary to the two weeks of continuous services and the prospects are bright for a spiritual harvest such as the city has seldom seen.

BELGIUM'S EMPTY LARDER.

One reason why the Belgian Relief Commission continues to be just as actively prosecuted as ever, lies in the fact that this great organization, though promoted under the American flag, has no nationality; its army of workers is drawn from both allied and neutral nations alike, and private and national interests are completely submerged in the great and engrossing work of saving an entire nation of women and children from starvation.

The work goes forward just the same, though no longer under the shelter of the stars and stripes. In Holland, exemption from harbor dues and telegraph tolls is being granted to the commission, and railroad transport into Belgium is provided free of charge. In the chartering and management of the commission's fleet many big British shipping firms are giving their services free of charge. Harbor dues and port charges are being universally remitted to the commission, and stevedoring firms are making big concessions in rates, and giving other generous services. In Belgium itself the German military authorities are emptying the commission's imports from custom and canal dues, have reduced railroad rates one-half, and on canals and railways are giving right-of-way to the commission's foodstuffs, wherever called for. And the work of distributing the bread and soup is carried out by the Belgian committee National, which numbers many thousands of splendid Belgian women and men, specially trained to their work.

Send a contribution to the nearest Relief Committee or direct to the Belgian Relief Fund, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER U. S. RAILROADS.

Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—Government ownership of railroads was predicted here by Vice-President Thomas E. Marshall, if the strike threat of the brotherhoods is carried out. The vice-president was in the city on his way to Winston-Salem to deliver a lecture there.

SWEEEPING VICTORY BY FRENCH AND ENGLISH

British Make Extensive Advance, Entering German
Positions on Front of About Sixteen Miles —
French Capture Roye.

London, Mar. 17.—Bapaume, on the Franco-Belgian front, has been captured by the British, Reuter's agency announces.

"Our troops entered Bapaume this morning after stiff fighting," Reuter's correspondent telegraphs. "The place was in flames, the Germans having evidently made all plans for setting fire to it when forced to retreat."

"Our troops are reported to be beyond the town."

Take Le Transloy.

The British troops have made another extensive advance, entering German positions on a front of about sixteen miles, according to the official report from British headquarters in France tonight.

On the north the British reached Bapaume to Monchy-Au-Bols and included the villages of Le Transloy, Achiet-Le-Grand, Achiet-Le-Petit, Bucquoy and others. On the south the gains included various villages from La Maisonette (south of Peronne) to Frennes.

The text of the statement reads: "Bapaume has been captured by our troops after stiff fighting with the German guard. The town has been systematically pillaged by the enemy. All private houses and public buildings alike have been destroyed, and every thing of value carried off or burned."

Advance Rapidly.

"Our advance has proceeded rapidly during the day on both banks of the Somme. South of the River we have entered the enemy's positions on a front of about sixteen miles and occupied the villages of Frennes, Horgny, Villers-Carbonell, Barleux, Etapigny and La Maisonette.

"North of the river, in addition to the town of Bapaume, we are in possession of the villages of Le Transloy, Biefvillers, Blaucourt, Achiet-Le-Grand, Achiet-Le-Petit, Ablaineville, Bucquoy and Essarts. We also hold the town of Frennes, 1,500 yards northeast of the last named village, and have gained the western and northwestern defences of Monchy-Au-Bols.

"We carried out successful raids this morning east and northeast of Arras. The enemy's support line was reached and two machine guns and a number of prisoners were captured. A hostile raiding party was driven off during the night northeast of Vermelles.

"An encounter took place yesterday between a patrol of eight of our airplanes and sixteen enemy machines, with the result that in twenty minutes the hostile formation was broken up. Two German airplanes were destroyed and two others driven down damaged. All of our machines returned."

Paris, Mar. 17.—French advance guards have entered the important town of Roye, and the French have occupied the entire front between Andechy and the Oise, comprising powerfully fortified lines which the Germans have held for more than two years. This announcement is made tonight by the war office, which adds that at several points the road between Roye and Noyon has been reached. Frankfurt-On-The-Main has been bombed by French airplanes in retaliation for the firing of Bapaume by the Germans.

The text of the statement reads: "Along the whole front between Andechy and the Oise (about fifteen miles), enemy declining battle, abandoning under the pressure of our troops,



powerfully and skillfully fortified lines, which they had held for more than two years. "Today our advance movement continued rapidly. Our advance guard entered Roye, pursuing an enemy contingent which blew up crossings and streets in the interior section. About 800 of the civilian population, whom the Germans did not have time to remove, greeted our soldiers with enthusiasm.

"North and northeast of Lassigny, which we likewise occupied, we have reached and even advanced beyond the road between Roye and Noyon. In the course of our pursuit we made prisoners who have not yet been counted.

Heavy Artillery Fire. "Quite violent artillery fighting took place in Champagne, in the region of Maisons de Champagne, and on the right bank of the Meuse, in the sector of Les Chambrayes and the Caurettes Wood. On the left bank of the Meuse we directed destructive fires effectively against the German organizations in the region of Avocourt. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

"Last night our air squadrons bombarded enemy organizations in the region of Arnaville and factories and blast furnaces at Wolklingen, where a great fire broke out, as well as stations and roads in the region of Hamand St. Quentin. All of our airplanes returned undamaged.

"In reprisal for the setting afire of Bapaume, one of our airplanes bombed the town of Frankfurt-On-The-Main."

Belgian communication: "Bomb fighting was characterized by great intensity in the region of Dinant, in the direction of Feryman's House, and at Steenstraete. During the day the reciprocal bombardment was resumed with violence in the neighborhood of Dinant."

Two Cases of Eczema And How They Were Cured

Further Proof That Dr. Chase's Ointment is a Positive
Cure for Chronic Eczema.

If you read these letters you will find that Dr. Chase's Ointment is not to be classed among ordinary salves and ointments.

By actually curing itching, stinging eczema in many thousand cases it has stood the most severe test to which any ointment can be put.

Mr. J. Brice, Temperance road, Parry Sound, Ont., writes: "Just a line to praise Dr. Chase's Ointment for what it has done for my wife. She has been suffering with eczema for no end of money with doctors and for ointments, which did her no good. She had about given up hope of ever being cured, when someone told her to try Dr. Chase's Ointment. By the use of this ointment the trouble has left her entirely, so we have unbounded faith in it. I have told several people about the Ointment."

Mrs. W. G. Dowden, Greenspond, Bonavista Bay, Nfld., writes: "I suffered with eczema on my hands, and for eighteen months was so bad that I could not use a needle to sew or do anything. I could scarcely dress myself. Though I had lots of salves from doctors, I could never get much benefit from them. Then I sent for a sample of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and found it very different in action. It was not long before my hands began to heal, and four 60c. boxes made them well. I could praise Dr. Chase's Ointment too highly, and frequently give some to others to get them using it, for I know that it will cure."

In the home Dr. Chase's Ointment is of almost daily usefulness, for by relieving chafing and irritation of the skin it prevents eczema and similar itching skin diseases. Applied to all cuts and wounds, it prevents blood poisoning and heals the skin. Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Does our city know itself? Do the thousands of people residing within its boundaries appreciate the many advantages it has to offer, and are these same citizens doing their share in making this a bigger, better, happier, more prosperous city?

The purpose of this "Home Products" Campaign is three-fold. First—To familiarize our home people with the goods manufactured by our home factories and to promote a more general preference for local brands.

Second—To impress firmly on the mind of every citizen the good to be derived from patronage of "Home Industries."

Third—To bring into closer relationship the manufacturers and consumers on the very practical and demonstrated theory—that the more home-made goods that are bought here the more prosperous this section will become.

If our citizens can be made acquainted with the articles produced here at home there will be a larger sale of these articles and the output of our manufacturing establishments can be greatly increased. Increased business for our home industries will mean greater employment for our citizens greater commerce for our city and greater prosperity for our people as a whole.

We know that you, Mr. Citizen, will do your part by enlisting in this campaign—making it a rule to buy and boost home products at every opportunity and getting your friends and neighbors to do likewise.

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ST. JOHN CHAPLAINS RECOMMENDED FOR WAR WORK WITH THE TROOPS

The Rev. E. B. Hooper and the Rev. J. H. MacDonald Recommended to the War Office for Special Recognition.

Among those mentioned for splendid services in the present war to the high officials of the Imperial War Office are two local chaplains, the Rev. E. B. Hooper and the Rev. J. H. MacDonald. Both clergymen have frequently been mentioned in letters received from overseas men by friends in this city. They are now included among a number of other officers who have been recommended for special recognition for their gallant services.

The many friends of the two local chaplains will be pleased to learn of the success they have encountered in connection with the work which they have been performing. Both have ministered indefatigably to the soldier boys and are extremely popular among the members of the forces to which they have been attached.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court Saturday Ole Martin pleaded guilty to stealing liquor from a ship at West St. John and was remanded for sentence.

Wm. Doyle pleaded guilty to beating his wife and was fined \$20.

Michael Fleming pleaded guilty to drunkenness and was remanded as he expressed a willingness to go to sea.

Edith Barbick was fined \$10 for street walking.

In the juvenile court six boys reported for throwing snow and ice at sleighing parties were allowed to go with a warning.

Two drunks forfeited deposits of eight dollars each.

Handbag Found.

A handbag found on Saturday night awaits the owner at the North End police station.

"Buy and Boost" Home Products

This is the beginning of the "Home Products" Campaign, which we are featuring for the purpose of acquainting our citizens with the broad range of articles manufactured by local industrial establishments, and to show how a greater preference for local brands will mean greater prosperity for our city.

Our industries, our merchants and all of us, who are proud to call this city "home."

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