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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 17.

Mr. White Tackles the Big Problem

The finance minister is to be congratulated upon his addresses to the brings with him a note of buoyant optimism and makes interesting to all ministers and generals responsible the often dry subject of finance. Yes- for the conduct of the war, but also terday's review of the financial condition of Canada was at once gratifying and instructive, but his audience was most interested, as will be the people of Canada, in what Mr. White had to say about the big problem of the hour. That problem is how can we finance the munition orders for the allies? The orders in sight amount to \$350,000.000, and if we can do the financing we may be a billion dollars to the good before the war is over.

It was a big proposition, but Mr. White can scarcely be said to have made a horizontal attack. He pointed out that the generous over-subscription to the recent domestic loan enabled the Dominion Government to establish a credit for the allies in this country amounting to \$50,000,000, but that will only be a drop in the bucket. He also stated that the banks were not strong enough to extend the tremendou's credits which will be required. How then are the credits to be estab-

Mr. White suggested that the 321 quer bonds, dated so as to become payable after the war, but how many of the manufacturers can afford to wait for their money? They have to pay for their raw material and their workmen must have Canadian currency every Saturday night. True are able to do that, why should not out not to do. they take the bonds themselves in the first place and establish a credit for

the allies? Mr. White must see that the financing can only be done by the Dominion Government thru an issue of national currency. Some time ago The World ventured to suggest that national currency might be issued against gold to be deposited in London to the account of the receiver-general of Canada. Mr. White was good enough to commend this suggestion as sound finance, but it is open to the objection of decreasing the British store of free gold. Why. then, we have asked, should not the allies deposit with us some gilt-edge dollar securities like those of the Can-

plan as "printing press finance." Yet with the situation in the best way to issue currency against gilt-edge that can be had, and if one be securities is not an innovation. The rendered impossibles then by some notes of the Bank of England are is other way? No business man is sued partly against public securities stuck up to any particular mortal and partly against gold. The national plan. What he wants is to get the bank currency of the United States, thing done that is necessary to be amounting to several hundred million dollars, was issued against a deposit of Sir Adam Beck has placed a new United States bonds; but then Mr. White goes on to say that to issue inaugurates a new way of attacking currency against securities is unsound the problem of the city transportation with all its attendant evils."

we not safely issue national currency

against such collaterial?

Inflation of the currency depends roon the amount that is in circulation. A country might be threatened with inflation from having too much gold, and the United States is in that posiion today. But can we afford to les pillion dellar business slip away rom us, or any considerable part of because of some academic theory bout "inflation"? Is there not bound be some inflation if we get a billion offar business going in this country? The United States manufacturers are not losing a billion dollars in order to keep the currency from being inflated. They will grab Canadian Pacific stocks and other securities and get national currency on them from the federal

government. But we confess ourselves to be in much the same position as the finance minister. We throw out a suggestion coping that a better one will be forthoming from some other quarter. We do not think that Mr. White's suggeslop, altho an excellent one in its way, at all meet the situation. Wo hink he recognizes the fact that the

big financing must be done by the na tional government with national currency. He may try a lane here and there, but they will all lead him to the

Meanwhile the minister is to be congratulated upon his admirable addresses. A public servant should be commended who takes the public into bis confidence.

Regeneration Under Way Public opinion has forced the re tirement of General French, and that fact becomes the first big move in the

clearing of the war in Pritain. What follows from this is still more important, and that is that Kitchener has at last a free hand, and having a free hand he must make good in short

The Northcliffe press criticism, which was more or less a source of annoyance to the government, and did still more to unsettle the public mind. has been pretty well silenced. So have Sir Edward Carson and Lord Charles Beresford, who have attempted to form a new party and force a partisan discussion of the war General French has been removed from the position of authority where he has been more or less an active critic of Lord Kitchener's plans and the plans of the government.

It is therefore now up to Lord Kitchener and the government to make good. They, will be given a reasonable time to make good or they may be changed. The British people and they will be backed up by the dominions, including Canada, are at last determined on a more vigorous war policy, and they will demand a vigorous prosecution of the war, more Toronto Board of Trade. He always than ever that sobriety shall be one of the main qualifications, not only of in the masses as well as the rank and file of the army So also will this strengthen a public opinion that is demanding that officers who have passed their best years shall be re tired and that younger men take their place: that new methods supersede the moth-eaten and red tape system that seems to have prevailed and has had too much influence in the

From now on there will be a de mand for efficiency, for sobriety, for ability, for determination and youthfulness, and that if an opportunity is given to anyone, whether in politics or in the conduct of the war, he must make good or make way for others.

Discussion Should Be on the Bylaw

the issue which is to go before the patronize the hydro-electric system, ment in its present state cannot get lished and how is the financing to be hydro-radial bylaw is to be submitted. If there be no intention of clouding reductions next month. The operathe issue, then we can only say that tion of Sir Adam Beck's radial rail- minate this element. It is stated by manufacturers in Canada now making all discussion of what has happened way plan will be similar. munitions might extend credits to some in the past about other transportation extent by waiting for their pay. He schemes, or that may happen in the thought they should be willing to ac- future in connection with other as- controllers in passing a resolution cept part payment in British exche- pects of transportation, had better be held over till the present bylaw has to take up the purchase of the Metrobeen properly presented and fairly politan Railway, with the manageunderstood. When that is done the ment of that road. Some time ago, people will carry it with very slight Sir Adam mentioned the Metropolitan discussed at some length former pro- available for purchase. This would be posals to deal with the street railway amother step in advance in settling the they might get the banks to rediscount situation, with the exact effect of do- city railway problem, as North Tothe exchequer bonds, but if the banks ing what the article in queston set ronto would be helped to obtain a

> As it said: "The radial railway proposal should not be confused with surface transportation in Toronto.' Whether it should be regarded simply as a provincial radial railway project is another question. In proportion to ronto as much as any place, and probably a good deal more. At any rate the people of Toronto are vitally concerned with it, and not to understand it, and to reject it on account of misconception, would be fatal to the best interests of the city.

The Telegram is understood to be i favor of the bylaw, but objects to the people taking any advice from newsadian Pacific Railway Company? Could papers, which advocated other methods of dealing with the transportation situation. Is it not possible to Mr. White at first dismissed this see that the main thing is to deal

plan before the people, a plan which finance, because it means "inflation, as a whole. It has the extreme virtue of making a beginning, and we believ that when the beginning is made, progressive results must follow in good time. The expense is practically nothing, for Toronto is only asked to

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GERMANY

cipline is the chief trouble in the de-

chief factor in the situation thruout.

There should be no more politics in

the fire department than there is in the

city hall departments have been purged

in this respect in the last few years.

more reason why the reorganization

Some think that reorganization can

be effected from within, but this is

not the opinion of many of those best

informed. We have no prejudices one

way or another, but we should like to

see the fire department as free of

political control as the police depart-

ment or any other civic department.

Any man who can effect this will be

welcome. Any official who relies on

political influence to support him

against the will of the council or the

repeated requests of the board of con-

trol is not taking the right course to

demonstrate his ability to reorganize

the department. This conviction was

evidently behind the acceptance of the

Attorney-General and Solicitor-

General Showed Self-Sacri-

ficing Spirit.

general, Sir Frederick Smith, said to-

day that he and the solicitor-general.

Sir George Cave, recommended to Pre-

mier Asquith immediately after their

appointment that the salary of each of

them be reduced by £1000 (\$5000) and that a large reduction also be

made in the scale of their fees. The net result, he estimated, would be

saving of at least £10,000 (\$50,000)

they informed the premier they were

prepared to consent to any further reduction which the cabinet or the

house of commons might believe to b

required by the necessities of the

COLLISION CAUSES SUIT.

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- The attorney-

TO REDUCE SALARIES

resignation of the acting head.

CALLED UPON ASQUITH

give its credit to a limited extent, in political feeling between Captain a way similar to the hydro-electric Crawford and Ald. Spence that the credit which has not required any vote in council last Monday turned contribution from the tax-payers, but out as it did. Whether this statement be true or has, on the contrary, put money in their pockets in the reduction in civic not, the making of such a statement lighting and power, and also directly is evidence enough that ward politics Attempts are being made to cloud put money in the pockets of all who is the one thing that the fire departpeople on election day, when the by the marked reduction in rates, away from. Reconstruction and rewhich is to be followed up by further organization were regarded as indispensable in the first place to eli-

all parties concerned that lack of dis-Already there are signs of its inpartment, and this lack of discipline was shown to be directly due to the political influence which has been the asking the hydro-radial commission police department. Several of the opposition. The News, last night, as one of the radial roads which was It is said that a last stand is being made in the fire department. All the voted for last year should be carried single fare rate thru the whole district by the acquisition by the city of out. the road inside the city limits.

All these things lock toward the expiration of the street railway franchise six years hence, and the bylaw stipulates that the franchise shall not the size of the city it will benefit To- be renewed. This alone should bring out votes for the bylaw, as it is the first definite pronouncement on the matter which the citizens have had chance to make.

Friends of the bylaw will not further confuse the issue by lugging in past and gone disputes over plans which, however good or bad, are now cut of consideration. The radial railway scheme brings the whole of central Ontario into touch with Toronto It does so in a way thoroly harmon ious with Toronto's own future street railway development. It does so at no expense to the tax-payers. It does so as part of a comprehensive plan by which electric light and power will be reduced in cost to the city by large sums, as the traffic and the power consumption grow. These are solid advantages which the people of Toronto are wide awake to value as they should be valued, and there can be no doubt about the success of the bylaw when the vote is taken.

A Political Football

It is understood that the accentance of the resignation of the acting head of the fire department will be considered by the city council today. It is most unfortunate that this question has been made a political football during the past year. The issue upon which the resignation was made is one that has its origin in political feeling, and The Telegram published a story last night that it was due to

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Before Judge Coatsworth and a jury in the county court Mrs. A. Drurie is suing E. Alberton for \$250. Mrs. Drurie states that on June 20 last she was driving in a motor car with her son when defendant's motor can into the rear of the car, throwing her out and injuring her. Alberton denies hitting the car and claims that the boy driving the car ran into a ditch. The case will be resumed this morn-

Improved Toronto-Hamilton Train Service, Effective Sunday, Dec. 19, 1915. Canadian Pacific Railway. Train new leaving Toronto for Hamilton at 11.10 p.m. daily except Sunday, and train leaving Hamilton for Toronto 5.05 p.m. daily except Sunday, will affective Sunday. Dec. 12 becomes ill, effective Sunday, Dec. 19, be o erated dally.

BOURSSSA A MENACE TO NATION NO LONGER

Fight is Now Between Nationalist Leader and Lieutenants, Says Hon. P. Blondin.

ACTION OF ASSELIN

His Forming of French-Canadian Battalion May Draw Lavergne From His Leader.

"There was a time when Bourassa vas to be feared, but that time is now past," declared Hon. Pierre Blondin on his arrival in Toronto yesterday, when he made his maiden speech in English before the Empire Club. "The fight s now between Bourassa and his lieutenants and it would not be surprising if Mr. Asselin's action in forming a battalion would result Lavergne deserting Bourassa." The speaker declared that Bourassa's in-fluence with the rural population of Quebec was very strong before the war. Since that time, Mr. Blondin declared that the people had come to realize that the first line of defence was in France and Belgium.

Thru With Bourassa.
"The people of Quenec will show by the way they enlist this winter that they are thru with Bourassa and his doctrine," asserted Mr. Blondin, referring to the fact that there were already between 8,000 and 10,000 French-Canadians now on active service.
"War has supplied us with a solid method of testing the patriotism of all Canadians," said the speaker. "The French-Canadians know of no other mother country than Canada. Before this winter is over we shall have more battalions in Quebec than the militia uthorities can provide for and equip, and more than the proportion fixed as our fair share for this war. We may have lacked organization, but we have not lacked patriotism. We feel as strongly as you do that after this war is over, there will be no other word than shame to apply to the man who has proclaimed himself indifferent to

COMMUNIPAW SAFE AT ALGIERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- Safe arrival at Algiers last Monday of the son, 97th Batt.

American tank steamer Communipaw, variously reported attacked by a sub
Twenty-first Regt.—Lieut. J.S.Wear.

Twenty-third Regt.—Lieut. G. L. variously reported attacked by a sub-marine, sunk and safe, was reported to the state department today by the American consul at that port.

ABOUT FOOD QUESTION

Manufacturers Want Premier Gouin to Rescind Enforcement of Quebec Law.

QUEBEC, Dec. 16 .-- One of the most prominent delegations that have met Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec. in a long time gathered today about the halls of the parliament buildings, with officials of such leading industries as the Laurentide Pulp and Paper Co. of Grand Mere and the Brompton Pulp and Paper Co.

INDUSTRIES BIG LOSERS

BY SUNDAY CLOSINGS

R. A. MacRae, M. L. A. for Sherrooke, headed the delegates. The delegates, as well as the pre-nier, refused to divulre what matters had brought them together roday, but it is understood that the delegates met premier in regard to the recent ecision taken by the Queboc Government to shut down all industrial plants

A law has been standing in Quebec Province for a number of years prooperation of industrial plants had been in effect up to last week, when the government decided to put the law

It is understood that the delegation is going to put up a strong fight against the enforcing of the law, as the officials of large industrial concerns claim they are put to heavy ex-pense and losses thru their having to close down on Sunday, letting furnaces burn out and losing valuable time on certain contracts.

SHOP BREAKERS SENTENCED. Judge Winchester in the session

resterday sentenced Stanley Pirie and George Tilley to serve one year each in the Ontario Reformatory. Both had previous records and were charged with shop breaking.

One Hundred and Thirty Resolutions Dealing Therewith Before Reichstag.

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- "There is every reason to believe that the German Reichstag will have to sit much longer than was expected in order to deal with the pressing discontent among the masses," says the Rotterdam correspondent of The Daily News: "In order to appease these clamorings, it will need to deal with no fewer than 130 resolutions all relating to the distribution of food, besides resolutions dealing with the social policy which will require delicate handling, and will require delicate handling, and demands of better pay for the soldiers and sailors and better provision for the relief of war families."

The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company sends the following: "Hugo Haase, leader of the Van Socialists, forming the peace party in the German Reichstag. has issued a proclamation which the newspapers are prohibited from printing. It is much discussed in political circles as signifying a political bat-

LABOR CONDITIONS IN CANADA ARE SPLENDID

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 .- The monthly re-

port of the labor department for Novem-

ber indicates that labor conditions are ber indicates that labor conditions are very good, due to heavy war orders, the crop movement and the fine, open weather. There were only two small labor disputes affectine less than 50 workers, one in Halifax and the other in Victoria. The trend of retail prices is skill upwards, eggs, butter, cheese, lard, potatoes, beans and anthracite coal being higher. The price of the department's standard weekly budget of staple articles was \$8016 compared with \$7815 in October and \$7993 in November of last year.

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TO TAKE OVER RAILWAY WHEN FRANCHISE ENDS

Mayor Church Announces Council Will Declare Policy at Its Next Meeting.

Of 101 officers who have been taking the course at the Provisional School of Instruction, Toronto, 75 were successful in passing their examinations and 26 were "plucked." The list of successful candidates is as follows:
Field officers—9th Mississauga:
Forse: Lieut. A. G. Poupore of 75th

Forse: Lieut. A. G. Poupore of 19th Battalion.
C.O.T.C.—Capt. C. R. Young, V. E. Fonderson, E. J. Kylie.
First Regt., Gren. Guards, Montreal—Lieut. E. L. Buchanan, 75th Batt. Second Q.O.R.—Lieuts. J. E. Flavelle, R. J. Christie, W. E. Curry, 83rd Eatt.; C. A. V. McCormick, 16th Batt. Tenth Royal Grenadiers—Lieuts. C. A. Moss 81st Batt.; C. A. Boone, 95th A Moss, 81st Batt.; C. A. Boone, 95th

Twelfth York Rangers-Capt. T. H. Holdsworth, 83rd Batt.
Forty-Eighth Highlanders Lieuts.
R. Shiell, H. H. Donald, J. S. Laycock,
Sind Batt.
Ninety-first Highlanders—Lieut. R.

J. Wattam, 92nd Batt.
One Hundred and Ninth Rest.— Capts. J. Harris and M. S. Boehm. The following receive captains' cor-

The following tifficates:
Ninth Horse—Lieuts. H. J. Burden,
F. C. Howard, M. A. Clarkson and G.
L. Watt, all of the 75th Batt.
C.O.T.C.—Lieuts. G. L. Rosser and Second Q.O.R.—Lieuts. A. H. Patterscn, C. S. Dalton, T. H. Sneath and L. M. Green, the three latter of 83rd Batt. Tenth Royal Grenadiers—Lieuts. W. M. Davidson, H. K. Hamilton, J. S.

Galbraith, O. D. Cochrane, A. H. Mac-donald, C. Leslie Wilson, W. Arm-strong, 86th Batt.; J. H. Oldham, A. F. Hutley, 33rd Batt.; A. M. Worthington, 15th Batt., C.E.F., A. E. Allen, 83rd Twelfth York Rangers-Lieut. J. R. Thirteenth Royals-Lieut. S. B. Nel-

Francis.
Thirty-fifth Regt.—Lieuts, L. M.
Frost, T. S. Creswick, 75th Batt.
Forty-fourth Regt.—Lieuts, G. B.
Ross and H. C. Seymour.
Fifty-first Regt.—Lieut. A. W. Lo-Seventy-seventh Regt .- Lieut. G. W. Suter and W. F. Graham.
Ninety-Seventh Regt.—Lieut. E. F.

Ninety-Seventh Regt.—Dieu.

Pullen.

One Hundred and Ninth Regt.—
Lieuts W. T. Cooper and J. O'Mara.

The following receive lieutenants' certificates: J. A. McDonell, Q.O.R., of 95.h Batt.; R. W. Kerr, 10th Grens.:

H. F. Nelson (13th, Hamilton), 97th Patt.; A. B. Mason and B. W. Mimard (13th), 97th; J. J. Dixon, T. R. Leslie and A. J. Trebilcock (13th); L. G. Hutton, 21st Regt.; R. M. Cooksburn, Y. Sthi, K. A. H. Harvie, 35th; H. O. Leeming and A. R. Minard (36th) Seth; R. A. H. Harvie, Sth; H. C. Leeming and A. R. Minard (36th) 97th; V. G. Gwatkin, 36th; H. Fonger, 44th; S. B. Playfair, J. M. Loumdes, C. M. Murphy, G. M. Clark, C. E. Lee, A. M. Ivey, all of the 48th Highlanders; G. D. Thomas and J. B. Price, of 109th, latter also of 97th.

ENTENTE POWERS TOLD CHINA CHANGE DELAYED

Promulgation of Monarchy Will Not Be Made for Time Being.

PEKIN. Dec. 16 .- The Chinese forign office has issued a semi-official statement concerning the latest representations of the entente powers, the statement declaring that Lu Cheng-Hsiang, the foreign minister, assured the entente ministers that "the promulgation of the monarchy could not be made for the time being." A mandate has been issued providing for the drafting of a new constitution to include an agreement that the Ching dynasty had entered into to support Yuan Shai Kai, the newly chosen monarch.

PRESENT FOR WIDOW.

The widow of Bugler W. A. Smith, who resided at 321 Carlaw avenue be fore enlisting with the 19th Battalion was given a pleasant surprise yesterday when she received a prese the buglers of her husband's lation of 180 francs (\$31.40). Smith was killed in France on Oct. 20.

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Massey Hall night's concert the Christian F from De La Sa choir of 300 presented a presiderable artist Rev. John I ar address in which he d of education a highest possib Education that asis might Reference was took part in the The De La much apprecia of that institu precision. Da were Leo John gene Lockhard

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T. Eaton sto John Mont avenue, was charged with

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