

DRILL STUDENTS IN ITALY DAILY

Miss Margaret George Tells of Present Conditions in Italy

TERRIBLE POVERTY

Tense Feeling Against Austria and Desire to Avenge Wrongs

Miss Margaret George, 89 Forest Hill road, who returned home Saturday from Vienna, Italy, where she appeared in a repertoire of operas, said in speaking of Italy: "Italy is a most charming country. Everyone who has read of Italy's glorious blue skies or seen it pictured on canvas should see it in reality to become truly enchanted. The people of Italy are a happy, smiling people and extremely patriotic; in fact they seem to have gone to patriotic extremes during the past few months. All along the Austrian border are camps of soldiers and the activity among the naval officers is equally as earnest. All the boys of the public schools and the schools and club houses are all prepared to be used as hospitals if war should break out."

Would Fight Austria. A marked feeling of hatred is shown against Austria, and if Italy could declare war against Austria, she would not hesitate a moment, judging from what I heard on all sides, to avenge the wrongs of past days.

Poverty in Italy is very marked. A workman getting 40c a day is well paid. At present all bread is being made from rice and wheat, and a great portion of it is rice. An imperial order has been issued that no wheat is to be exported from the country, and every effort is being made to conserve home foodstuffs.

Great Britain is looked upon by the Italian people as the great protector and they find it sufficient to say "Basia" which signifies all their eulogies toward the empire, when speaking of England's position in this war. At a patriotic concert recently at La Scala Theatre, Milan, the national airs were being played. One man jumped up and asked that the "Watch on the Rhine" be played, but straightway he was hustled into the street, and this was done in face of the fact that there are 40,000 Germans in the Province of Lombardy, of which Milano is the principal city.

Return to Italy Soon. "My trip across the ocean on the Avonina was a very pleasant one, and I expect to return in the fall and accept engagements that have been offered me in this country."

It was very difficult to get my passport and a tremendous lot of red tape is entailed. They take your photograph, write down the color of your hair, get your height, the color of your eyes, your features, the shape of your nose and forehead, your age, and then after all that you must get some prominent British subject, who is a resident, to vouch for you. It took nearly a week to get my passport from the British consul.

Miss George will make her first Canadian appearance with the Hamilton Orchestra, May 6, at Hamilton.

MAY IMPOSE TAX ON ALL SIGNBOARDS

Money Derived Would Be for Upkeep of the Roads.

SUNDAY WORLD NEWS

Program Ahead of City Council Not Expected to Be Large.

According to a new regulation hit upon by the Ontario Government, all signs and sign boards may be taxed for road up-keep.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, in company with Premier Hearst, left Toronto Saturday night on a tour of inspection thru the north country.

Case Traversed. It was announced Saturday that the Nerlich high treason case will be traversed, the application having been made by I. F. Hellmuth, K.C.

John Charles Stuart, 692 Bathurst street, was arrested on Saturday, charged with theft from the Bloor and Clinton street branch of the Union Bank.

It is reported as practically decided that the Niagara camp will open May 20. It is expected that Col. Logie will move his headquarters on that date.

Not Heavy Today. There is not a very heavy program ahead of the city council for today. It is expected that the retirement of Chief Thompson from the fire department before a successor is named may call for some criticism. Other matters to be disposed of include the Baricourt park and garbage disposal questions.

SEPPALLA WON ALASKAN CLASSIC

Siberian Wolf Dogs Proved Superiority Over Team of Malamutes.

NOME, April 18.—Leonard Seppalla, driving his own team of sixteen Siberian wolf dogs, won late yesterday the 412 mile all-Alaska sweepstake dog team race which started at 5 o'clock last Wednesday morning. His time for the course was 78 hours 34 minutes and 37 seconds, 4 hours 30 minutes and 17 seconds slower than the record established by John Johnson's Siberian wolves in 1910.

As Seppalla passed the finish line, A. A. (Scotty) Allan, who was second, was just passing Fort Davies, five miles out from Nome, with the Allan Darling team of sixteen Malamutes, owned jointly by himself and Mrs. Charles E. Darling of Berkeley, Cal. Eskimo John, driving the team entered by the Council Kennel Club, was approaching Safety Road House, 21 miles away.

WILL HOLD TWO BIG MAY-DAY MEETINGS

Many Prominent Men Will Speak at Labor Temple and Association Hall

Two mass meetings are announced to be held on Saturday, May 1st, one in the assembly hall of the Labor Temple at 2, 30 in the afternoon and the other at 7, 30 in the evening in Association Hall. These meetings are known in the labor world as the "May Day" celebration, at which several prominent speakers will take part.

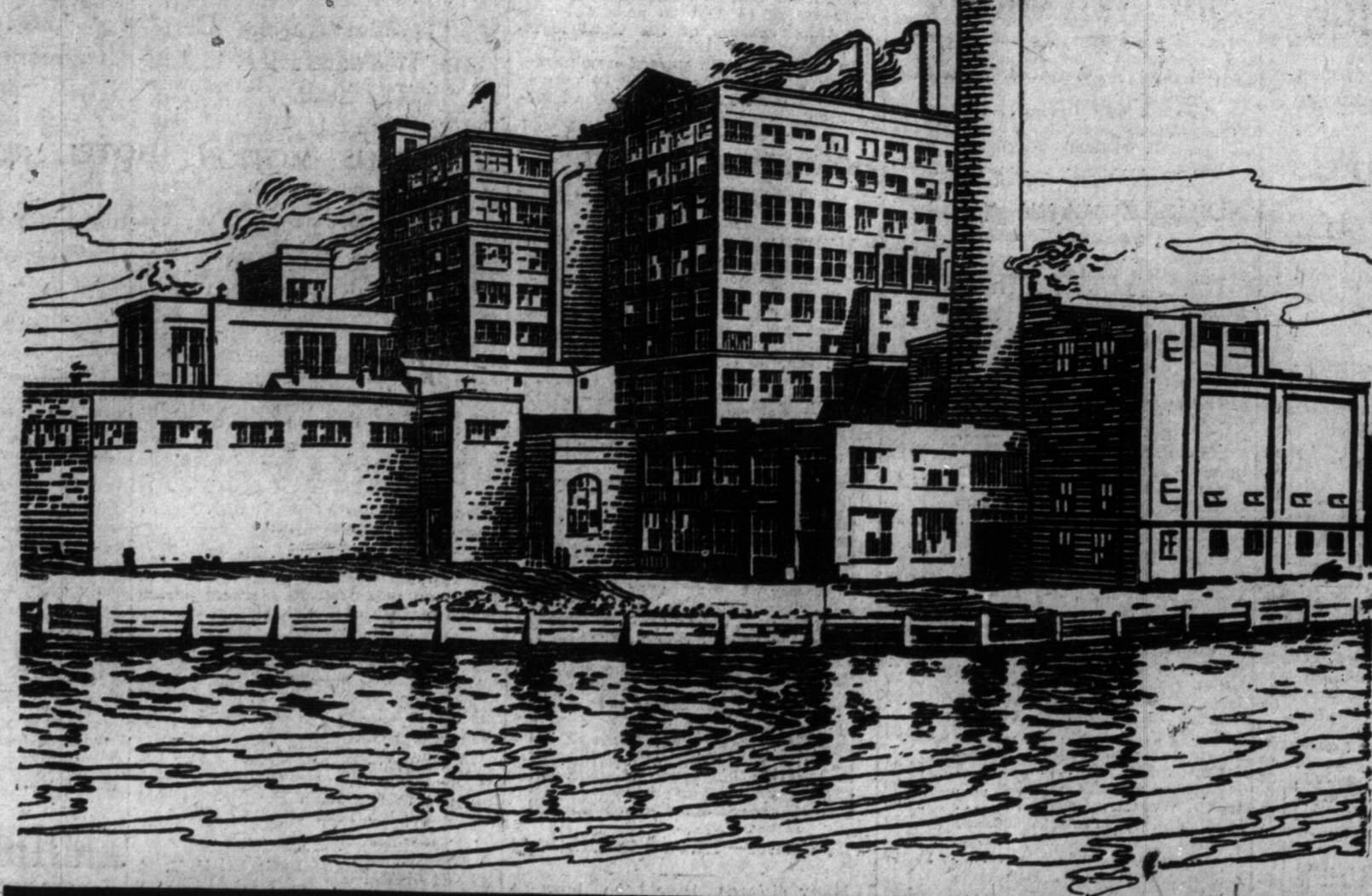
GERMANS DISSOLVE BELGIAN RED CROSS

BRUSSELS, April 18.—(Via London).—Gen. Von Blasing, military governor of Belgium, has ordered the dissolution of the Belgian Red Cross Society because, it is stated, the management refused to participate in carrying out a systematic plan for overcoming the present distress in Belgium. Count Hatzfeldt-Trachenberg has been appointed to take over the temporary administration of the Red Cross work.

Permission Granted for Huge Parade. Chief of Police H. J. Grasset has given his official sanction to the monster parade to be held by the patriotic advertisers of Toronto under the supervision of the Toronto Advertising Club. The parade is part of a two-day carnival and circus to be held at the Arena on Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23. Over one hundred floats have been arranged for already. The proceeds of the performances will be used to purchase a motor ambulance.

Pinned Under Automobile. Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, April 18.—William James Earler was seriously injured when his automobile turned turtle while he was driving from Yarker to London East. He was pinned under the car.

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BAPTIST Y. P. UNION MAKING PROGRESS
General Secretary Dayfoot Calls for Interprovincial Forward Movement
Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, general secretary of the Baptist Young People's

Union of Ontario and Quebec, in issuing a call for a forward movement during the coming year, says: "We have at the present time 226 local unions with an active membership of 6,266 and an associate membership of 1,679. The junior department has 39 unions, with a membership of 1,781, making a total membership of 9,625. In the senior department 188 conversions have been reported, and among the Juniors, 106. In the educational

department 80 societies reported 2,785 enrolled in the Bible Readers' Course, 254 in the Sacred Literature Course, and 487 in the Conquest Mission Course, and 235 were reported as enrolled in other courses, making a total of 4,701 taking the various courses. For local work the sum of \$4199.61 was raised for missions \$1,721.44, and for the support of the B.Y.P. U. of Ontario and Quebec \$601.89."

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DEATH OF MRS. WEIR.
Special to The Toronto World. GALT, April 18.—After a long illness, Mrs. Wm. Weir passed away this morning at her residence on West Main street in her 76th year. Born in Scotland, she had lived here many years, and was well known.
She was predeceased by her husband and is survived by a family, Police Magistrate J. J. A. Weir of Berlin is a son, and F. S. Scott, M.P. of Galt, a son-in-law.

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