

EARLY MESSAGES

LABOR REPRESENTATIVES ISSUE MANIFESTO.

LONDON, Jan. 9. Representatives of British labor issued a manifesto to-day giving whole-hearted support to the programme presented in President Wilson's speech yesterday. The manifesto says that in essential respects it is so similar to that which British labor put forward that we need not discuss any points of difference in detail. The manifesto was adopted at a joint meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Trades Union Congress and National Executive, and the Committee of the Labor Party. It declares the President's speech opened peace negotiations and that the world awaits proof of the sincere desire of the Central Powers to carry them to conclusion. It welcomes the reference to the freedom of the seas and support of Russia.

THE NEW MAGNA CHARTA.

LONDON, Jan. 9. President Wilson's speech takes a leading place in both the news and editorial columns of the press. One paper describes it as the Magna Charta of future peace. Coming so closely on the heels of Premier Lloyd George's address at the Labor Conference, the words of the heads of the American and British Governments are compared closely, and while some differences are found in the manner of discussing the various questions, the newspapers find no disagreement in the essential policy. It is noted that the President deals more sympathetically with Bolsheviki than did the Premier, but it is pointed out that America hasn't suffered from the Russian collapse as the Western Allies have. However, the Westerner's Gazette welcomes Mr. Wilson's careful, sympathetic language, and says it hopes that all misunderstandings which may have arisen from other statements will be removed by the unequivocal language in which the President adopts the Russian demands as his own.

MISUNDERSTANDS RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 9. While considering President Wilson's speech to Congress a very fine pronouncement, Henry M. Hyndman, leader of the British Socialists, thinks it took a mistaken view of Germany's present position. There is no democracy in Germany at present, said Hyndman. Equality instead of mastery is just what the German nation will not accept. I think the President misunderstands the position in Russia. The majority of Russian people and the complete majority of the constituent Assembly are not represented by the Bolsheviki at Brest-Litovsk, as by the Leninite section in Russia. The Russian social revolutionary majority is neither disposed to surrender to Germany nor to have German Bolsheviki tyranny at home.

COAL SHORTAGE.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 9. The coal situation became so acute here to-day because of the protracted cold that D. W. Kuen, fuel administrator, commandeered one hundred cars of coal and delivered them to munition plants. He also arranged to take over another hundred cars during the day. The low temperature had frozen the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers along which some of the most important mills were located, and it was impossible for boats to reach their docks. It became known that not more than sixty per cent of the mines in Pittsburgh district were operating due to the lack of cars and severe weather.

CONSERVING FUEL.

BOSTON, Jan. 9. Drastic measures for conservation of fuel and light are provided in an order issued to-day by Jas. J. Stor, Fuel Administrator for New England, and applicable throughout Massachusetts. They include the opening of business houses at nine a.m. and closing at 5 p.m. and the closing of theatres, bars and all places of amusements at 10 p.m.

AN INEXCUSABLE CRIME.

LONDON, Jan. 9. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The torpedoing of the hospital ship *Rewa* must be regarded as another inexcusable crime. When the vessel was struck everyone worked with a will in the difficult task of transferring the wounded to the boats and a patrol ship which speedily arrived. The survivors were landed and everything possible done to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded, who were quickly placed in hospitals.

A HERO OF THE AIR.

LONDON, Jan. 9. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The London Gazette to-day publishes a statement of the services for which Captain William Avery Bishop, of Owen Sound, Canada, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, which was announced on Sept. 23 last. It says: "His consistent and great fearlessness has set an example to the pilots of his squadron. He destroyed no-

less than 45 hostile machines during the past five months, frequently attacking enemy formations single-handed and on all occasions displaying fighting spirit and determination to get to close quarters with his opponents which earned the admiration of all in contact with him.

THE SITUATION IN PETROGRAD.

LONDON, Jan. 9. The situation in Petrograd is depicted in most gloomy colors by the correspondent of the Times, who, in a telegram under date of Monday, the Russian Christmas, says that no Christmas in three hundred years has been celebrated in such tragic circumstances. Petrograd is full of dirt and disorder, and crime. Burglary, robbery and murder in the most audacious forms prevail to an extent hitherto unknown and there is no police or other authority to which to appeal. The food situation is very critical and starvation appears to be staring the people in the face.

HUGHES TO FORM MINISTRY.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 9. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—It is officially announced that Hon. William Hughes is forming a new ministry. The resignation of the Hughes Cabinet was announced only on Monday, and it was stated that Hon. Frank Tudor had been asked to form a government. Several days ago the Nationalist Party, which is in the majority, pledged its loyalty to Hughes by a vote of 63 to 2, and it is therefore evident that Mr. Tudor's efforts met with speedy failure, if made.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY'S APPRECIATION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. The Russian Embassy to-day issued a statement of appreciation of Wilson's reference to the Russian people, in his address to Congress.

DECLARES INDEPENDENCE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. A cable saying the independence of Lithuania from Russia was declared by the Lithuanian Landrath on Jan. 8th, was received here to-day by P. S. Villmont, President of the Lithuanian National Council in this city. The message came from Dr. John Salupus, Stockholm.

WILL CONTROL OIL SUPPLY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. The Government is preparing to take control of the oil supply under the fuel administration. A man has been selected to take charge. His name will be made public with the announcement with the Government's decision. It is understood that the Government's plans are not fully matured, and will not be until the new appointee makes investigation.

PARIS NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

PARIS, Jan. 9. Only a summary of the President's address to Congress had reached here by way of London up to noon to-day. The Temps says it is awaiting the arrival of the full text of the President's declaration before commenting on his peace programme as a whole, and will not make public with the passage in the President's address dealing with Alsace-Lorraine, it is the first time the President of the United States has declared himself on the Alsace-Lorraine question. We had no doubts as to his sentiments, but we are profoundly glad that he has expressed them. We thank him also for placing the problem on its true ground in presenting the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine as a necessary condition for general peace and not only as a special claim of the French people. The La Liberté says a new page has been added to so many noble and generous pages from the President's pen, and then analyzes the address briefly. The paper says it will show that Germany is full of annexation folly, and will refuse to subscribe to it as advanced. Social Democrats refuse reparations for injury which the Frankfurter treaty consecrated. La Liberté contrasts the generosity of President Wilson's attitude toward Russia with the peridious manoeuvres of the Central Powers at Brest-Litovsk, and adds that the President was right in ending with the declaration of the American determination to fight until those objects are attained, as arms alone, not speeches, will convince Germany of the justice of our cause. La Liberté says the enthusiastic welcome they met with in the American Congress enhanced their value still further. At the beginning of the new year, which undoubtedly will be the decisive year, we record with joy this evidence of solidarity which is given to our country, and this pledge of victory which is given to the cause of right.

SHIPPING LOSSES.

LONDON, Jan. 9. The British Admiralty reports the sinking the past week of eighteen merchant ships of 1,800 tons or more by mine or submarine, as well as three under that tonnage. Four fishing ships also were sunk.

SUNK WITHOUT WARNING.

BRISTOL, Jan. 9. The hospital ship *Rewa* was torpedoed without warning an hour before midnight, Jan. 4th, and sank within an hour. According to custom the vessel was lighted up after dark Friday evening, so that there could be no possibility of submarines mistaking her identity. The torpedo struck the ship with a terrific crash, and was so effective there was no chance of saving her. There were five hundred and fifty persons aboard including 300 British and a number of soldiers suffering from malaria. The lights on the hospital ship were put out by the force of the explosion, and wound-

ed and sick had to grope about in the dark for their clothing. Many of them were unsuccessful in their quest and had to leave the ship without clothing. While in the boats and on the rafts they had little or no protection from the piercing cold and wind. All the patients, the ship's staff and members of the crew, with the exception of thirty Lascars, who were killed by the explosion, were safely rescued from the boats after they had hardly left the *Rewa*, which was sinking on even keel, when the steamer suddenly plunged forward and disappeared. The rescued men were two hours adrift before they were picked up.

Successful Entertainment.

The entertainment given by the Daughters of the Empire at the Presbyterian Hall last night was attended by a large number of returned sailors and soldiers. Major Macpherson presided and on the platform were His Excellency the Governor and Miss Harris, Minister of Militia, Hon. P. T. McGrath and Lady Howwood. The returned veterans were given a delicious tea, after which a very enjoyable concert was held. The programme was made up of selections by the band of H. M. S. Briton, Messrs. Macklin, Birley and Laundry; songs by Mrs. King, Miss Ryan and Mr. C. Trappell; recitations by Miss Keegan and Corp. Ray Bennett; a dance and song from "Miss Hook of Holland," in which Miss Ryan was the soloist, and the dancers, Misses Gosling, Reid, Hayward and Emerson; and a third solo by Miss Ryan, who was again assisted by the same young ladies. The performers one and all were heartily applauded by the returned veterans. Patriotic addresses were given by His Excellency the Governor, and the Minister of Militia, who informed the gathering that the Depot at Ayr was to be moved to Winchester on the 14th inst. Hon. P. T. McGrath referred to an intended improvement in the matter of pensions. Mrs. Bradshaw kindly acted as accompanist. The Daughters of the Empire and those taking part are to be congratulated on the success achieved.

Obituary.

Death, the grim reaper, has again been busy, and another loved one has gathered to the land from "whose bourne no traveller returns." This time, James, the beloved husband of Mrs. J. St. George (Heart's Desire) is his victim. The news of the death of Mr. George was not unlooked for, yet it was received with profound regret by his people, yea by all who knew him. He was of a bright and cheerful disposition which God allowed him for some sixty-four years, when on Christmas morning He sent "Death the Leveller" to take him as a Christmas Gift to Heaven, while here on earth his dear people are left to mourn his sad loss.

In one respect his death was not received as a very heavy burden, as before passing to the Great Beyond he received the full rights of Holy Church, secondly that he died at his home in the midst of his family.

Very Rev. Monsignor McCarthy attended for the burial service and preached a most eloquent and thrilling sermon on Death and Judgment. He is removed from the midst of a large family, leaving to mourn his sad loss a loving wife, four daughters and two sons all of whom are settled down in wedded life except one daughter, the youngest, Ellie who is now Post Mistress and Telegraph Operator at her own home. He is removed from our surroundings and laid to rest on the little hill-side and, and we may add with the poet.

"Dear friends, whose lingering gaze I meet, as here in death I lie, Learn ye the one important task of life—the 'how' to die; That when you are called to go Death may not have a single thro'!"

To Mrs. St. George and family the writer extends deepest sympathy.—Con.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was held in the Church Hall, on Tuesday evening, January 8th, at 8 o'clock. The Minister, the Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., opened the meeting with the usual devotional service, and after a few preliminary remarks called upon the Congregation to elect a Chairman. Mr. J. C. Hepburn occupied the chair, and the first business of the meeting was to elect a Secretary owing to the fact that Capt. Jas. Ledingham, who for several years had occupied that position, had given his life for the Empire. Reports were received from the Kirk Session, Board of Management, Sabbath School, Men's Guild, Ladies' Guild, and Missionary Societies, showing the Church to be in a very prosperous condition. The amount raised for purposes during the year was \$13,213.00—the largest in the history of the Congregation. Expenditures \$12,457.00, leaving a cash balance of \$756.00.

The Thank Offering Collection taken on the first Sunday of December amounted to \$3,322.40.

The contributions for Missions amounted to \$2,000, and the sum of \$1,575 was contributed towards clearing off the debt on the Organ.

During the year the Congregation has been greatly encouraged by visits from the Halifax Presbytery Delegation, the Moderator of the General Assembly, and members of the various Social Service Councils of Canada and the United States.

The members of the Board of Management for the coming year are as follows: J. C. Hepburn, T. A. Macnab, J. J. McKay, A. Munn, T. M. McNeil, Major Montgomerie, W. Campbell, R. A. Templeton, D. Baird, J. Boyd Baird, C. U. Henderson, D. M. Baird.

The League of Worshipping Children organized during the year has proved to be one of the most successful features of the Church's work, and the enlargement of the Men's Guild promises to give an increased efficiency amongst the adults. The Congregational visitation conducted by the Session, Board of Management, and members of the Guild, last year is likely to become a permanent feature. Printed reports of the year's work will be issued shortly.

The Honour Roll of the Congregation now numbers 120 and five members of the Congregation made the Supreme sacrifice during the year.

Mother Slews Father

With Axe Which Her Son Killed His 11 Year Old Boy.

Montrose, Colo., December 19.—With the very axe which her son, J. O. Bush, used to kill his eleven year old son, J. H. Bush, 72 years of age, slew the father while he slept Sunday night, according to a confession by Mrs. Bush made to-day.

The murder of the child was disclosed yesterday when Mrs. Bush told officers that Bush had killed his son because the boy had stolen a sum of money, and then had made her help boil the body in lye to hide the crime. A daughter of Mrs. Bush visited the home after the murder, and after seeing suspicious bloodstains on the walls reported the fact to the authorities, who began an investigation.

Bush was reported first as having fled to the mountains.

Mrs. Bush, in her confession made to the coroner, says she was compelled to witness the murder of the boy, and forced to assist her son in disposing of the dismembered body. After the murder, the coroner says, Bush went to his room, taking the axe and had used with him, and went to sleep. As Bush slept, the mother entered the room and killed him with the axe, disposing of his body as he had disposed of his son.

Note of Thanks.

Christopher Walsh and family wish to thank their many kind friends for letters and telegrams of sympathy during their recent bereavement, especially Mrs. J. B. Mitchell and family, Mrs. Peter Power and family and Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Mara, St. John's; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morris, St. Joseph's, Salmonier; Mrs. Capt. Carroll, Placentia; Miss Annie Ronayne, Tor's Cove; and many friends in Witless Bay whose kindness will long be remembered.

Witless Bay, January, 1918.

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Hun Bombs on Interned Ship.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Three interned German sailing ships in the port of Calste Buenos Chile, will blow up as soon as they are taken to sea, according to Captain Rasmussen, of the southern port. Dynamite bombs and cartridges placed around the masts of the ships, the captain said, would explode as soon as the masts began to sway. Captain Rasmussen said he had seen the bombs and cartridges at the base of the masts and that the Germans hoisted of it.

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Goes to Jail.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Alleged to have declared that any man who invested in the Victory Loan was foolish, and that it was not necessary to enlist for active service, Joshua Swan, a bar, was sentenced to one year at the tario Reformatory by Magistrate's son to-day.

"We do not tolerate that nonsense in this country where war is on," said the magistrate.

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