

would have to come out of the pockets of the Canadian people.

"Great Britain is not today in a position to buy from us the things which we grow."

"A woman's voice from the gallery: 'The rich?'"

"Yes, I quite agree with you," answered the speaker.

"Canada must finance both the war and the country's exports," he declared.

"A silent revolution has taken place in Canada about which our people know very little," he said.

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"Millions and millions of dollars have been spent unnecessarily, admitted the speaker, for things which could have been bought very much cheaper."

"The establishment, tho, of the war purchasing commission, which has bought all the country's supplies, meant that the patronage list had disappeared."

"If any person in Toronto," he announced, "discovers that the patronage list exists in your midst I will only be too glad if you will call it to my attention."

Reference to the problem of civil service reform was made by the speaker. He said the matter was to be completely dealt with at the next session of parliament.

Soldiers Put Out. Three men in the gallery who said they were returned soldiers at this point started to interrupt the minister.

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"Stand by the returned soldiers." Two policemen ejected them from the meeting.

The fifteen hundred people at the meeting would not stand for the display in moving pictures of "sparring about" taken at the front in France in which "Lou" Marsh was the referee.

"Very elevating," and "Cut it out." The film was shut off.

"I believe Great Britain will never win this war unless she stops the liquor traffic," declared Capt. (Rev.) C. S. Oke, a returned overseas chaplain, the other speaker of the evening.

Emphasis had been placed in Britain "on men, money and munitions," but the time had come to place importance on "moral and spiritual things."

He thought a month of prayer in Great Britain would be equal in value to 100 new victories at the front. Canada should rule that not one bushel of wheat should go from Great Britain to be made into whiskey.

ALLEGED DEFAULTER, MAJOR IS ARRESTED

Paymaster of District No. 10 Charged With Being Shirk in His Accounts.

Mine Centre, Ont., Feb. 26.—Major G. H. Welby, paymaster of military district No. 10, was arrested yesterday at Glenora, about nine miles east of this town, and will be taken to Winnipeg at once.

Alleged Defaulters. Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—Major Welby is wanted here on charges of alleged defaulters in the accounts of military district No. 10, of which he was paymaster, the sum mentioned in the report being \$4,000.

Prior to the outbreak of the war he was sergeant in the pay department of the permanent force and after being promoted to lieutenant rank he received the appointment of district paymaster.

He held the rank of captain when paymaster for the district and was the big catch at Camp Hughes in 1915 when nearly 30,000 troops were under canvas.

Major Welby only received his majority about two months ago. He left this city a week ago today.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The continued advance of the Austrians and Germans in Russia, the shooting of red guardmen, and the overthrowing of the Bolshevik local administrations are compelling the Bolsheviks to fight back.

The Results of 1917

The Thirty-first Annual Report of The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company shows a record of growth unsurpassed by previous achievements.

The new assurances amounted to the large sum of \$16,485,403, and the insurance in Force, \$98,128,631.

The gain in insurance, \$9,010,272, was the largest in the history of the Company.

The increase in Assets was \$1,891,348. The Assets now total \$24,585,783.

The income exceeded \$5,100,000 and also established a new record.

The mortality was again very favorable, despite the extra claims imposed by the war, being more than 25% below that provided for.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Company made large purchases of War Bonds during the year, the average rate of interest earned was 6.52%.

The Surplus, exclusive of Special Reserve, now amounts to \$2,530,054.54. This Surplus, compiled under the Canadian Government Standard, would amount to \$3,670,589.54, showing a gain over the previous year of \$226,805.69.

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HAMILTON COUNCIL TO GET SALARIES

Votes to Pay the Aldermen Three Hundred a Year for Labors.

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Feb. 26.—Aldermen members of the council gave recommendations of the board of control a rough voyage this evening, upsetting practically everything that the city quiet presented.

Instead of a tax rate of 24 mills, inclusive of war tax, as recommended by the board of control, the aldermen reduced it to 27 mills.

By a vote of 11 to 1, salaries of \$300 annually were voted to the aldermen, to take effect in January, 1918.

One Alderman registered an adverse vote and he favored sending the salary problem to the people in the form of a by-law next January.

The recommendation of the board of control, that bonuses of \$50 be granted to the employees, was also voted.

At the end of the long session Controller Wright advocated application for legislation which would exempt payment of one mill war tax by cities of 100,000 people, but this was referred to the board of control.

Will Use the Dragnet. The Police at once commenced operations in this city in the course of a few days for the purpose of rounding up suitable men who have neglected to carry out their obligations under the Military Service Act.

Will Be Well Represented. Hamilton will be well represented at the meeting between the war council and the delegation of women at Ottawa.

Among those from Hamilton will be Mrs. Mary Carnegie, head of the branch of the Canadian Club, Miss Margaret Strong, director of the women's department of the local branch of the provincial government bureau, and other well known women.

Mad to Leave Sick Mother. Mrs. J. Staples, mother of 20-year-old Jean Staples, a Winter Garden beauty, died last night at the City Hospital.

More Ships Needed. London, Feb. 26.—George Nicholls Barnes, Labor member of parliament and member of the war cabinet, made his speech this evening in the House of Commons.

Ships must be built in larger numbers still if it was desired to come satisfactorily thru the next few months.

Francis to Quit Petrograd. Washington, Feb. 26.—The state department was advised by Ambassador Francis today that yesterday the Russian army was only eight hours' march from Petrograd, and that he was preparing to leave the Russian capital with his staff.

Safe Voyage to Port. Washington, Feb. 26.—Safe arrival at an European port of a 110-foot submarine chaser with a French crew aboard which had not been heard from since Jan. 18 was announced today.

Consecration Postponed. St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 26.—Owing to the dislocating of communication as a result of the Florist disaster, the consecration of Rev. Canon White, Anglican bishop-elect of Newfoundland, previously fixed for Friday, March 1, has been postponed until Sunday, March 10.

PRESIDENT WILSON

REINS IN ADVANCE OF EXISTING FACTS

Von Hertling Demands Acceptance of Washington Proposals by Allies.

FIGHT FOR CONQUEST

Chancellor Declares Allies Want Parts of Austria and Turkey.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—German Chancellor von Hertling said in his radio-tag speech:

"I must adhere to the existing methods of dialogue across the channel, and ocean."

"Adopting this method, I readily admit that President Wilson's message of February 11 represents, perhaps, a step towards a mutual rapprochement."

The chancellor then deals with four propositions of the president and virtually accepts none, or accepts it ironically.

"I do not want to be discourteous, but while one member, the earlier utterances of President Wilson, one might think that he is laboring under the illusion that there exists in Germany an antagonism against an autocratic government and a mass of people without rights."

"Now, he demands that all well defined national aspirations shall be accorded the utmost satisfaction that can be accorded them without introducing new or perpetuating old elements of discord and antagonism."

One Reservation. "Only one reservation is to be made. These principles must not be proposed by the president of the United States alone, but they must also be proposed by all states and nations."

President Wilson, who reproaches the German chancellor with a certain amount of backwardness, says that he has no ideas to be hurried for in advance of existing realities.

"In the face of this policy entente as that of last night, or a deep thaw, the situation would be grave indeed, if the level of the city dykes and the level of the water were not so high."

The world now stands before the staff of men is patrolling these dykes and night ready to check the first showing of the ice over the dykes.

Many homes in west Brantford have been partially flooded by back water coming up the river, and only the continuance of the cold and the breaking of the ice at Newport, will relieve the situation.

German War Aims. Declaring that German operations against Russia were taken at the request of the populations to restore order, and that they did not intend conquest, the chancellor continued:

"Our war aims from the beginning were the defence of the Fatherland, the independence and our territorial integrity and the freedom of our economic development. Our warfare, even where it must be aggressive in action, is aimed at securing the peace of the world and the fruits of our peace with the world."

What Allies Fight For. "The entente are fighting for the acquisition of portions of Austria, England and the freedom of the world."

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WATER NEARING TOP OF DYKES

Brantford Has Men on Watch to Check the First Showing.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, Feb. 26.—With the water level at the highest in years, only the few dykes system, which cost \$300,000 a few years ago, is saving this city from Newport, and this has caused a jam extending to the foot of Colborne street, near the heart of the city.

The level of the city dykes is pouring through the Grand Trunk bridge on the Burford line, against which it is packed completely, save for a small space in the centre, thru which the torrent is pouring.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, Feb. 26.—The most serious food in Port Stanley for the past 19 years occurred at an early hour this morning when the waters from Kettle Creek arose and flooded the streets of the village to a depth of over six feet in places.

The city firemen and police were down in the flooded district all night, but owing to scarcity of boats, could not render much aid.

Files Cured in 6 to 16 Days.—Druggists refused money if P&O DIRECT fails to supply. Bland, Bland or Proriding Files. First application gives relief. Sec.

THREE AMERICANS DIE OF GAS. With the American Army in France, Feb. 26.—Three American soldiers were killed and nine badly "gassed" in two formations in the attacks made by the Germans on the American positions in the Toul sector early this morning with projectors.

TROOPS SENT TO COUNTY CLARE. London, Feb. 26.—The outbreak of lawlessness in County Clare, Ireland, is announced officially, rendered national troops to the county to assist the police. County Clare has been declared a special area under the Defence of the Realm Act.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVE. London, Feb. 26.—Beyond some hostile artillery activity at different points, particularly in the neighborhood of Flessingue and northeast of Ypres, there is nothing of special interest to report says the official report of the war office tonight.

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Completed A DESPERATE SUICIDE

Completed REGINA, FEB. 26.—Word reached the provincial police today of the desperate suicide of a wealthy young farmer named Louis P. Varley, at Landis, Sask.

Completed ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., FEB. 26.—L. J. Hopkins, of Chicago, won the gold medal today in the second day's play of the qualifying rounds in the annual golf tournament here. Hopkins' card for 36 holes totaled 168.

Completed BIG GERMAN SHIP LAUNCHED

Completed AMSTERDAM, FEB. 26.—The largest German cargo steamer afloat, the Rheinland, has been launched at the Vulcan Shipyards at Vegesack, on the Weser, ten miles northwest of Bremen. The Rheinland registers 16,000 tons.