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REPLY BY BOURASSA TO ABBE DEMOURS

Priest-Journalist Speaks Only for Himself, Says Nationalist Leader.

Special to The Toronto World.
Montreal, Dec. 9.—Henri Bourassa, breaks the silence today which the Nationalist leader has maintained since the arrival of the Pope's letter on the school question caused, he states, by the demand of many priests who, he says, have attacked Abbe Demours on all sides, and they cannot understand Bourassa's silence. He says that it is a systematic falsehood spread abroad by the imperialistic press to the effect that the priest journalist speaks for Cardinal Begin, when, as a matter of fact, he speaks for himself alone.

"Let us not forget," adds Bourassa, "that this man is a priest, if he has forgotten it himself."

The Pope, he adds, in his letter to the bishops, asks the Catholics of Canada not to weaken their position by intestine strife, and Mr. Bourassa says that altho Abbe Demours pretends he is not a good Catholic, he is sufficiently so to respond to the desire of the holy father.

The Nationalist leader declares, however, that he is not dead, and it will not be the Abbe Demours who will sing his libera.

FIELD MARSHAL OYAMA DEAD.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—Field Marshal Prince Oyama, commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army of Japan during the Russo-Japanese war, is dead.

YOUNG PRESCOTT GIRL FALLS DOWN ELEVATOR

Miss Eva Clark Sustained a Fractured Skull, Dying Two Hours Later.

Prescott, Dec. 10.—Miss Eva Clark, a lifelong resident of Prescott, met with a tragic death last evening by falling down the elevator shaft, on the premises of the Hillbrook Creamery. It appears the young lady wishing to secure supplies for Sunday had entered the premises in search of someone to supply her wants and accidentally stepped into the elevator shaft, alighting on her head and fracturing her skull. She was not discovered until about an hour later and she died at 9.15, about two and one-half hours after the accident.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

Belleville, Dec. 9.—Under the auspices of the 235th Battalion, a recruiting meeting was held this evening in the open house. Judge Ruicko, of Peterboro, and Rev. W. G. Clarke, chaplain of the 235th Battalion, were the principal speakers. Paymaster Captain McLean of the battalion was chairman, and the battalion band rendered a number of selections. During the past week the battalion has secured a number of recruits in Hastings county.

NO NOBEL PEACE PRIZES.

London, Dec. 10.—Reuter's Christiania, correspondent says the Nobel Commission has decided by 28 votes to 11 not to distribute the Nobel peace prizes for 1915 and 1916.

ALLIES' STRENGTH BOUND TO PREVAIL

Sir George Foster Delivers a Stirring Address at New York.

AVERT FUTURE WARS

International Policeman Idea to Crush Robber Nation in Future.

New York, Dec. 10.—Sir George E. Foster, Canadian minister of trade and commerce, despite an expressed desire to hasten back to Ottawa, remained in New York last night to attend the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society, of which he was the guest of honor. Among the other guests were James M. Beck, former assistant attorney-general of the U.S., Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, and John W. Davis, solicitor-general of the U.S.

In the course of his speech, Sir George said that there could be no peace while the entente allies are not victorious. Canada, Australia and "every British dependency" he asserted, are opposed to any discontinuance of the war until there is a guarantee that the cause which led to the conflict is abolished.

"It is an interesting thing," asserted Sir George, "that men of Canada and Australia should take the trouble to go to the plains of Europe and give their lives on the battlefields, and yet not so remarkable when you consider that those liberty-loving people, at peace for four generations, are standing for the ideal that the allied cause stands for."

"The neutral point of view can never be the same as that of the belligerent, but I ask you: 'Did it ever flash across your mind that there are about 800,000,000 of people in this war of which about 700,000,000 are in the allied cause and that today the allied cause is not victorious? Does any sensible man think that 700,000,000 are going to lay down at this particular time and cry for peace without the ideals for which they fight being attained?'"

There must be in the peace that is finally won, not only restitution, but a guarantee that the same things that have happened shall not happen again, asserted Sir George.

"Speaking for Canada and Canadians," he said, "that is what the allies are fighting for. Once we come to a point where we can have a peace that is worth something we shall welcome it. There must be the international policeman idea. We must project the idea of the policeman into the international tribunal and make it impossible that a robber nation can enter another and despoil it, without being tried and having sentence passed and executed. Oh, yes! That can be done; it is going to be done, and I hope with all my heart that this great war is going to make another great war impossible."

FRENCH ECONOMIST DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Paul Leroy-Beaulieu, the eminent economist, is dead at his home here.



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FIRST GUNS ARE FIRED IN PATRIOTIC FUND CAMPAIGN

Officers of the Organization Greatly Elated Regarding Outlook.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The officers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund are greatly elated over the encouraging outlook for the fund in Ontario in 1917 owing to the generous action of the county councils of Simcoe, Victoria and Dufferin at the fall sessions recently held. The decision of these councils marks the real beginning of the campaign, which will reach its climax in January and February, to raise at least six millions in this province in 1917. As this is a million dollars more than was subscribed for 1916, it has been felt by the fund authorities that much of the success of the campaign would depend on the increase of the grants made by the county councils.

The three counties which have already acted have done so well and shown so generous an example that the chances of attaining the desired sum are now considered greatly improved.

Simcoe, which in the past has left the support of the fund largely to the township and town councils, has decided to make a general levy on the whole county for the purposes of the fund. The sum to be given is \$10,000 a month, making the fine aggregate of \$120,000 in the year. But more than this, the Simcoe councillors expressed the hope that the voluntary grants by individuals and organizations would be continued.

Victoria, a county much smaller in wealth and population, has also excelled itself and has raised its contribution from \$2500 a month to \$5000, or a total of \$60,000 in the year. This means a tax of three mills on the dollar.

Dufferin in 1916 gave \$500 a month. It has decided to quadruple this for 1917 and will give \$2000 a month—a splendid increase.

The fund's campaign has certainly started with a bang.

FORM ASSOCIATION.

Kingston, Dec. 10.—Dr. Myers and W. R. Cook, Toronto, addressed a boys' conference here Saturday and Sunday and organized an association.

CANADIAN OFFICERS RETURN TO DOMINION

Party Sails for Home on Leave of Absence.

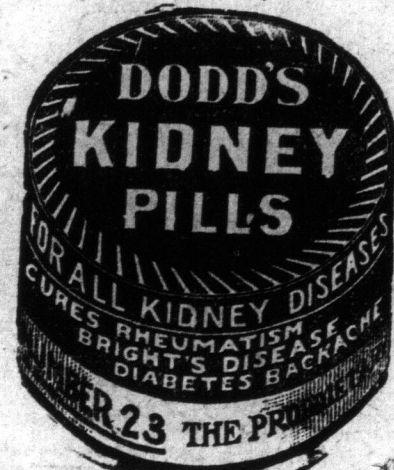
Canadian Associated Press Cable.
London, Dec. 10.—The following Canadians have been granted leave to go to Canada: Majors G. H. Narch, A. S. Miller, Captains H. S. Parsons, G. Keefe, M. A. Fisel, G. Dwyer, F. Craig, Lieutenants H. J. H. Lovett, P. E. Daw, A. W. Sinclair, W. C. Rodgers, D. I. Cameron, F. C. Ryan, C. De Young, T. Anglin, H. Lefevre, J. E. Pugh, W. Patterson.

Capt. R. C. Duncan has resigned his commission. Lieut. C. R. Bath has been appointed flight commander and Lieut. F. W. Davis has been appointed flying officer.

Lieut. Sydney Swift, Northumberland, has died of wounds. He was ranching in Canada at the outbreak of the war. He was the only son of Major Swift, Tynemouth.

EX-POSTMASTER DIES.

Seaford, Dec. 10.—Samuel Dickson, ex-postmaster, son of the late James Dickson, M.P., died here Saturday afternoon of pneumonia. He was 75 years of age, and was born at Castrum, Ont. He was appointed postmaster in 1865, which office he held until the completion of the new postoffice in the fall of 1915.



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