SOVIET CONGRESS RATIFIES TERMS OF PEACE SETTLEMENT

Bolsheviks Decide to Organize National Army of Both Sexes.

OPPOSITION FOR WAR

Social Revolutionary Party Will Organize Resistance to Germany.

Moscow, March 17.—The all-Russian congress of Soviets has ratified the peace agreement with Germany by a large majority.

A Bolshevik resolution approving the acts of the government of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates and of the peace delegation and calling for organization of the defence of the country by the creation of a national army of both sexes was passed after Lenine's restoration of peace among the warring factions, and his statement that this action was the only way out, intimating that the treaty might be broken under changed circumstances.

The opposition, notably the Social Revolutionaries of the Left, made a valiant, but futile, effort to prevent the acceptance of the treaty, which was characterized by the minister of justice as being "anti-revolutionary and anti-socialistic." He stated that the social revolutionary party repudiated the responsibility for the acceptance of the peace treaty, would resign from the government and devote all its power and influence to the organization of armed resistance to German imperialism.

The congress adjourned last evening after having approved of the removal of the capital to Moscow and voting to elect a new central executive committee to consist of 200 members.

M. Sverdloff of the central executive committee, in the closing speech at the congress, said it was unfortunate that such a peace had to be ratified, but he hoped the Russian proletariat would soon come into its own and regain its lost position. He pointed out to the departing members of the congress the urgent necessity for organization for the defence of the fatherland and resistance to the enemy's attack, "which may come suddenly—sooner than many may expect."

FIGHTING ON SMALL SCALE.

Rome, Friday, March 15.—"Fighting on a small scale is in progress along the whole front," says today's official statement. "At intervals the artillery struggle was more intense in the Jamonica Valley, in the southeastern region of Montello, and across the lower Piave."

PEACE PRECARIOUS, BOLSHEVIKI ADMIT

Lenine Tells Soviets Much Depends on Operations Elsewhere.

WILL FORM NEW ARMY

Settlement With Germany Necessitates Disbanding of Present Force.

Moscow, Saturday, March 16. — Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, and other Bolshevik leaders, in urging ratification of the peace agreement with Germany, made no claim that this would insure permanent peace. Asked how long a respite might be expected, Lenine said that that was impossible to answer, as it depended on so many international movements, such as to what extent Germany may succeed in Ukraine and Finland, when Japan makes an advance, also on the general course of the war on the other fronts and the Russian domestic situation.

The Moscow soviet has decided to organize a local soviet army. As the peace terms necessitate the demobilization of the new red army and the red guards, the Bolshevik leaders are seeking a plan for the organization of a new army. The Germans, it is declared, will not hinder this movement, and it seems likely that hereafter defense will be effected thru local soviet armies.

The social revolutionary party organization has issued a mandate to withdraw its six members from the cabinet, but pledging support to the Bolshevik government in all its activities which the party may regard as being in consonance with the victory gained by the October revolution. Steinburg, minister of justice, and M. Kakegaleff, minister of agriculture, are the most prominent cabinet members thus withdrawn.

Gompers' Message to Russians Read to Soviets at Moscow

Moscow, Friday, March 15.—At the session today of the all-Russian Soviet Congress, M. Sverdloff, of the central executive committee, read the message sent to the Russian people early this month on behalf of American labor, by Samuel Gompers, in which the assistance of the working people of America was promised to the Russians. The message, which was read before the vote in ratification of the peace treaty was taken, evoked considerable applause. No reply was sent, as M. Sverdloff said the message to the American people in response to President Wilson's communication was sufficient.

ANTI-GERMAN DEMONSTRATION.

Covington, Ky., March 17.—A crowd estimated at 10,000, which included men, women and children, here this afternoon, participated in a remarkable demonstration of patriotic protest against pro-German propaganda in Covington as exemplified by the poisoning of 500 or 726 government artillery horses shipped from Camp Grant, Illinois, for an Atlantic port.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

In Russia the Soviet congress at Moscow, despite the opposition of the social revolutionaries, has ratified by a large majority the peace with Germany. The social revolutionaries announced their withdrawal from the Bolshevik government and their determination to organize resistance to the Germans. The congress, perhaps to appease them, adopted a resolution to organize a revolutionary army of both sexes. Lenine admitted that the peace was only temporary. The Germans have a strong grip on Russia, as seen from the coming visit of Herr Ballin to Petrograd. Ballin is the head of great Hamburg shipping interests and he would never venture on a trip to Petrograd until the Geramsn had acquired a predominating hold. In the Ukraine the Germans have occupied Nikolaiev, 70 miles northeast of Odessa, and the reputed granary of Russia. They apparently encountered no serious opposition. The Cossack forces, supposed to be before this city and Black Sea naval base, apparently are elsewhere.

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In Siberia the Cossacks have overcome the Bolsheviks and imprisoned their leaders at Blagoveshtchensk. They disarmed the red guards and sailors and re-established order. This town lies 500 miles west of Harbin on the Siberian railway, and it was the reputed scene of a butchery of Japanese. The Government of Japan has made no formal decision on the Siberian question, but its military preparations are said to be perfect. The Tokio newspapers are demanding mobilization and an agreement with the United States. The evident aim of the Japanese is to have the United States finance the expedition. The Germans, meanwhile, are organizing an army corps or so in Siberia out of the German prisoners of war and, it is reported, they are going to organize an army in the Ukraine. The German danger in the east is so great that the intervention of Japan will probably not be lon delayed. The chief problem is the provision of shipping, but with the commandeering of the Dutch ships this problem may be considered as mainly solved.

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The British continued the policy of carrying out raids far into Germany by daylight bombardments of Kaiserlautern and Zweibrucken. They made targets of the barracks, munition factories and railway stations. The German aviators at Kaiserlautern rose up in a cloud to engage the unwelcome visitors, but they were beaten off and the British machines returned without a loss. Behind the front the British also kept up an incessant aerial bombardment of German billets from one period of 24 hours to another. For this work in two days they used 25 tons of bombs. Sharp air fighting also proceeded with the honors accruing to the British craft. These in two days destroyed 28 German craft and damaged or drove down 14 others with a loss of only six British machines missing.

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The enemy has raised his forces on the Franco-Belgian front to the large total of 190 divisions, or about 1,500,000 bayonets, has posted one-third, or around 70 divisions, in the rear as a reserve, and has manned the 500 miles of trenches with 120 divisions. He has also made enormous preparations for attack, but he is allowing week after week of excellent lighting weather to pass without embarking on his promised offensive. He has, however, organized a second group of armies on the British front, seemingly showing where his offensive intentions lie. His reserves, however, remain massed in the rear for use against any point chosen for battering. Until these move up to the attack it is idle to guess where he is meditating assault. On the British front, where the raids have secured much information, it is supposed that the attack of the enemy is waiting on the turn of Russian events. The enemy does not care about staking his entire fortunes on an attack until he can draw on fresh troops. The British have had precious time allowed them for the elaboration of their defences. All the news sent out is apparently preparing the allied public for the fact that the main allied offensive will open at some other sectors than those between St. Quentin and the North Sea.

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The enemy appears uncertain of the allied intentions and dispositions of forces, so he is continuing his policy of raids. Two of these raids against a point northeast of Lens and against Zonnebeye in Belgium were complete failures, but one attempt against the Americans apparently succeeded in taking a few prisoners and in securing the information that the enemy was seeking. The Americans and French east of Luneville a few days ago, it has come out, annexed about three miles of German trenches and retained them against counter-attack. The French regard this gain as valuable.

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The French made a successful attack on a front of less than a mile and advanced half a mile on the western bank of the Meuse. They also beat off strong German attacks on the eastern bank of the Meuse, losing, however, some front trenches. The chief actions on the various fronts and also in Italy and Macedonia, outside of the air fighting, are the almost continuous artillery bombardments. The British report heavy enemy fire in Belgium and in the Scarpe Valley.

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Strikes have again interrupted the war industries of Austria-Hungary, but their extent is unknown. Much uncertainty prevails concerning these strikes in allied countries. It is suspected that the Austrian Government is conniving at them and designs thereby to exert pressure against Germany. The Germans, however, it is known, have often deliberately fabricated reports of strikes for the purpose of exciting British workmen on the Clyde. At one time for this purpose they deliberately announced a strike at the Krupp factories, while the men there had no thoughts even of going out on strike.

HAMILTON NEWS

PUBLIC RECEPTION TO RETURNED MEN

Canadian Club and Great War Veterans Are Co-operating in Matter.

Hamilton, March 17.—On Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, there will be a public reception in the city council chamber to a number of heroes of the first contingent, whose furloughs are drawing to a close. It will be the first of a series of receptions, which will continue while those granted reprieve from the battle line keep coming home.

Officers of the Canadian Club, working with the Great War Veterans' Association, and legislative and reception committee, have drawn up extensive programs for the men.

Beets in Cemetery.

West Lawn Cemetery is to be planted with sugar beets this summer. Female help is to be used in the undertaking almost entirely. About forty acres will be cultivated in this way, a satisfactory arrangement having been made with the Dominion Sugar Co. of Chatham.

Army Tag Day.

Over $5500 was raised by the Salvation Army on Saturday for the comfort huts that they provide for the soldiers overseas. It is expected that more than this amount will be forthcoming when the final count is made. Over 350 workers took part in the campaign.

Plenty of Wood.

Ald. Tait, who has returned from Algonquin Park, states that there will be plenty of wood, and that there will not be any difficulty in arranging for transportation, as the railway authorities will be met soon on the subject.

Soldiers Die.

Pte. Perry Robert Ironsides, 94 Grant avenue, died in London on Saturday. He will be brought to Hamilton, and thence to Dundas for burial. Pte. Robert Meiklejohn of Grimsby died in the military hospital at Burlington, after having served in France, and being invalided home.

Soldiers of Soil.

The boys in the different Sunday schools received an urgent appeal to assist the farmers to raise more produce this coming season. Cards were distributed, and the boys were asked to sign them if they were willing to start on a farm in May.

Increased Pay.

Sheet metal workers in this city received an increase of from 45 to 50 cents an hour on account of the high cost of living.

RETURNED SOLDIERS REACH HALIFAX

Three Steamer Loads Arrive and a Fourth and Bigger Vessel Expected.

Halifax, N.S., March 17.—Three steamers with returned soldiers arrived at Halifax yesterday and today, and a fourth and bigger ship is expected in a day or two with fifteen hundred more. A hospital ship, with seriously wounded soldiers, is expected to reach port about the beginning of the week. Two other ships that came across proceeded to St. John to disembark men for the western provinces and some for New Brunswick.

A partial list of officers who returned to Halifax—all that are available at this hour—follows:

Lieut.-Col. J. E. Wright, Lieut. G. S. Reid, Adjutant-Capt. J. L. Brooks, paymaster; Capt. C. E. Anderson, C. A. M. C.; Capt. Alex. McKay, Ottawa; Nursing Sister H. Sibbald; Nursing Sister M. Leavitt; Lieut. Sherman Young, Picton, Ont.; Lieut. Augustus Skinner, Fort William; Lieut. Frederick W. Slatter, Toronto; Lieut. R. L. Sewell, Westmount, Que.; Lieut. John Street, Winnipeg, Man.; Lieut. George James Stephenson, Paynton, Sask.; Major Chas. H. MacKenzie, Regina; Lieut. Wm. MacEwan, Calgary; Honorary Capt. Geo. Lionel Monty, Stratford, Ont.; Lieut.-Col. Urvine R. Snider, Portage la Prairie, Man.; Major Wm. R. Russel, Winnipeg; Hon. Capt. Thos. H. Stewart, Hamilton; Capt. J. H. C. Strathy, Toronto; Lieut. J. T. Rogers, Montreal; ex-Lieut. R. H. Stewart, St. John; Major H. G. Starr, Toronto; Hon. Capt. F. Swindlehurst, Montreal; Lieut. Harry Henfrey, Manitoba; Lieut. J. L. McDougall, Ottawa; Lieut. R. G. Robinson, Brandon, Man.; Lieut. F. A. Skelborne, Calgary; Lieut. Jacques Sharing, Montreal; Lieut. Stewart Thornton, Winnipeg; Major N. K. Wilson, Toronto; Lieut. S. S. Kirby, Ottawa; Lieut. H. A. Roberrson, Ottawa; Lieut. H. L. Staveley, Brandon; Lieut. R. N. Tweddell, Brandon; Lieut. G. A. Wheable, London; Major Wm. Tait, Montreal; Lieut. W. G. Worth, Peterboro.

GERMAN SUBMARINES TO CUT OFF HOLLAND

Enemy Will Close Passage in North Sea to Dutch Shipping.

Amsterdam, March 17.—In discussing the decision of the allies regarding Dutch shipping, German newspapers declare it will be followed by intensification of submarine warfare. The Frankfurter Zeitung says:

"Under the proposed circumstances no really neutral Dutch ships will exist. Germany will have no reason longer to leave open a free passage to the North Sea, which was created only in the interest of Dutch shipping. This passage has been only a nuisance to our submarines, whose warfare in future will be much more effective. Unfortunately Dutch ships will suffer most, and the supplies promised Holland by the entente will be exposed to uncertainty."

FOR THE BRITISH NAVY.

Special to The Toronto World.

St. Thomas, March 17.—The sum of $485 was collected on Saturday, a tag day held by the Erie Chapter I.O.D.E. of St. Thomas. The proceeds will be used for the maintainence of a hut at one of the naval stations, and to purchase comforts for the seamen of the British Navy. All of the funds raised by the Erie Chapter are devoted to the British Navy.

CANADIAN CHANGES.

London, March 17.—The following Canadian changes are announced: Gazetted colonel, R. M. Simpson; assistant-director of medical services, Vice-Col. H. M. Jacque; Lieut. R. P. H. Baird, probationer of the Indian army, and Lieut. V. L. Eardley Wilmot, from the Canadians are gazetted temporary lieutenants in the Royal Engineers.

ALLIES PREPARED FOR EVERYTHING

French Regard Hindenburg's Talk of Offensive as Usual Bluff.

ANXIETY BETRAYED

Real Heads of Germany Never Achieved Success in West.

Washington, March 17. — An official despatch today from France says:

"Before making their last trip to Berlin Hindenburg and Ludendorff made certain statements to the newspaper correspondents attached to great headquarters:

"This interview probably had a double purpose—that of encouraging public opinion and of bringing pressure to bear on the adversary by the usual Germanic bluff. What is outstanding in the declarations of the couple of generals swollen with pride and childish vanity is that the German Government is more than ever before in the hands of the military caste, brutal, narrow and insolent.

"Discussing the events in the east Hindenburg declared: 'The chain which was to bind us is from henceforth broken. We can now employ all our forces in the west.

"With the insolence of a German trooper, the commander of the German armies, which since the battle of the Marne have met with defeat in every encounter with the French, said: 'France has dug her own grave. She is entirely under the rule of England. If the French treated less harshly our poor war prisoners, one would have more pity for the unhappy fate of their country.

Offensive to Be Severe.

"Ludendorff added: 'We can now pass to the offensive in the west. If this offensive is made it will be very severe. It must be taken into account that the enemy has at his disposal a strong reserve of many divisions, and that he possesses a fine network of railways for transporting reserves at a point where they are considered necessary. But one must not overlook the moral factor.'"

The despatch concludes with the following French comment:

"Thus do those express themselves who are at the present time the real heads of the German nation. Beneath the apparent confidence their words convey one can detect anxiety. They know that on the west they will come up against the victorious armies of the democracies of the world, more formidably armed and determined than ever. Hindenburg could never achieve success except on the east front. He has always had great fear of the disillusion which the west has in reserve for him. However, it is possible that the Germans are carefully concealing their plans in the hope of deceiving their adversaries and upsetting public opinion, but, whatever happens, the allies are prepared, and nothing can surprise them."

SCORE'S WAR SAVING REDUCTIONS ON SCOTCH TWEED SUITINGS.

Men today are taking the matter of good clothing very seriously, and there is a lot of good thinking can be done behind the word "good." Assortments of fine imported woollens are as scarce as hen's teeth, and the present mill prices would just seem about prohibitive; but Score's are making no boast for having the most excellent range of fine imported suitings and overcoatings they are showing today, only to say that a little extra foresight a year and a half ago in their purchases gives the men of Toronto today a great selection to choose from, and the war saving reductions mean just about pre-war prices. Fine Scotch tweed suitings are specially mentioned today at $32 and $34. R. Score & Son, Limited, 77 King street west.

STRIKES IN PROGRESS AND SPREAD RAPIDLY

Labor Troubles in Austria and Hungary Assume Large Proportions Despite Military Precautions.

Amsterdam, March 17. — Strikes are again in progress in Austria and Hungary, and are spreading rapidly, according to reports appearing in German newspapers. A Vienna despatch to The Weer Zeitung of Bremen, dated Friday says that a strike has began in Budapest and is assuming large proportions. Telegraphic communication between Budapest and Vienna was suspended on Thursday.

A Vienna despatch to The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin confirms the report of last week that workmen in railway shops have gone on strike. It says Vienna and neighboring industrial centres are affected by the movement. The men in the railway shops of one line quit work on Tuesday, and were joined on Wednesday by the shopworkers of other railways. Under threat of military intervention the men returen dto the shops, but did not work.

CANADIAN WOUNDED.

London, March 17.—The following Canadian wounded are reported: At Letouquet: Major A. Madden, thigh, severe; Lieut. B. W. Allen, Manitoba, hip, severe. In London: Capt. J. P. Lyle, Ontario, gassed; Lieut. J. E. Cole, Quebec, foot, severe; L. McCritchine, New Brunswick, ankle and face; A. B. Yeo, Ontario, leg; J. McIairth, Ontario, shoulder, severe. Discharged from Letouquet: Capt. E. H. Latter, Saskatoon, gassed. From London: Lieuts. E. P. Vokes, chest; T. B. Tudball, Quebec, thigh. Returned to duty: Lieut. H. B. Cunningham.

CONSTANTINE'S ALLOWANCE.

Athens, Saturday, March 16.—The chamber of deputies today revised the king's civil list, making former King Constantine's allowance 500,000 drachmas and reducing King Alexander's civil list to 1,600,000 drachmas instead of 2,000,000. The queen-mother, Olga, was allotted 300,000 drachmas yearly.

DIED IN MEXICO.

Providence, R.I., March 17.—Rev. John W. Butler, D.D., head of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico, and widely known as an author and preacher, died in Mexico City yesterday.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

CHILDREN CONDUCT SUCCESSFUL SALE

Attendants Were All Decorated With St. Patrick's Day Favors.

A most successful St. Patrick's bazaar and sale of home-made cooking in connection with the Loyal Templars' Legion of North Toronto was held on Saturday afternoon in the Orange Hall. The hall presented a beautiful appearance, decorated with Irish green, and the little girl attendants wore green caps and aprons. Forty dollars was realized from the sale, which was conducted entirely by the children themselves. In a short time everything was disposed of.

Much credit is due Mrs. W. Demery, superintendent, and the president Master George Keevil, who were unsparing of their energies to make the affair a success.

HYDRO EXTENSION.

Line to Be Completed From End of Danforth Avenue.

The Village of Agincourt will soon be in line with the hydro-electric, the Ontario Hydro Commission having undertaken to complete the power and light line from the end of the civic car line on Danforth avenue at the city limits out to the village, and a big gang of workmen are now rushing the work to completion, the poles being in to a point three miles south of Agincourt. The construction gang has not yet started to string the wires, but the engineer has given assurances that there will be no unnecessary delay. No real effort has so far been made by the farmers living along the Kennedy road, north of the village, and by the residents of Unionville, for the further extension of the line to that point.

FIND MISSING GIRL AT WOODBRIDGE HOTEL

She Left Her Home in Toronto to Go to Weston in Search of Work.

Twelve-year-old Maggie Lawrence, who strayed from her home at 2235 St. Clair avenue on March 11, was seen by her anxious parents at Woodbridge yesterday morning. The girl, who was desirous of going to work, against the wishes of her parents, left her home intending to secure work on a farm at Weston, but evidently changed her mind and went as far as Woodbridge. While wandering about that village she was questioned by a man, who took her to the Hotel Dominion, where the proprietor and his wife took such a fancy to her that they decided to keep her, and the girl has been living in comfort since the date of her leaving home. Every effort was made to learn the address of the girl, but it was found impossible until late Saturday night and Sunday morning the detective office was notified and the parents advised. Since Mrs. Lawrence is about to undergo an operation the hotel proprietor has kindly consented to take care of the girl until her mother is fully recovered.

EIGHT SONS SURVIVE.

Mrs. Isabella Caskie Had Lived in Toronto Many Years.

The death of Mrs. Isabella Caskie, widow of Allan Caskie, took place in Scarboro Township, con. D., yesterday after a long illness at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Caskie was born in Scotland, coming to Canada when very young and had lived in Toronto practically all her life, removing from Pape avenue to the home of her son Alan in Scarboro about two years ago. She was predeceased by her husband nine years. The surviving members of the family are eight sons and one daughter, the latter Mrs. Charles Bradley of Lyle, Ont. The sons are Alan of Scarboro, John, James, Thomas and Neil in Toronto, Donald of Winnipeg, Archie of Port Credit, and George of Hamilton. The late Mrs. Caskie was a Presbyterian, and interment will take place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

WANT NEW LIBRARY.

Women's Institute of East Toronto Taking Up Matter.

The Women's Institute of East Toronto are taking up the question of improved accommodations for the public library in the eastern part of the city. The present quarters, the old Y. M. C. A. building at the corner of Main street and Danforth avenue, being wholly unsuited. Owing to the cramped accommodation and lack of facilities the list of members has fallen away until the building is little used. George H. Locke, chief librarian, has given the Women's Institute to understand that if the land were secured the building would be erected, and efforts are being made to interest some of the prominent east enders in the scheme. A block of land near the corner of Main and Danforth has been offered at a low price for the purpose.

BRINGS HIGH PRICE.

Highland Creek Property to Be Used for Vegetable Growing.

Land around Highland Creek is commanding a big price these days and generally over the county it is questionable if such high prices were ever paid for farm properties. C. Batty of Highland Creek has just sold 100 acres of his farm for $23,000 to Rose & Co., of Toronto, acting for an Italian company, which proposes to engage extensively in the cultivation of vegetables of all kinds. The soil is a light loam and apparently well adapted for gardening. The price paid does not include three acres of land and a new house for which Batty is asking $11,000.

SERVICE FOR BOYS.

A special service for boys was held last evening in Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, Earlscourt. A choir of 50 boys, led by Gordon Thompson, rendered appropriate selections. Rev. Peter Bryce, pastor, officiated, and preached. There was a large congregation present.

DIES PREPARING FOR SERVICE.

Halifax, N.S., March 17.—Rev. F. C. Simpson, minister of the Presbyterian Church, Bridgetown, died this morning as he was preparing for the service. His widow is a sister of William Duff, of Lunenburg, member-elect for the house of commons.

GAS UP, ELECTRIC DOWN.

The price of gas ninety cents thousand feet and electric light two cents thousand watts. Electric light wiring can be installed in a finished or occupied house without breaking the plaster or marking the decorations. It takes three days to wire a house. The Electric Wiring and Fixture Company, 261 College street (corner of Spadina and College), specialize in this work, and where they do the wiring they sell the electric fixtures at cost. They are also the cheapest place in the city to purchase electric fixtures at any time and make no charge for installing them. Phone College 1373.

SUPPORT IS GIVEN CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

Many Express Opinions Favorable to Work of Cost of Living Commissioner.

The "Hands Off O'Connor" resolution forwarded to Premier Borden from the citizens' committee of Earlscourt, which was unanimously adopted at their meeting held at the Royal George Chambers, Earlscourt, Friday evening, has created wide interest, and many expressions of approval and endorsement have been received by George R. Ellis, president of the organization, from presidents of ratepayers' associations and others.

John M. Skelton, president of the central council of ratepayers, said: "I am in hearty sympathy with your committee's resolution to Premier Borden requesting that the government support the cost of living commissioner in his splendid work on behalf of the people of Canada. It is a vital matter between the big interests and the people, and we must see that W. F. O'Connor is kept on the job."

Dr. Geo. W. McIntosh, president of the Caledonia District Ratepayers' Association, said: "Your timely resolution to the premier regarding the cost of living commissioner, and his straightforward work in the people's interest, will show the government in no uncertain manner that the cost of living commissioner's department is not to be abolished or merged into the food commissioners' board at the appeal of the big interests."

"I am in hearty sympathy with W. F. O'Connor's work as cost of living commissioner, and he should be encouraged and assisted in every way in his efforts to show the public the workings of the big interests," said Ald. Clifford E. Blackburn. "It is very evident that the profiteers are not favorably disposed towards Cost of Living Commissioner W. F. O'Connor," said T. S. Smithbone, "and the premier will please the people of Canada very considerably by taking prompt action with regard to the resolution of our commitee requesting him to support Mr. O'Connor against any interests who seek to oust him from his position."

Many other opinions were received from business men and others, all in favor of the action taken by the citizens' committee.

FARM PROPERTY SOLD.

Buyer Has Since Refused Two Offers of Higher Prices.

Farm property in Markham Township is not showing any depreciation in value; in fact it is rather appreciating, according to the price realized by A. K. Rittenhouse for part of lot 6, 10th concession, who the other day sold his 50-acre farm for $6000. Not alone this, but George Bennett, a neighboring farmer, who bought it, has on two occasions since turned down offers of resale at an increased price. The farm and his wife took such a fancy to her that they decided to keep her, and the girl has been living in comfort since the date of her leaving home. Every effort was made to learn the address of the girl, but it was found impossible until late Saturday night and Sunday morning the detective office was notified and the parents advised. Since Mrs. Lawrence is about to undergo an operation the hotel proprietor has kindly consented to take care of the girl until her mother is fully recovered.

COMPLAIN OF ROADS.

A Little Well-Directed Work Would Help Considerably.

The patience of the farmers and general traveling public living out along the Kennedy road is about exhausted at the lack of initiative and delay shown by E. A. James, chief engineer of the York Highway Commission, who has, so far as known, made no real effort to get that thorofare put in decent shape for travel. Along a good part of the way a little well-directed effort would make a tolerable roadway, and the removal of the snow would greatly facilitate the melting of the ice and get the roads in shape a week or two sooner. Complaints are rife around Agincourt, and, in fact, all along the Kennedy road, and there appears to be no excuse for the do-nothing policy of the engineer and highway commission.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY.

Willing Workers of Yonge Street Methodist Church Help Funds.

In the Yonge Street Methodist Church yesterday morning, the pulpit was occupied by Lt.-Col. Rev. C. G. Williams, and in the evening by Rev. J. A. McKenzie of the Upper Canada Bible Society, in the absence of the pastor.

On Saturday afternoon, the Willing Workers' class of the church held a successful St. Patrick's party in the Sunday school rooms, with the idea of augmenting the funds of the society. The receipts, which were very satisfactory, will go to Red Cross, missionary and charitable purposes. A pleasant afternoon was spent. Miss Gertrude Siddall was president. Music was supplied by the Misses Evelyn Sheppard, Francis Smith, Adela and Violet Copp, Beynon and Middleton. Tea was served at the close, the tables being prettily decorated with Irish shamrocks and daffodils.

FLEW FROM THE SOO.

Pigeon Found Its Way Back to Earlscourt.

An incident of interest to pigeon fanciers was reported yesterday by Fred Brasier, who stated that a young flying tippler which he sold last fall to L. Beattie, Sault Ste. Marie, got away from his owner and flew back to Mr. Brasier's loft at 292 St. Helen's avenue, Toronto, a few days ago. The distance covered was 250 miles and the pigeon was about a year old. Fred Brasier is well known in the northwest district as a pigeon breeder and fancier, and won the championship for tipplers at the Canadian Fanciers' Club last month.

HIGH COST OF LACES.

As an instance of the high cost of living prevailing in England at the present time, W. Mills, 161 Nairn avenue, Earlscourt, working on munitions in Birmingham, writing to his wife, says that a pair of ordinary common shoe laces costs 12 cents, which before the war could be purchased 3 pairs for 2 cents. The food rationing system is now being worked on a systematic basis.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Such is Finding of Jury in Case of Death of Caroline Montgomery.

Coroner Hopkins' jury at William Speers' office Saturday night returned a verdict of accidental death after enquiring into the death of Miss Caroline Montgomery, of 19 Nichol street, Mount Dennis, who was fatally injured on March 9 when she was struck by a C. P. R. passenger train at Mount Dennis. She died before reaching the hospital.

W. CASELY BURIED.

The funeral of the late Wm. Casely of Unionville, whose death took place suddenly at the family residence on Thursday morning, was held on Saturday afternoon to Thornhill Cemetery, the family burial place. Rev. J. J. Ferguson conducted the services at the home and graveside, and there was a very large gathering of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Casely is survived by a widow and one brother, the latter residing in Stouffville.

ADDRESSED MEN.

Dean Tresidder of the Y.M.C.A. staff Exhibition Camp, gave an appropriate religious address at the Men's Own Brotherhood meeting yesterday afternoon in Central Methodist Church auditorium, Ascot avenue, Earlscourt.

Rev. E. Crossley Hunter, president, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance.

What's In This Car?

This is one of the Shannon Quick Service plumbing cars. They cover the entire city, and each car contains nearly FOUR HUNDRED different tools, pipe, fittings, valves, washers and all materials necessary to complete any plumbing work. This is the Shannon way. These cars bring a whole plumber's shop right to your very door. It saves time. It saves you money. There is no delay—no waiting. Shannon does the job quickly. Try Shannon's way next time you want a good plumber.

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GREAT WAR VETERANS PLAN BIG PARADE

Meeting to Protest Against Employment of Aliens Is To Be Held.

The committee in charge of the G.W.V.A. mass meeting to protest against the employment of aliens which is to be held on Saturday afternoon at Massey Hall, has planned an unusually imposing parade for the occasion. An attempt is being made to get permission for all the G.W.V.A. members and the returned soldiers generally to wear their uniform. The Great War Veterans' Band and, it is hoped, one from the Exhibition, will be on hand to give force to the parade and meeting. The women's auxiliaries of the various branches will attend the meeting provided they can get sufficient cars to accommodate their numbers, and the incapacitated soldiers will be taken to the hall in automobiles specially loaned for the occasion. The association is asking for all the automobiles the citizens can possibly get. Mayor Church may be present, and Geo. S. Washington, K.C., of Hamilton will deliver one of the big addresses of the meeting. Three big speeches are listed for the meeting and one representative from each branch will give a ten minute address upon the different phases of the problem.

ARE READY TO JOIN.

Thirty Jewish Young Men Express Willingness to Go With Hebrew Battalion.

Eleven Jewish recruits for the army, passing thru Toronto on their way from Minneapolis and St. Paul, stopped off yesterday and were given a reception in Zion Hall. Addresses were delivered by Rabbi Jacobs, ex-Ald. Singer, and Pte. Jaffy of the R.F.C., who is a veteran of the South African war. As the result of speeches made at the gathering 30 young men handed in their names as willing to join a Jewish unit, and it was decided to co-operate with committees from Montreal and Winnipeg, who are to interview General Mewburn, minister of militia, with a view to securing the authorization of such a battalion. The names of Rabbi Jacobs, ex-Ald. Singer and B. Stone were added to the local committee which has the matter in hand.

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YOUTHS' SECRET SOCIETY BROKEN UP BY POLICE

Much Booty Stolen Was Recovered in Shack Which Was Headquarters.

Another secret society came to grief yesterday when the activities of Acting Detectives Nicholls and Baynes, of Cowan avenue station, put them on the trail of a gang of juveniles who have made a practice of stealing motor rugs in the Parkdale vicinity and storing them in a shack in the rear of 228 Dufferin Street, where a secret society, formed by the youths, had its headquarters.

According to the police of the division several complaints have been made by residents in the vicinity to the effect that rugs had been stolen from their cars, and in one instance a garage had been entered and a valuable buffalo rug removed. All the youths worked under assumed names and were known to one another by such names as "Wha Sing," etc. Several soldiers' water bottles were also found by the detectives hung around the walls of the boys' shack.

Summonses have been issued for the boys to appear in the juvenile court on Tuesday morning.

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