

Book Reviews

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THE WORLD WAR AND LEADERSHIP IN A DEMOCRACY. By Richard T. Ely, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Political Economy in the University of Wisconsin. \$1.50.

In this work (which is one of the new books of the Citizens' Library of Economics, Astrology and Sociology), Professor Ely describes his personal experiences and observations in Germany, beginning with his student days in Halle, Heidelberg and Berlin, and continuing up to the time of his last visit to Germany in 1913. These revelations of a scholar show the inner, unofficial life of Germany as it has developed during the past 40 years. An examination is then made of the sources of Germany's strength, which he finds, above all, to rest in expert leadership. He indicates the importance of leadership in modern life.

A second feature of the volume is found in the tests of actual and proposed political and social measures when considered from the point of view of leadership. This survey culminates in a strong condemnation of primary elections. The conclusion reached is that representative government alone is suitable for a modern democracy.

The book is published by the Macmillans in Canada, St. Martin's House, Toronto.

THE RURAL CHURCH SERVING THE COMMUNITY, by Edwin L. Earp, Professor of Sociology, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey. The Abingdon Press of New York and Cincinnati. 75 cents net.

This book gives a graphic and interesting portrayal of rural church life and opportunity. The author writes with knowledge that comes with expert experience and investigation. Some of the chapters are: Community Leadership; The Destructive Forces in a Country Community; The Rural Church serving a Community; The Training of Rural Ministers; Local Rural Institutions and Their Responsibility to the Community; The Conservation of Boy Life in the Open Country; The Achievements and Possibilities of the Rural Life Movement. The book is well thought out and based upon an analysis of conditions and remedies which harmonizes with the best contemporary sociology.

THE SELECTION AND TRAINING OF THE BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, by Enoch Burton Gowin, Assistant Professor of Commerce, New York University School of Commerce, and author of "The Executive and his Control of Men." The Macmillan Company, Canada, St. Martin's House, Toronto. \$1.50.

The selection and training of the business executive is of much concern to all corporation officials, particularly those more directly responsible for the personnel. The author has achieved well the purpose intended. The statement of the problems involved and the solutions appear feasible, and should prove helpful. While the discussion deals primarily with the corporations popularly known as industrials, those interested in the management of public utilities will also find in the book something of value.

AMERICAN CITIES: Their Methods of Business. By Arthur Benson Gilbert, M.A., St. Paul, Minnesota. Formerly with the Extension Division, State University of Iowa. The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Limited, St. Martin's House, Toronto. Price, \$1.60 net.

The author shows clearly that the great problem is to make the city an efficient partner in what H. G. Wells calls "the every day drama of

human getting." He urges that business success is not the whole field of city promotion, as the individual income is not the whole problem of the individual. The book places before us briefly a philosophy of city improvement—not a statement of the utmost that can be hoped for, the ideal city, but the methods by which real improvement must travel, the means by which the ideal, if it ever can be reached, will be reached. The author is chiefly indebted to the teaching and influence of Tom L. Johnson, the late Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the first men in the United States to grasp clearly the principles by which cities must be promoted. Converted first by the works of Henry George, Johnson devoted himself to the task of human betterment, and was able on account of his wide business experience to round out a philosophy of city development that comprised all essential factors. The author thinks the Johnson principles that made Cleveland the best governed city in his time in the United States must soon receive wide recognition.

Some idea of the scope of this valuable book may be gained by giving the titles of some of the chapters.

External Costs; Cost of Material; Labor Costs; The Land Factor; Capital; The Case For Public Ownership; The Government of The City and the Manager Plan of City Government.

DEATH OF J. W. LEONARD.

Mr. W. Leonard, former assistant to the vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, died at his home in Brampton, Ontario, Wednesday. James William Leonard was one of the best known and most successful railway men in the Dominion, with a long and honorable record of service to his credit, first with smaller roads, since abandoned, then with the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was a splendid type of self-made man, broad of mind, large of heart and strong of will, full of energy and always intensely practical. Mr. Leonard was born at Epsom, Ont., in 1858, the son of Thomas Leonard and his wife, Catherine Shaw. He received his education in the public schools and entered the service of the Midland Railway Company in 1872, at the age of 14. In 1877-78 he was an agent on the Victoria Railway, and from 1878 to 1880, he was assistant manager of the same road. In 1880 he became assistant to the general superintendent of the Credit Valley Railway, and shortly after was appointed general passenger agent of the road, a post he held until 1883. In 1883-84, he served as master of transportation of the Ontario and Quebec Railway.

U. S. EMBARGO ON CANADIAN GRAIN.

The announcement that the United States authorities have placed an embargo on Canada grain through their Atlantic ports, with the exception of Portland, Me., has not caused any great flurry among grain men in Montreal. The action is looked upon more or less as a matter of course by leading grain brokers in the city. They point out that the United States Government has guaranteed the price of wheat in that country for the coming year. In view of this fact the American Government has been faced with the necessity of protecting its interests so far as possible. If Canadian wheat is thrown on the open market in the United States, the Government of the latter country stands to lose many millions of dollars. In view of this fact the embargo reported in last night's cables was put into force. So far as the movement of Canadian grain is concerned, other than wheat, of this year's crop the grain brokers have very little anxiety. They state that by the end of July at the outside, all grain, other than wheat, will be out of Canada and that will give two slack months in which to prepare for the new crop.

Items of Interest

Providing the good weather continues, Manitoba's wheat crop for 1919 will be in the ground by May 10, according to the opinion expressed by Hon. Val. Winkler, Minister of Agriculture.

A return tabled in the House of Commons gives the total expenditure for the Advisory Council for Industrial and Scientific Research for the last fiscal year at \$50,111. Assisted researches cost \$5,854; forestry studies, \$2,490; fellowships, \$3,000, and salaries \$19,600.

Branches of Canadian chartered banks on February 28th, 1919: In Canada 3,760; Ontario 1,266, Quebec 932, Nova Scotia 134, New Brunswick 89, Prince Edward Island 30, Manitoba 266, Alberta 332, Saskatchewan 529, British Columbia 179, Yukon 3; in Newfoundland 28; elsewhere 101. Total 3,889.

Italy was given a new loan of \$50,000,000 Wednesday by the U. S. Treasury to cover a number of obligations incurred by the Italian Government on contracts for war materials and foodstuffs from American producers. The credit extension brought Italy's total borrowings from the United States to \$1,571,500,000.

Miss Leontine Gravel, aged twenty-eight, is suing Capt. J. Faubert, aged seventy, in the Superior Court for breach of promise of marriage. Both are residents of Sorel. Miss Gravel was a cook on board the river craft Imperial, of which Faubert was skipper. Miss Gravel claims damages to the extent of \$50,000.

"I have no money for the fine and I am going that way, so that I will just drop in," said V. Hutchison, when Magistrate Arnold imposed a fine of \$19.50 or ten days in jail on a charge of gambling on the Lord's Day, at Chatham, Ont. He was given the necessary papers and left the court room alone for the jaunt to the County Jail.

An increase of \$25 a month in salary and the introduction of an eight-hour day for all men except those assigned to trains were awarded the employees of the Canadian Express Company by the Arbitration Board which considered their case. The increase in salary dates from May 1. Both the men and the company have agreed to accept the finding of the board.

It is authoritatively stated that the bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act recently introduced by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Solicitor General, will be passed by Parliament at the present session. For some reason or another an impression has gone abroad that this bill is likely to be dropped, with the result that scores of messages are pouring in on the Government from all parts of the Dominion asking that it be proceeded with.

The monetary loss in last week's great fire at Yokohama is estimated at 15,000,000 yen, or approximately \$7,470,000, under the pre-war rate of exchange. Thousands of people are homeless. The loss of life was two killed, and thirty were injured. Sixty blocks in the Japanese quarter were burned, including public buildings and business houses. It was the most disastrous conflagration in the history of Yokohama.

Arrangements for the inauguration of the new Atlantic service, which was recently announced by the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, have been completed, and the company advise that the freight steamer Bilbster, 8,500 tons, will sail from Montreal on the 24th May for French ports. After this first sailing it is intended that a regular ten-day service shall be established.