## The Toronto World

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 27.

#### Shall We Depend on the United States?

It has been a frequent taunt in Canada that the United States has had to depend upon the protection of the British navy. History often has its revenges, and it is not beyond the possibilities that we may yet depend on the assistance of a million or two of United States soldiers. Excelfour or five years. In Canada no one appears to have any proper enception of the gravity of the situation. The soft pedal is being used by government officials, by newspapers, by all and sundry, to convince a comparatively undisturbed public that no special need for action exists. It is true that Sir Robert Borden cabled that "vigorous action is a vital necessity," but nobody seems to think that he meant it, and the government

afrains from anything vigorous.

Had there been men enough last year,
is probable that some of the drives could have been carried thru, or even the has a large number of young men who are not working nor doing anything to the commission it should not be increas justify their existence, and they ought to be conscripted. Conscription will not take away men who are needed at home.

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men elsewhere. Our men want the men of other lands to fight for them. It is ant appearance of the autofight for their own cause. We have sent ands of our gallant freemen to the front. These men who remain behind, and who do not appreciate freedom, should have an experience of something

ever may be thought of the Hinlatter, it is a clever move. It took us all ices. It may take us all summer this attempt unless he was confident that his troops could hold the new western line while he essayed an eastern advance. The drive on Petrograd looks to us like a forlorn hope, but if the western line is deemed secure Hindenburg is justified in his attempt. From Dvinsk to Petrograd miles before we do 150? It depends on the men and the guns.

The pressure on England is very great. There is no complaint, and the nation stands up to fts task bravely, but the papers and letters reflect the strain. Canada could help with another 150,000 men-perhaps double that. But the government is dilatory, if not unwilling. If lars into the provincial treasury? Havthe war should go on for another two or ing increased the price of nickel ten cents three years, the government that has a pound the company should be able to prolonged it by dilatory measures will not be so popular as it would be if it took the advice of its friends and did what all will net the province considerably more the authorities declare is needed-in the than the sixty thousand dollars the rewords of Sir Robert Borden, "vigorous port has cost. action is a vital necessity" Otherwise we may hang on till the

United States armies are ready.

## The Old Tax Rate Fallacy.

There appears to be a panic in the city hall over the suggestion of a higher tax would have been still less difficulty about the staff. collections. But if three instalments are Professor McKenzle stated that shoulders of the taxpayer a few years cation would provide them . later when he is not in so good a position to carry it, no good purpose is

posiponed, they became banked up until the imperative necessity of the situation compels payment.

helieve in the utmost economy and would sanction no expenditure that can possibly be avoided, but we protest gainst the foolish policy of cutting down cessary estimates merely to make a certain rate, thereby reducing the effimency of the city government and laying up an inevitable load of heavy payments

## The Nickel Report.

After two years of labor the Ontario alias John Smith, a member of the D.A.C., was sent to that city when he Appeared in the police court yesterlong-promised report, From a type day,

useful information, especially to a geo-logist. Whether it is worth the sixty nd dollars it has cost the province

reference, and some copies will be pre-served in various libraries and archives the way of all blue books, and finally be

sold for waste paper.

Thru the courtesy of the department of mines the press has been furnished with a brief summary or synopsis of the report. From this we glean the following

1. The world's largest supply of nickel

2. The nickel ore can be refined in this

or two of United States soldiers. Excel-lent authorities in Great British can ad-mit the possible extension of the war for four or five acceptance of the war for needs of the British Empire. 4. The commission did not investigate the question of whether any Canadian nickel has reached the enemy during the

> held principally in the United States, Great Britain and Canada. Only a trifling number of shares are held by persons resident in Germany or Austria. 6. The net profits of the International Company from 1916 to 1916 are estimat-

ed at nearly \$31,000,000. 7. The commission finds that the best method of taxation for minerals is the method now in vogue in Ontario, nameyear before. But we are always short of ly, a tax upon net profits. The three

> 8. The commission emphatically recommends the province not to expropriate or otherwise take over the existing nickel companies. The expropriation, they esti-mate, would cost one hundred million

9. The commission finds that the province has no power to prohibit the export

It may be said without offence to the learned commission that it needed no ghost to come from the grave to tell us any of the foregoing facts. They were already pretty well known to the govern-Ontario. No constructive policy of any kind is cutlined. The commission does not even tell us how to get more money out of the International Nickel Company, which has only paid by way of taxation

pointment was no doubt an honest attempt to gain, light and information upon

ed within a few days' time. We would like to see the International Nickel Company compelled to pay into the provincial 000,000 which it has cleared in the last is 350 miles or so. From the British line five years from the refining and sale of that the high cost of material is only at Arras to the German frontier is 150 Ontario nickel. We think we can show miles or so. Can Hindenburg do 350 that the profits were a great deal more, but even \$21,000,000 is a tidy sum. Since 1910 the nickel company has only paid into the provincial treasury \$160,000, or vances that building operations will beabout one half of one per cent. May we come more active. venture to suggest that it ought to pay more?

May we venture to hope that it will be called upon to pay several million dolthe legislation soon to be brought down

And then there are other things !

## Establish Central Office to

A special meeting of the penny bank raite this year. It is difficult to under-stand the point of view of the city fathers. If money is needed for neces-sary service the people will pee and taking the delay the collections and taking the delay the collections and taking the delay take the matter sary service the people will not grudge ing the collections and taking the deposits to the bank could be eliminated. In making the posits to the bank could be eliminated. After considerable discussion it was to the pay taxes and more willing to pay war taxes than two or three years. pay war taxes than two or three years office to be established; (2) that all from now, when the events that prompt class cash books be sent to this cengenerosity today and the resources have tral office once every four weeks: both perhaps lost their value. People are not so hard up that a few dollars additional in the tax rate would hart them. No effort was made to adopt the instalment plan we suggested or there. instalment plan we suggested or there bank by a carctaker or a member of

to the load, but if the postponement of payment should bring the load on the clerks he thought the minister of education really required these clerks he thought the minister of education really required them.

## TO ASSIST Y.M.C.A.

The great difficulty in Toronto for years has been the postponement of legitimate taxation for the sole purpose of keeping down the rate, quite irrespective of whether the proposed outlays were legitimes special work among the Canadana special work among doing special work among the Canadian troops overseas, and his chief see no decline, either in the high cost of object in making the present visit is to present the military work of the Y.M.C.A. to all classes of people and to point out where help is most needed. They will both arrive in Toronto early in April, and the tour will begin in the Maritime Provinces and extend o Vancouver.

## SENT TO HAMILTON.

Alleged to have been concerned in the theft of militia cheques and passes from military headquarters at Anthony Szumlinski

COME ON IN, GRETCHEN, THE WATERSKI IS FINE.



advise anyone contemplating building, to do so now, and take no chances on a

THE LOCAL CUSTOM HOUSE.

Better System for Express Business

tion. Yesterday Inspector Busby from Ottawa was in conference with the

custom officials and the managers of the Canadian and Dominion Express

Companies in an effort to remedy existing conditions. Recently the old Great Western station, now known as the fruit market, at the foot of Yonge

spectors and the public are not san-guine that Ottawa officials can solve

To honor the memory of the late F

Horwood, the Toronto Hardware Manufacturing Co.'s plant cas prac-

Mr. Horwood, who resided at 18 Peel avenue, and who was a past master

of Lord Erne L.O.L., had been looking

SUGGESTED BY ENQUIRIES.

Should anyone desire to name a bed

WAS BADLY SCALDED.

While attempting to boil water in

agara street, was badly scalded about

the left leg. He was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children in the police ambulance.

FELL FROM CAR.

moving Yonge street car yesterday morning Chung Hi, a Chinese laundry-man, fell to the pavement and cut his

head badly. He was removed to the

When he attempted to alight from a

tically closed yesterday and so employes were released so that they might attend the funeral. The late

Inspector Here From Ottawa.

terial.

## About Toronto.

The architects see a good deal of house building near at hand; they think, hower in the cost of material and labor. This ever, that the higher prices of material not only applies to construction of will hold things back for a time; never- houses, but to factories and warehouses theless, inasmuch as material may never get much lower and as houses must be found for Toronto's growing industrial population, a start is already under way and others will follow. Certain capitalists the war than it is today, and the wise

rchitects. J. A. McKenzie, architect, has prepared plans for a number of dwellings during the past two weeks, but when the cost of building is made known to still further advance in labor and mathe prospective builder the majority of them seem afraid to venture, thinking temporary and that a decline will soon take place. Mr. McKenzie reports a number of houses are in the course of construction, and thinks as the season ad-

preparing plan for a pair of duplex houses on Jarvis street. Mr. Langley says that building operations are not very active, due to the high cost of marecoup itself. At any rate, we hope that terial and labor. Inquiries are still comng in, and he believes that building operations will become more active dur-

F. S. Mailory reports building opera-tions a little slow, aithe a number of in-quiries are coming in, and thinks as the buildings are filled to capacity. Inseason advances there will be more activ-Deposit Children's Savings ity in the building line. Undoubtedly ity in the building line. Undoubtedly the problem of congestion unless there the high price of material is keeping is a radical departure from the useback building operations, but he could see back building operations, but he could see less red tape regulations which now no decline in the price of either material obtain, and are being stringently en-70 x 120 feet. Also plans for a three- rect, and insist upon common sense 70 x 120 feet. Also plans for a three-storey warehouse on Yonge street, just south of the new Masonic building. The Ottawa instruct the local officials to ground floor is for an automobile show-ground floor is for an automobile show-arry out to the letter. Modern busi-ness methods demand a revision of facturing purposes. He expects to see custom laws and regulations, and Ot-more activity in the way of building in tawa officials are behind the times, the near future. He does not look for and harassing importers with inter

Griffin states that a good deal of commercial building in the way of factories made there will be no great burden on staff of three clerks will be necessary and warehouses is contemplated, but the small householder. The large one will to do the work, and the question was to what extent it will be carried out, brought up as to who would be exher is unable to say, owing to the conhouse assessed at \$1500 or \$2000 adds pected to pay for these clerks. Instantly increasing cost of all building spector Cowley stated that if the board material. At the present time he thinks that the cost of material is having its

after the teaming of the company for the past 20 years, and held the long. effect on operations. Another well known down town architect stated that conditions are gradually growing better and he believes there will be considerable building under construction during the next few weeks. On being asked if he did not think that the high for the sick in memory of a relative or friend who, has fallen in the war cost of material was having its effect, said no doubt it would affect building operations to some extent, but he could General Hospital will be glad to give material or labor, for the next three or four years, and would advise any one contemplating building operations to do so now, as it would not be surprising pan at his home yesterday morning to see a still further advance in all ma- Arthur Sergent, 12 years old, 228 Niterials. He has several housing propositions in view and while they are only in a primary state, he expected within the next few weeks to be busy preparing plans for the construction of a number of houses. He believes that

Mr. B. Bird states that the present general hospital.

people will soon realize the true con-

dition and that no cheaper material was

possible, and would therefore begin

ouilding operations.

## House Building is Starting In and cost of all building material is no doubt CANNOT BUILD GARAGE and while a great many are contemplat-

When the city council last week Bloor streets they attached a string week, and will be today, closing up a deal to build a first instalment of three hundred workmen's houses in New Toron-ing much better than two years ago, and imperial Oil Co. must be approved by

tial restrictions we object to," Mr. Brown declared. "It is the establishvances that building operations will be come more active.

Messrs. Langley & Howland are preparing plans for a number of houses in North Toronto, east of Yonge street; also preparing plan for a pair of duplex entire lack of system has govern the part of the congestion at the express defined of an oil tank beside our homes. The congestion at the express defined of an oil tank beside our homes. The congestion at the express defined of an oil tank beside our homes. The congestion at the express defined of the committee agreed that and the inadequate facilities for hand-ling and examining, combined with an expression at the express defined our homes. The congestion at t ness thorotare.
"Well, where do you want us to go?" entire lack of system, has caused the

The applicants will renew their pe tition to have the residential restric-

THREE MONTHS' SENTENCE.

The excuse of Joseph Regan, a toothless and gray-haired old soldier, that he had bought liquor to ease his aching gums following the extraction of his teeth, did not influence the magistrate's decision in the imposition of three months in jail yhen the case came up in the police court yesterday.

# ON EAST BLOOR STREET

Commissioner Chisholm Reports Adversely and Property Committee Adhere to Restrictions.

to the motion to the effect that the Found Shot Thru Head **Evidence Points to Suicide** General Hindenburg may be ready for sanother retreat, and we shall be only a year's march nearer home. Hindenburg undoubtedly believes in an attack on the government is, therefore, compelled to make its own policy fore, compelled to make its own policy fore. holm presented an adverse report, consequently the Imperial Oil Co. is refused permission to operate a supply station there.

Discussion on the matter took up the whole of the afternoon. Trustee C. A. B. Brown and E. W. J. Owens, M.L.A., headed a deputation opposing the lifting of restrictions, and Fred Robbins and ex-Mayor Urquhart presented the case of the Imperial Oil Co.

"It is not the lifting of the residential restrictions we object to," Mr. Brown declared. "It is the establish-

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# CRITICISM

has been leveled by many at the provision made for convalescent soldiers. THE SUNDAY WORLD will next Sunday contain a pictorial and literary description of the Whitby Convalescent Home formerly the Whitby Asylum. The superior accommodation afforded our convalescent heroes at Whithy will, in a large measure, make up for the disadvantages of being somewhat removed from the

The home now consists of eight cottages, equipped with the most modern improvements, each cottage containing 64 beds. With the advent of summer this accommodation will be increased by the addition of a thousand tents, which will be located on the spacious grounds surrounding the cottages.

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so that you can learn of at least one convalescent home that will afford satisfactory accommodation for the returned heroes.

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Evans came from St. Catharines to Toronto a short time ago to undergo medical treatment here. He was in a St. Catharines hospital for some time.

Robert Gourlay Will Be Sentenced Later in the Sessions.

Robert Gourlay, N. Gourlay, Russell Riley and Allan Rupper were jointly charged with the theft of a motor cars he would inflict such a sentence.

In, the sestate of Ellen Mary Cars len, a widow, who died on March of this year, leaving an estate in, the sessions yesterday, before Judge Coatsworth. His honor found Robert Gourlay guilty and the others not guilty, and reserved sentence in the case of Robert. Crown Attorney Thurston asked for a jail sentence, and his honor stated that in future cases of boys found guilty of stealing motor cars he would inflict such a sentence.

## WILLS PROBATED

bate of the will of Mrs. Sidney Cathrine Moorhouse, who died in Toron Feb. 17 last, leaving an estate \$18,893, which is made up of property and household goods. Legacies \$500 each are left to Rev. R. Moore of St. George's Church, a Rev. J. C. Potts, while the remain of her estate is equally divided tween her sons, Walter Norwood a Victor Henry K. Moorhouse, both whom are on active service.

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The Toronto General Trusts Correction has applied for probate of will of Sgt. J. Robinson who was member of the Toronto police for 40 years, and who died at home, 192 Palmerston avenue, March 5. His estate amounts \$4685.67, and includes his home, incurrence and suburban real control of the c insurance and suburban real which goes as a life estate widow after certain bequests daughter, grandchildren and ner

Letters probate have been in, the estate of Ellen Mary is len, a widow, who died on M of this year, leaving an established among her daughter is sons



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