COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, TORONTO, ADDRESSES KIWANIS

Geo. H. Ross Urges Importance of True Spirit of Service.

Urgency and importance of the true spirit of "service," involving as it does all the other attributes to the demand today for recognition of the brotherhood of man, were the outstanding points made in an impressive address at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club, held at the Tecumseh House last night.

The principal speaker was Kiwanian George H. Ross, commissioner of finance for the City of Toronto and one of the leading Kiwanians in the province. Mr. Ross was to have visited London some time back, but was prevented from doing so by illness, this fact added to the warmth of his welcome by the local Kiwanians.

A number of members of the Kiwanis clubs of St. Thomas, Chatham and Ingersoll were present and brought messages of good-will from their clubs to the local Kiwanians.

A Mighty Factor.

Kiwanian Ross in an eloquent address, delivered in a manner that brought frequent rounds of applause from his hearers, told in graphic manner how the Kiwanis Club was first organized, the adoption of its creed, and how, through a process of evolution, it has become one of the greatest organizations on the American continent.

"The Kiwanis Club is a mighty factor in the North American continent, and although it will take time, we will be the greatest molders of public opinion of the times," declared Mr. Ross. "Our fellowship, co-operation and service which is absorbed by the members and passed on through them to their friends will necessitate us being one of the biggest factions for the good and welfare of our fellow beings.

Three Solid Pillars.

"The Kiwanis Club in my estimation stands on three pillars, fellowship, co-operation and service. Kiwanis is the cap stone. If everyone had the same creed as the Kiwanians there would not be the many differences of opinion that one hears expressed today.

"Man was never meant to be alone. I believe and say it sincerely that the greatest thing a man can have is a friend. You know that once you become a Kiwanian you drop the handle of your name. You mingle with men of every profession, and in the Kiwanian clubs in America some of the most outstanding men of affairs are members. The members adapt themselves to any condition and the policy of each club is to boost its own community. By doing this we make leaders."

Blames Newspapers.

That there is a certain amount of ill-feeling between the Province of Quebec and Ontario, as stated by a previous speaker, Kiwanian Ross admitted, but he denied its existence amongst Kiwanians.

"There is," he said, "most likely much the same feeling between the United States and Canada, and it is certain damnable newspapers in the States that are the cause of it. But wait until the American Kiwanians visit Toronto in 1922 for the Kiwanian convention, we will cure that. We will return them walking evangelists of good-will. Bringing the different provinces and countries together is one of our biggest issues."

In concluding he asked the local Kiwanians to accept the sincere regret of the Toronto members that they could not attend. He carried greetings from his fellow Kiwanians at the Queen City and stated that they were still harboring pleasant thoughts of the evening they spent at the opening banquet of the London club last year.

Kiwanian Gray of the Chatham club, in a short address, stated that when in conversation with two London Kiwanians recently, they were so enthusiastic over their club that he was forced to attend a meeting. He declared that their statements were not overestimated. He thanked the members on behalf of his fellow members for the hospitality which was accorded them.

Invited To Windsor.

A message was read by Kiwanian Frank Brinkman of St. Thomas, inviting all Kiwanians to attend a special meeting of the Kinwanis Club at Windsor on Wednesday, August 31. A unique feature of the meeting will be the presence of the Detroit and Cleveland baseball teams. A vaudeville act has also been assured. The meeting will take place at the Kenilworth Club, situated at the Kenilworth race track. A special M. C. R. train will leave St. Thomas next Wednesday at 11:05 o'clock.

ROCK OF GIBRALTAR IS FALLING INTO THE SEA

They say the mighty Gibraltar is crumbling and gradually falling into the sea.

Think of it! Even this great fortress depreciates. But Blue-White Perfect Diamonds do not. These are sold by John A. Nash, My Jeweler, 182 Dundas Street, "where you will eventually buy."

Huron Liberals To Welcome King

Monster Rally Is Planned Next Wednesday at Seaforth.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 26. — There will be a large turnout from this locality at the Liberal meeting at Seaforth to be addressed by Hon. Mackenzie King, Dr. Beland and Mr. Kennedy, M. P. The date is Wednesday of next week.

A flax-pulling machine has been demonstrating what it can accomplish in a very tiresome hand job. The crop is about an average one.

Directors of the fall fair have engaged the Kincardine Concert Band and the Hawaiian Concert Company of London for the fall exhibition.

Robert Laing, an old resident of Ethel, is dead, at the age of 61 years. His wife and a daughter, who lives in Toronto, survive. The funeral took place Thursday afternon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Ethel.

Mrs. (Rev.) McLeod was summoned to Belleville, owing to the serious condition of her mother.

A successful operation was performed on Miss Christina Dickson, school teacher, for appendicitis. Her home is in Grey Township and her school near by.

WAR PLAY AT GRAND IS CLEVER COMEDY

"Three Live Ghosts" Provides Many Laughs and a Few Thrills.

Replete with amusing situations, of the refreshing variety, "Three Live Ghosts" was presented by a clever cast as the first road attraction of the season at the Grand Theatre Friday evening. Being a war play, to prove a success requires that this offering be different than those presented in the past. A satisfied capacity audience proved that Frederic Isham, the author, has admirably achieved his purpose of providing a laughable comedy, with a few thrills thrown in for good measure.

The story of "Three Live Ghosts," as its title would imply, deals with the adventures of three former soldiers, all officially dead according to the war office, but in reality very much alive, having escaped from a German prison camp together. However, all three possess very good reasons why they should remain dead, and complications with the law are resultant from efforts to avoid officially coming to life.

The kleptomaniacal tendencies of Spoofy, an aristocratic member of the trio, provide a share of the comedy, this personage collecting a variety of spoils in his travels, which include a baby. William Jones, who is also a live ghost, is much awanted in America, and for this reason does not exert himself to convince the Government that the report of his death has been much exaggerated.

Jimmy Gubbins, a real Cockney, is the third ghost, and his efforts to keep the other two out of trouble fairly scintillate with wit. Of course, there is a girl in every comedy, but in this case there are two of the fair sex, who add zest to the plot, with a stepmother woven into the story to act as the keystone for the evening's merriment.

As Mrs. Gubbins, known as "Old Sweetheart," Ruby Hallier, of fame in "The Lady of the Barge," captures premier honors in the principal female role. Her clever portrayal of the stepmother kept the house in a continual uproar during her appearances. Her rich Cockney humor blends admirably with that of Jimmy Gubbins, her stepson (played by Henry Vincent), both characters being a delight to the lover of clean entertainment. Miss Hallier's lines were undoubtedly written for her, to bring out fully the characterization of the gin-drinking but likable old Cockney woman.

As William Jones, the American, who served in the British forces, Ben Lyon fits in excellently and without demonstration. Spoofy, with Edward Martyn in this role, is a gentle and restrained yet pathetic figure, with clever acting introduced throughout. Briggs, the Scotland Yard detective, thoroughly emphasizes his presence in a vigorous manner, George Duthrie being responsible for the success of this part. Fred Bean, as the American sleuth, surprises his audience by his bashfulness, but his work is in keeping with the rest of the production.

Eleanor Masters as Rose Gordon proves capable, as does also Miss Alida Middlecoat as Peggy Woofers, Agnes Atherton as Lady Leicester, and J. L. Levy as Benson, make the best of the roles assigned to them.

"Three Live Ghosts" proved a decided success Friday night, and deserves the wholehearted support of London theatregoers at the popular matinee and evening performances today.

JUDGE HOLDS CUSTOMS LAW NULL AND VOID

Decision Will Be Sent to the Supreme Court for Final Ruling.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

DETROIT, Aug. 26.—Customs laws of the United States in so far as they relate to importation of liquor, are rendered null and void under a decision handed down late today by Judge Tuttle in the United States District Court.

Under the ruling automobiles used in smuggling liquor into the United States from Canada or elsewhere cannot be seized under the customs regulations.

Seized the Cars.

While automobiles so used may be seized under the Volstead act wherever found engaged in transporting liquor, it has been the custom of local enforcement officers to act under the old customs laws which provide for confiscation of the vehicle, regardless of whether the owner had knowledge of the illegal use to which his car was put.

The Volstead act, on the other hand, provides that the owner of the car so used may recover his property if he can prove innocence.

Judge's Decision.

The court opinion is expressed as follows:

"The only object of the old customs laws relating to this matter was to protect the revenue. By the Volstead act the importation of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes was absolutely forbidden.

"It is clear that thereafter there could be no shipment on which customs duty could be paid or of which any customs entry could be made. It follows that any statutes providing for such shipment and entry were thus repealed by the necessary implication."

Will Test Decision.

Assistant District Attorney Frederic L. Eaton, who had the handling of the case, announced tonight he would request the attorney-general for authority to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court.

The judge's decision was rendered in case of "The United States vs. one Hudson motor car."

In this case the car had been stolen from its owner and the latter had collected his theft insurance from the Federal Insurance Company, to whom he had assigned all his right, title and interest in the machine.

This company intervened and petitioned to have the liability set aside.

TRAIN WAS ALMOST MILE IN LENGTH

Special, With 101 Cars, One of Longest Ever Handled.

ST. THOMAS, ug. 26.—The Saginaw Valley extra, one of the longest freights on the M. C. R., left St. Thomas for Buffalo today with 108 cars. The train was practically a mile long. It had 80 loaded cars and 28 empties. When determining the length of a switch to which these big trains turn into to allow the fast trains to pass, the length of a car is placed at from 42 to 45 feet.

Several long freights, ranging from 90 to 100 cars, have been run over both sections of the road during the week.

Did Not Stop His Auto.

Neglecting to stop after colliding with an auto of L. Appleford on July 18, last, Roy Robinson, London, was fined, with costs, $17.45 this morning. The charge was laid under a section of the Ontario motor vehicles act, which insists that when an accident happens the drivers of the autos must stop and ascertain the extent of the damage to the car and injury to the persons.

Mr. Robinson was alleged to have continued his journey without pulling up to discover the result of the collision.

A Silk Express.

A silk special went over the M. C. R. this morning to St. John, New Brunswick, for export purposes. The big cargo was entirely made up of silk goods.

The gladiolus not disposed of last evening were distributed today among the several institutions in the city. The churches, the hospitals, the Thomas-Williams Home, were given hundreds of the lovely blooms.

Broke Bone of Ankle.

Playing a game of football last evening, Jimmy Rulter of the M. C. R. team broke the small bone of his ankle, when his foot was hoisted in a scrimmage.

Samuel W. Sutton, manager of the Sterling Bank, Port Burwell, for four years, has been transferred to Lakeville. He is succeeded by E. G. Matthews, Monkton.

ALLEGE INFERIOR MATERIALS USED IN BORDER SCHOOL

Windsor Council May Order Full Investigation Into Case.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WINDSOR, Aug. 26.—Anxious that an investigation of its building program be held, according to Harry J. Neal, chairman, the Windsor board of education at a meeting earlier in the year, blocked a move by Trustees H. Guppy and H. Brumpton for a probe.

This statement was made today by Trustee Brumpton to reporters in the presence of Chairman Neal and Ald. F. Mitchell, who alleges that inferior material was used in constructing the Giles Boulevard School.

Trustee Brumpton asserted that Trustee Guppy, at a meeting of the board at which reporters were not present, offered a resolution asking that an investigation be held. This resolution, Trustee Brumpton said, was supported by himself, but was never put to a vote.

Details of this meeting of the board were kept from the press until today, when Trustee Brumpton voluntarily told newspaper representatives.

With delegations from the Trades and Labor Council and the newly organized Southeastern Improvement and Social Club appointed to present resolutions to the city council Monday night asking that a probe of the board's building program be requested, aldermen, it now seems certain, will change their attitude of two weeks ago when Ald. Mitchell unsuccessfully presesd for an investigation.

The southeastern club's committee, according to members, found during its inspection of the Giles School Thursday afternoon that materials inferior to specifications were built into the school.

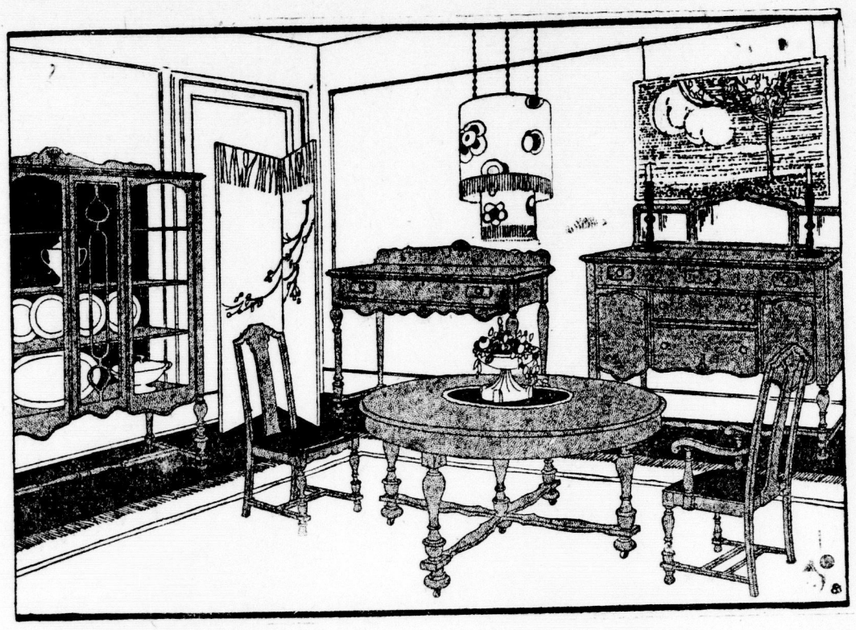
Last Days of August Sale of Furniture and Rugs-- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

During the last three days of this sale it may be your privilege to take advantage of some of the best of the month's opportunities as a determined effort will be made to clear some of our most desirable Dining-Room and Living-Room Furniture by reductions of one-third to one-half off, a few of which are briefly outlined here.

HALF PRICE

10-Piece Dining-Room Suite in Genuine American Walnut— Half Price

This suite is a beautiful reproduction of the William and Mary period and suitable for the largest of dining-rooms. The buffet is 78 inches long and has full-length linen drawer. The china cabinet is double door with panels of redwood. The dinner wagon is double door, with one long and two short trays, and the table is the elliptic-end design. The set of six slip-seat diners complete the suite. August sale price $800.00



1-3 OFF

A Rare Value in Bedroom Furniture

Is this Genuine Mahogany Louis XIV Suite, in seven pieces. The dresser 50 inches wide, also the dressing table, with two hand mirrors. The chifforobe is good size and has two long drawer with cupboard above. The bed is bow foot and 4 feet 6 inches wide. The chair, bench and night table complete the suite. August sale one-third off. Sale price $500.00

American Walnut, Burled Panels, Bedroom Suite, $450.00

This Suite consists of full-size bed with bow foot, large dresser, chifforobe, vanity dresser, chair, rocker and bench, and at the price quoted is almost half price. August sale price $450.00

NINE-PIECE GENUINE WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE, CROMWELLIAN DESIGN, $550

Buffet is 72 inches long, china cabinet 42 inches wide, 54-inch round-top table, and set of six leather slip-seat diners with cane inset panels in back. August sale price $550.00

NINE-PIECE DINING-ROOM SUITE, OAK, $350.00

The buffet is 60 inches long, china cabinet 40 inches wide, 48-inch round-top table, and set of six leather slip-seat diners. August sale price $350.00

NIN-PIECE DINING-ROOM SUITE, FUMED OAK, $197.50

This Suite is the very popular mission design, the lines being straight and plain, and made of solid quarter-cut oak and fumed a rich brown. **One suite only at just half price.** Sale price $197.50

THESE ODDS AND ENDS AT HALF PRICE

WALNUT CHIFFONIER, with mirror. Sale price $60.00
DRESSER, French grey, rose tinted. Sale price $60.00
IRON BEDS, samples, slightly soiled. Sale prices ..... $5.00, $6.75 and $8.00
THREE-MIRROR DRESSING TABLES, natural and walnut finish. Sale price ..... $29.75 each
WICKER DESK, glass top, ivory finish, with chair to match. Sale price, two pieces $32.50
WALNUT CHINA CABINET, half price $45.00

BEDROOM SUITE IN OLD IVORY

This suite has full-size bed, chifforobe, vanity dresser and bench. August sale price $176.50

A wonderful suite, depicting the period Queen Anne, and shown in mahogany, finished English brown, consisting of bed, dresser, chifforobe and triple-mirror dressing table. August sale price $195.00

LIVING-ROOM AND DEN FURNITURE

Back of beauty in a home is refinement, and refinement goes hand in hand with happiness. These lower prices on distinctly fine furniture have made this one of our biggest August sales.

One only Three-Piece Living-Room Suite, beautiful walnut finish, with cane backs and arms, in Chesterfield, chair and rocker, which are upholstered in finest quality gold under blue. August sale price $335.00

TAPESTRY CHESTERFIELDS, Marshall spring seats and arms. August sale prices $130.00, $150.00, and the largest and best at only $165.00

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IDEAS OF LIBERTY

Continued on Page Two.

Irish question, of the trouble in Upper Silesia, of Russian Bolshevism, of the labor unrest, and the Greco-Turkish war—of all the social strains and stresses.

Europe Temporarily Balkanized.

For some time after the war there was a tendency for the minorities to secure what they believed to be their rights by violent action, while to satisfy the demand for self-government Europe was Balkanized by the breaking of the Austrian Empire and parts of Russia into small states.

When Gabriele d'Annunzio seized Fiume it was only one symptom of the minority claim to the use of force as a proof of right. Adalbert Korfanty's similar exploit in Upper Silesia was a recent example of the same idea. Bolshevism itself was a violent assertion by a minority to impose its will against a majority. Going to logical but criminal extremes, the train outrages by bandits in France during the recent weeks was based on the principle that social injustice or inequality may be challenged by armed rebels for what they conceive to be their liberty and rights.

So, in France and in England the threats of general strikes to strangle the industrial life of the nations in order to secure a certain scale of wages in certain trades were appeals, not to the moral judgment of public opinion, but a challenge by force.

The anarchical results of such action by the minorities is now perceived by many minds, and lately there is a clear tide of opinion in England and France running towards an abandonment of force as an argument in social and industrial disputes.

Labor extremists, who are in favor of revolutionary action, have been thrown down heavily, and the most significant thing that has happened in Great Britain's industrial life since the coal strike was the decision by the Welsh and the Yorkshire miners to abandon the idea of a general strike, and to expel all violent agitators from their ranks.

Herbert Smith, their strongest leader, has publicly stated his conviction that labor must win its battles not by fighting public opinion, but by gaining its allegiance—that it, not by force, but by moral suasion.

The Communists have lost all but their last foothold in France, Germany and England, and Comminium has been killed, not by reactionary violence, but by liberal common sense of the laboring classes, who see a better way to advance than by civil warfare and destruction.

Nation's Slow Awakening.

In international affairs clear vision of that kind is not so apparent, because national egotism is still intense, and national interests passionately at variance, but the recent action of the Allied Supreme Council over Upper Silesia is one acknowledgment that the jury of public opinion is likely to give a just verdict on the problem of national rights, and the violence on the part of minorities or majorities is no proof of right.

It was, I fancy, not love of justice which made the supreme council refer the problems of Upper Silesia to the League of Nations. It was an open confession to the world that France and Great Britain were hopelessly divided on the fundamental principles of European policy, and, therefore, the supreme council itself had come to the end of its power.

In future it will no longer be able to impose its decisions on Europe, because a house divided against itself cannot stand.

This step was enormously important, however, because of the pledge by France and by Great Britain to abide by the decision of the League of Nations. It is the biggest step forward yet made towards a new world system, for this is not a trivial question, but one that is most passionately regarded in France, Germany, Poland and England.

It has in its settlement all the possibilities of future war or peace, not only on the frontiers of Silesia, but throughout Europe in another Armageddon, from which America would not be isolated.

Ambassador Harvey says it is purely a European problem, in which the United States is not interested, but so was Germany's attack on France and Belgium, in which America became very much interested.

Upper Silesia seems remote, even from England, but if the old system of thought prevails, France and Poland may be ranged against Germany and Russia, while England and America might have to intervene to save Europe and themselves.

Now, if the League of Nations arrived at a decision recognized as just and accepted loyally by all parties, it will be a clear proof that mankind is moving on to wider acknowuedgments of moral laws. If not—then it is not.

It is doubtful whether the German or the Polish communities in Upper Silesia, or the greater governments behind them, would resist a verdict impartially given by the league, but if they fell back on armed force as an argument, which is possible later on, it would be to hark back to a world of anarchy from which we are trying to escape.

Paradoxes.

I think that the same argument might be applied to Ireland now. The Irish people are confronted peculiarly with those problems which I stated at the beginning of this message. Their demand for liberty is unlimited.

In one case they claim to be a minority oppressed by the majority, and a small people by a big people, as in relation to England.

In the second case they claim the right of the majority to obtain the allegiance of the minority, as in relation to Ulster. Their leaders declare themselves ready to take up arms once more in order to cut themselves lose from the federation of the British people. And yet they would resist by force of arms the determination of Ulster to cut herself loose from the Irish State. For the sake of peace they are willing to make concessions to Ulster which they would never make to Great Britain.

In spite of the Irish logic, which is terrible in its single idea, this seems to me illogical, but, worse still, it seems to me reactionary. Washing out all past history and beginning afresh with an offer of dominion home rule, a fair chance was given Ireland to abandon force as an argument, and to put forward for moral claims before an impartial jury of public opinion. The verdict was given in favor of dominion home rule first by the dominion premiers at the imperial conference and next by the sentiment of the whole world as expressed, with few exceptions, in the world's press.

If the Irish extremists repudiate that verdict, declare a state of war and open a new campaign of terror, they I think, will be violating all those hopes of liberal thinkers throughout the world who are striving for arbitration rather than argument by armed strife, for an uplinking of the peoples in a wider common weal, rather than in separation and isolation of nationalists, and for liberty based on a reasonable acceptance of conditions for the good of humanity in general.

I am all for liberty, and in sympathy not only with the Irish claims of self-government, but with many minorities and individuals in their rights of self-expression and freedom from coercive control. But liberty itself is subject to certain laws unless it merges into anarchy, and one of these laws surely is loyalty to the human family and good will, rather than bloody strife, and peace rather than war, unless it is an alternative for life and honor.

That is not the alternative in Ireland now. Dominion home rule is not tyranny. It is not dishonorable. It has been found to hold large liberty in Canada, in Australia and in South Africa.

If not satisfied with that, the Irish are hard to satisfy, but at least they should refrain, and will, I hope, refrain, from flinging it away for liberty to kill and die in a warfare which would be treason to the world's hope in peace and an outrageous cruelty to Irish women and children, and altogether unjustified in Christian morality.

By entering on equal terms into the federation of British peoples, Ireland would help, by spiritual force, towards that world ideal of peace which will, in November, be proclaimed in nope at Washington.

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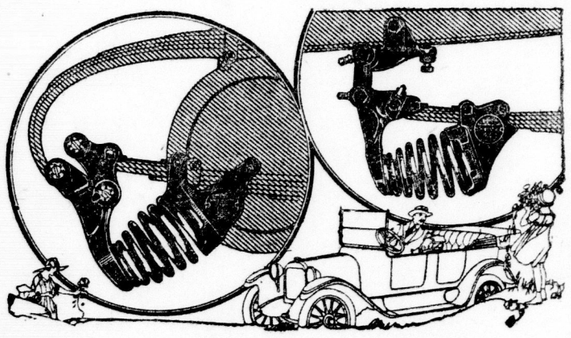

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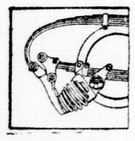

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