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PARIS IS SAFE.

The drive on Paris has failed, and it is now predicted that the Germans will strike a terrific blow against the British front near Amiens, in an effort to break the line and reach the Channel ports. The generally expressed view of the war correspondents is that having failed to reach Paris the enemy will try even harder to gain success elsewhere before the Americans can save the day. But for the moment there is a lull. It is at least satisfactory to know that Paris is safe, and that the Germans have suffered very heavy losses without gaining material advantage. They have been using up their reserves at a rapid rate. If Gen. Bridges is anywhere near right in saying that the flow of troops from the United States is at the rate of a quarter of a million a month, we can understand why Germany must strive without delay to smash the French or British army and gain the channel ports. The general situation is better than a week ago. While the enemy has gained some ground, he has failed to attain his objective, and while this must depress his own troops it has exactly the opposite effect upon the French and their Allies, whose confidence in their ability to hold the line will be stronger than ever. There is also greater confidence in Gen. Foch, who has come out of this affair with fresh laurels. His leadership commands the fullest degree of confidence. A resumption of desperate fighting within a few days or at any moment may be anticipated, but there is a feeling of great relief that the drive on Paris has been stopped. The Germans have once more miscalculated and must try another plan.

OUR NEXT FORWARD STEP.

What steps are necessary to enable the city of St. John to take advantage of the provisions of the new act relating to vocational education?

The answer is found in Sections 4 and 5 of the act itself. Section 4 says:—

"In cities and incorporated towns the board of school trustees may apply, on the recommendation of the common council or town council, as the case may be, and in districts where the school trustees are elected the ratepayers may at any annual meeting, by resolution, request the trustees of such school district to apply to the vocational education board for power to establish, equip, maintain a vocational school, setting forth in and including in such application the plans of any proposed building and the nature of the instruction desired; and upon such application being approved by the educational board the city, town or school trustees so applying shall have the power to assess and collect a sufficient sum for the purpose of establishing and equipping a suitable building or for otherwise carrying on the work, and for the payment of tuition fees and in all respects carrying out the provisions of this act; and for the purposes aforesaid shall have all the powers of a board of school trustees under the Schools Act, Chap. 50, of the Consolidated Statutes, or under any amendment thereof."

That is to say, the first movement must come from the citizens, through the city council. The latter body must be convinced that the citizens desire and are willing to be assessed for whatever expenditure is necessary to provide, equip and pay half the maintenance of the vocational school. The city council requests the school board to act, and the latter applies to the vocational education board, whose headquarters will be at Fredericton. The hearty approval of the latter is of course assured, and the assessment is then ordered. Section 5 of the act says:—

"Upon the application for the establishment of a vocational school being approved, and the assessment being made as ordered or provided in Sec. 4 of this act, a local vocational committee for the establishment, administration and control of such vocational school shall be appointed by the local school board. Such local vocational committee shall consist of five or seven members, and the chairman and secretary of the school board shall in every case be chairman and secretary respectively of the local vocational committee. If the local committee consists of five members, it shall include three members of the local school board (including the chairman) and two others, who shall be representatives of labor and capital respectively. If the local educational committee consists of seven members, it shall include four members of the school board, including the chairman, and three others representing labor, capital and home-making respectively."

After a vocational school has been established the act provides as follows:— "The province, in order to aid in the maintenance of vocational and pre-vocational education, shall, as provided in this act, pay annually from the treasury to the vocational committee maintaining such school, an amount equal to one-half the sum to be known as the net maintenance sum."

The report of the provincial committee on the need for vocational education

tional education in New Brunswick has just been issued in booklet form, and the act itself is also available in printed form. Copies should be secured by every citizen interested in the promotion of educational training. Application to Mr. Fletcher Peacock, secretary of the committee will ensure receipt of copies. Every locality should take full advantage of the provisions of the act, and the city of St. John should take the lead.

CONCERNING RUSSIA.

The Russian problem continues to puzzle the Allied countries. It is not easy to see what can be done to offset German influence. The country is torn by factions, and none is powerful enough to make headway against Germany. The Russian Commercial says:— "There is no question of the efficient manner in which Germany has handled the Russian situation. It is steadily subjugating the country and aims eventually to draw a great man-power from Russia. If it brings about the restoration of a monarchy it will have considerable claims upon the new rulers that it puts in office. Evidently there is but one way that the Allies can make any gains from Russia and prevent the culmination of the Teuton plans, and this is through the action of Japan and China striking from Siberia. This has for some time been evident and a few weeks ago a despatch from London stated that action for the relief of Russia was in contemplation but such has not been taken and the time is growing shorter every day."

Weighty assurances have been given this week that Japan is ready to do whatever is necessary to prove the sincerity of her desire for Allied victory. There has been evident reluctance to intervene in Siberia, but we may be coming to that soon. There would be peril for the world in the subjection of Russia to whatever influence it must be prevented by Allied action, but whether in the near or farther east is not yet determined.

Less hard coal will come to the maritime provinces this year than last. There will be no surplus of soft coal. Hence provision should be made for a good supply of hardwood. Coal orders should be placed early.

The enquiry into New Brunswick Power Company affairs is not to be delayed. It will be opened two weeks hence.

Development of the Minto coal area on a larger scale would be of immense advantage to the province.

ANTHRACITE FOR THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Fuel Controller, Here, Says We Will Get 150,000 Tons—190,000 Last Year—U. S. Capital for Queens County Mines

C. A. Magrath, dominion fuel controller, who was in the city last night, said that the United States government will not deny us bottoms. He said that providing that conditions are favorable it is possible that the maritime provinces will be able to secure 150,000 tons of anthracite coal this year as compared with 190,000 tons last year. Mr. Magrath was accompanied by F. S. Peabody, head of the Peabody coal interests of the States, and chairman of the coal-producing committee at Washington. The party will visit the coal fields of Nova Scotia. Next week S. H. Weyland, technical advisor of Dr. Garfield, the United States fuel controller, will visit the province, according to Mr. Magrath.

BUSY SESSIONS OF METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The joint meeting of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Methodist conferences was continued in Sackville yesterday. A report of F. W. Mosher, book steward manager of the publishing establishment in Halifax, was heard. He said that the total sale of books and periodicals during the year amounted to \$28,486. An address was then given by Rev. Dr. Johnson, editor of the Wesleyan, published in Truro. Proposed changes in the constitution of the superannuated fund occupied considerable attention. Among the delegates to the general conference elected were: E. R. Machon, J. Willard Smith, Hon. H. A. McKewen and J. Hunter White of this city. The names of Rev. George A. Ross, Rev. Herbert E. Thomas, R. C. Tait of Shediac and Geo. W. Hughes of Charlottetown were proposed to be presented to the general conference for seats on the board of regents of Mount Allison. Two hundred and fifty laymen and ministers attended a luncheon last evening. Among the speakers after luncheon was Hon. H. A. McKewen, who gave a powerful address on the importance of education.

LIGHTER VEIN

Her Report. "So you have taken to carrying around a monkey? This is going too far!"

"Well, you never go anywhere without me," was his wife's somewhat ambiguous retort.

His Proper Level. "Young McDude—What a lot I seem to have learnt tonight! How I have

benefited by this conversation with you, my dear Miss Sims. Somehow, your intellect seems to appeal to mine. Are you a literary woman?"

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Women's Patent Pumps—Worth \$5.00. Sale Price, \$2.75

Women's Dull Calf Pumps—Worth \$5.00. Sale Price, \$2.75

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Girls' Kid Button Cloth Top—Worth \$3.50. Sale Price, \$2.50

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Men's Tan Calf Oxfords—Worth from \$5.50 to \$8.50. Sale Price, \$4.00

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