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## PLAY TESTIMONIAL FUND FOR CARDINAL MERCIER

New Yorkers of all Creeds to Continue to Enable Him to Continue His Work

New York, Oct. 24.—Many prominent men of this city, embracing all creeds, have united for the purpose of raising a testimonial fund by popular subscription to be presented to Cardinal Mercier on the eve of his departure for Europe. The minimum amount in view is \$10,000, but efforts will be made to raise a much larger sum. The testimonial is to express New York's admiration for the Cardinal as a man and appreciation of his work in the cause of humanity. It is also to enable him to liquidate obligations assumed in the conduct of his Belgian relief and rehabilitation work, and to finance his future efforts in the social reconstruction of his country.

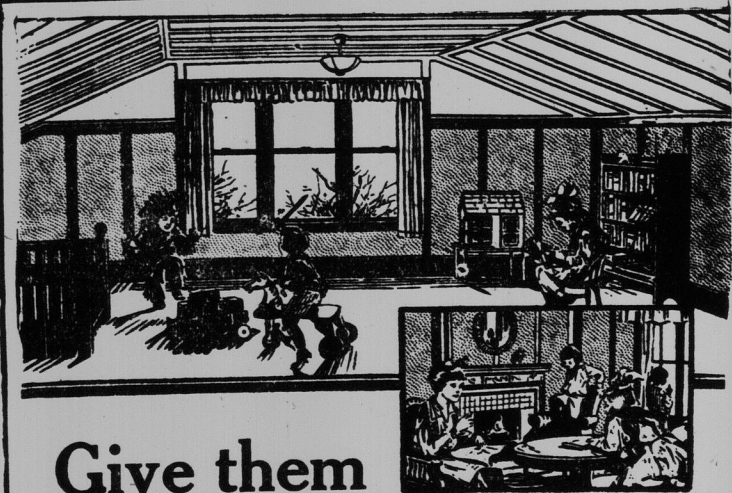
It is known to the members of the committee that Cardinal Mercier has exhausted all of his own resources in ministering to the needs of the Belgian people. The large indebtedness which he has also incurred causes him to be apprehensive about the future progress of his work. His efforts in bringing material relief to great numbers of the Belgian people during the war are well known, but the public is not so familiar with his conduct of trades schools and other work of social reconstruction.

"The committee feels," said George L. Duval, of the executive committee in charge of the testimonial, "that a continuance of the Cardinal's work is not only necessary in Belgium, but is essential to the social welfare of the entire world. He and his labors are regarded as being pre-eminent moral forces. The Cardinal as a steady influence in his own country and in Europe really did a great work for civilization in holding together the moral fabric of the world. It is this recognition of his work that the testimonial will accord."

## DISTILLERS' VIEWS OF THE ONTARIO VOTE

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—In the midst of prohibitionist rejoicings over the victory of the four "Nos" at the referendum upon the Ontario Temperance Act comes an announcement on behalf of the distillers of Canada that they are well satisfied with the result of the voting. Their counsel, T. R. Ferguson, K. C., of Winnipeg, points out that they advised their customers in Ontario to vote four "Nos" at the referendum, and says that the result should not be regarded entirely as a triumph for the "dry."

A large number of these who voted against the repeal of the temperance act and against "the sale of spirituous and malted liquors through government agencies," says Mr. Ferguson, were persons who were satisfied with the act, who favored the retention of the provision of the statute permitting importation of alcoholic beverages for domestic use, and who did not approve of the introduction of a new system of selling liquor over the counter. "The distillers of Canada interpret the result as a mandate to the dominion government to allow the Ontario Temperance Act to have free expression without further delay."



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## SAW WHITE CROSS BEARING HIS NAME ON BATTLEFIELD

N. Y. Boy Celebrates Anniversary of His Miraculous Escape

(New York Post.) This is not generally known to be a day of thanksgiving. But it is being devoutly kept by a New York boy who, a year ago today, saw his name on a little white cross in France and knew himself to be still alive and with

only a white bandage, instead of a halo around his head. This young man was 110 days in action with the 109th Field Artillery.

It was on a cross-road from Verdun to Damvillers, and he, with three others, was duelling with a German battery. The gun crew had been cut down by casualties from seven to four and all the rest of the battery had its eyes on this gun, the only one in action, and knew just what four men were manning it. A shell dropped and two of the men were blown to small pieces and the man who is today celebrating Thanksgiving was thrown twenty or thirty feet away with a little shrapnel wound in his head. Whirlwashed crosses, with identification tags attached, used to rise immediately on the spot where men were so killed that only tags remained and in a few minutes after the bursting of the shell three little crosses had been put up there.

On only two of them that time were tags attached, for this man's tag was being borne off rapidly on a stretcher with him to a field hospital behind the lines.

Before the day was over he was back, but his battery had by this time moved on and the only remnants of it he could find were the three white crosses tied with the black bow-ties, which most soldiers kept as souvenirs of training days when uniforms were ceremonious. And on one of the crosses was his name.

Most people visualize in their mind's eye their final resting place—the kind of gravestone and what will be inscribed thereon. But few have the pleasure of being ghosts, returning to their batteries from the dead—on the run and with a ghastly, ghostly hand around their heads.

**SEEKS LUMBERING COSTS.** The commissioner inquiring into the high cost of living has addressed a questionnaire to all manufacturers of lumber in Canada. The lumbermen are asked to give information about cost of production, and the reason of the price advances since 1914. A statement issued by the cost of living commissioner was to the following effect: "Since the housing problem is one of the most serious in the country at present, lumber is one of the necessities which come within the scope of this investigation. The present high price of building materials is having a deterrent effect on building operations. There is a tendency to consider these prices abnormal and temporary. This inquiry aims to find out what increase has taken place in the price of lumber, and the reasons for such increase." The co-operation of

the lumbermen is asked by the department in order to secure authentic data.

**A MIGRATORY INDUSTRY.** Economic waste can be minimized in a proper organization of forests and mines. The lumber industry is not yet one of forestry or "timber culture." It is in Europe; it is still one of "timber mining." It is a tramp industry and therefore, a breeder of tramps. The migratory lumberjack, or "timber wolf" must remain a hobo until the logging camp is supplanted by the forest community. Forest and agricultural communities can often be organized to gether, write, Benton Mackaye, in a report to the department of labor.

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