

NOTES AND COMMENTS

MILNER'S PROTEST

(Weekly Sun.)

Lord Milner's protest against driving Germany into a revolution is worthy of careful attention. Neither the Hoenzollerns nor the Hapsburgs are in themselves entitled to any consideration. But if they are to be displaced either, on the demand of the Entente or of their own peoples, governing powers must be prepared to take their places. A hundred and twenty million people in confusion and revolution would be a terrible affair added to that which already exists in Russia. It is important to the rest of the world to have order in these countries. Disorder under socialist direction may spread widely. If there were no danger of that, it would be of supreme importance to the world to restore industry and the exchange of commodities everywhere. That is probably what Milner has in mind and the correct interpretation of the franchise proposals in Germany and of the declarations of federation in Austro-Hungary is, in all probability, that the statesmen of these countries are seeking to found stable governments and ward off revolution. It would not be surprising if peace were on that account delayed. When Napoleon was deposed and sent to St. Helena, a handful of men restored the Bourbons in France. But that was long after the forces of revolution had been exhausted.

THE PEACE DEBATE

The German Secretary assures Mr. Wilson in his latest contribution to the debate of peace that the German submarines have been directed not to attack passenger ships. He denies or excuses the charges of inhumanity and wanton destruction made against the German soldiery. He assures Mr. Wilson also that he speaks now for the people of Germany, and that the constitution has been amended by the adoption of responsible government. Henceforth, no government, he says, can take or hold office without the consent of the majority of the Reichstag, elected under a law of equal, universal, secret and direct franchise, and he adds that the offer of peace comes from a government free of any arbitrary or irresponsible influence, that is, it is assumed, free of the arbitrary and irresponsible influence of the Kaiser. That is to say, autocracy goes and rule devolves upon the German people.

The avowal of so momentous a change will be regarded as significant that Germany is thoroughly in earnest about peace. But, she is not ready for unconditional surrender or to abandon herself to the mercy of her enemies. Dr. Solf trusts that Mr. Wilson will not approve any demand, which will be irreconcilable with the honor, meaning, no doubt, the pride of the German people. That is, he protests against unconditional surrender on the battlefield. He reminds Mr. Wilson that in accepting the proposal of the evacuation of occupied territories, his Government assumed the mode of evacuation and the conditions of armistice would be left to the military advisers to guarantee the maintenance of the actual standard of power, which each side has in the field. The question is now upon the mode of evacuation. That peace debate will provide any solution but surrender is doubtful. The war news seems to indicate that Germany is actually evacuating the occupied territories as fast as she can. —Weekly Sun.

THE "FLU" TRUCE—AND AFTER

The following taken from the editorial columns of Saturday's issue of The Toronto Globe is well worth the reading of The Express subscribers:

During the suspended animation of tongues, due to the invasion of Spanish influenza, the world is permitted to think. One of the greatest impediments to thought is noise, especially that kind of noise one has to endure at public meetings, vaudeville shows, and more particularly the silent, nerve-racking noise of the moving picture!

This strange dispensation may prove a blessing in disguise, and should enable us to accumulate a reserve of nervous energy and thought that will be needed during the coming days of transition from a state of war into a state of peace. We need these long Sabbaths, these recuperative periods, and a world that will not take a short rest is eventually forced into a long one.

We will need this store of energy immediately. In the good order of Providence this enforced truce to public effort may give greater driving power and intelligent interest to the campaign for the raising of Canada's Victory Loan.

For the last week we have fasted from pleasures in thronged halls, and if we have used our retirement aright we have given deeper thought to the

issues of the world crisis, which is now at its height. What do these last days, weeks, or months of the great struggle in France and Flanders mean to us? In the hour of victory is danger if we receive the heavenly gift thoughtlessly.

Th war has brought abnormal prosperity to some—it has brought sorrow and ruin to many others! Shall those gains which have come to you directly through the irretrievable loss and sacrifice of men and women who have as much right to the good things of life as you—shall these gains be held as something which you alone may enjoy?

Here is a thing to ponder deeply upon in these days of public truce. The news of victory, which gladdens all our hearts, is something more than printer's ink on the front page of a newspaper. It is written in blood and sacrifice on this page of history, of which we are not only the witnesses but the participants. We, too, are writing our actions on the page at this moment. We, too, must fight and sacrifice. We are not called upon to shed our blood, but we must use wisely our wealth if this victory is to be complete and we are to be worthy of the peace that has been bought with a greater price than gold.

Think quietly for a while—then go and buy a victory bond.

THE SUNDAY MILK QUESTION

The Express is asked to publish the following letters from the secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, which society takes strong objection to the delivery of Sunday milk at the Condenser here. The letters explain themselves:

Toronto, Oct. 22, 1918

Mrs. G. H. Blake,

R. R. 1, Springfield

Dear Mrs. Blake,—I appreciate your writing me with respect to the Carnation Milk Company. Except through the pages of our Advocate, it has not been possible for us to tell everywhere what we have done for the preservation of our rest day from the needless intrusion of this business. For more than a year without interruption, at great expense and with a strain such as I have really borne, I contended with the authorities for the enforcement of the law against the Maple Leaf Condensed Milk Company at Chesterville, Ont. They were the first to inaugurate a Sunday service. During that period, I had sustained correspondence with the Attorney General's Department, interviews with the heads of the firm at Philadelphia, U.S.A., many interviews with the Attorney General, his deputy, the Minister of Agriculture, the Premier, two interviews with the Food Board, only to find one morning upon a visit made to the Parliament Buildings in Toronto, that the Solicitor of the Attorney General had dictated a letter giving away the entire case, saying that the Attorney General did not consent to prosecute. This meant that all such places would be open on Sunday throughout Canada for unrestricted delivery and manufacture, and that all cheese factories upon the same basis of reasoning would enjoy a like liberty. This decision was made, not only in the face of our representation that the Sunday business was unnecessary, that milk could be preserved in good condition over Sunday, but in the light of the practice of the Borden Milk Company, which in all its establishments throughout the Dominion for a period of about eighteen years, neither accepted Sunday delivery nor manufactured on Sunday. My protest against the decision re-opened the case and ultimately it was submitted to the Food Board. That Board upon representation of Sir Guy Gamett of the Allies' Purchasing Commission with headquarters at Washington, U. S. A., who stated that this product was greatly needed for the children and the sick in the allied countries, and in the military hospitals, decided that it was necessary to allow Sunday delivery and manufacture for that period of the year between May 15th and September 15th. Because the Food Board took over absolutely the control of export insuring that the product went only to allied countries, we offered no opposition to this agreement. Our first intimation that any company was not holding to this agreement, was in relation to the Carnation people. Immediately upon hearing this, I communicated with the Solicitor to the Attorney General, who under date of October 12th, replied as per copy I enclose. The case is therefore now in his hands and we are arguing him to do his duty. You will understand that we are entirely in his hands. No prosecution can take place without his consent. We shall impress upon him however that such contumacy as marks the conduct of this milk company, merits prompt and drastic measures.

This fully states the situation. It is to be further recognized that those delivering the milk are equally culpable and liable to penalty under the Lord's Day Act. I have pleasure in giving you this statement and should be gratified if you would make the facts known to others.



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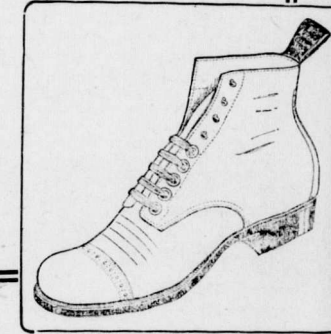
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Toronto, Oct. 23, 1918

Rev. W. K. Hager, Aylmer, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hager,—Let me place before you what has been done with respect to condensed milk plants and Sunday operation. I enclose copy of a letter written to a lady in your neighborhood who made inquiries recently. I have today definitely asked, after some preliminary correspondence, the Attorney General to advise this Company that compliance with the agreement entered into with the Food Board must be immediate. I hope this will be an end to the strain through which I have passed for nearly two weeks in dealing with this matter, as well as the coming of relief to the communities affected.

Very sincerely yours,
M. ROBERTSON,
General Secretary.

AN APPEAL TO THE CITIZENS OF AYLMER

To the Citizens of the Town of Aylmer:—

I am in receipt of communication from the Ontario Resource Committee for the province of Ontario, asking for a full, detailed, report of all contributions that have been made to any War or Relief Funds or any of their branches, during the period beginning August 1914 and through the continuance of the War, to the date of October 15, 1918, by the citizens or Corporation of Aylmer.

I appeal to the several Societies of the town of Aylmer and to all individuals who have, during the above period, paid money to any other Society or Individual other than the several Societies of the town of Aylmer for Patriotic Purposes: every Society and every individual of the town of Aylmer that has so contributed to outside societies or individual, will kindly furnish me with figures of contributions for the purpose of making out the report. Every Society and every individual will kindly consider this as a personal request to them, and will kindly report to me at once.

This request of the Committee is a heavy one and it means endless work and preparation, to receive, tabulate and prepare for an intelligent report to the committee, the figures of each contribution so made. It will therefore be necessary that each Society and each individual furnish me with above asked for figures, at the earliest possible time, so that I may complete the report as soon as possible.

Trusting that the several Societies and the individuals of the town of Aylmer, who have so contributed to outside societies or individuals, for

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ADDITIONAL L

Harry Branson is out of attack of the "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mill have moved his house to his new home opposite Church.

Mrs. Claude Monteith is moving on Tuesday, who had the fall and injured herself.

Mrs. R. H. Lindsay, home after a very pleasant visit with friends in the Canadian

Word was received that Ptes. Roy Morris and street were sick with the Vancouver. Both the their way to Siberia.

Mrs. J. W. Banfield Phyllis, have returned home where they have of Mrs. Banfield's party two weeks. The ret made by motor with George Hay of Petrol

Miss Nora Morse was denly ill in the telegraph night. She was at once rooms, where she is doing can be expected. He Nellie is attending her be a matter of nerve she has not been well

M. M. Black, the Springfield, who has Victory Bond campaign reports the sale of first day. He has well advertised by la the store windows, kindly donating their this purpose, and ever to be talking Victor

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