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FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 4.

Pioneers in Civic Reform

It must not be supposed that the affairs of the city are being entirely neglected by the great body of citizens who have not the privilege of participating in the courteous and discerning proceedings of the city council. There appears, in fact, to be a growing impression in well-informed quarters that all is not as well with the city hall as could be hoped in a city with such huge interests at stake, and such a motto as the city fathers use on this is to be found in the existence nine months my office has been a clearof several associations organized for ing house for the patriotism and genthe betterment of civic conditions, as

of Municipal Research several speech untary character of the offerings in presence of a lively sense of the neces- of vast significance not only to the would be regarded as fatal to the sucditions which prohibit the possibility the weakest of empires has proved of efficiency, and therefore militate itself the strongest. against economy, abound. The gen- Here in Toronto we

The bureau, which sets out to criti-L. Brittain, the director of the bureau. Mr. Walter J. Barr considered that one aim of the bureau, which had been to some extent attained, was to introduce a new atmosphere in city affairs. Mr. George Beer spoke of the up-to-date and accurate information which the bureau firnished, and a general tribute was paid to the balance sheet and statement of accounts. which were prepared on a system worked out by Mr. John I. Sutcliffe, who was described as one among the first half dozen accountants in Canada. These accounts were held to be a model of what the city should place before the taxpayers, in giving direct information regarding all expendi-

The public are familiar with the bulletins issued by the bureau during the year. Reports have also been prepared on civic topics of pressing interest. The director urged the necessity for a scientific form of budget for the city, but as this depended upon the adoption of a modern accounting system, a perfect one could not at present be expected. It was recognized that progress was being made, and the draft estimates for the present year were admitted to be a long way ahead of previous ones. Ten bulletins were issued by the bureau on the reorganization of the fire department, and it stands for the principle of appointing an administrative head, with divisional heads under him, to have charge of be dealt with promptly. fire-fighting, fire-prevention and other

matters. The work of the bureau has been Canada Permanen made possible by the disinterested action and public spirit of a group of gentlemen who feel that Toronto is worthy of the best civic service that can be got. They have organized to point the way to it, and if the atmesphere can be created in which efficiency and economy would flourish, they will deserve much as pioneers to a better time in civic politics. It looks as the some prolonged preparation were needed to get the taxpayers to appreciate the reality of a disinterested movement of this description, and Friday, the Second Day of July & overcome the too common idea that no one will act in public service unles the can find semisating "in it" for his private gain. It should be sufficiently phylous that what benefits the public

as a whole will benefit all in the body politic, and wise men are quite satisfied to partake in the general benefit without expecting special favors.

#### Protect the Birds

Conservation, the monthly bulleting issued by the Dominion Commission in that regard, in the current number again urges that protection be extended to Canada's birds. It quotes from the declaration of principles made at the North American Conservation Conference these significant sentences We recognize that game preservation and the protection of bird life are intimately associated with the conservagulation, the creation of extensive game preserves and special protection for such birds as are useful to agriculture. How necessary the last is was shown in connection with the army worm outbreak of last year. Vast flocks of birds visited the infested localities, as noted in a pamplifiet written by Mr. Arthur, chief assistant entomologist, recently issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Conservation notes that there has been a gradual reduction in the num-

ber and variety of birds annually visiting Canada and finds this to be due partly to the lack of protection afforded them while with us. By the cutting down of forests and the clearing of wood lots we have removed the haunts of the birds and thus have driven away those which formerly lived and reared their young in these localities. Conservation suggests that nesting boxes should be provided by both city and country residents and gives instructions how they can be cheaply and easily made. Insects are responsible, for enormous losses to farmers and fruit growers and in their own interest they ought to protect and foster the breeding of insect eating birds.

#### The Men of the Empire

In a recent speech Mr. Lewis Harcourt, late secretary of state for the colonies in the imperial government, their official notepaper. Evidence of made the striking comment that "for erosity of the empire." Much of what well as in the efforts of individuals to has been done to aid the motherland bring home to the citizens generally in this epochal struggle has been made and the taxpayers in particular the known, but more remains to be told. actual state of affairs in the civic gov- and for that we must await the close of the war. When everything is re-At the annual meeting of the Bureau | vealed, and especially the entirely voles were made which indicated the men, in money and in kind, it will be sity for reform. The work of the bu- Britons at home and overseas and to reau, which has grown up out of the the native races under the flag but activities of another earlier body, has the world. Bound only by the silken brought to light many things which cord of sentiment and the bond of a common civilization and common cess of any ordinary business. Con- ideals, what was vainly judged to be

policy of the city is not of an parade of troops witnessed by proborder that begets either efficiency or ably the largest crowd of spectators economy, altho much has been done that ever lined the streets. The same and is being done to bring about a scenes have occurred in the other Britbetter one. It is not too much to look ish states, and everywhere has soundupon the bureau as one way out of the ed the same note of unfaltering loyalty muddle in which much of the city to the empire and resolute courage to reserve its integrity. Remarkable enthusiasm was displayed at Sydney, cize the city, has a perception of the New South Wales, over the grand parneed to display perfect efficiency and ade of troops held on Saturday, April intelligence in the management of its 24, and attended by a concourse of own affairs, and this was manifested over 200,000 people. The Sydney Mornin the report presented by Dr. Horace ing Herald of the following Monday contains vivid descriptions of the scenes along the route and some exceptionally good illustrations. Pride of place was given to the French naval brigade, and the French Consul General and officers are said to have been visibly touched by the spontaneity of the welcome extended to their compat-

> In the same issue of The Herald were several despatches and editorial comment referring to the now famous fight at Ypres and the stand made by the Canadian division, whose gallantry and determination are said to have saved the situation. Its Australian readers were also told that the Paris newspapers had paid "glorious tributes to the marvelous dash of the Canadians." The imperial spirit is very strong in the Australasian dominions, where only a trifling proportion of the people is of foreign origin, and no Australian would read the account of Canadian prowess without realizing a stronger sense of kinship. Canadians, too, recognize that the Australian and New Zealand troops that stormed the Turkish trenches in Gallipoli are the worthy compeers of the men behind the guns in Flanders. In the empire there is but one temper of heroic

> > KEEP STRICT WATCH.

hearts.

Plainclothesmen are to watch Niagara boats in order to keep undesirables away from the soldiers' camp. us looking characters will

## Mortgage Corporation

Quarterly Dividend

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of TWO and ONE-HALF PER CENT. for the current quarter, being at the rate of Ten Per Cent. Per Annum on the paid-up Capital Stock of the Cor-poration, has been declared, and that the same will be payable on and



### ANTI-GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL TO HAVE RIOTING IN TOKIO

Strong Criticism of Policy To ward China Voiced by Opposition.

TOKIO, June 3.—The holding of an anti-government mass meeting this evening resulted in serious disturbances. The situation outside the building where the meeting was being held was the most serious. Many arrests were made, and the manifestoes issued by the organizers of the meeting were confiscated. Reinforcements of police were sent everywhere thruout the

The resolution introduced in the cuse of representatives yesterday by the opposition, expressing lack of con-fidence in the present administration, was today rejected by a vote of 133 to

Extreme disorder marked the session today. All the members of the cabinet were in their seats. While Premier Okuma and Foreign Minister Kato de fended the recent negotiations with China. K. Hara, M. Inukai and H. Ogawa attacked them. The resolution, as introduced yesterday, charged the cabinet with having failed in negotiations with China from the beginning; with having aroused the sus-picions of foreign powers and with having harmed the prestige of the Minister Kato denied that the pow

ers had advised the abandon the fifth group of Japanese demands. 'We abandoned these in the interests of peace," he said. "No power com-pelled us to do so. I am convinced that the intellectual classes of the world will understand and commend he course of Japan."

Great interest has attached to the announcements of Premier Okuma and Minister of War Oka in the diet, hen he said the army is to be increas ed by two divisions. This is the first eventual creation of an army of 25 divisions.

## ITALY IS NOT GUILTY OF BETRAYING TRUST

Salandra Says Italy Never Disguised Views on Austrian Aggression.

ROME, June 3 - "We entered this the greatest war in history, to safe-guard the highest and most ancient asirations, most vital interests of our was the declaration of Premier Salandra in an address at the meeting held here today to make plans for the relief of persons in civil life who may be made needy as the result of the war.

Premier Salandra reviewed the diplomatic events leading up to the con-flict from the time of the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand.

GIFT TO HOSPITAL

The trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children beg to acknowledge with grateful thanks the handsome contriution of \$1,000 to the funds of the hospital from William Ramsay of Bow-land, Midlothian, Scotland, who is now paying his usual annual visit to To-

HEBREW LADIES' AID. The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society will

meet on Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Mc-Caul Street Synagogue, McCaul street.



## LITTLE SAN MARINO A THOUSAND BEDS

Generous Gift Makes It Pos- Tiny Republic Decides to Throw sible to Accede to Request.

SECURE MOTOR LORRIES

Owing to Scarcity, Four Ordered by Red Cross Yesterday.

ng to the generous contribution of Mrs. Fulford and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hardy of \$60,000 toward the funds of the Canadian Red Cross Society, they have been enabled to accede to the request of the British war office to make the Duchess of Connaugh Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Cliveden, one of 1,000 beds, together with an isolation hospital and recreation room. The equipment of the rec-reation room, which will cost \$2500, is eing paid for by Col. and Mrs. A. E. Gooderham. The equipment of the oprating room at a cost of \$2100.00, to be paid for by the Misses Janes of

The public have already subscribe for some 800 of the beds at \$50.00 each, and the committee feel quite confident that the other 200 will be promptly subscribed for. Purchase Lorries.

Owing to the scarcity of motor lor-ries in France, it has been found necessary to purchase some for use in that country. The executive committee cabled instructions yesterday to purchase four at a cost of £2180 An urgent call came in for supplies, and the committee cabled \$5000, to buy shirts, socks, pants and vests. At the same time they cabled \$1000 with which to send parcels to the prisoners of war in Germany, an arrangement having been made thru their information department to send parcels containing necessities to the prisoners at a cost of from \$1.00 to \$3.00 each. This department is in charge of Mrs. Rivers

#### FLAGS EASY TO SECURE Exceptional Opportunity to Get Long-Wanted Union Jack.

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ecured by readers, together with the fact that the outfits are complete, rendering it unnecessary to buy a single, solitary thing extra, has made the offer popular in the highest degree among our readers. There is no red tape, or strings, or conditions to be complied with in se-curing the flag outfit; just call and

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FUNERAL OF LATE MRS. ROGERS.

No word has been received yet by J. J. Hill of Farnham avenue as to he remains of the late Mrs. Frank

ie faneral will take place from North

## **WILL FIGHT AUSTRIA**

in Lot With Italy.

lic of San Marino has declared war against Austria, according to news agency despatches.

many hours before making its momentous declaration. Some of San Marino's statesmen recalled that the Republic declared war against Austria more than flifty years ago, never called a halt to "hostilities," and therefore was still at war. But just position known.

San Marino is situated on a high contended that if San Marino remained neutral Austrian aeroplanes could. in time of need, take refuge repair, take on new supplies, and then return to their own country.

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## TORPEDO BOATS SANK

GENEVA, Switzerland, June 3.-News despatches received here declare that two Italian torpedo boats, early yesterday morning, entered the Gulf of Trieste, sank two merchant vessels

LUGANO, June 3 .- The tiny repub-

The Executive Council deliberated

Marino put out a new declaration. nountain nine miles from Rimini, and lominates the Adratic. It has been

The Only Afternoon Train For Detroit

## TWO AUSTRIAN SHIPS

Italian Craft Also Damaged an Austrian Auxiliary Cruiser.

and damaged an Austrian auxiliary

### PEREMYSL TAKEN BY GERMAN ARMY

Town Carried by Storm in Early Hours of the Morning.

HUGE LOSS OF LIFE

No Details of Fighting Yet Re ceived - Siege Lasted Twenty Days.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, June 3.—Reports from both Vienna and Berlin tell of the official announcement by the German and Austrian war offices that Peremysl was recaptured at 3.20 this morning. The outer forts were battered German and Austrian siege gun fire, and the rest of the positions from the westward were carried by assault I was admitted that the army of General Mackenzen lost heavily. The main body of the Russian army is reported to be retreating. No stock, London. Chatham, Windsor, given of the number of prisoners and the amount of war munitions taken but Hungarian papers say that as the Germans and Austrians entered the front the Russians departed from the

rear. Lasted Twenty Days.
The siege lasted 20 days. Heavy siege guns were used the same as at Liege, Antwerp, Namur, and Maubeuge and the fortifications are said to be damaged so that it will take months to repair them. Despatches say that the Russians

had removed men and supplies from this fortress as soon as it was seen that the forts could not withstand the fire of the siege artillery.

Probably what mostly hampered the Russian commander-in-chief was the eginning of a new German attack on Warsaw, which would compel him to see to the safety of his line in mid-

The Germans have commenced great assault on the lines defending the capital of Poland, with the exten-

trade, and all thinking Canadians will continue to ALWAYS INSIST

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