

SHOULD APPLY FOR LATE WAR MEDALS

Approximately One-Half of British War Medals and Victory Medals Distributed to Date to Soldiers and Next of Kin.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—Of the authorized issue of 450,000 British war medals 216,389 have been distributed to date by the honors and awards department of the militia here, and of the authorized issue of 350,000 Victory medals 200,891 have thus far been distributed, according to Capt. A. C. Chadwick in a recent statement on the progress of his work and in reply to the complaint that thousands of veterans had not yet received their war honors.

British war medals are issued to all those who went overseas on duty prior to Nov. 11, 1918, and the Victory medals are given to all those who served on the establishment of an authorized unit in the theatre of war.

There could only be two reasons for failure of veterans to get their medals. The first is lack of supply of these medals from Great Britain where they are being produced and sent to Canada in shipments of 30,000. There has not yet been any scarcity of medals with which to supply the demand from soldiers or next of kin.

The other reason is failure of the veterans or next of kin to supply the department with their latest addresses.

Postcards are being sent out to soldiers or to their next of kin at the rate of 1,500 a day. Of these a small percentage come back through failure of the interested parties to supply their new addresses.

In June the percentage of returns of cards uncolled for was a little higher than is usual. In that month 3,735 cards were sent out; 2,182 came back with the desired information, and 1,226 were returned undelivered.

CHILDREN FLEE BULLETS

Several Policemen Struggle With Man Who Says He Shot "For Fun."

New York, Sept. 6.—A group of children were playing on the sidewalk at Brook avenue and 158th street, t' Bronx, when a man came toward them with a pistol in his hand. Some of the children ran into neighboring buildings as the man pointed the pistol over the heads of their companions and fired three shots.

Lieutenant Lake, who was in the Morrisania Station, a short distance away, heard the shots, and with a dozen police-

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men and detectives ran out to investigate. Policeman Patrick Finn in the meantime had seized the man, but it was not until the other policemen came up that the weapon was knocked from his hand.

He was taken to the station, where he said he was Frederick Greenwald, an agency detective. An identification card of the Dougherty Detective Agency, Broadway and Park Place, and a small bottle which the police say contained Bronx hooch were found on him.

"Why did you discharge that pistol?" inquired Lieutenant Lake.

"Just for the fun of it," replied Greenwald.

He admitted that he did not have a permit, but showed an application which had been disapproved. He was locked up on charges of attempted felonious assault and violating the Sullivan law.

SCHOONER CHARGED WITH RUM-RUNNING

Lunenburg, Sept. 5.—The schooner Carrie Hirtle, formerly of Lunenburg, and now, it is said, of Glace Bay, was seized here on charges of rum-running and coming into port without reporting to customs, by customs officials here today.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR NEXT WINTER

Premier King Pleads for Confidence in Own Resources at Unemployment Conference.

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—Canada's labor horizon for the coming winter is brighter than it has been for three or four years. There will be little unemployment unless something unforeseen occurs. Also, those who will need public assistance to tide themselves over the cold months need look for no doles. Some form of productive work will be provided and not at trades union wages.

These facts and this policy came to light at the first sitting this afternoon in the Liberal committee room of the parliament buildings of the conference on unemployment between representatives of the federal and the provincial governments.

There was a full attendance of those invited and a hearty welcome was extended to them by the prime minister, who in a short address outlined the attitude taken by the present dominion government toward unemployment and other problems.

Hon. James Murdock was chosen chairman of the conference.

Optimistic reports were given by Joseph Ainey for Quebec and by Hon. C. W. Robinson for New Brunswick.

"I can share the optimism of the other provinces," said Premier Murray of Nova Scotia. Crops were never better and the various industries were showing signs of marked improvement. "As to mining we have had our spree and I think the immediate prospects are encouraging indeed." He was opposed to doles.

The questions facing the conference were of paramount importance, Rt. Hon. Mr. King declared. The war had left several problems and unemployment was one of these. The federal government felt that only by co-operation could the problems of the day be met and therefore could public confidence be held. Mr. King announced that it was felt that the conference in its early stages should be limited to the representatives of the federal and provincial governments.

There was no desire to rule out the municipalities but only the direct representatives of governments could speak for these governments. Several representatives of municipalities and other organizations were present when Mr. King made his statement. The views of these bodies and such as labor would undoubtedly be placed before the conference before its close.

The tendency toward centralization in federal and provincial questions was dealt with by Mr. King. One of the purposes of this gathering should be to define what were federal and what provincial matters affecting unemployment.

An instance of the centralization during the war was found in the Canada Wheat Board where the federal government during the war had taken power to control wheat marketing. Last year it had been found there was no power to renew such control under federal power alone. The government had also in the past taken steps to meet unemployment crises which were not actually federal matters.

Pledges for Self-Reliance.

The premier advised the delegates to keep in mind the increase in the national debt during the war. This had increased more than the provincial debts because the federal government had shouldered some burdens which were more properly matters for the provinces. Some of these burdens were continuing and they were a serious matter for the government to face.

The prime minister also dealt with the two methods of progress in individual or collective efforts. Progress through self-reliance was better than through depending on central government or other action. During the war the public mind had come to accept many things as part of the duty of the federal government which had previously not been thought such. Canada must get back to a basis of self-reliance on the part of both individuals, municipalities and provincial governments if she was to progress as she should.

Mr. King referred to the fuel problem and to the popular idea that this was an emergency which should be met by the federal government. However, the government felt that if it went into the purchasing and marketing of coal the public would sit back and expect the government to accept full responsibility. While there were undoubtedly responsibilities which the provinces and municipalities as well as individuals must shoulder for the good of the entire country, government assistance should be only the last inevitable step when self-help had proven a failure.

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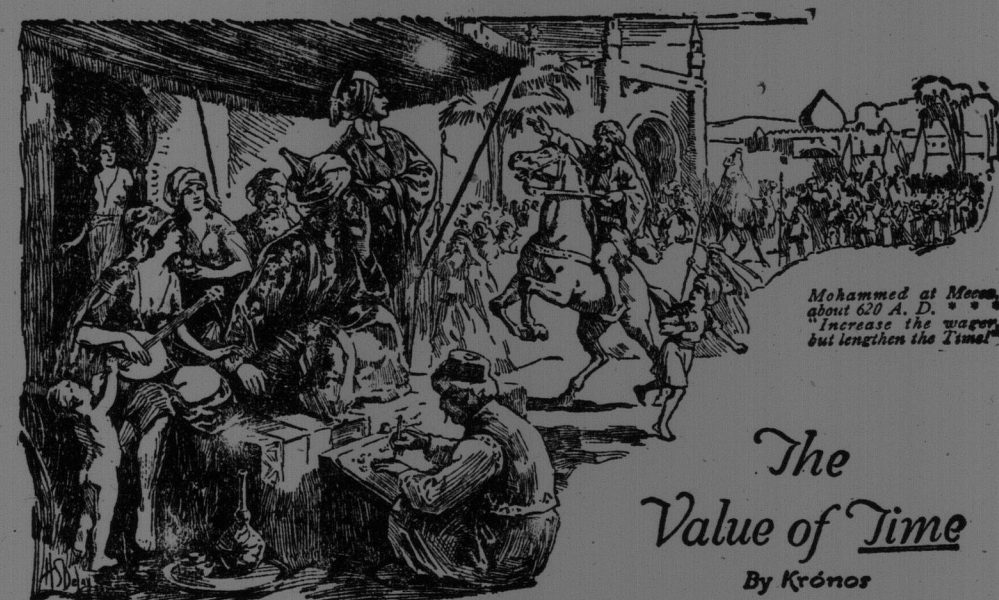
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