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Good Things Coming to Theatres of St. John

H. PRICE WEBBER, FOR YEARS PROMINENT FIGURE ON THE STAGE, AT LYRIC NEXT WEEK

Possibly one of the most interesting attractions yet offered local theatregoers by the management of the Lyric Theatre will be presented next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the person of H. Price Webber, a veteran actor whose name has been a household word throughout lower Canada and Maine for many years.

Mr. Webber is one of the oldest actors on the stage. He has toured his own company for many seasons, and usually played fifty-two weeks in the year. In days gone by he was one of the favorites who visited this city, and it is not saying too much to make the assertion that he has more friends and admirers in almost every village, hamlet and town, in this part of the country than any other artist.

Mr. Webber will offer an interesting monologue, entitled "Time's Changes," recalling the days when our forefathers were contented with one theatre, where the "legit" held sway, and the times when he appeared at the head of his own company playing opposite his wife, Edwina Grey. No doubt Mr. Webber's friends will be out in force to greet him at the Lyric. This will be his first appearance on the vaudeville stage. The pictorial attraction is Mary Miles Minter in the Mutual master play, "Annie for Spite."

JAPANESE ACT AT OPERA HOUSE

Today the Opera House vaudeville programme changes as usual—and the new bill is brimful of novelty, surprise and comedy. Heading the list is the Muzina Royal Japanese Troupe in sensational feats on the high perch, juggling, spinning and many thriling acrobatic feats attempted only by Japanese artists. Other acts include Walter Hayes, the Musical Rube, in a comedy musical skit, The Yaptown Baggageman; the Franklin Duo in singing and international dancing; Betty Wood, singing comedienne, and a good one; Barret and Opp in a comedy dramatic travesty, "Across the Border;" also Billie Burke, America's most charming screen actress, in the sixth chapter of "Gloria's Romance."

Two shows this afternoon, at 2 and 3.30—evening at 7.30 and 9. Same people's little prices.

PERSONALS

John McGrath and his daughter, Miss Eleanor, arrived in the city last evening to spend some time. They are always welcome visitors. Mr. McGrath has been in Mexico City in connection with his extensive mining interests.

Nursing Sister Margaret Hare of this city arrived home yesterday on a furlough, after serving for more than two years in France and recently in England.

BOYS IN COURT; ONE TO INDUSTRIAL HOME

A small boy appeared before Magistrate Ritchie in the juvenile court this morning to answer a charge of firing off a twenty-two short rifle in a yard off Elm street a few days ago. Three other small boys were reported for throwing stones in Moore street and breaking windows. The latter case was set aside, as some of the witnesses and two of the boys did not appear. As the complainant in the former case failed to appear, the case was dismissed after the boy had been reprimanded.

A boy, who was arrested on charge of breaking into a store owned by Urdang and Mendelsohn in Union street and stealing jewelry, was this morning sentenced to two years in the Boys' Industrial Home.

In Campbellton on last Saturday afternoon the death of Miss Agnes Ramsay of Newcastle occurred at the residence of Hugh Marquis, where she was visiting. She was in her 70th year.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS

FLEMING—On July 7, to Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Fleming, 89 Paradise row, a son.

DEATHS

PIDGEON—In this city on July 6, after a long illness, at her residence, 15 Victoria street, Sarah, wife of James H. Pidgeon, aged sixty-two years, leaving, besides her husband, one son, two daughters and one sister to mourn.

(Boston papers please copy).

Burial will take place on Sunday. Funeral private.

KIERSTEAD—Drowned at Clifton, N.B., on July 5, Cecil, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Kierstead, aged 16 years, leaving besides his parents two sisters and two brothers to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his parent's residence, Lancaster Heights.

DIMOCK—Suddenly in this city at her late residence, 58 Erin street, Mrs. Melinda Dimock, aged 55 years, leaving one son, two daughters, two sisters, one brother to mourn.

Funeral from her son's residence, 154 Duke street, Saturday, 2.30. Friends invited to attend.

NORMANSELL—In this city on July 6 at the residence of W. A. Rowley, 136 Brussels street, Mary, widow of Hugh Normansell.

Funeral tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends invited.

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR NORTH END

On Monday and Tuesday the Star Theatre in North End will present Gladys Hulette in her greatest success, "Pots and Pans Peggy." This is one of the best features produced on any programme. It is a wonderful story of a little Irish girl who has to support her brothers and sisters by "working out." By her big heart, shrewd common sense and native decency, she brings order into a disordered household, reforms the erring son, aids the daughter to win the man she loves, foils a villainous millionaire, recovers the government papers stolen by him and wins for herself a husband of her own kind. The bare synopsis cannot tell the story. It has laughs, tears and thrills and the splendid cast supporting Gladys Hulette includes Wayne Arey, as the chauffeur, George Marlo and Kathryn Adams.

"Pots and Pans Peggy" is a special production and will be shown at the Star for two days only. Patrons of this theatre should avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing one of the greatest comedy-dramas ever produced in pictures.

GREAT CLASSIC, "THE SCARLET LETTER;" ALSO A SIZZLING COMEDY

The Gem has another great bill for this afternoon, tonight, Monday and Tuesday. It is rich in picture feature and in comedy offering. The former is Nathaniel Hawthorne's great classic, "The Scarlet Letter," a vivid Fox picturization, featuring Stuart Holmes. The comedy is "Marriage a la Carte," with the Gem's Own Comedy Company at its best. You'll enjoy every minute of this programme.

SAYS GERMAN SPIES IN NAVY DEPARTMENT

Senator Demands They be Found and Shot or Hanged

Calls on Secret Service—Information as to Flotilla's Course Undoubtedly Secured and Sent by Wireless to Berlin

Washington, July 7.—Senator George E. Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military committee, is convinced that secret information as to the movement of the Pershing flotilla was conveyed by spies to Germany. These spies, he believes, have accomplices in the navy department, who have access to confidential information, and the senator's theory is that the secret word was communicated to the spies and wirelessed to Germany either from Mexico or Venezuela.

"If the spies in the navy department can be found they ought either to be shot or hanged," declared Senator Chamberlain. "That there are spies there I have not the slightest doubt."

The Oregon senator is eager to have an investigation made by Secretary Daniels, with the view of hunting down the spies within the department, and he hoped the secret service would run down their accomplices outside. Senator Chamberlain adverted to the assertion of Secretary Daniels before the senate navy committee two weeks ago at the Mongolia hearing, when the secretary, incensed over secret information that had been imparted to Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, charged that spies were at work in the navy department.

At that time Senator Frelinghuysen had received an anonymous letter postmarked Detroit, in which the writer revealed information relating to naval and military affairs. The senator was about to interrogate Secretary Daniels on the matter touched upon in the letter when the secretary, interrupting him, made his assertion that the information given to the senator had come from "either a spy or a traitor."

Could Not Find Writer

The senate naval committee endeavored to learn the identity of the writer of the letter, and for nearly a week the department of justice, through the secret service, tried to find him, but without avail.

"The secretary of the navy has himself said that spies are at work in his department," said Senator Chamberlain tonight. "If that is so, he ought not to stop until he has found them out.

"That the secretary's charge is true I have no doubt. If he is not taking steps to rout the spies out, then the secret service ought to undertake the work and not quit until the traitors are caught.

"How else could this secret information of the movements of the Pershing flotilla have got out except through the agency of spies? Even if there had been newspaper publication of it, that information could not reveal the exact route determined upon by the navy for its flotilla to pursue. The German government evidently knew precisely where to look for the transports carrying our soldiers, and had their submarines out ready for them.

"I am inclined to think that the German-controlled wireless plant from which the word was communicated is located in Mexico. Everybody knows of the machinations of Germany in that country."

Oatman-Geddes

On Thursday at the residence of George Geddes of McLaughlin road, W. H. H. Oatman of Buctouche and Miss Sarah Geddes of McLaughlin road were married.

BEACONSFIELD SCHOOL

District No. 1, annual meeting on Monday evening, July 9, at 7.30 o'clock.

LOCAL NEWS

LOST

On Indiantown wharf Saturday, June 30, two lancewood fishing rods in canvas bags. Reward on return to Police Sergt. A. Hastings, 95 Hazen street. 7-9.

Men's Balbriggan underwear for this hot weather.—Corbet's, 194 Union St.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Victoria street church picnic at Crystal Beach, Tuesday, July 10. May Queen leaves Indiantown 9 a. m. and 1.30 p. m. Tickets 25 cts. and 40 cts.

Ford car for sale. D 32, Times. 7—11

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Regular meeting Sunday afternoon at 2.30. Full attendance requested.

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L. CORP. GLASS IS IN HOSPITAL FROM EFFECTS OF GAS

Second Casualty in Millidge Avenue Family That is Well Represented in War

Mrs. Ada E. Glass of 298 Millidge avenue, received official notification from Ottawa this morning informing her that her son, Lance-Corporal G. H. Glass, had been admitted to a military hospital in Camiere, suffering from effects of gas. He is one of the original members of a well-known New Brunswick unit, which has won distinction on the battlefields of France.

Last year Mrs. Glass received a similar telegram, which contained sad news to the effect that another son had been killed in action. He was also a member of the New Brunswick battalion and was one of the first to fall victim of a German sniper.

Her husband, Pte. James John Glass, is at present in France with a Canadian unit, having been transferred from the 115th Battalion. Mrs. Glass has thirty-one relatives in the British army, and says that her only regret is that she cannot go herself and give the Germans some of their own medicine.

TWENTY-FIVE HURT IN COLLISION OF TRAINS IN BROOKLYN

New York, July 7—Twenty-five persons were injured, twelve seriously, early today when a four-car train on the Broadway line in Brooklyn collided with an empty train near Myrtle avenue. The first car on the passenger filled train fell into the street and was crushed, while the second car was suspended from the elevated structure.

FUNERAL OF SOLDIER

The funeral of Lance Corporal Walter Scott Hamm will take place this afternoon from Messrs. Brenan's undertaking rooms. Corporal Hamm will be buried with full military honors. A firing party from the 62nd detachment will accompany the body to the grave. Members of No. 8 Field Ambulance and No. 9 Siege Battery also will attend. The City Cornet Band will accompany the cortege to the grave. Services will be conducted by Rev. G. A. Kuhring. Interment is to be made in the soldiers' lot in Fernhill.

THE COUNTRY MARKET

The country market presented a busy scene this morning. There was a large amount of vegetables for sale in addition to an abundance of eggs, butter and meat. Native strawberries are high. Cultivated berries are selling at 30c a box and wild strawberries for 40c. Butter ranged from 35c to 38c a pound; eggs were selling at 38c a dozen, fowl for 35c a pound, chicken for 40c; veal from 12c to 18c; lamb from 25 to 30c; carrots 10c a bunch; beets 10c a bunch; celery 10c; radishes, 5c; onions 5c, and cucumbers 15c each.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Melinda Dimock will take place this afternoon from her late residence, 58 Erin street. Services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Hall. Interment will be made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Cecil Kierstead, who was drowned on Wednesday evening, will take place this afternoon from his mother's residence, Lancaster Heights. Services will be conducted by Rev. D. J. McPherson. Interment will be made in Cedar Hill.

A GLORIOUS SIGHT

People within a view of the sea last evening enjoyed a wonderful spectacle. About 7 o'clock a rainbow appeared in the southeastern sky. Then came a thunderstorm following which another rainbow, a double one, spanning from north to south, filled the heavens with radiant beauty. It was fully three-quarters of an hour before the last of it was seen. Then golden clouds came as the sun sank into the west.

HOSPITAL SUPPLY CONTRACTS

Contracts for supplies for the General Public Hospital have been awarded as follows: Groceries, T. Collins & Company; meats, O'Neil Brothers; milk, Pacific Dairies, Ltd.; bread, Hygienic bakery; drugs, Struan Robertson.

SIXTEEN DEATHS

Sixteen deaths were reported to the board of health during the week as follows:—Pulmonary tuberculosis, four; measles, two; senility, paresis, pneumonia, erysipelas, myocarditis, pericarditis, premature birth, cerebral tumor, tubercular peritonitis, and obstruction of the bowels, one each.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

The water and sewerage department will continue pipe-laying operations in Drury Lane and Germain street this afternoon and evening. A new hydrant was installed in Leinster street yesterday and two more will be placed in Coburg street today.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS

The birth of eleven infants, six boys and five girls, and six marriages were reported to the registrar during the week.

STORY OF GAZA FIGHT

(W. T. Massey, in London Times).

Before Gaza, April 21—The biggest battle in all the long history of Palestine is being fought at Gaza. The troops on both sides are immeasurably greater in number than any armies that have taken part in the countless campaigns in the Holy Land. Though we have only fought the first phase it is clear that we are engaged upon the hardest struggle in this age-worn battle area. We have gained our first line, which we are consolidating, but apparently there is a period of trench warfare before us ere we reach the important system of trenches which have lately been cut to turn Gaza into a modern fortress of great strength. We have paid the price for our gains, but have inflicted very heavy casualties on the Turks, whose counter attacks were repulsed with sanguinary losses.

With conditions pre-eminently favorable for defence an early decision before Gaza must not be expected. But this latest move of the Egypt force has had a far greater effect on the world war than merely to fill the Turkish trenches with dead. That enemy troops were brought from the Caucasus to the Palestine theatre were have the clearest evidence of Turkish prisoners, and part of a division, dressed in warm German-made uniforms, had been equipped in Constantinople for Galicia.

The Turks were known to have five divisions of infantry and considerable cavalry in the neighborhood of Gaza. While Gaza was strongly held, other infantry were at Huj, Harreira, and Sharia, and cavalry were at Beersheba in a crescent-shaped line ready to assist in the defence of Samson's city or to make a flank attack.

We had to dispose the British forces on a 16-mile front, practically the whole of which the Turks had entrenched deeply. The positions we had to attack on the Gaza front could not be stronger if the whole country had been built up for defence—sand dunes two miles deep between the sea and the town, an extraordinary variety of redoubts, trenches, and pits covering the western town, while the Samson Ridge, 3,000 yards to the southwest, was strongly held to secure the enemy observation posts.

Southeast of Gaza there is a green plain, a mile and a half wide and six miles long, enclosed on the sea side by sand dunes, on the north by the town, on the east by a range of hills running to Ali Muntar, where Samson displayed his prodigious strength. The plain is intersected by the Wadi Gaza, a ravine with precipitous sides, through which the winter rains on the Judea hills pour in a terrific torrent to the sea. It is now dry, but crossings have been made for guns, cavalry, infantry, and supply columns. The northernmost part of the plain is covered by trenches protecting the town, and for two miles southeast of Ali Muntar the enemy were on irregular hills. Deep woods at one spot prepared an intricate system connected up with trenches of great defensive power.

Soon after daybreak on April 17 our movement began. A war-vessel assisted the shore batteries to cover the short advance of the infantry to take up positions from which we might hope to secure our first objective at a later date. The operations were brilliantly successful. We got to our mark on the sand dunes quickly, reached the position in front in a few minutes, and took the Sheikh Abbas Ridge, four miles southeast of Ali Muntar, by half past 7, with remarkably small casualties. The cavalry were out on the right during this blazing hot morning, but it was impossible to hide them, owing to the fact that every movement raised dense columns of dust. A wet night would have been an immense advantage to us, but throughout the operations rain was denied us. The ground was churned into powder, and the country thus criss-crossed by tracks easily visible to enemy airmen.

On April 18, while the country was obscured by dust clouds, we made ready for the next advance, sending many supplies forward. The whole terrain was covered with supply columns, and when the wind decreased an enormous pall of dust hung over the area. An occasional motor rushing across the country raised a trail of dust like steam issuing from an express train.

The bombardment of the outer trenches of Gaza began. As the sun lifted over the black hills of Judea on the 19th from sea and land shells of all calibres up to 11 in. tore slits in the elaborate defences, throwing up masses of earth and wire and making Ali Muntar quake. Some trees on that hill were entirely denuded of their leaves, but the most prominent tree of all seemed to bend before the shellstorm and retain most of its clothing. It remains the most conspicuous landmark of that historic spot. On the sand dunes pillars of sand were raised, framed with the white and black smoke of the explosives, a wonderful foil to the glittering golden ridges.

The infantry attacks were launched at 8.30. On the left they gained the Samson Ridge and found the trenches full of Turkish dead. Towards Ali Muntar and south of Gaza progress was more difficult, and slower, but the Scottish troops went forward with splendid steadiness under desperately heavy machine gun fire and ultimately advanced 2,000 yards to an outpost hill south of Ali Muntar, where they have consolidated their gains. There was also considerable progress from Sheikh Abbas Ridge.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock I saw a "Tank" go into action against a green hill near a warren in front of Ali Muntar. She stood with nose pointed in the air across a trench down which the crew poured a rapid fire right and left. Then she crossed the trench and turned south. The Austrian gunners with the Turks soon found the range and turned an immense volume of fire on the "Tank," which seemed completely surrounded by bursting high-explosive shell. For several minutes I lost sight of her, but presently she emerged, pursuing the even tenor of her way towards our lines. Then a second succession of rapid artillery fire again enveloped the "Tank." When the fire ceased she had disappeared, and it was thought that she had been smashed to pieces. I learned that she dropped back into a trench we had captured. Enemy guns had hit her, but as the Austrians had been firing into their lines, they presumably did more damage to their friends than to our machine.

During the day, and particularly in the afternoon, the mounted troops were heavily engaged. The Turks made five desperate counter attacks against the mounted troops and camel corps and, though they inflicted considerable losses on us, they must have suffered very severe casualties near the villages east of Gaza.

Heroism of Camel Corps.

One heroic episode I did not see, but repeat from the evidence of competent witnesses. This was the effort of sixty men of the camel corps. The enemy had concentrated considerable forces at one spot to break through. A junior officer of the camel corps saw the preparation and took his men forward, with two machine guns, up a grassy slope to prevent the advance, with absolutely no cover. A small party crept on stealthily, undeterred by murderous machine gun fire, in what was a forlorn hope. Tremendous shell fire fell about them, but the party, although gradually becoming smaller through inevitable losses, pressed on, until within 300 yards of the crest, which was lined with scores of machine guns and hundreds of riflemen.

There they stopped and kept the Turks from issuing to attack by accurate bursts of fire every time the enemy showed himself. For an hour and a half this gradually reduced band staved off the attack until every one was hit. Most of them were killed, and the wounded fell into Turkish hands. It was too late in the day for the Turks to get through. My informant declared that every camel corps man in this section deserved the Victoria Cross.

Father round to the right another glorious episode of the day was the wonderful steadiness of the Anzac horse-holders during tremendous shell fire. The Turkish artillery, severed mostly by Austrian gunners, was very accurate. It searched a wadi in which enemy airmen had reported a mass of horses. While the men were in front doing infantry work, a perfect storm of shell from heavy guns broke over the horses, but the men moved up and down the nullah as the direction of the shells necessitated, and showed not the slightest sign of panic. The horse-holders tired out the guns by their grand discipline and contempt of death.

Yesterday we engaged the enemy all along the line, though not on the same scale as on the previous day. The enemy had his own ideas of "pushing us into the sea." The counter-attack from Harreira did not materialize because of our aerial activity. Our airmen brought in news of the approaching attack. Four machines with forty-eight bombs and an escorting aeroplane which went to Harreira found about 3,000 Turkish infantry and 800 cavalry drawn up in the Wadi in mass formation awaiting the order to move. The escorting aeroplane soared high to the spot while the bombers swooped down to take accurate aim. The escorting machine says that forty-seven out of the forty-eight bombs fell direct on the troops, causing death, destruction, and panic. The remnants of the cavalry toog to the Sharia road, and when last seen were still sending up huge columns of dust. This is probably the first time bombing aeroplanes have browen up a counter-attack before it was launched. The Turkish losses must have been enormous.

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WOMEN SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED MURDER OF CHILD

St. Johnsbury, Vt., July 7—The authorities are searching for the body of little Olive Bradshaw, who is believed to have been murdered. States Attorney Campbell and County Sheriff Worthen announced last night that Etta May Hicks and Mrs. Alvin Kenniston had confessed that they had killed the eight-year-old girl by beating and choking her. According to their alleged admissions, Miss Hicks, housekeeper for the child's father, John M. Bradshaw, a house-painter, wished to get rid of the girl because she was tired of caring for her.

The girl was made a cripple by infantile paralysis a year ago. Both women are in jail here.

On last Saturday afternoon at Boiestown, Mary Ethel Moir, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moir, passed away, aged thirteen years and eight months

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VALUABLE MARKETS

C. F. Just of Petrograd Sends To Canada Comprehensive Trade Report

A special report on trade conditions in Russia has been forwarded to the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa by C. F. Just, Canadian Trade Commissioner, Petrograd, Russia.

Contrary to expectations, on this side of the Atlantic the many plans for the extension of Russo-Canadian trade have not been interfered with to any appreciable extent by the revolution; in fact, according to the latest advices, much new developing work will be the outcome of the revolution as soon as order is brought out of chaos.

Mr. Just states that the important programmes which have been authorized in connection with Russian railway construction, the development of the road system of the empire, the improvement of internal navigation, land reclamation, colonization and settlement should provide numerous opportunities for Canada's participation in supplying a wide range of machinery and of general supplies which will be called for and for which, at the outset at all events, the administration must depend upon outside sources of supply. These should include many of our Canadian specialties which have been evolved by the same conditions and the same necessities of development as those which confront Russia of today. It is pleasant to know that the authorities are prepared to recognize the help which Canada can render their country in this respect, and it would seem that they are willing to give us a preference in such matters within reasonable limits.

The question of finance and the difficulties of exchange as well as transportation throughout the year have had considerable influence in delaying the placing of orders in Canada for any requirements of a character which were not absolutely necessary for war purposes.

Agricultural Machinery.

Among the great and immediate necessities of Russia must be classed a fuller supply of agricultural machinery. The seriousness of the present short supply, due to the reduction of local production and to the interruption of imports, is fully recognized by the Russian authorities. And there is every disposition on the part of the government, acting in co-operation with the chief zemstvo unions and agricultural credit associations, to meet the situation as far as circumstances will allow. There is room here for a fuller participation of Canadian works. It is true that the contracts for the 1917 campaign allotted to Canada were larger than in former years. They were confined, however, to a single Canadian firm. Contracts for 1918 will be arranged doubtless during the spring of the year. The requirements to be met are bound to be larger than ever, and it rests with our manufacturers to take advantage of the position.

The question of forest exploitation, particularly in northern Russia, was the subject of prolonged and careful investigation by the Russian government during the year, and the decision was arrived at to encourage by generous commission the development of exports on a greatly increased scale.

The only possible market of Russia, open to Canada now, is the Russian Far East, with Vladivostok as the chief centre, and a good many inquiries have reached me in this regard. Complaints have come to hand, however, from the importing houses in Vladivostok of the difficulty in getting Canadian firms to agree to the terms of settlement—o. e., cash against documents in Vladivostok, which prove acceptable to shippers in other countries. It is much to be desired that some kind of agreement could be reached that would enable Canadians to obtain a firm foothold in that market.

Judging by the inquiries I am receiving from Canada there is too great a tendency with Canadian firms to rely merely on correspondence for securing business. This course in a general way is quite a futile proceeding. As I have repeatedly pointed out, little progress can be made in this market without a personal understanding of the situation and without creating a selling organization founded on local knowledge. It is absolutely necessary for Canadian firms which are in earnest regarding the Russian market to send over responsible representatives.

I am fully aware that the question of winning the war must be our chief preoccupation in Canada, and that this will interfere for the present in many instances with such a course. The prolongation of the war makes the resumption by Germany of her old activities an ever remoter possibility, and the way will be rendered easier for entry of new connections. The commercial and financial circles in Russia, however, are looking with some impatience for fuller proofs of interest on the part of the allied countries in this regard, and the matter is one which we shall do well to provide for.

Pooling Business Advised.

Perhaps the best advice I can offer to Canadians is to urge again this practical consideration upon their attention. My firm belief is that the position is to be best met, so far as Canada is concerned, by the grouping of like or co-related industries interested in the Russian market, and of frankly pooling Russian business. Under the conditions that are likely to exist after the war such collective or co-operative effort will be more adapted to success than by the old part of individual effort. Again it is not unreasonable to ask that Canadian firms which are believed to have made unusual profits during the war should set apart a portion of those profits as a fund for investigating possibilities of new markets, including that of Russia, and for forming necessary connections in order to maintain their present enlarged output. Prior to the war Canada was a terra incognita in Russian commercial and financial circles. But time and circumstances are working a change, and the evidence of Canada's industrial strength and varied production is receiving generous recognition, which only requires to be supported by practical work on the spot in order to secure substantial results. Canada, with her new capacities and new spirit of self-reliance, will find in Russia a rich field for her newly developed energies. But manufacturing ability must receive its direction from well-informed commercial enterprise, and both the support of far-sighted and patriotic finance and carefully-matured transportation facilities.

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GIVE GENEROUSLY

St. John should be very generous when the appeal is made by the local branch of the Red Cross for funds for the French Red Cross. It should not be forgotten that much of the money raised is bound to bring comfort to some of our own boys, for our wounded in France will benefit by this aid the same as the wounded French. The efforts of the local Red Cross workers in this connection should meet with an encouraging response.

France has given all for the cause for which the Allies are fighting, and she has given unflinchingly. There is the greatest need for assistance for the Red Cross work there, a work which is deserving of the highest praise so faithfully has it been performed by those who are laboring for the relief of the suffering. It must be assumed that Canada will not turn a deaf ear to the urgent appeal about to be made in behalf of this worthy endeavor. And nowhere should contributions be more cheerfully made than in the Loyalist city of St. John.

NEW MAN AT HELM OF THE MAID OF THE MIST

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 7—Capt. R. F. Carter, of this city, after thirty-two years of service as captain of the Maid of Mist, has retired. Lieut. Williams, who has been mate for many years, succeeds him.