

CONQUEST OF THE AIR

Should be Employed Only In Pursuits of Peace.

"A Letter to the Nations" Being Widely Circulated

Praying That Aerial Vessels Shall Not be Used For War.

A circular praying that aerial vessels shall not be used in or applied to the purposes of war is receiving world-wide circulation. It has already been sent to 67 societies, 94 newspapers and 26 universities in Europe and Asia and to 20 societies, 88 newspapers and 93 universities in the United States and Canada.

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To the People of Every Land, From the Foster Home, Where Your Sons and Daughters Rejoice in Their Hopes Fulfillment.

One has said, "Let the dead bury their dead, follow thou me." And this saying, full of sublime philosophy, means for all ages, yesterday belongs to those who have lived, and that to-day is ours.

Therefore, if our fathers, from the age of club and axe, till yesterday, bore with the burden of war, theirs it remains, and we, making the burdens of to-day, shall we not limit the waters which have grown larger with the pace of human skill, the drain upon industry, the drain upon the race, the waste of virile youth the hope of the future?

It is at this moment that we confront a new menace to world peace and its fulfillment, and one of the greatest human achievements, the "Conquest of the Air," is possible of becoming one of the worst prostitutions of skill that has ever been known.

Men of every nation! accept this challenge, and make a law in every land, "that aerial vessels may not be used for the transportation, demonstration, use or application of munitions of war at any time."

In the development of the social fabric, mankind has eliminated, era after era, practices which were accepted for a time, and which in the light of a greater experience were found to be crude, cruel and savage.

In the light of the twentieth century, what can be thought of the idea of using this, the latest triumph in the ability of man to master his environment, the ship of the air; to turn back the centuries, and to recall the practice of savages, to bring into the arena of modernity, not the dignity of the lance and sword, but the firebrand, the torch of the dark ages, or the fire-armed arrow of the savage; are we to go backward, are we, as the race can, retrograde to the brutal past, and will the thirteenth century class us with the ape and the brute?

Knowledge given them, but could not use it aright; shall our ships of the air be used as assassins, to take their place in the history that will be written, with the poisoned arrow and poisoned well?

Surely not, and were we lacking in one day, in a high conception, a high ideal, that we can allow the engineering skill of our great mechanics to be devoted to the base purpose of killing? If so, can we also overlook the sequence of the use of aerial vessels in warfare? It will always have to be recognized, that explosives set adrift in the air, no matter what mechanism is applied to their guidance, are liable to be carried in any direction, and to be in consequence, a menace to any and every kind of property. Those who are the owners of the vessels are as liable to be the sufferers by them, the homes, the warehouses, the factories with their stores of material, the fields with their crops, the nation's food, and the fields with a carry it; all these, even in the land owning the vessels, will be always in jeopardy. Not alone will this be, but the air ships will be carried to neutral states, there also to imperil the lives and property of those innocent of any participation in the action.

Without stating further what must be apparent to every thinking mind, can we not say that this opportunity is worthy of the action of any and all the great minds who are on life's stage in this our day, and will there not be in every land and people some great hearts who shall be equal to one of the world's emergencies, and who will lead a movement which shall curb within its rightful bounds, this latest great victory of man, the "Ship of the Air"?

JULIUS M. WILLIAMS.

NEW ORGAN.

Wentworth Baptist Church Arranges to Install One. At a meeting of the members of Wentworth Street Baptist Church last night it was decided to purchase a new pipe organ. For some time past an organ committee have been taking voluntary subscriptions for the purpose and that considerable money has been raised it was deemed advisable that the matter be brought before the members and at last night's meeting they were unanimously in favor of securing one. It will be a great organ, two manual with pneumatic action. The work of installing the organ will be started next week. It will be situated above the baptistry. There has been some talk among the members of making some other alterations to the church, but nothing definite has been decided upon, and a meeting will likely be called to discuss the matter. The work of installing the organ will be completed by about September 1, and will be ready for the anniversary services.

GUILTY OF GRAFTING. Chicago, Sept. 23.—Police Inspector Edward McCann, charged with "grafting" was found guilty by a jury which reported in Judge Barnes' Court to-day.



CAPT. P. DOMVILLE, Whose resignation as Brigade Major is announced to-day.

HOTEL MEN HUSTLE NOW.

Will Give Temperance People a Stiff Fight.

Trustees Want to be Consulted About Annexation.

Much Wire Pulling For That Normal School Yet.

Some of the school trustees think that in view of the fact that the Board of Education will be directly interested in many ways if the annexation deal goes through the city should have the courtesy to confer with the chairman of the Board of Education. The matter will likely be taken up by the Internal Management Committee. The committee at its next meeting will also advise that tenders be called for at once for the ten-room addition to the Victoria avenue school. Complaints continue to pour in as a result of the shifting of pupils, caused by crowding, and the department will be unable to afford any further relief until more accommodation is provided. The top rooms of the Cannon street school were not opened this year, as it would have been necessary to install fire escapes had the classes been continued on the third floor. It will be necessary to keep the old Wellington street school, which has been condemned on sanitary grounds, open until the Barton street addition is opened. Although a large addition was built to the Sophia street school last year, in filling three or four more rooms if they were available.

The hotel men are silently mapping out their programme for the municipal campaign, and the temperance people will unquestionably have a stiff battle to elect a majority to the Board of Control, and council. The sinews of war will not be lacking and it's going to be a fight from the drop of the flag.

"We realize that," said Secretary Bowen, of the Citizens' Campaign Committee, to-day, "and have no fear of the result. The hotel men spent nearly \$50,000 in Toronto last year, and it did them no good. We have had liberal promises of assistance from Hamilton business men."

"A pipe dream," said Mr. Bower, referring to the story that Ald Milne, Lees and Anderson were the men the temperance people had endorsed for controllers. There is little doubt that these men will be endorsed if they run, but nothing official will be done until they are voted on. The most surprising thing about the announcement was that the name of Ald Peregrine was left off. He is regarded as perhaps the strongest of the temperance candidates, and has declared himself in the field. There (Continued on Page 10.)

DEATH TRAIL.

Human Beings, Birds and Beasts Lost Lives.

New Orleans, Sept. 23.—Around North Fordy carcasses of cows, hogs, horses and dogs strewn the prairies for miles, and thousands of dead birds and muskrats are floating on the waters of the bayous. The bodies of three fishermen were found in the Louisiana marshes several miles southeast of New Orleans, it was reported to-day. Two children, six Bois du Taere, La., were drowned when skiffs in which families were fleeing struck obstructions. Two were killed by the collapse of a house near Clinton, La. No trace of the crew of nine men on the sloop Seven Brothers, wrecked near the Riletoes, twenty miles east of New Orleans, has been discovered. A relief expedition, equipped by the Louisiana Game Commission, left New Orleans to-day for the Gulf coast, going direct to Lake Catherine. From there it will make its way toward the gulf port, distributing supplies and administering aid to the sufferers.

VICTORIA BAND COMING. The congregation of Ryerson Methodist Church has arranged to bring the Victoria University Evangelistic Band, of Toronto, here for two weeks, commencing on Sunday, October 3rd. They will bring a full company of singers.

Pickles and Preserves. We have a handy recipe book for free distribution if you will call and ask for it. There are many first-class recipes between the covers. Bear in mind we sell the best spices that can be had, and our stock is always fresh.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

ISSUED CALL TO DR. MILLS.

James Street Baptists Invite a Strong Man.

A Former Canadian, Now of City of Marietta, Ohio,

And Probability Is That He Will Accept It.

James Street Baptist Church has decided upon a call to a minister, to succeed Rev. J. C. Sycamore, M. A., who goes West in a few weeks.

The man of the congregation's choice—its unanimous choice—is Rev. Dr. Mills, of Marietta, Ohio. Having heard highly favorable reports of Dr. Mills' work, a deputation of church people, Messrs. J. W. Watson and A. Lutes, went to Marietta last Sunday, heard him preach, satisfied themselves about his pastoral and general work, had a personal interview with him, and obtained his consent to submit his name to the congregation.

Last evening, at the regular mid-week service, Messrs. Watson and Lutes reported in the form of a recommendation from the deacons, and both the commissioners who had visited the Ohio city spoke. It was a well-attended and representative meeting. Rev. Mr. Sycamore presided, and harmony prevailed. Of Dr. Mills' ability and suitability there was but one opinion—that he is the man for the church.

Mr. Charles E. Booker criticized the manner in which the proceedings had been gone about. He thought it would have been more in keeping with Baptist precedent if the matter had been first discussed with the church people and their consent obtained, the method pursued being too precipitate, in his opinion.

On the larger question, however, the church was united, and the call was made unanimous, without a sign of dissent.

Dr. Mills is a Canadian, a native of Ontario, who obtained his early education in this Province, and also attended McMaster. He is a graduate from the University of Chicago. He is a man of 43 years, married, and has two children. He is said to be a very strong man in the pulpit; a great worker, especially among the young people, and active in all Christian effort.

The salary offered is \$2,300 a year, and it is believed he will accept, although he receives \$2,500 now. Rev. Mr. Sycamore, the retiring pastor, receives \$2,200.

Dr. Mills will be here next week to discuss the matter with the church people, and an early answer is expected. Marietta is a city of about 15,000, but Dr. Mills' church there is a large and important one.

POWER OFF.

Tied Street Railway Service Up at Bad Time.

Something happened to the Cataract Power Company's plant shortly after 4 o'clock this morning, putting the street railway service out of business and tying the factories up for a few minutes. People who had occasion to use the cars as early as 6.30 to get to work in a hurry had some rather unpleasant experiences. After waiting a long time for the cars to appear they found that when they boarded them it took about an hour to go a mile, the power coming on in little spurts just sufficient to drive the cars a few blocks at a time.

The service all over the city was crippled more or less until 10 o'clock. To make it still more unpleasant a fine, drizzling rain was falling.

The suburban electric lines were also affected, but not to any great extent. The Brantford line was affected more than the others. The factories were unable to start sharp at 7 o'clock, but as the power came on shortly after they were not very seriously inconvenienced.

S. P. C. A. BUSY.

After People Who Are Cruel to Animals.

Inspector Berlinghoff is very active these days in preventing the dumb animals from being subjected to ill treatment. He has applied for a summons against R. Rosehead, James street north, who is alleged to have beaten his horse over the head with a whip last night. He also says a veterinarian has a blind horse which, when taken out, repeatedly falls on its knees, and is in a bad condition. He will have it examined this afternoon by a veterinary surgeon, and if in his estimation the horse should be shot, he will give orders to that effect.

PERSONAL.

Lieut.-Col. Galloway, of Toronto, was in the city for a short time yesterday.

Mrs. Hood, Hamilton, spent part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hudspeth, Caledonia.

Mr. W. H. Brooking, of Hamilton, was the guest of Mr. W. J. Moore, Woodstock, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. W. Milne, Hamilton, spent Sunday with friends in Caledonia.

Mr. Robert W. B. Robinson, who spent the past year at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., is visiting his parents, 25 East avenue north, before leaving for Kingston, where he will enter Queen's University.

NAVY MEN FRATERNIZE.

Officers of Different Fleets Exchanging Courtesies

At Hudson-Fulton Celebration at New York.

Great Crowds of Visitors Are Reaching the City.



MRS. MABEL TURNER. Toronto woman suspected of the murder of an adopted infant. The inquest on the child's body was opened last night and adjourned one week.

The Man in Overalls

I suppose Uncle Sam will levy a pole tax to maintain the Pole.

Henson gives a dash of color to Peary's Polar dash.

Seems to me the men appointed to wind up the York County Loan must need winding up.

"Coming to my spread!" asked the counterpart of the Hungarian lace at the South Wentworth Fair.

Now, why cannot the milk men do like the bakers—cut down the size of the measure instead of raising the price?

There's some class about the Y. W. C. A. gym class. Starts Oct. 7.

Rosefeldt! Rosefeldt! Rosefeldt! Where did I hear that name?

Wanted—Boys to fall down the mountain. To qualify for a place on the second junior Drednought football team.

This is the day for the annual job about the fair getting off to a fair start.

So Charles Frohman is sending "The Thief" here next week. A lot of people who have missed articles lately will be looking for him.

The Globe of Death, says Bennett's ad. Why, we are all in a globe of death.

The bankers say greater effort is required on their part to get depositors, and depositors say the same of deposits.

Peary has decided not to accept any public honors until his claim has been established, and perhaps after the public have heard Cook it will decide that Peary will have no public honors.

Peary will do no more exploring. Somebody else may get Cook out of the tight place.

Roosevelt, Cook and Peary are now finding the publishers a good mine.

I wonder if Sam Barker will want to interview any of Peary's Eskimoes?

When I look at some wealthy people I cannot help admiring the man who remarked that it was plain to see how little God valued money by the foibles he gave it to.

There's a woman at the bottom of everything, it is said; even the present outbreak of smallpox is laid to her.

When are gone, all these infectious ills. There will come along the doctors' bills for treatment and some various frills. Which to pay will give the city chills.

Our old friend the Sand-sucker, though no infant, is still sucking away.

Some members of the latter Reign Apostolic Church in Rhode Island say a crust of the earth will peel off shortly and swallow the wicked. It will be a case of Good-bye, Toronto, for I can see its finish.

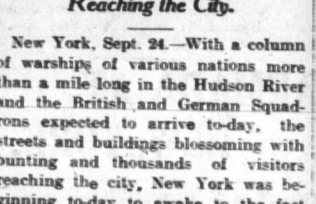
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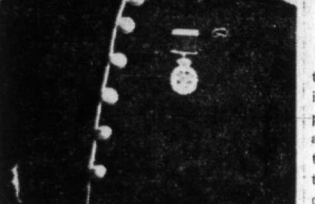
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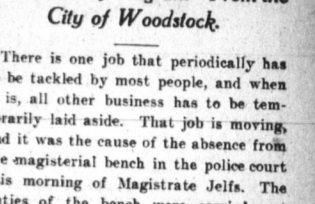
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