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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 3.

Mayor Church's Dilemma

Desperate efforts are being made to get the acting chief to accept the position of head of the fire department at any money, so that it may be filled before the judicial investigation of the Hodgson charges.

After blocking every move towards reorganization for months past, it is rather disconcerting to the church administration to find that the man they had selected to be their tool is not that sort of a man at all. Mr. Smith has evidently had enough of the wire-pulling and lobbying and his determination to accept his pension and retire will not lightly be set aside.

With the present recommendation of the board of control to rescind the resolution calling for a fire commissioner, the council does not now really know where it stands. Until it is definitely settled whether there is to be a fire chief or a fire commissioner, or a commission of three, and until the judicial investigation is over, it seems premature to proceed to the appointment of a head.

If the acting chief accepted the nomination as chief, he would be in an awkward position should the aldermen decide to stick to their resolution to have a fire commissioner. On the other hand no independent stranger is likely to come in from outside and take hold of a department which is still under judicial scrutiny.

It Pays to Live

Among the conventions which have been and are meeting in Toronto this week, that of the Canadian Health Association, which opens today, should not be overlooked. Locally, it is of more direct importance to the individual citizen, than perhaps any of the others. Life is the first consideration, and even life itself is a doubtful boon without health. For some years we have become so familiar with Dr. Hastings' fight against dirt and disease that the measure of resistance which he first encountered in his efforts for health reform is apt to be changed to apathy. But the meetings and discussions of a health convention tend to reawaken and stimulate an interest which in a properly constituted community should never flag. Toronto has a proud record to present to her visitors covering the last five years. Deaths from typhoid, a most insidious dirt disease, have been reduced from 46 per 100,000 in one year to 100,000 in the present year, while the total death rate has fallen in the same period from 14 per 1000 to a little over 11 per 1000. This has been accomplished by proper regulations and strict vigilance on the part of the health department. Clean milk, pure water, extermination of flies, are among the chief of the simple means adopted, but the meetings of the convention will present an interesting record of the war against disease in every department of the active scientific campaign that is being carried on. Death is an expensive and wasteful drain on the community. It pays to live and anything invested in good health pays regular dividends.

Another Good Man Wanted

What is needed in the fire department is a man who will take his place and make a record for independence and efficiency with the other heads of departments like Messrs. Harris, Chisholm, Hastings, Wilson, Pearce and Chambers. It should not be impossible for Toronto to achieve as much as that. The controllers and aldermen who keep this end in view cannot go far wrong.

American Diplomacy or British Seamanship?

President Wilson may be quite pleased with the climb down of Germany on the submarine business, and then again he may not. He ought to consult with the master mariners who may be accused of trying to escape if they out-stem one submarine and run into the clutches of another. And what does he think of setting the passengers of a Lusitania of the future afloat in open boats in the middle of a stormy sea out of sight of land?

The president may also get a little

information about the efficacy of submerging from the German point of view, and of the efficiency of the preventive measures that are being taken by the British fleet. There is no virtue in giving up what one is compelled to relinquish, and it looks as though Germany was paying too dear for her whistle in all this submarine adventure.

Germany is giving up the submarine policy because she is getting nothing out of it. If it were the success Von Tirpitz anticipated submarines would be on every trade route and would be sinking vessels at the rate of a score a day or more. As it is, more submarines are being captured or destroyed by the British than British vessels sunk by the Germans. Not American diplomacy but British seamanship has brought about the German concession.

"Counsel Against England"

On several occasions, The World has called attention to the mischievous activities of Mr. William Randolph Hearst in the direction of influencing United States opinion against the allies, and particularly against the United Kingdom, or as his papers habitually say—England. Mr. Hearst's anti-British proclivities have long been known, nor are they without reason of a material kind. His newspapers have always catered to the German and other anti-British sections of the United States public, and have lost no opportunity to intensify their antagonism to the nation which has been the cradle of liberty and the mother of all free peoples. But Mr. Hearst and his personal organs rock nothing of these things, while it suits their peculiar aims and objects to paint England as a tyrant among the nations.

On Tuesday last, the whole editorial page of The New York American was devoted to a letter from Dr. William Bayard Hale to its editor, composed in part of a furious attack on President Wilson and his cabinet suggested over by some complimentary but empty and patently disingenuous phraseology. He begins by pointing out that under the American constitution, the president of the union is, during his term of office, responsible to nobody. In this connection, Dr. Hale betrays extraordinary ignorance when he defines the English constitutional maxim that "The King can do no wrong," as meaning "in modern phraseology, that if wrong has been done, the King could not have done it; or in other words, that when the King has done wrong, his ministers take the blame." That is an entirely wrong explanation. The King can do no wrong because, in fact, he does nothing except on the advice of his ministers, who must, therefore, accept responsibility for the act done in the King's name. The evident attempt to represent the government of the United Kingdom as autocratic again displays the anti-British bias which runs thru the whole of Dr. Hale's letter.

The cloven hoof comes out more palpably when he attempts to show that "with all his ability and character, there are certain quite special limitations which set upon Mr. Wilson's fitness to handle alone a crisis such as we are passing thru." According to Dr. Hale, the president is not an authority on international law, has no particular knowledge of international relations, and is not a traveled man, except as to one nation. That nation is, of course, England. It seems, so Dr. Hale affirms, that Mr. Wilson studies English political history, loves English literature, delights in English scenery and retreats "to Bermuda, the nearest point at which glimpses of English life can be enjoyed." But the head and front of Mr. Wilson's offending is that his "mother was born in England, and all four of his grandparents were British subjects."

All this tirade and the description of the president's cabinet as "a cabinet of nobodies"—two of the ten, also, were born subjects of the King of England—is intended for a purpose. Dr. Hale's letter, like the scorpion, carries a sting in its tail. It comes out when he calls the president's demand that Germany abandon her submarine activity, "a demand, the folly of which only the obscuring mercy of delay, and the fact that a government whose armies were gaining delay victories, could afford to be conciliatory, have worked together to efface." The "magnanimity," "high generosity" and "friendliness" of the Kaiser's government, in Dr. Hale's opinion, deserves recognition in the shape of "the vindication against England also of our violated dignity—the assertion now against England of the right of American citizens to sail the seas with safety."

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FRIDAY, the FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER next, to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the fifteenth day of September.

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ful cargoes." So the cat is out of the bag at last. Dr. William Bayard Hale is unmasked as a defender of the Kaiser's right to sink the Lusitania, and a defender of the right of the allies to use their supremacy at sea to defeat the machinations of Prussian militarists bent on dominating the world and destroying national and personal liberties.

Practical Advice

Editor World: Your editorial in this morning's World dealing with the question of the fire chief or commissioner is putting the matter in a proper light. No chief of a fire department can have a well organized or efficient department unless he has absolute control. As an ex-member of the Toronto Fire Department I know something of the inner working of the department. Since the death of the late Chief Ardagh, the system of making appointments to the department has been very much changed. He knew the appointments, but recommended to the fire and light committee the names of men suitable for the job. Being a high-class mechanic himself he knew the order of merit, and he knew the something of men, but with the coming of the present system a different class of men were appointed, bringing lodge and political influences which did much to lower the efficiency of the department in discipline. Chief W. J. Smith was appointed on the recommendation of the late chief, and in his estimation stood high as a cool-headed fire fighter. Absolute control is the way for a fire chief to have a high-class fire department. A commission of one or more men over him ignorant of fire department matters means nothing.

If a commission is necessary, select competent men who can advise with the fire chief as to what is best for the welfare of the brigade. The writer has just returned from the Chief Firemen's Convention held at Ottawa, and without doubt Ottawa has one of the best organized fire departments in Canada today.

Their fire-fighting equipment and men are no better than the majority of the Toronto department, but their system of discipline, fire drill and gun order is all that could be desired and could be copied by Toronto with much profit.

The real way to put the Toronto department on an efficient footing is to give the chief full control, under him a master mechanic, deputy and district chiefs as required to cover a city like Toronto. Appointments would be better if lodge and politics were left out, and the medical health officer's recommendations considered giving preference to citizens of the city, other things being equal.

James Corbett, Chief, F.D., Massey-Harris Co., Toronto.

OFFICERS GIVEN TITLES.

Lt.-Col. Hamilton Merritt and Others Are Honored.

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—Lieut.-Col. W. Hamilton Merritt, of Toronto, has been granted the honorary rank of colonel. A number of officers have been promoted to lieutenant-colonel, while commanding overseas battalions, including the following: Major S. G. Beckett, 8th Mississauga Horse, commanding infantry (overseas) battalion. Major J. Ballantyne, 20th Regiment (Halton Rifles), commanding infantry (overseas) battalion. Lieut. W. A. Lowry, corps of guides, while commanding the 32nd (overseas) battalion.

Important Changes in Grand Trunk Train Service From Toronto.

Train leaving Toronto 12.01 noon daily (except Sunday) for Muskoka, Wharfedale, Huntsville, Algonquin and Madawaska will be discontinued after Sept. 4th.

Train now leaving Toronto 10.15 a.m. daily (except Sunday) for North Bay and principal intermediate stations will commence Sept. 6th, run via Muskoka, Wharfedale and cancelled after Sept. 11th.

Train leaving Toronto 2.05 a.m. daily for North Bay and principal intermediate stations will be discontinued after Sept. 6th.

Train leaving Toronto 12.05 a.m. daily for Hamilton, Niagara Falls and Buffalo will be discontinued after Sept. 7th.

Special train leaving Toronto 1.40 p.m. Saturdays for Jackson's Point will be discontinued after Sept. 4th.

Special train leaving Jackson's Point 7.30 a.m. Mondays for Toronto will be run on Tuesday, Sept. 7th, instead of Monday, Sept. 6th, and will be discontinued after Sept. 7th.

Commencing Sept. 13th train No. 41 will leave Toronto 8.05 a.m. daily, except Sunday (instead of 7.45 a.m.) and run through to North Bay; arrive North Bay 7.00 p.m.

Train No. 43, commencing Sept. 13th, will leave Toronto 1.30 p.m. daily, except Sunday (same time as at present) and run to Huntsville instead of Gowan and LeRoy to be cancelled.

Train No. 92, leaving Hamilton 5.45 p.m. daily, arrive Toronto 7.10 p.m., will run daily (except Sunday) effective Sept. 12th.

Train No. 90 (new train) will leave Hamilton 5.45 p.m. on Sunday only and stop at Sunnyside and arrive Toronto 8.45 p.m., effective Sept. 12th.

Further particulars on application to Grand Trunk agents.

FIFTY GERMAN SUBS. CAPTURED IN NETS?

Officer of Adriatic Says Destroyer of Arabic is Included.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—An officer of the White Star liner Adriatic, which arrived from Liverpool today, declared that the German submarine which sank the Arabic had been caught in a steel net and the "U" boat's double crew were now prisoners in England. He added that within the past sixty days the British have captured no less than fifty German submarines.

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GEN. YANOUSKEVITCH VICEROY OF CAUCASUS

Chief of Grand Duke Nicholas' Staff Honored by the Czar.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 1, via London, Sept. 2.—Official announcement was made today that General Yanouskevitch, chief of Grand Duke Nicholas' staff, has been appointed assistant viceroy of the Caucasus.

He will be succeeded as chief of staff by General Alexieff, commander-in-chief of the armies on the north-western front.

General Nicholas Nicolaievitch Yanouskevitch, who has been chief of staff of all the armies of Russia, is the youngest soldier of distinction in the war, being only 44 years of age.

He was classmate of the czar in a military school, and his companion in the lower grades of the army.

Upon the outbreak of the war the czar nominated Grand Duke Nicholas commander-in-chief, and also himself named General Yanouskevitch chief of staff of all the Russian armies.

FRENCH AVIATOR'S FEAT.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 2.—A French aviator early today bombarded the barracks at Etterbeck, a suburb of Brussels. It is reported that many German soldiers were killed.

WILL SEEK RECRUITS AT AUTUMN FAIRS

Col. Morgan, Recruiting Officer for Cornwall District, Arranges for Tour.

Special to The Toronto World.

CORNWALL, Sept. 2.—Colonel Morgan, who succeeded Major Cameron in command of the Cornwall Canal Guard and who is recruiting officer for this district, is meeting with success in securing recruits for overseas service. He will visit all the fairs in Cornwall, Dundas and Gengarry and arrange for military displays. There will be a grand military rally at the fair grounds the last day of the Cornwall Fair, Saturday, Sept. 11, when a detachment of troops, with the pipe band of the 7th Regiment, now under training at Ottawa, will be present.

The funeral of the late Roger Graham, of Westmount, Que., took place from the G. T. R. Station, Cornwall, to Woodlawn Cemetery today. Many of the older residents of Cornwall were present. A funeral service was conducted by Rev. Hugh Munroe, pastor of St. John's Church. Mr. Graham was married to a grandniece of the late Col. Alexander MacLennan, one of the pioneers of Cornwall and brother of the late Chief Justice MacLennan of Toronto. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, came to this

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WINNIPEG, Sept. 2.—Hon. T. H. Johnston, minister of public works, expects to be able to announce tomorrow or Saturday that he has arranged for a resumption of work on the new parliament buildings. A new contract for the completion of the work will be ready by the opening of the 1916 session.

Premier Hearst at Soo.

Hon. W. H. Hearst, premier of Ontario, left last night for Sault Ste. Marie. He will spend about three weeks in the "Soo" district looking over the work which has been completed during the present season and the requirements for next year.

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