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\$500,000 GIFT FOR N. Y. HOSPITAL

Banker Adds to Previous Donation, and \$750,000 Endowment will be Formed—Deficits will be Offset.

New York, June 10.—A gift of \$500,000 to the Society of the New York Hospital by George E. Baker, chairman of the directors of the First National Bank, has been announced by Edward W. Sheldon, president of the society, at a meeting of the board of governors. A week ago public announcement was made that Mr. Baker had donated \$1,000,000 to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the form of an endowment fund.

The board of governors in accepting the gift unanimously adopted a resolution to establish the George E. Baker Endowment Fund of \$750,000, consisting of the present endowment of a half million dollars and one of \$250,000 made by Mr. Baker to the society in 1912. The preamble and resolutions were as follows:


"The governors of the society of the New York Hospital are profoundly grateful to Mr. George E. Baker for the magnificent gift made by him for the purposes mentioned in his letter of May 29, 1922. This is the second time that he has given the institution most liberal and stimulating aid. To carry out his wish, expressed in that letter, it was thereupon unanimously

"Resolved, That the Society of the New York Hospital gratefully accepts Mr. George E. Baker's gift of \$500,000 of United States Victory Loan 3-4 per cent. notes to constitute a part of its endowment fund, the income to be used for the corporate purposes of the society, and was it was further unanimously

"Resolved, That as a permanent memorial to Mr. Baker's able and valuable services as a governor of the society since 1899 this gift be denominated the George E. Baker Endowment Fund, and that there be transferred to it the \$250,000 given by Mr. Baker to the society, without restriction, in 1912, and an amount of \$750,000, to be held upon the terms specified in Mr. Baker's letter of May 29, 1922.

The organizations within the Society of the New York Hospital which will benefit by Mr. Baker's liberality are the New York Hospital in West Sixteenth street, the Bloomingdale Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disease at White Plains and the Campbell Cottages for Convalescent Children, also at White Plains. The society is the second oldest hospital in this country, having been granted its charter by King George in 1771. Since that time, it was said, the hospital has treated 2,018,000 patients,

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RENT MATTER IN THE ELECTIONS

Mexicans Talk of Forming
Tenants' Party—Already
Organized in Mexico City.

Mexico City, May 25.—(Associated Press, by Mail).—Tired of paying high rentals, tenants of Mexico City have formed a union and are even threatening a general strike of all industries in the capital unless their demands for a 75 per cent. decrease in all rents is not met by the landlords.

The union is recruited from the lower classes, but is being led by well-known labor organizers who have already staged demonstrations and have announced that they will resort to violence if necessary to achieve their end. Street parades are held at least three times a week and several have been so riotous that police reserves were called out.

The newspapers El Universal and Excelsior, which have consistently opposed the union, have been threatened numerous times and several nights ago a rowdy gang of low rent advocates attempted to set fire to the newspaper buildings. Police were necessary to drive them off.

The tenants are not at all modest in their demands. Besides asking that their rents be reduced 75 per cent, they also insist that the landlords be forced to make all sorts of repairs and installations on their properties. The landlords assert that the demand are impossible to meet if present high taxes are maintained by the federal and district governments.

The idea of lower rents is catching hold in other cities of the republic, and there is talk of organizing a Tenants' Party to compete in the national and state elections.

GETTING OIL BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH

Activities in Canada, Peru
and Colombia—An Inter-
esting Story.

The June number of the Imperial Oil Review is devoted to the activities of the company in Peru, Colombia and Northern Canada. It is a fascinating story that is told of what the company is doing in developing oil fields in the South American republics, and what it has been and is doing in western and northern Canada, especially in the Fort Norman area. On the front cover is a picture of a Peruvian belle, and on the back cover one of Ronald McKinnon, the dispatch bearer, in his furs and on his snowshoes, who travelled 1,250 miles from the Imperial Oil camp near Fort Norman. In the long list of Canadians in the company's employ in Peru, one notes the name of Miss White, formerly of Centerville, N. B., who is a nurse, and Dr. L. H. Fraser, formerly of Halifax. Of the company's activities we read:—"The deepest hole ever drilled in Canada in the quest of oil at Pincher Creek, the farthest north well at Fort Norman; the deepest hole drilled in the search for oil in South America, near Negrete, Peru; the drilling rigs at work in the tangled jungles of the Magdalena Valley, Colombia; the other drilling

their opinion she supplies the "shock troops" of moral reform and signally interferes with the success of their wicked devices.

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operations now going forward in remote sections of our own west—these are a few of the many samples of the pioneering spirit in the Imperial Oil organization."

In its introduction to the contents of its very interesting illustrated stories in its pages the Review says:—"Chance has brought the geographical extremes of Imperial activities into close association in this number. There are tales of romance and adventure in Colombia and Peru, and the thrilling story of Donald McKinnon's lonely tramp up the trail from Fort Norman to civilization. Thus what is being done in far away regions to provide the petroleum as yet lacking in our own country is portrayed in these pages, and the dusky Peruvian belle on the front cover seems naturally to link arms with the north Canadian woodsman on the back."

"Few people outside of the circle of

Review readers have any appreciation of the extent of these Canadian ventures in the far north, and below the equator, nor are they aware of the Canadian colonies, Canadian hospitals, Canadian teachers and Canadian schools, and the great engineering works directed and manned by Canadians, which exist in Peru and Colombia. Now do they know much about the drills which are pounding incessantly from the international boundary to the Arctic Circle in the search for a domestic supply of oil—the most costly, the most comprehensive development of a Canadian resource ever undertaken in this country without government assistance. In the forty years since it was founded by Canadians at Petrolia, Imperial Oil Limited has become one of the largest employers of labor, the largest customer of Canadian railroads and of Canadian industry generally, one of the largest payers of taxes, and with its

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