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Notes of Women's World

The women's auxiliary to the Army Medical Corps meets at the Academy of Medicine at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

This morning the bandage meeting of the Dreadnought Chapter, I.O.D.E. will be held at St. Simon's parish house at 4.30.

The Daughters of the Empire, York Chapter, of the Beaches, will hold their postponed garden party on Saturday afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. George Ritchie, 38 Leuty avenue.

All members are requested to attend the special meeting for first aid class examinations to be held this afternoon at Dundrum Heights under the auspices of the McNab Red Cross Association.

The proceeds of a small patriotic bazaar which was held by the staff of the Pembroke House Y.W.C.A. and which amounted to \$52 will be sent to Lieut. C.B. Pyne in aid of the Ontario Government base hospital.

On Saturday afternoon, Aug. 14, a sale of home-made cooking will be held at 208 Lakeshore, Centre Island. A miniature midway will be one of the attractions and with fine weather it is hoped to realize a goodly sum for the patriotic cause of the Red Cross.

Four little girls—the Misses Margaret Empringham, Marjorie Scoba, Helen Genn and Gertrude Foghall—gave a garden party by which they raised \$23.35, which will go towards the East Toronto Red Cross Society.

The Parkdale Soldiers' Aid Society have recently shipped thru the Red Cross 23 cases, and it is expected that two Canadian hospitals in northern France. In addition, a number of pairs of socks, ninety short stories and twenty booklets were part of the shipment.

Owing to the rain of yesterday the proposed garden-party of the West Presbyterian Church Patriotic Association was held in the basement of the church. Many attractions were presented. The Salvation Army Band was in attendance and Controller Spence was the speaker of the evening.

Good work in the cause of patriotism is being done by the ladies at

Kawartha Island, Stony Lake. At a recent meeting thirty-five ladies worked for the boys at the front, and Rev. Dr. Speer of Toronto gave an interesting talk on the war. Mrs. Pearson read letters from her husband, who is with the Canadians at the front.

Fresh interest has been added to the White Rose Day campaign by the late message from government house that Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have been pleased to extend their patronage to the event, when an appeal will be made to the citizens of Toronto on behalf of the Queen Mary Hospital for consumptive children.

Good work is being done by the Ontario Chapter, Daughters of the Empire. They have decided to devote \$100 to the 59th Regiment fund, now being raised. They also contemplate the endowment of a cot in one of the Red Cross hospitals, besides the raising of a "convalescent fund" for the benefit of returned soldiers. A "self-denial fund" is also part of their program of patriotism.

A fine aggregate of work done was shown at a meeting called to celebrate the formation of the Col. Arthur Williams Chapter, I.O.D.E. Reports were given as follows: 709 knitted articles, 1596 hospital supplies, 255 shirt pyjamas, etc., 36 handkerchiefs, 26 completely fitted kit bags; \$4637.69 was raised by special collections, entertainments, etc.; over \$1700 was raised by the Empire Tea Room, making over \$6900 raised by the women and girls of Port Hope.

In connection with Red Cross Day at Scarborough Beach, Wednesday, Aug. 18, there will be a grand water carnival in the evening. Residents of Kew and Balmy Beaches having canoes, rowboats and dingies are asked to decorate their crafts and take part in the carnival. Special prizes will be given, and it is expected that every owner of a boat will take special interest to make this one of the most successful carnivals ever held.

Parties intending to take part in the carnival will please send their names to Harry Trowell, 81 Balsam avenue, not later than Monday next.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve of the proposal to have a White Rose Day on Thursday, Sept. 9, for the benefit of the National Sanitarium Association. It is hardly necessary to remind the public of the ravages of the white plague or of the needs of the institutions that are endeavoring to mitigate its evils.

QUEEN MARY BIDN THE AMERICAN FLAG

Paid Over Thousand Dollars for Stars and Stripes at Auction.

A pretty story is just to hand of a patriotic sale of embroideries held at Windsor Castle by Lady French. The sale was in aid of the British Red Cross, and among the articles put up at auction was an American flag, consisting of a square of white silk about a yard across, with the Stars and Stripes richly embroidered upon its surface. Some years ago it had been bought from a Parisian dealer in embroideries by Lady French for \$35. The first bid made at the late auction was \$150. The bids went up until finally it was bought by Mrs. Mary for \$1250, the highest bid of the day. The incident recalls the sentiment that attaches to a flag. How many stories of heroism and how many inspirations for poetry have been found in the flag. Lives have been sacrificed and glorious deeds accomplished in the defence of the "colors," and to offer insult to the flag is to offer insult to the country it represents. On the other hand, to honor the flag is to honor its people.

Doubtless this is what Her Majesty intended when her bid for the Stars and Stripes worked on their silken field of spotless white, went to such high figure. The object which represented and brought to mind the people of the United States was something that had the infinite value that attaches to things with which we associate our friends, and was something for which a high price might worthily be paid. The cheque, too, was a handsome addition to the funds of the Red Cross, and in this way the flag of the republic was made a merciful medium through which many comforts would flow to the sick and wounded.

IS GIVING A BIBLE TO EACH CANADIAN SOLDIER

Canada Bible Society Faces Gigantic Task in Supplying Contingents.

Members of the Canada Bible Society executive committee, expressing the view that the society has undertaken a task which will test its resources in furnishing a khaki Testament to every Canadian soldier who goes to the front. This has been done so far, and the executive will take steps at its approaching meeting to see that its agreement with the militia department to continue the work is maintained, no matter how vast the overseas Canadian force ultimately becomes.

The war has put a stop to the extensive evangelistic work conducted for many years by the British and Foreign Bible Society in Belgium, Germany, Austria and Turkey.

REV. DR. W. J. MCKAY BIDS BON VOYAGE TO PRIEST

Extends Good Wishes to Father Burke En Route to Front.

Rev. Dr. W. J. McKay, editor of the Baptist publications, who has been visiting in Canada with Rev. Father Burke, said to The World yesterday respecting Father Burke's going to the front as an army chaplain: "We have often had occasion to break a lance with Father Burke; at the same time, in these days, when the common interests of the empire are making us realize the things we have in common, I am glad to wish him 'bon voyage' and to express the hope that he may be a means of real help and consolation to many Catholic soldiers."

THE PARK THEATRE.

Monday, the 16th, will see a revival of the best drama produced, the offering for the first half of the week being "The Bishop's Candlesticks," which is taken from an incident in Les Miserables, Victor Hugo's masterpiece, and featuring the part of Jean Val Jean. This character is ably portrayed by Mr. Brown, his support the change of costume being excellent. Mr. and Mrs. Hennepe will delight the audience.

A laughable comedy will be given in addition to the above bills, as a curtain raiser, as well as the usual photographs.

AVOCA VALE GARDENS TEMPORARILY CLOSED. Owner of Celebrated Rose Gardens is Remodeling the Grounds.

John T. Moore, the owner of Avoca Vale rose gardens, is having the grounds remodelled, and until this is completed the gardens will be closed to the public.



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UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

The following letter from Lieut.-Col. William Hamilton Merritt, president of the Canadian Defence League, is in reply to a request from Miss Helen M. Merritt, who is prominent in women's patriotic organizations. It is calculated to stimulate interest in national defence and to encourage universal military training.

Not only has Col. Merritt made a special study of the system of defence of Canada and foreign countries, but he has written and published interesting matter along this line, especially relating to the militia laws of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland, and also several pamphlets under the title of "Patriotic Military Service."

In reply to your request for my views on the system for national defence in vogue in Canada, I would say in the first place that I was very glad to be present at the magnificent rally at Massey Hall, held recently to inaugurate on a large scale a recruiting movement in Toronto.

If I had not been there I might have missed the utterance of a great statesman and ardent imperialist, who reminded us that under our military system we are free men, and if recruits were lacking that that freedom might be endangered. He also pointed out that under our system any young men who preferred to remain at home to be pampered by their mothers or to be sent to the front to be killed or wounded, or who were wedded to their selfish pleasures, could continue the enjoyment of these privileges, all at the expense of the state, and that their selfish chums who chose to offer their services to safeguard them.

Undoubtedly the great statesman meant it to be taken as a warning that liberty run riot, when opposed to national organization cannot be expected to continue.

"Compulsion or freedom" might well be read "system or license," for compulsion means a national system, the same for all, and unbridled freedom a degenerate license. Compulsion or freedom may also read "Patriotism or dollars," for under the go-as-you-please or "free" system we may wonder what the response would be to the weight of the recruiting dollars. Our brave French allies are

fighting for one cent a day under a national system. Where would the British Empire be but for the unselish universal military systems of Belgium, France and Russia? Are we indeed "free" men? How free are we where taxes are concerned? Must we not educate our children? Can we obey the laws or not as we like? It is the terrible thing to realize that the public mind has deemed taxes, education and all laws worthy of being treated as serious business, and put on a well-organized and supervised basis, and that when it comes to the sacred matter of defence of heart and home, flag and country, it is left to a slipshod volition of each individual. Why is Germany so strong? For the same reason that little Switzerland is strong, free tho it be from all trace of the Prussian militarism and caste. The reason they are strong is because both represent that national organization for defence which can change a people into an army when danger threatens. I have seen Switzerland mobilize for war in three days, a people of half our population with a well armed and well trained army of more than half a million. We cannot understand what it means, the fundamental basis is lacking, and until the people of Canada are willing to acknowledge that defence of country is as worthy of a business basis, of a national organization, and to be put on the same compulsory basis as education of youth, obedience to laws and payment of taxes, Canada cannot be strong and therefore will not be safe.

The popular feeling at present in England in favor of universal compulsion to take action on a petition that the outcome of a cry "I want volunteer" but take me and also take the shirker who is waiting for my job." Lord Milner under the present system the cream of the race is all being wiped out, and it will have to be carried on by the skimmed milk. He advocates the fair distribution of compulsion.

The Canadian Defence League has for years kept together for the purpose of advocating universal military training. So far the public has been absolutely apathetic on the subject. Now, the league, while willing to aid the recruiting movement in every possible way, may at last get a hearing. For the safety of our country and the benefit of the coming generations, we hope so.

William Hamilton Merritt, Toronto, Aug. 12, 1915.

REV. ROBERT F. Y. PIERCE TO CONDUCT SERVICES HERE.

Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, known as the Wall Street Evangelist, is a unique personality on the curb in Wall street, New York, where he, during the summer months, conducts what he styles as "wayside meetings." Speaking from an automobile, Mr. Pierce chalks as he talks. Hundreds of men stop to witness his telling illustrations and hear his burning words. To be of greater service to men in giving counsel and encouragement, Mr. Pierce has an office near the Stock Exchange, to which he daily invites men that may wish to confer with him personally on moral and religious matters.

Mr. Pierce is now in our city and will be during August. Under the direction of prominent business men he will conduct a number of open air illustrated gospel services on the street at noonday. The first meeting will be held on Melinda street, opposite the Stock Exchange, on Friday, at 12.30. He is probably the best-known Bible illustrator on the continent and his street services here will doubtless attract large numbers of men.

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