

DARE NOT GAMBLE WITH HUMAN LIVES

Canada Asked to Help Save
Belgian Nation From
Starvation

THREATS OF GERMANY May be Hollow, But Must be Guarded Against

Montreal, May 12.—One of the questions that is sometimes put to members of the Central Belgian Relief Committee here is whether if the Belgian Relief Committee had not come to the aid of the Belgian people, the German government would not in the end have been compelled to see that they did not starve. The reply is given in the words of a member of the Relief Commission who recently arrived here from Belgium. He said: "We dare not gamble with the lives of 7,000,000 people when our only trump card is the belief that Germany will not descend to the lowest depths of humanity. We had to believe that Germany's threats were not a bluff and the world has backed us up in that belief."

Meanwhile the most pathetic appeals continue to come from the Relief Commission workers in Belgium. They declare that the children are visibly fading away before the eyes of their distracted parents, their growing bodies being unable to withstand the continued privations of the restricted rations which the Relief Commission is distributing.

Feeding seven million Belgians, in addition to 3,000,000 French people in the occupied portions of France, is a task beyond the present financial means of the Relief Commission except with the severest rationing to which any nation has ever been called upon to submit.

To save the children before the constitutions of the whole rising generation of Belgians—the hope of the nation's future—are ruined forever, is the big task to which the Commission is now devoting itself, and for this purpose more money is desperately needed. One dollar per month per child will do this. Who will help? The collection of funds for this purpose in Canada is in the hands of the Central Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal, to whom money should be remitted, or it may be sent to any local committee affiliated with this central body.

At Vancouver resolutions calling upon the provincial Government to take action to prevent any possible pollution of the watersheds of the lower mainland, through logging operations, were passed.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

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Secretary's Report.
In looking over last year's annual report, the thoughts expressed in the opening sentences seemed to apply so apply to this year as well, that we report in part:

At night, as we look back upon the day, reviewing in mind the varied experiences, the prepared plans and the surprises, we see here a little gain and there a little loss, something which might have been done differently, something which should not have been done at all, some opportunity which was lost, or some glorious victory bringing a deep quiet joy. And when we consider the day in the light of Christ's favor, as He judges success and failure, we many times wish that we might have that day to live over again.

And thus, as we review the work of our Association for the past year, we see that sometimes we failed to grasp the opportunity, sometimes we might have done differently, and in some things there was sweet success. The report of the work here must be submitted to Christ. We each stand responsible to Him for our part, and our prayer is that it may be pleasing to Him, and an honor to His name. A brief summary of the work of each club:

The "I Will Trust Club" is for all girls, meeting each Saturday night from September to June. The president for the past year has been Miss Mildred Cook, and she has been supported by an able executive and good committee. The meetings are usually of a devotional nature, varied at times with social events. During the year the different ministers have given helpful talks, also other good speakers on educational subjects and on Foreign Association work.

At the opening of the Club, Oct. 14th, Miss Lane, of the Y. W. C. A. Dominion Council, Toronto, spoke to the girls on the subject of their relation to the Association, which should be "service."

During the year the Club entertained the Hamilton F. W. T. Club. Over one hundred were present, and greatly enjoyed the programme of games and readings, also the talk given by Capt. Jenkins, on "The Bright Side of a Soldier's Life."

At Christmas time clothing and provisions were supplied to a family of several children.

A special effort has been made to raise as high as possible the funds for foreign association work. Also to send several delegates to the Y. W. C. A. conference in Muskoka.

"The Triangle Club" is composed of girls employed at the Barber-Edwards Ltd., and represent a splendid type of girlhood. In December forty of these girls were present at a jolly "fun-fee," and furnished a programme which demonstrated their many talents.

They have especially remembered the Widows' Christmas time, and with a Valentine party. "The Loyalty Club" is composed

FREDDIE WELSH
The lightweight champion who lost the decision on a ten round fight to Johnny Kilbane. Welsh fought a purely defensive fight.

of girls of English, Scotch and Irish birth, meeting every Friday night for varied programmes. Through this club the girls meet other girls of the homeland. They also had their share in distributing Christmas comforts and cheer.

Last November the annual week of prayer for the world-wide Young Women's Christian Association was observed. Announcements were made from each church pulpit, as "Association Sunday," for prayer in behalf of the Y. W. C. A. and Y.M.C.A. of many countries. The daily programme was observed by the clubs and those in residence. A public meeting for members was held during the week with appropriate programmes. Rev. C. E. Jenkins gave a message of encouragement and inspiration.

The Bible study class, conducted by Rev. W. E. Baker, each Friday afternoon during January and February, proved a very helpful study on the "Life of Christ."

Two Bible study groups were held for girls each Friday from seven to eight o'clock, from September to May. One group was closed early on account of the illness of the leader, Miss E. Duncan.

Gymnasium Department.
Miss E. Cottle, of the Stratford Normal School, was engaged as teacher, giving one afternoon and one evening a week to the work in Brantford.

A Stratheona class for school teachers was conducted by Miss Cottle, covering thirty lessons. There were forty members in this class, and all successfully passed the examination under the test of Major McCrimmon of London.

The membership of the regular gymnasium classes was better than usual, seniors 60, juniors 82, total of 142.

A social evening and supper for the members of the senior classes was held in November, with an excellent programme of games, music and toasts.

At the open evening, Jan. 25th, a programme of regular class work was given, with a goodly number of relatives and friends in attendance. On May 3rd, the closing exhibition was a splendid success, when in addition to the regular class work, many pretty special features were presented. From the closing exhibition we realized over eighty dollars.

Under Miss Cottle's direction, the gymnasium work has been greatly appreciated by the girls.

The basketball teams won three out of four out-of-town games.

Swimming Classes.
In August and September we were pleased to have the use of the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool, for one evening a week. A supervisor was in attendance and a large number of girls enjoyed a swim.

Regular classes commenced in October with Miss H. Oldham as instructor. The evening classes were for employed girls, with a membership of 40, and the morning classes for unemployed girls with a membership of 21.

Because of cold, and various reasons, the attendance dropped off after Christmas, but those who remained, enjoyed the privilege of the pool.

As special events of the year we report:
The Fall Rally, Sept. 26th, with a programme of stunts, representing the different departments and activities of the Association. Printed prospectus of the season's work was distributed.

New Years Day, a cozy time was spent in the reading room, where girls gathered from different parts of the city to enjoy the music, readings and stories, and to forget that they were away from home. Tea was served.

The Mother and Daughter Banquet is an annual event, to which many of us look forward with great pleasure. This year one hundred and fifty were seated at tables in Victoria Hall. The decorations were pretty and the banquet good. The programme of toasts and solos given by the girls and mothers was excellent, also the volume of songs and "yells." Our guest and speaker was Mrs. R. A. Falconer, of Toronto, President of the Y.W.C.A. Dominion Council.

A Bazaar and Talent Tea was held in December by the Directorate, from which the proceeds amounted to \$101.69.

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MENTION TO MOTORISTS

PETROL SCARCITY.
The situation of the motorists in England grows more precarious so far as fuel supply is concerned. The following is from a recent issue of The London Globe:

A recent announcement by the Petrol Control Committee is creating something like consternation among motorists. The announcement is to the effect that there is a greater scarcity of petrol than even the committee anticipated, and that in consequence new applicants for licenses may have to do without, and furthermore, that when, after April next, the present licenses come up for renewal, the conditions of renewal are quite uncertain. In fact, there may be no petrol at all.

As the result of an automobile accident at Kamloups, when the driver of the car lost control, J. H. McChesney, aged 24 years, fell from the top of the car, received injuries which caused his death.

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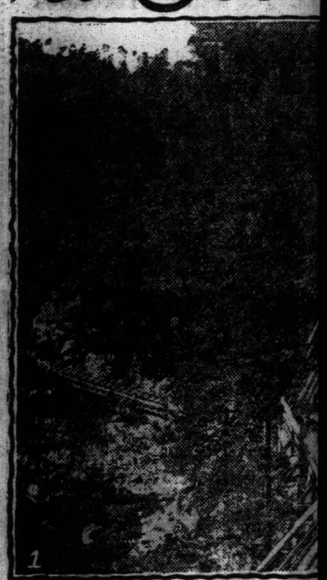
A BABY BEAR
There is not bear at Keys who is as playful as a puppy, but far more effective teeth. The day, while romping with Gonda and one of the Keystones, he caught her with his teeth. Miss Durand let out a yell but answer to solicitous inquiries, lowering her rescue, admitted that hadn't been hurt. But I was afraid to rip my bathing suit," she planned.

"PLAY BALL"
Lou Tellegen, Lasky director is making a baseball game, "The Tragedians and Comedians" which is to be played for the purpose of raising funds for the Local Relief Committee. As Mr. Tellegen knows absolutely nothing concerning the American pastime, it was suggested that wear armor plate while official. Reid is to pitch for the Tragedians and Jack Pickford will play shortstop. Eugene Pallette and two others of the Lasky organization have applied for the position of pitcher. All have been accepted. The captain of the Tragedians will be worked in half minute show as long as the game lasts.

THE GRAND
Brantford theatre-goers will be pleased to know that Manager Whitaker of the Grand Opera House is arranging for a few more good attractions before the theatrical season is brought to a close. May 24 a big vaudeville attraction will be offered, while on May 25, the Fleishman Children will appear prior to opening an engagement in Toronto. The boy Fleishman known as the Boy Wonder Violin being only 10 years of age, his sister, aged 12, is a perfected pianist. They will be assisted by J. Fiddes, tenor, adding to the series of concerts secured by Manager Whitaker during the season 1916-17. On June 4, Faust will be sung by the Boston English Opera company, which will be remembered by musical Brantford, from appearance here on Good Friday when they presented "Il Trovatore" with Joseph F. Sheehan in the leading role and Madame Gardini, as prima. Following this attraction two local offerings will be presented during the early part of June.

SOME SWEET SUTT.
When Helmut Hanes, darling star of "A Lass of the Lumbermen" was in Los Angeles recently, so admirer who was a member of a Steffansson arctic expedition presented her with a suit of Esquimaux clothing, which he had brought back with him from Coronation Island where the blonde Esquimaux lives. The suit is made of sealskin with the fur inside and is sewn with thoughts of leather cut from otters. The skins of five seals were used in fashioning the costume which includes boots, trousers,

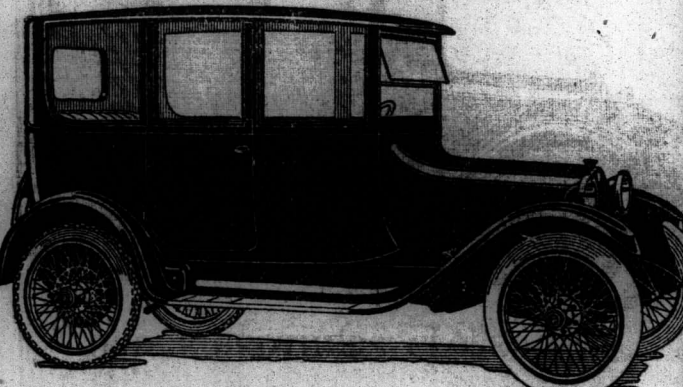
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MOST centrally located town a population of two hundred and fifty people, with a large manufacturing industries of beauty and a joy to the visitors, its parks of winding paths, its surroundings of rich and Here is the junction of the Canadian Atlantic Railway, the ever-growing wool industry well known, a condensed milk plant, machine shops and wood factories and all prosperous. Churches, normal and agricultural public buildings, in beautiful and shrubbery, on streets shading maples. Truro is a unique situation of material prosperity. Settled first by the Acadian sturdy colonists from New Englanders who had fought and won Wolfe, Truro is rich in its history. Quick to realize the richness of the land it was the idea of John Siskie Fundy—the French Acad erected a chapel, and settled. Years, the tiny settlement grew not only a commonwealth, but a fine place in the long trek from burg or Quebec.

And then came the expulsion of the Acadians. Even to this day or kitchen utensils are treasures hastily buried there in the hope that some day they will be found again. These happy days to the habitation farmer. Years passed by and there came under Miller, Mackenzie Taylor, William Tupper, Charles McKay, Courlay, Samson Moore, James Lamb, James Whidden, and C. New England, Capt. John Morris, Blanchard from New Hampshire from Philadelphia; and soldiers

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