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SOLDIERS AND WORK

The appeal made to the Rotary Club yesterday in behalf of the soldiers who went overseas when very young and now after three or four years have been taken out of their lives and themselves fitted only for the soldier's calling is one that should interest every citizen. These young men—mentioned one who is now only 21 years old—have a claim to special consideration. They should be helped to secure positions where they would get training for a vocation and also be able to earn enough to keep them comfortably in the meantime. Mr. Hennessy observed that if influential citizens would interest themselves, each in one of these young men, it should be possible to place all of them. They certainly deserve it at the hands of all citizens. Take the case of a mere youth who was working in a factory before he went overseas, preparing himself to earn in time a good living. Obviously he cannot now go back where he started, and at the same wages. If he had just left school before enlisting, he has no special training of any sort. He gave three or four years to the country, and the least the country can do for him is to help him to a self-supporting occupation that will also make him in due time a well-trained and assured wage-earner. The danger is that with the war over the duty we owe to these men will be overlooked, and that would be the end of the bad for the community as well as for them. The Rotary Club has pledged its co-operation, but the obligation is universal.

FARMS FOR SOLDIERS

There is a report that some real estate agents in different parts of the province are getting farmers to list properties for sale with them, so that when a returned soldier looks for a farm to purchase he will have to pay a real estate man's commission in addition to the farmer's price. If this report is found to be well based, the soldier has a grievance. He deserves to get a farm at the minimum price the seller can afford to accept, and the Soldiers' Settlement Board will no doubt protect him to the best of its ability and knowledge. He will find it sufficiently hard to make his payments on the loan when the cost is reduced to a minimum, and every cent of unnecessary expense should be eliminated. Farmers can list their properties with the Soldiers' Settlement Board, have them examined by inspectors, and do business with the board direct. Doubtless some soldiers who seek farms are not sufficiently well informed to estimate the value of a property they desire to purchase; and it is fortunate that the inspectors and members of the board which passes on every application are men with a practical knowledge of farm, stock and implement values. Even they may sometimes be deceived, but they may be relied on to safeguard the soldier's interests to the full extent of their knowledge.

MUST WE LOSE INDUSTRIES?

The Maritime Merchant regards as a very serious matter the possibility of an increase in C. N. R. freight rates between maritime points and the west coast of Montreal. On several occasions the Merchant has pointed out that the effect would be very serious upon maritime industries finding a market in the west. Referring to the protest made last week at Ottawa by a strong committee from these provinces the Merchant in its last week's issue says: "We are hopeful that such a protest will prove effective; otherwise we must expect to see an exodus of certain maritime industries to new locations along the coast of the St. Lawrence. Some of our industries of course will not be able to pull up stakes and leave, but among those in which freight charges are a very important expense factor, there will assuredly be a disposition to go. As a matter of fact, what other course is there for them if the freight to Montreal are to be twice as high from maritime province points as they are from competing points in Ontario where factory producing costs are practically identical with ours? Every maritime province person is vitally interested in this question no matter where he lives; for anything that is injurious to one portion is injurious to all the others. We must say we have been surprised that the prospect of losing the concession which the maritime provinces secured as part of the confederation pact, should not have aroused more interest than it apparently has aroused up to the present time. Perhaps now that the maritime branch of the C. M. A. has taken a hand, the protests will be louder."

The federal government has taken a hand in the Winnipeg strike. The most prominent of the agitators were arrested early this morning. The Labor Temple raided, and literature seized. It is said similar arrests were to be made in Calgary and other western points. This clears the situation so far as seditious agitation is concerned. It is now the Dominion of Canada against the revolutionists, and the government will have behind it the sentiment of all supporters of law and order. The industrial problem in this country does not call for Soviet government. It can be solved in the British way.

LIGHTER VEIN

The scientist had given a very seductive lecture and at the end he said, leaning down at his audience, condescendingly:

"Now, if there is any scientific question that any of my friends would like to ask, I beg them not to hesitate. I shall be only too happy to answer any inquiry in my power."

An old lady in spectacles that gave her a severe, stern look rose and said: "Why do wet tea leaves kill cockroaches?"

The scientist did not know wet tea leaves did anything of the kind, much less the cause of the phenomenon; but never at a loss, he replied:

"Because, madam, when a cockroach comes across a wet tea leaf, he says: 'Hallow, here's a blanket,' and traps himself up in it, catches cold and dies."

A cabby in England heard of two weavers in a mill who were going to be married. Being anxious to have the job of driving to the church, he went to the bridegroom to solicit the order.

"That's too late," said the bridegroom. "But the cabby was not so easily put off."

"Now, Joe, don't you know your father was married four times and I had the pleasure of driving him to church each time," said he.

"Well, I can't do it this time," said Joe. "But I am as lucky as my father's bin you shall have the next chance."

A girl, a newcomer in a country school, gave her name to the teacher as "Fertile Johnson."

"Yes, ma'am, that's her name," said the fond parent.

"The essence of my name is Fertile," said the girl. "So we called her Fertile."

"I have solved the crowded car problem," exclaimed the jubilant street railway man in the United States.

"How?"

"Well, I put a photograph in each car and keep it playing 'The Star Spangled Banner.' Then everybody'll have to stand up."

VILLA LOST 50 KILLED IN FIGHT

El Paso, Texas, June 16.—American troops which participated in the punitive expedition against the Villa forces and entered Juarez, were billeted in barracks and camps on the American side last night after twenty-four hours of campaigning. It was unofficially said last night that approximately fifty Villa followers were killed.

One American of the Seventh Cavalry, Corporal Chigges, was shot through the lung by a Mexican rebel.

Big List on Aquitania

The Aquitania is due in Halifax about June 19 with 250 officers, twenty-four cadets and 5,865 other ranks. Of that number, seven officers, one cadet and fifty other ranks are for St. John, while one cadet and two other ranks are for Moncton.

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SAYS USELESS TO LOOK FOR LOWER PRICES FOR COAL

Hon. A. K. MacLean's Advice to Consumers is to Lay in Stock Now

Ottawa, June 17.—Hon. A. K. MacLean, acting minister of trade and commerce, last night issued the following statement on the coal situation:

"The reports regarding the taking in of coal supplies, especially that of anthracite, indicate that there has been a fair amount of coal imported and that the dealers have had no difficulty in disposing of it. I am urged, however, to draw the attention of the public to the fact that, owing to lack of orders, many mines were forced to close down in the early spring, with the result that some seven million tons of coal, or one-twelfth of the yearly output, were lost, and there is in consequence a shortage of coal which is not likely to be made up until next winter."

"Furthermore, it is pointed to everyone that with the season existing today, and with the absolute knowledge that there is a cold winter ahead, there is only one sound policy for the Canadian consumer of coal to follow, both in respect to imported coal, and also as to domestic coal. The only policy is to keep pressing for supplies, and to leave nothing undone until each consumer has at least a substantial portion of his next winter's supply in his cellar."

"Apart from the foregoing facts there is still a further consideration to be borne in mind, that is, the public need not look at the present time for a reduction in coal prices. If there is to be any change, the coal prices will rather be an increase."

More Than Half Are Physically Defective

Montreal, June 17.—Fifty-three per cent of the school children in Montreal are physically defective, according to the latest official statistics, said Dr. W. L. Styles, who has just returned from the national conference of social workers held in Atlantic City. He said yesterday that the United States, following the example of the British, had made the examination of the selective draft for the army, in conducting examinations in welfare work among the children of a school age.

DEPORT ALIENS FROM ENGLAND AS RESULT OF RECENT RACE RIOTS

London, June 17.—(By the Associated Press)—The Daily Mail says that in consequence of riots at Liverpool, Cardiff and elsewhere, in which colored men have participated, the British government has decided to repatriate at the earliest possible moment all aliens who came to England during the war. The bulk of these are Chinese. The others include Swedes, Danes and Norwegians.

The negroes are British subjects and cannot be deported against their will, but an attempt will be made to induce them to go by offering free passage and money.

BAND CONCERTS

To the Editor of Times-Star: Sir—One of our leading bands played last evening in King square a programme of alleged music. Where do they dig up such stuff? And why do they waste time in learning it? At this same criticism applies to all of our bands.

The world is full of beautiful music from John Sebastian Bach to Leo Ornstein, but St. John people rarely hear any of it. The bands should be educators for those of our citizens who are unable to travel and thus hear the best. But instead we are given "Love's Dreamland" or "America's March" or "American Airs," or if they get real classical, we are favored (?) with the old-fashioned "Miserere" from "Il Trovatore" or the hackneyed intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana."

What of the compositions of Camille Saint-Saens, Charles Gounod, Richard Wagner or Giacomo Puccini; of Schubert and Mozart and Weber and Rossini of Ambrose Thomas and Richard Strauss and Anton Dvorak; of Grieg and Massenet and Chaminade and Debussy, and Bizet and Charpentier? And these are but a few of the illustrious names of those whose music is more than worth

I am only one of many who have the same feeling on this subject, and I know that this expression of opinion is echoed by all music lovers, and more especially by those who have had the opportunity of listening to band concerts in other cities.

Come now, bandmasters, revise your programmes, dig out and give us some real music from the wonderful works of the great masters.

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MARCH WANTS ARMY OF HALF A MILLION

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Mr. Burvess has been conducting tests in the North Sea under the direction of the British admiralty for the last six weeks, with a view to the adoption of his invention for both war and mercantile vessels.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL LAYS CORNER STONE AT THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

Kingston, Ont., June 17.—The cornerstone of a new educational building for the Royal Military College was laid yesterday by the Duke of Devonshire. His excellency inspected the gentlemen cadets of the college and congratulated them on their appearance and excellent maneuvers. With the duke were the Duchesses of Devonshire, Ladies Dorothy and Rachel Cavendish and Lord Neville. On the stand were several prominent Canadians, including Major-General Sir H. E. Burdall.

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