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BATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 27.

Three Millions Plus

It must have occurred to many how efficient the democracy is in itself when it really gets to work, as contrasted with the pale reflection of the democracy which most political parrisan governments appear to be, when such a work as has been done by the compaign committee of the Patriotic and Red Cross Fund is considered. little more official and reliable informa-This is democracy at its finest and best, tion to the citizens of the United States. The efficiency of its methods was only The interview accorded the Aus to be paralleled by its economy. A train United Cable Service by political campaign to raise \$3,000,000, Premier Libyd George, and the stateconducted on ordinary party and or- ment to American newspaper men by gaunization lines with all the defects General Maurice, director of military of the patronage system and all the appalling leakage that characterizes doubt for the same ears. It would be political "democracy," could not have utterly out of place to address Ameraccomplished results that would com- scans directly about the reconstruction

patriotic campaign. what makes for the greater efficiency understood, still need to be disabuse evidently object to have the people, been forced upon Canada and the difficulties?

taken the revolutionary step of usurppeople have responded loyally and of emigrants abroad will have to be generously to the democratic inspira- decided. tion and guidance. It has been the people, too, who have given of their substance, and beyond their substance overseas nations can raise and place in comparison with those who possess- in the field armies containing an ed more.

Toronto may well be proud of her citizens, of their democracy, of their and a real say, in determining the use generosity, and of their loyalty to the to which they are to be put? That great cause.

Apologizing for the President

Any person who wishes suitably to celebrate the kaiser's 58th birthday today, which some of the quidnuncs slightest doubt in the minds of com-to the third day's session of ninth; say will be his last, should read manders and men that they will annual convention of United Farmers President Wilson's speech to the achieve a decisive victory on the west- of Alberta. In a well-reasoned declarasenate and as many of the ern front. General Maurice pressed egate present, he explained they have time for. If time be immited ican impression that the beat sembled to have the bill presented to fort that would be achieved the members, because that body was-reing the elevator company, and days ago. In polite language and with defeat. It is known that the British the bill intends to succor. courteous logic, Mr. Law rules Mr. and French offensive this year will be

whatever his private views may be - more than equal, if so great, in rc- said the provincial treasurer, "and at sicn. and I know as little as any of you what sisting power to those of last autumn. the same time the government will act A resolution was passed endorsing and I know as little as any of you what risting power to those of last autumn.

as a regulator of the interest rate and the directors' recommendation for a they are—mist adopt a neutral at-General Maurice appealed once more the manner in which the independent mutual fire insurance company withthude. America is very far removed to the analogy of the American civil loan companies are dealing with the in the scope of the organization. On from the horrors of this war. We are war crisis, when after three years' borrowing public." in the midst of them. America is fighting, and when many in the north meutral. We are not neutral. We be-thought the conflict hopeless, the tion to enter into competition with discussion of the problems that conflict the companies, but the rate of interest stantiy crop up in the purview of the is a question which is as old as time coming into play. The British forces offered by the government would certainly effect those companies, but the late of interest stantly crop up in the purview of the offered by the government would certainly effect those companies business. Mr. Mitchell fruither maximum sponsible thought it would pay." President Wilson dare not say such years.

apologizing for him. One of his devictory he did not mean war without pear to be so untimely and unwise. victory, but a peace which would not involve the terms or the gauges of CONSCRIPTION OF LABOR victory. Lick him and let him go, appears to be sentiment in the mind of batants of the other part, than the

obvious and literal meaning of the

phrase. No apologist appears to have taken the view that the address of President peal for the conscription of labor among "the factors in the nation that Wilson to the senate was actually intended for the private meditation of the kalser. An apology on these lines would at least be more plausible than any of those put forward. The kaiser has been bragging in the wonted men and money directly engaged in Hohenzollern manner to his soldiers of their brilliant victories and the glorious success of their arms. It would be just as reasonable to, suggest that "So generously have the farmers re-President Wilson was slyly lecturing spended to the call for recruits that the kaiser, as to say that his remarks were intended for the kaiser's op- farmers cannot produce in Canada ponents. The president may have been and fight in Europe at the same time. reading Professor Friedrich Meinecke's Let there be conscription of labor article published on December 31, in have failed to en'ist." The Frankfurter Zeitung, for he has a fellow-feeling for professorial deliverances. The German professor is quite clear as to the spoils of war Special to The Toronto World. which his government wants. The in-Rependence of Belgium, he declares,

The Toronto World than done. The population of Balgium and Germans will repeople the land.

The kaiser thereupon offers peace to his enemies, and is quite outraged because the suspicious allies refuse his overtures. And then we have the gentle words of the president reminding the kaiser in soothing neutral tone that there can be peace without victory. We submit that this is a muc more reasonable apology for Presiden Wilson than any his pro-Germa friends have devised, but we admit the it sets a low standard for the kaiser The president did not expect kalser to go very high nor very far. So he set him an easy one.

Ideas for United States Consider-

England, if we may judge from reoperations, are both intended without pare with the achievements of the or reorganization of the British Empire, but the people of the United There is nothing more cheering to States are almost as much concerne believers in true-democracy than the as ourselves in the principles to be extraordinary ability and efficiency of followed and the methods to be citizens' movements when the citizens adopted after the war. Americans to are stirred and interested. This is a far larger extent than is generally of the mother country in times of of the idea that the laws of the empire crisis than in dominions like our own. consist of decrees issued by King The people assert themselves there. George and slavishly accepted by his Here they do not. The politicians humble subjects and that the war has however effective or efficient, interfere other dominions overseas by King in their operations. They have the George against their will and without conviction that the country and the their option. Something of the free people exist for the government, and dom and liberty of British rule may not the government for the country and dawn on the minds of our neighbor the people. Is it any wonder that in republicans, when they read that the revolutions a citizens' committee becomes the obvious way out of political sea dominions are to be called in council to help the mother government to In the creation and raising of the determine what is to be done in wind patriotic fund a citizens' committee has ing up the war. The war policy of the empire will be defined; the problems ing a government function, and the of demobilization and the settlement

> "You do not suppose we think," said the British premier, "that the enormous proportion of their best manhood and not want to have a say, seems to us an impossible and undemocratic proposition."

western front. There is not the courteous logic, Mr. Law rules Mr. and French offensive this year will be that will enter the loan field of Alberta Every farmer thoroly understands wilson out of the situation altogether. on three times the scale of last year, and assist farmers who need money for every phase of the question, however, "The head of a great neutral nation, while the German forces cannot be development at a low rate of interest," and the result was a foregone conclu-

wrong." And Mr. Law charged the strength, and it is idle to deny that that the act would provide for the kaiser with "the initial crime of the German forces have passed theirs, lowering and standardization of interplunging the world into war by cold- The battle this spring will be on an- est rates, loans to be repaid on the blooded calculation, because those re- other scale altogether than that of the loans to be repaid on the amortizadefensive campaigns of the last three tion plan, and the act would be adthings as these. It is even rumored in Washington that he dare not think this stage of the war nothing short of on salary and the mortgages would it being thought that the grain growthem. But his friends have been ex- a crime," was General Maurice's clos- run for thirty years with the privilege ers' company was a suitable body to plaining him and qualifying him, and ing remark, and that is why the ramblings and gropings after peace which The

Labor.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 26 .- An apwe failed to enlist," is made in the eport of the Manitoba Agricultural ollege, compiled by President J. B. cynolds, and tabled in the legislature yesterday by Hon. Valentine Winkler, minister of agriculture. "Next to winning the war the urgent need of the present time, the national need, is skilled men to work on the farms," soid President Reynolds in his report. are not enough men left to start the teams at work in the spring. The

WILL USE EXPLOSIVES.

Chatham. Jan. 26,-The question ice plans at the mouths of the Than would be a peril to Germany, and for by the county council today, and the safety of Germany Belgium must was felt that high explosives should come under the kaiser's "military and be used this year to prevent the jams, instead of using tugs as in previous political domination." No sooner said years.





ALBERTA WILL HAVE

TO LOWER INTEREST

Homesteader Will Not Be Able to Borrow Until Securing Title.

modest but Special to The Toronto World. prospects of Berlin and France on the Mitchell, provincial treasurer for Alberta, broke all precedents today when he outlined the rural credits bill tion that was understood by every dei-

"We want to create an organization

To Cut Interest. ministered by a body called the Alberta Farm Loan Board. The execufenders declares that by peace without President Wilson has indulged in 2 - 5 3-4 per cent. plus 1 per cent. for lined in a resolution was tabled. handling, and a reserve would be created together with a sinking fund. In under the municipal hail act

IS STRONGLY ADVOCATED Manitoba, viz. \$10,000. this apologist. But surely this would Manitoba Ag cultural College the assembly greater than anything adopted.

Desire to Lack of Farm to be sentiment in the first appeared to agent the assembly greater than anything adopted. man who was proving up his property One delegate was left to present the voice of the gathering, and he asked

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whether a homesteader would be allowed to borrow anything from the board until he had got his title. Mr. Mitchell said "No," because the land would still be vested in the Dominion and until the land came into the direct possession of the homesteader he would be unable to get assistance from the board. "This is but the start" added the provincial treasurer. Hon. C. R. Mitchell Outlines

Provisions of Bill to

Farmers.

from the board. "This is but the start," added the provincial treasurer, "and in the near future it may be possible to arrange such a loan to the homesteader, but it is all cortingent on the arrangements that may be made with the federal government."

"And I do not think Lam committing and the provincial treasurer.

"And I do not think Lam committing and the provincial treasurer." ting any breach of confidence," con-tinued the minister, "when I say tha is probable that in a short time the Dominion Parliament will likely dea with the whole question by the provi-sion of a federal bill that will settle the whole difficulty and give the means

> the assistance that he wants. Farmers Jubilate. ers was manifested as the unfolded point after point during the quit the platform.
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> All the amendments to the consti-

to every type of farmer to obtain the

to be gained by the incorporation of the Grain Growers in the merger.

the question of securing space in a provincial organ for the dissemina It was not the government's inten- tion of agricultural news and the gates expressing the opinion that a daily paper should be established under the direct control of the united

Want Steamship Line. An agitation has been taking place among the farmers for the purpose of securing a direct line of steamships of repayment in five years, if the bor- enect the consummation of such a nower wanted such an arrangement, plan, and in view of the bringing in rate of interest would be 5 to of that body the movement as out-The proposal to pay losses in full his opinion the minimum should be higher rate of assessment was also hes small as the borrower liked and held over, and an amendment to the he was against the maximum fixed by master and servants act to alter unsatisfactory conditions under present law where the laborer fails to live up to his contract was

BIG TRADE INCREASE.

Washington, Jan. 26 .- The United and imports during the year 1916, A department of commerce tabulaon today puls imports for the year at \$4,619,000,000, and exports at \$2,940. 00,000. This shows an increase of 11.4 per cent, in purchases and of 31.6 per nt. in sales abroad. Imports of food, drink and tobacco during the year were valued at \$2,041,-000,000, against \$1,853,000,000 in 1915; raw materials \$1,639,000,000, against \$1,394,000,000, and manufactured articles \$921,000,000. Exports during year were largely of manufactured ar-

CANADIAN OFFICERS PROMOTED Canadian Associated Press Cablo

London, Jan. 26 .- The Gazette anounces the undermentioned majors pany said. are promoted temporary lieutenantordonels on the general list: W. G. MacFarlane, H. F. McDonald, A. C. Critchley.

SEEKS A DIVORCE.

Ottawa. Jan. 26.—Milo Elmer Rose, drilling contractor of Hamilton, seeking divorce from his wife, Mrs. Gretchen Innis Rose, who also resides in Hamilton.

COAL MEN DOUBT SCHEME'S SUCCESS

Merchants Are Dubious About City's Proposed Fuel Yard Venture.

MONEY MAY HELP

Entry of Two Millions Into Trade May Help Market.

Various city coal merchants were visited by a reporter from The World, Special to The Toronto World. question period that followed. An up- and on being informed that the City of Washington, Jan. 26,—Mrs. Ruth roar of applause followed him as he Toronto proposes to compete in the Thomson Visconti, the woman who coal business with them, declared :: connected many pronunent officials of tution were passed, and without a dissenting voice the amalgamation of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co, and the Grain Growers' of the figure interded to the situation at all. Members house rules committee by Thomas W. Conferred with Secretary Daniels Conferred to Picco Lord Conferred with Secretary Daniels Conferred to Picco Lord Conferred with Secretary Daniels Conferred with Se criticisms and comments thereon as this point in correction of the Amerthey have time for. If time be limited ican impression that the British were vention before the government as spoke of the elimination of waste efthey are confine themselves to Mr. Incoming up a hopeless fight thrus sheet sembled to have the bill presented to the semble of the competition was the life of trade, and ness when the rules committee rewhile none of the local companies were it was stated today that the commillion dollars, which is the amount the city is prepared to spend, would do a lot towards opening up the market.

Elias Rogers of the Elias Rogers of the Elias Rogers co., Ltd., stated, "If the city will give an honest audit of the money spent, we will be ready to make, will be ready to make, will be ready to make, will be an honest audit of the money spent, we squelched if any attempt is made to will welcome them. If the city can be squelched if any attempt is made to the squelched if any attempt is attempt in the squelched in the squelche Bonar Law's address at Bristol a few obstinacy and refusal to acknowledge presentative of the very class which Crerar briefly outlined the objects at present in a position to better the matter is undecided as 10 whether it will welcome them. If the city can go air them for the benefit of the public. Salt thrown on fallen soot prevents the carpet marking, and enables the soot to be swept up cleanly. into the market and buy coal at a price that the people can afford then they can do better than the people who have been in the business all their lives. The coal situation will take care of itself if the people will not become panicky, but take their coal as they need it and not be greedy. Our chief difficulty is delivery, and if the people would pro-

> they wish. The reason why some of the small dealers have no coal, or feel the shortage at this time, is really because of their lack of equipment. The Ameri can mines are loth to et their cross the border; because they do not know then when they will get them back. It is easier and far better for them to unload their cars in the States, where they know that there will be almost immediate return of the cars. If they send them into Canada in nearly every case the trains have to be broken up, which means a long delay in collecting them again before they are Some of the larger comreturned. panies with their several yards are able to handle a train of cars daily. We can take a train in the morning and in the evening can return the empties. This gives the larger dealers a decided advantage." Would Welcome Competition The P. Burns Co., Ltd., assured The World that, they would welcome the City of Toronto as a competitor.

vide the conveyances and come to our

yards we could give them all the coal

would not be surprised if a number of Kinguom increased both its exports coal dealers would be glad to sell out their prosperous businesses to the city if it desired to purchase," it was declared. "The scarcity of coal is smash ing the routine of the business, and if a rush came all the coal in Toronto would be cleaned out in three weeks. An official of the Standard Fuel Company stated that he was not in a nosition to make any comment on the situation. "We cannot even get coke now unless the Grand Trunk supplies the cars, and we have not been taking orders for over a week," he cluded. The Milnes oCal Co., lacking details, did not desire to discuss the matter, but suggested that the railway companies, according to their reports in the press were solving the coal dif "To date there does not seen ficulty. to be any solution apparent" this com-

ADJOURN OVERCROWDING CASE.

At the request of counsel for the To-ronto Railway Company, the case against the company for overcrowding its cars. ced vesterday

MUST ABOLISH TURKISH RULE

(Continued From Page 1).

sh Empire, whether in Asia or in from the government which during those five centuries has done nothing but oppress them.

Changes Long Overdue.

"These changes are, indeed, long overdue. They ought to have come moe than a century ago, because it had then already become manifest that the Turk was hopelessly unfitted to govern, with any approach to justice, subject races of different religion.

Turkish rule ought to be ended in Europe because, even in that small part of it which the sultan still holds, it is an alien power which has in that region been and is now oppressing or massacring, slaughtering or driving from their homes the Christian populations of Greek or Bulgarian stock. It ought to be turned out of the western coast regions of Asia Minor for a like reason. The people there are largely, perhaps mostly. Greek-speak-ing Christians. So ought it to be turned out of Armenia and Cilicia and turned out of Armenia and Cilicia and Syria, where within the last two years it has been destroying its Christian subjects, the most peaceful and indus-trious and intelligent part of the popu-Will Banish Sultan.

"If the Turkish sultanate is to be left in being at all it may with the least injury to the world be suffered to exist in central and northern, Asia Minor. There the population is mainly Mussulman and there are comparatively few Christians and those only in few Christians, and those only in the ofties, to suffer from its mis-government. Even there one would be sorry for its subjects, Mussulman as well as Christians, but the weak Turkish state such as it would then be could not venture on the crimes of which it had been guilty, when it was

omparatively strong.
"That the faults of Turkish Governments are incurable has been most clearly shown by the fact that the young Turkish gang who gained power when they had deposed Abdul Hamid have surpassed even that monster of the contract of cruelty in their slaughter of unoffending Armenians. The committee of union and progress began by promising equal rights to all races and faiths. This was 'union.' It proceeded forthwith not only to expel the Greek-speaking inhabitants of western Asia Minor and to exterminate the Armenians, but to attempt to Turkify the nians, Moslems as well as Christans, and to proscribe their language.

The Mosleum peasant of Asia Minor is an honest, kindly fellow when not roused by fanaticism, but the Turk as a governing power is irreclaimable, and the allied powers would have been farse to all the principles of right and humanity for which they are fighting if they had not proclaimed that no Turkish Government shall hereafter be permitted to tyrannize over the subjects of another faith."

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WAR CAUSES DECREASE IN WORLD'S SHIPPING

Britain Leads in Shipbuilding for Year by Three Hundred.

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Jan. 26 .- Loss to the world's merchant shipping in 1916 thru war causes exceeded the total onnage constructed, according to estimates prepared today by the federal bureau of navigation. Vessels sunk are put at 1149 of 2.098,683 tonnage, and those built at 2505, of 1,899,943 tons.

The figures were gathered from many mofficial sources, but are declared ω be approximately correct.

Great Britain led in ship-building with 510 vessels of 619,000 tons. The U. S. was second with 213 vessels of 560,000 tons. Ships built by all other countries are given as 782, in number to 720,368 tons. Japan's construction of 246,000 tons was about three times the 1915 output. German construction of 26,000 tons is admittedly too low an estimate. Some other figures are: Holland 208,180; Italy 60,472; Norway 44,903; Sweden 40,000; France 39,457; Denmark 37,150; Spain 10,090; China

The entire world's merchant-vesse tonnage at present, according to an estimate by Lloyd's is 48,683,000.

CHARLES M. SCHWAB . TALKS WITH DANIELS

Steel Magnate Denies Having Connection With Hadfields' Contract Matter.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Co., Thomas W. | conferred with Secretary Daniels today on the general subject of shell manufacture. ence was arranged on the initiative of Mr. Schwab.

When all is summed up, a man never speaks of himself without loss; his accusations of himself are slways believed; his praises never.—Montaligne.

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