

Mentioned in Despatches

THE REV. DR. ALBERT CARMAN, the "Grand Old Man" of Methodism in Canada, has just died in Toronto in his eighty-fourth year. For many years the late Dr. Carman was chairman of the Methodist conferences and general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, and in a very real sense had been looked upon as the head of that religious body. He was born in Dundas County, Ont., educated at Victoria College, Coburg, and then entered on his career as a preacher in which he made a big name for himself.

JUDGE JOHN F. HYLAN, the newly elected mayor of New York, owes his election to Tammany influences. Hylan, who is a Democrat, is a shrewd enough politician to secure the fullest possible support of the Tammany interests. He was born on a farm in New York State, and in turn worked as a water-boy on a railroad construction gang, later as brakeman and fireman. His first job when he went to New York was laying tracks on the Brooklyn Elevated Railway. While doing this work he studied law, launched out in the practice of his profession, and in a few years made a big name for himself. To-day he is mayor of the largest city on the continent.

S. T. WOOD, editorial writer of the Toronto Globe, who died a few days ago, was known far and wide as the writer of the nature articles which for several years have been a feature of the editorial page of the Saturday Globe. In addition to his nature articles, Mr. Wood was also an economist of note, his book, "A Premier in Political Economy" being regarded as a classic. The late editor was a shy, retiring individual, but possessed a most observing mind and was a shrewd student of human nature and of political and economic movements. However, his chief delight in life was in studying nature in her varying moods.

J. P. MITCHELL, who was defeated for re-election as mayor of New York, ran on the fusionist ticket after having lost the Republican nomination. Mitchell declared that he was running against "Hylan, Hearst and Hohenzollern," but despite his somewhat catching slogan Tammany interests proved too strong for him. Mitchell is one of the youngest and best mayors New York has ever had and has given it a very clean and aggressive administration. He has rendered particularly good service in connection with the visits of the Allied diplomats to New York, this in spite of the fact that his grandfather was an Irish rebel. It is to be regretted that Mitchell was defeated.

THE HON. J. D. HAZEN, who has been appointed Chief Justice of the Province of New Brunswick, was formerly premier of that province, but is probably best known to the people of the Dominion as Minister of Marine and Naval Affairs in the Borden Cabinet. The new Chief Justice is a native of the province. His first entry into political life was in 1891 when he was elected to the House of Commons in the Conservative interests. Three years later he entered provincial politics and shortly afterwards was made leader of the Conservatives. He became premier of New Brunswick in 1908 and held office until 1911, when he resigned to accept a portfolio in the Borden Cabinet.

BRIG.-GEN. NASH.—In pre-war days Great Britain would have been shocked out of her senses if anybody had suggested that business men should have been put at the heads of great departments. To-day a man like Sir Eric Geddes, formerly a railroad employee, is First Lord of the Admiralty. Another man who is doing excellent work is Brig.-Gen. Nash, who went out to India as a young man to work on the East Indian Railway. He stayed in India until 1914, when he was invalided home. As soon as he recovered he got a post under the Minister of Munitions, and later was sent to the front as assistant Inspector-General of Transportation, later succeeding Sir Eric Geddes. Gen. Nash is an experienced railroad man, and as transportation is one of the biggest problems confronting the Allies he is an ideal man for the post. Recently he was mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig, and decorated for distinguished services.

HON. FRANK COCHRANE.—When the C. N. R. stock passes into the hands of the Government, Hon. Frank Cochrane will be appointed chairman of the board of directors and there will be another vacancy to be filled. This vacancy was created by the resignation of Senator Frederic Nichols when the railway legislation was before Parliament last session.

PROF. EDEN.—For years Sweden has been on the verge of a revolution and since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe three years ago the various factions at loggerheads in the country have been more active. Recently the Government was defeated and a new ministry formed under the leadership of Prof. Eden, a professor of history at the University of Upsala. He is a thorough student of political questions, but is not supposed to be gifted with the qualifications of a leader. He is associated with the Liberal Party and as such is decidedly pro-Ally in his sentiments.

SIR ARTHUR K. YAPP, National Secretary of the British Y. M. C. A., has recently been appointed Director-General of Food Economy for the United Kingdom. His appointment was due to the marvellous executive ability he showed as head of the Y. M. C. A. work in Great Britain. In the pre-war days he was an international figure, but since the war the part played by Yapp and the Y. M. C. A. is so well known as to need no comment. Much of the success of the Y. M. C. A. must be credited to Sir Arthur Yapp. One of his most cherished dreams is that after the war the Y. M. C. A. will have a hut in every town and village in the United Kingdom, where it will continue to carry on its present work.

THE HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY, who has been made Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick in succession to the late Mr. G. W. Ganong, is a native of the province, coming of United Empire Loyalist stock. Mr. Pugsley was Minister of Public Works in the Laurier Cabinet, and before that was premier of New Brunswick. He entered the Provincial Legislature at the age of thirty-five, becoming in turn Speaker, Solicitor-General, Attorney-General, and Prime Minister, the latter position being relinquished to enter the Laurier Cabinet. Recently Dr. Pugsley announced himself as being in favor of Union Government. It is somewhat of a co-incidence that both Dr. Pugsley and the Hon. J. D. Hazen, who have been appointed at the same time to high posts in the Provincial Government are native New Brunswickers and each has been premier of the province.

MR. LAWRENCE F. ABBOTT.—The visit of Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott to Montreal, where he addressed the Canadian Club, calls fresh attention to the part played by the Abbotts in the formation of public opinion in the United States during the past few years. Lawrence F. Abbott is president of the Outlook, of which his father, the venerable Lyman Abbott, is editor. Dr. Lyman Abbott is the ablest editor and the most profound thinker in the United States and his carefully reasoned and well thought out views on the great questions of the day influence the thoughtful men of the Republic more than the writings of any other man. The veteran editor is now 82 years of age, but still carries on his journalistic work. He is the author of nearly a score of books and pamphlets, many of which are of a religious or semi-religious nature.

BARON TANETARO MAGATA.—Japan and the United States have come to an understanding which seems destined to remove all the causes of disturbance which have been distressing these two nations for the last few years. It now transpires that most of these were "Made in Germany," but that did not lessen their power to do evil. Much of the success of the new understanding is due to Baron Tanetaro Magata, head of the Japanese economic mission. The Baron was educated in Japan and later sent to Harvard, where he distinguished himself as a law student. Returning to Japan he entered the Department of Finance, where for a quarter of a century he has been its guiding spirit. Later he organized the finances of the Korean Government. Some years ago he was created a baron for his services, and called to the Japanese Upper Chamber.

GRAHAM A. BELL, financial comptroller of the Department of Railways, has been selected to fill the vacancy among the Government directors of the Canadian Northern Railway Co. as successor to Senator H. A. Richardson, of Kingston, who retired from the directorate during the past session of Parliament. The Government's representatives on the Canadian Northern board now are Mr. Bell, W. K. George, of Toronto, and W. J. Christie, of Winnipeg.

ALLIES LOAN SUGAR.

The Food Controller announced that in order to help in tiding over the temporary sugar shortage the Allies have loaned 26,750 tons of sugar to United States consumers in New York, pending the arrival of ships to carry it overseas. Arrangements are being made to borrow 16,500 tons of sugar from foreign export owners in New York.

The United States food administration has bought for the French Government 100,000 tons of the new Louisiana crop of sugar. This transaction represents a value of \$13,000,000.

BANKERS RE-ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association held on Thursday, Edson L. Pease vice-president and managing director of the Royal Bank of Canada, was elected president. Other officers of the association and council were also reinstated for the coming year.

Officers will therefore be:

Honorary presidents: Sir Edmund Walker, Sir Vincent Meredith and Sir George Burn.

President: Mr. E. L. Pease.

Vice-presidents: Sir F. Williams-Taylor, Sir John Aird, Mr. C. A. Bogert, and Mr. H. A. Richardson.

No special announcement beyond the election of officers was made after the meeting.

FOOD LICENSES IN THE U. S.

One hundred thousand manufacturers, wholesalers and other distributors of staple foods, have been placed under license by the Food Administration for the duration of the war.

The Food Administration estimates that when the lists are complete, there will be about 100,000 licensees, including importers, packers, canners, manufacturers, wholesalers, commission men, brokers, auctioneers, storage, warehousemen, together with retailers doing more than \$100,000 business annually, which embraces mail order firms and chain stores.

Small retailers will not be licensed, but they are subject to the provisions of the Food Law itself which forbids speculation, hoarding and excessive profits. They also will be controlled through the licensing regulations controlling wholesalers, who will be required to cut off the supplies of dealers of any size, and in any branch of the trade, who exact exorbitant profits on the necessities of life.

The licensed foods include beef, pork and mutton, fish, poultry and eggs, milk, butter, cheese, flour, sugar, cereals, lard, beans, peas, fruits, vegetables several lines of canned goods and other products.

COAL IN THE EAST.

Immediate relief from the coal shortage in the eastern United States was promised recently by the fuel administration, which issued an order modifying the arrangement under which shipments to the northwest have been given preference over all other movements.

Priority orders will be suspended in a number of mining districts, particularly in Pennsylvania, to release both bituminous and anthracite coal for munition plants and domestic consumers in the larger cities along the Atlantic seaboard. This, it is said, will assure an ample supply of fuel to the big steel producing and shipbuilding plants and will permit householders in the east to obtain all the anthracite they need.

At present, most of the coal mined in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana is going to lake ports for trans-shipment to the northwest and to Canada. This movement has been so great that the northwest is in a position to have the supply cut down.

Investigation of thousands of complaints of violations by operators and dealers of coal price regulations has been started by the fuel administration's legal staff. Information gathered will be turned over to the Department of Justice for prosecution of the offenders. Examples, it was hinted, may be made of a number of the larger offending producers and distributors.