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**WOULD NOT REDUCE
THE BRITISH NAVY**

Ex-President Taft Speaks on
Clinging Purpose
of War.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

To Administer German Col-
onies and Small Balkan
Republics.

The establishment of a league of the five nations that won the war, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States, as a safeguard for the maintenance of peace in the future, was advocated by ex-President Taft of the United States before a large and appreciative audience at the Massey Hall on Saturday night. Mr. Taft spoke in the manner of a statesman, and his address was a masterpiece of logic and common sense. He declared that only by taking advantage of the present situation and forming a league of the great nations of the world could future peace be maintained. Touching on the question that is occupying the attention of Britons at the present time, the future of the British navy, Mr. Taft declared emphatically that if he were an Englishman he would not favor the reduction of the fleet which was so vital to the existence of the empire.

Mr. Taft was introduced by Sir William Heffer, premier of Ontario, who referred to him as a distinguished and eloquent speaker, a distinguished jurist who had given considerable thought to world affairs. He was glad to welcome him as the representative of the great ally, the United States of America, the nation that had done so much in bringing about victory for the liberty and civilization of the world. He believed that the two nations had been so cemented together by the blood of those who had fallen in the common struggle that they would never be broken asunder.

"We of the United States," said Mr. Taft, "realize that we were late in entering the war, that we arrived at the right time to claim our part in the victory. We recognize, however, that it was Great Britain, France and Italy that bore the heat and burden of the day, and that you of Canada, with a population not one-tenth of ours, have had as long a list of casualties as we with our greater army and greater population."

Mr. Taft then referred to the subject of his address, "How to Cling to the Purpose of This War." He believed it to be essential to take advantage of the present situation to establish a league of nations to maintain peace. He referred to the two embryo treaties drawn up during his term of office as president, in which it was provided that all justiciable matters arising between Great Britain, France and the United States should be referred to an international court, and that the nations agree to abide by the judgment. It was proposed that this agreement be entered into between the three nations, and it was heralded at the time as a great step forward. The treaty was sent to the senate for ratification, and it was there so amended, truncated and crippled that when it was sent back its own father would not recognize it. "I don't have the face," said the speaker, "to send it on in its crippled form to England or France, and it was put on the shelf to let the dust accumulate on it."

Court of Appeal.
Mr. Taft explained the meaning of the word "justiciable" as referring to an issue capable of settlement according to the rules of law in a court of appeal, or in international affairs.

**RIOT CHECKED IN BUD
BY POLICE RESERVES**

The police reserves were called out at 11 o'clock Saturday night to disperse a crowd of between five and six hundred people who gathered in front of Young's Restaurant, Queen and Yonge streets. The military police worked in co-operation with the local police and the gathering was moved away without any arrests being required to maintain order.

The police said that a returned soldier was the cause of the attempted riot, and that he was being damaged by the crowd. It appears that the soldier took an epileptic fit in the cafe some time ago and when the right time came to his account of the counter men of having assaulted him. On several occasions since he has attempted to cause trouble in the place. The soldier disappeared in the crowd and was not apprehended.

**LAY ON TRACKS, AND
WAS CUT TO PIECES**

Maurice P. Gerrard, aged 25 years, who roomed at 58 Princess street, was instantly killed at 9:15 Sunday morning when he was run over by the Buffalo Express train at the foot of the Buffalo Express station. The police of Cowan avenue station stated that Gerrard walked to the G. T. R. tracks, and lying across the rails, was cut to pieces when the engine passed over his body.

The train was in charge of Engineer H. Campbell and Conductor William Kerr. Gerrard had been in the army and was stationed at Exhibition Camp. On Saturday he left the Princess street address in civilian clothes. Sunday morning he left the house in his military uniform.

His parents reside at 225 East Main street, Hamilton. A brother of the soldier disappeared in the crowd and identified the remains at the morgue.

Hartley Jones, aged eleven years, of 168 Mortimer avenue, sustained injuries to his chest Saturday night when he was run over by a delivery wagon at College and Lippincott streets. Jones was admitted to the Hospital for Sick Children.

SELLERS.



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\$55.00 and \$60.00—New full animal style, finished with head, tail and paws, made from good quality full fur Alaska Sable, soft silk linings and ties. Regularly \$55.00 and \$60.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$35.00**

Alaska Sable Muffs
\$45.00 and \$50.00—Round mink style, made from fine quality Alaska Sable skins, down bed, soft silk linings, ring wrist holder and frills on end. Regularly \$45.00 and \$50.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$29.95**

Red Fox Neckpieces
\$35.00 and \$40.00—Made from good quality skins, full animal style, finished with head, tail and paws, soft silk linings and ties. Regularly \$35.00 and \$40.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$22.50**

Red Fox Muffs
\$35.00—Made from good quality skins, new round mink style, finished with head, tail and paws, soft silk linings. Regularly \$35.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$22.50**

Black Fox Neckpieces
\$55.00 and \$60.00—Full animal style, finished with head, tail and paws, made from fine quality skins, silk and crepe de chine linings and ties. Regularly \$55.00 and \$60.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$35.00**

Black Fox Muffs
\$50.00—Round mink style, finished with head, tail and paws, down bed, soft silk linings, ring wrist holder. Regularly \$50.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$32.50**

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\$45.00—Neat, new round and canteen styles, made from best quality skins, down bed, soft silk linings. Regularly \$45.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$32.50**

White Fox Neckpieces
\$125.00—Full animal style, finished with head, tail and paws, beautiful quality skins, white crepe de chine linings and ties. Regularly \$125.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$75.00**

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\$300.00, \$350.00 and \$375.00—Made from best quality Hudson Seal skins, loose box and semi-fitting styles; some have belts and pockets, full ripple skirt, best pussy willow and broadcloth silk linings. 40, 42 and 44 inches long. Regularly \$300.00, \$350.00 and \$375.00. SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....**\$219.00**

White Fox Muffs
\$125.00—Made from good quality skins, new mink style, finished with head, tail and paws, soft white crepe de chine linings, down bed, ring wrist holder. Regularly \$125.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$75.00**

Ermine Neckpieces
\$35.00—Neat cross-over styles, finished with head, tail and paws, soft silk linings. Regularly \$35.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$22.50**

Ermine Muffs
\$65.00 and \$75.00—Large pillow styles, made of selected skins, finished with tails, down bed, soft silk linings, ring wrist holder. Regularly \$65.00 and \$75.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$47.50**

Wood Fox Neckpieces
\$18.00—Large full animal styles, finished with head, tail and paws, soft silk linings and ties. Regularly \$18.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$9.95**

Wood Fox Muffs
\$18.00—Neat round mink style, finished with head, tail and paws, down bed, soft silk linings. Regularly \$18.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$9.95**

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\$15.00—Made from good quality skins, full animal style, with head, tail and paws, well lined and made. Regularly \$15.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$8.95**

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\$15.00—Finished with head, tails and paws, round styles, good quality linings and trimmings. Regularly \$15.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$8.95**

Black Siberian Wolf Neckpieces
\$12.00—Large full animal styles, finished with head, tails and paws, extra well trimmed and made. Regularly \$12.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$6.95**

Black Siberian Wolf Muffs
\$12.00—Round mink style, finished with head, tails and paws, well lined and made. Regularly \$12.00. SALE PRICE.....**\$6.95**

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**ESSEQUIBO MEN
EN ROUTE HOME**

Officers and Other Ranks
Now on Trains Westward Bound.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 26.—The hospital steamer Essequibo docked this morning shortly before 9 o'clock, and her passengers very soon afterwards began coming ashore. The Essequibo left Liverpool on January 13, and arrived off Halifax the evening of January 24. She had a fairly rough passage. Speed in debarcation is not possible from a hospital ship as it was with a transport bringing unwounded returned soldiers. The first train to leave with Essequibo passengers was for Vancouver, which pulled out about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and the remaining troops left on two trains at intervals of about an hour and a half.

The Essequibo brought 571 all told, made up of 26 officers, 17 nursing sisters and 628 other ranks. There were seven cot cases, all for Winnipeg, and of those on board 241 were classed as convalescent cases.

Officers who returned on the Essequibo are as follows: Major F. H. MacDonald, Toronto; Captain N. A. McEachern, Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Captain C. D. O'Gorman, Bishop's House, Pembroke; Captain J. Pinault, Montreal; Lieut. L. P. Blackwell, Toronto; Lieut. W. S. Byrnes, Toronto; Lieut. H. Cook, Bay, Que.; Lieut. W. E. Crouthers (no address stated); Lieut. J. A. Drew, Victoria; Lieut. A. C. Duncan, Ottawa; Lieut. M. P. Elliott, Wawanosh, Manitoba; Lieut. E. L. Pick, Tillsonburg, Ont.; Lieut. A. P. Haig, Lorne, Ont.; Lieut. W. J. Hanney, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Lieut. W. H. Lewis, Dalkeith, Ont.; Lieut. J. K. Mahon, Campbellville, Ont.; Lieut. A. W. Pascoe, Moose Jaw; Lieut. J. D. Scott,

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J. B. BRENNAN, HEAD OF RYERSON SCHOOL, DIES
Mr. John B. Brennan, late principal of the Ryerson School who died yesterday at his residence, 583 Dovercourt road, aged 46 years, was born in Lancashire, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1890. He was educated in the Toronto public schools and Parkdale Collegiate. Later he took a B.A. degree at Queen's University, in the faculty of education.

Mr. Brennan taught school in St. Thomas until he came to Toronto, 18 years ago, as "assistant" at Givens Street School. He was one of the first Toronto teachers to take up manual training, and instructed therein at Dawson Street and at Kent Schools, until he became principal of the Queen Victoria School. He afterwards succeeded Inspector N. S. Macdonald at Ryerson School. Mr. Brennan was a

**CANADIAN TROOPS
TO QUIT GERMANY**

Bonn, Which Has Been Headquarters, Will Fall to Occupation of Other Forces.

Cologne, Jan. 25.—The Canadian contingent is about to leave Germany, and Bonn, which has been their headquarters since they came to the banks of the Rhine, will fall to the occupation of some other corps. As a residence during our occupation Bonn has some decidedly good points. There seems still to be an abundance of food in Bonn but in Cologne the authorities appear suddenly to have been seized with doubts regarding the probable duration of their supplies and they proceeded on Saturday to confiscate the meat supply with a view to rationing. This, of course, does not affect the British troops stationed in the town, who are supplied with their own rations, but it affected for a time several unwary subalterns who happened to have come in from outlying stations for the day and found their hopes of a square meal at the hotel disappointed. It is difficult to understand why this step has not been taken before, but the German system of rationing has apparently never been nearly so strict nor so thorough as our own.

His widow was Miss Eva Stacey of St. Thomas. One brother, R. V. Brennan, principal of Kent School, and five sisters, Mrs. Margaret Lowry, Mrs. A. J. Keeler, Mrs. J. T. Ross, Mrs. H. G. White, and Mrs. A. T. Smith, survive him.

**DETECTIVE KENNEDY
LEAVES THE FORCE**

Police Officer Accepts Ottawa Position—Guthrie Probable Successor.

Inspector of Detectives George Kennedy, who has resigned office with the Toronto police department, left his office on Saturday. Inspector Kennedy's resignation will not go into effect until the first of April. However, he was granted two months' leave with full pay which is customary to all inspectors when they resign after serving 30 years on the force.

Sergeant of Detectives George Guthrie, who has been placed in charge of Mr. Kennedy's office pending the appointment of the inspector's successor, Inspector Kennedy left the city last night for Ottawa, where it is understood he will take a position with the Dominion Police in the near future. Sergeant Guthrie is mentioned as the one to succeed Inspector Kennedy. The commission, however, have not as yet announced the promotions caused by the vacancy. Detective William Wallace, recently returned to the force after service with the Dominion Police at Ottawa in handling alien enemies, has taken the position as sergeant of detectives temporarily. He has been spoken of as the most likely one to fill the office of Mr. Guthrie. It is also the intention of the board of police commissioners to create a second sergeant of the detectives when the promotions are announced.

BREACHES OF O.T.A.
Fines of \$200 and costs each were imposed upon Frank Murphy, John McCabe and Albert Welsh on charges of being caught on the street with a bottle of whiskey.