

## WITH THE GREAT WAR VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column if Phoned or Sent In.

## DENIAL BY MACNEIL OF FLYNN CHARGES

Says Statement About The Veteran Being Subsidized "Absolutely False."

Canadian Press Despatch, Ottawa, Sept. 26.—Characterizing his assertions as absolutely false, Mr. C. G. MacNeil, Dominion secretary-treasurer of the G.W.V.A., today replied to charges made by H. Flynn, president of the United Veterans' League of Toronto, formerly the Returned Soldiers' Gratitude League, regarding the "Veteran," the official organ of the G.W.V.A., and the G.W.V.A. advisory committee of the government.

Mr. Flynn's charges, made recently at Toronto and Hamilton and repeated since then, are to the effect that the Veteran is subsidized by the government to the extent of \$150,000; that the Veteran is owned by private capital, and that the government has a dominating influence over the G.W.V.A. thru the advisory committee and its field secretaries.

"The charges are absolutely false," said Secretary MacNeil, "and without the slightest foundation. The government has never subsidized the Veteran, and the charge will not bear the least investigation. The books and the monthly financial statement of the Veteran are open to investigation. The Veteran was promoted without capital and has reached its present status partly thru the generosity of the public and partly thru the independence of its editorial policy. Any one who has followed The Veteran's editorial policy will recognize this independence."

"As to the capital of The Veteran, Limited," said Mr. MacNeil, "there is absolutely no private capital in the company, the entire stock being owned and controlled by the Dominion command of the G.W.V.A., the executive acting in the capacity of board of directors. The business administration of The Veteran is under the direction of the board of management, composed of W. P. Purney, R. B. Maxwell, W. D. Tait, G. W. Andrews, D.S.O., and L. P. Duffy, all of whom are members of the Dominion executive."

## SAPPER TAYLOR RELEASED.

Sapper Clinton Taylor, who was imprisoned overseas for the part he was alleged to have played in a so-called mutiny, has had the balance of his sentence commuted, and will return to Canada before the end of October, according to a letter Mayor Church has received from the office of the minister of militia.

This letter follows cable advice received by the department from England following inquiry made at the specific request of the mayor.

Taylor, who is about 21 years of age, had been one of eight men detained by his battalion of engineers, E.E. 4, while on the march to Germany, to detail to headquarters certain grievances they had. When the eight entered a camp, they were arrested, Court-martial followed. For this and other alleged offences, he was given a life term. After making his escape once, he surrendered again on the advice of his relatives.

## VETERANS OF FRANCE INCORPORATE.

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—"The Veterans of France and Comrades," an organization with head office at Hamilton, has been granted incorporation, according to notice given in the current issue of Canada Gazette. Incorporation is granted for purposes including the following:

"To stand by the civil authorities in suppression of mob law and brute force.

"To use every endeavor possible to restore returned soldiers to a useful sphere in civil life."

The directors are: John Anderson, M.C.; James Finlayson, D.C.M., M.M.; John Leith, James A. Smart, John Newton, M.M. and Bar, and James A. Starkling, all of the city of Hamilton.

## MISSISSAUGA HORSE ORGANIZE.

A meeting of the 9th Mississauga officers was held last night at the Military Institute to decide on organization.

Lieut.-Colonel H. D. L. Gordon, D.S.O., accepted the command. A committee was appointed to put the organization in working order.

## WON SMITH PRESIDENCY.

J. E. Smith, the new president of the Riverdale branch of the G.W.V.A., has seen three years' service, having enlisted with the 1st Division, and served later with the 75th Battalion overseas until invalided home. Commander Smith was formerly 2nd vice-president of the Riverdale branch, but his firm stand on the \$2,000 gratuity question brought him into prominence at the Riverdale annual elections and won him the presidency.

## B. C. MEN SEEK GRATUITY.

Delegates from Vancouver will arrive in Toronto on Sunday on their way to Ottawa, where they will press for an additional \$2,000 war gratuity. While in Toronto it is understood that they will get into communication with officials of the United Veterans' League and accompany President Flynn to Ottawa to aid him in the campaign.

## To Daily World Subscribers

The World promises a before-7 a.m. delivery in Toronto to its Hamilton. Readers will confer a favor by notifying the office promptly if they are unable to receive the paper by co-operation of the reader. Telephone service can be ensured. Telephone calls to Main 5308, Toronto, or Regent 1846, Hamilton.

## SOLDIERS' MEETINGS

## GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

Oct. 2.—Riverdale branch, general meeting in Oddfellows' Hall, 600-602 Dundas St. W. Oct. 6.—Central branch, general meeting in Columbus Hall, 100-102 Dundas St. W. Oct. 14.—Parkdale branch, general meeting in Royal Templar Hall, 100-102 Dundas St. W.

Euchre and dance, under auspices of Riverdale branch, held every Tuesday and Friday in Player's Hall, Danforth and Broadview.

A regular dance and euchre of Central branch is held every Saturday night in Cumberland Hall, 100-102 Dundas St. W. Athletic meet of Central branch at Exhibition Park on Oct. 4.

GRAND ARMY OF CANADA. Sept. 29.—Official tag day of the association. Oct. 2.—Earl Kitchener Post, at 77 West Queen street. Oct. 7.—St. Julien Post, at 100-102 Dundas St. W. Oct. 8.—Riverdale Post, in Armstrong Hall.

UNITED VETERANS' LEAGUE. Mass meeting in Massey Hall on Sunday.

## REGARDS WRIT AS SCHOOLBOY JOKE

Second Slander Action Taken Against H. J. Flynn Provokes His Smile.

W. E. Turley, secretary of the provincial command of the G.W.V.A., and C. E. Jenkins, president, are the plaintiffs in an action launched yesterday afternoon against H. J. Flynn, asking unstated damages for slander, alleged to have been uttered in Royce Park on Sept. 19. The statements declared to be actionable are as follows:

"The G.W.V.A. officials are betraying you; they have sold you into the hands of the government, and you stand by and allow this to happen. The reason why the G.W.V.A. officials are telling the government that is because they are paid government money to tell the government."

Six field secretaries of the G.W.V.A. are receiving \$300 a year from the government. These are the men that are representing you and are betraying you, and you, like a pack of fools, are allowing them to do it."

This is the second action for alleged slander on the hands of the president of the United Veterans' League, yesterday morning action was taken against Mr. Flynn by members and officers of the West Toronto G.W.V.A.

The plaintiffs in this case were Harold Meredith, W. E. Challenger, George Gustafson, James E. E. Payne, M. G. Dunn, H. G. Turner and A. Shields.

J. H. Flynn would have sued instead. Last night that he had been served with notice of action for both writs, with notice of the whole matter as a school boy joke. He declared that he was prepared to stand behind all the statements he had made, and could produce thousands of returned men who would bear him out in these. Mr. Flynn claimed that the action taken by the G.W.V.A. was necessary to hold their membership, and that if they had not followed this course he would himself have made application for a writ against them on a similar charge. He said that he was not prepared to let anyone make the charge that another was making misstatements, and that this was what the G.W.V.A. had done in this case.

It was intimated yesterday by an official of the G.W.V.A. that another writ was in all probability to be applied for against J. H. Flynn within a day or so.

## COL. GIBSON BACK.

Lieut.-Col. Thomas Gibson, C. M. G., D. S. O., who has spent the last year in England acting as deputy overseas minister with Sir Edward Kemp, has returned to Toronto. He is president of the Lake Superior Corporation and a partner in the firm of Gibson and Gibson, barristers. He went overseas in 1916.

## CONFIDENCE IN TURLEY.

According to the provincial command of the G.W.V.A., Brantford, Hamilton, London, and other cities, the following officers have been elected: Brantford, Ont., Sept. 26.—Col. John I. McLaren, A.A.G., military district No. 2, who took the battalion over, and Lieut.-Col. A. Milne, who brought it back, were guests of honor at the dance at the 19th Battalion Association this evening.

## TO ELECT OFFICERS.

Election of officers for the 11th Battalion Association will be part of the business of the next organization meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2. The constitution will also be presented for formal adoption by the general body.

## GUESTS OF BRANTFORD.

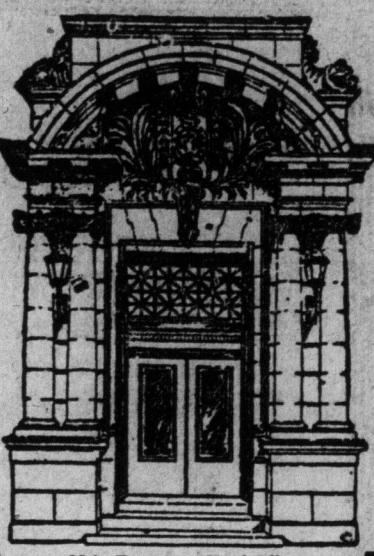
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## PARKDALE POST ELECTION.

At a meeting of the Parkdale Post of the G.A.C. last night in the Brock Avenue School the following officers were elected: President, R. C. Strutt; first vice-president, S. L. Spicer; second vice-president, C. W. Hall; third vice-president, P. A. Drydall; secretary, S. D. Channin; treasurer, A. C. Woolfrey; tyler, J. A. Hall. General business pertaining to the welfare of the order was also discussed.

## HOME BANK SAFETY BOXES.

A system of safety deposit strong boxes has been installed in the Toronto branch of the Home Bank of Canada, 8-10 King street west, for rent at the usual moderate tariff of charges.



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## BRITISH GOVERNMENT PREPARES FOR STRIKE

(Continued From Page 1.)

The most regular transport services, obviously renders the task of maintaining the local supplies extremely difficult. Hence the government is asked to render all possible aid by strictly observing the restrictions which are considered necessary during the continuance of the strike.

Pickets Posted at Depots. Strong pickets of unionists had been posted as early as 5 o'clock on duty in the vicinity of all depots from which traffic proceeds from London northward, and also before the great freight yards. Railroad men coming up with their lunch baskets were stopped and gathered in groups around the pickets. Everywhere perfect order prevailed. The men still on duty carried out their work with seeming extraordinary energy.

At the Great Northern station at King's Cross the trains for Edinburgh departed exactly on schedule time. All of them were crowded with passengers. Several trains were run as "double-deckers" for the convenience of hundreds of soldiers and sailors, returning from leaves of absence.

At St. Pancras and Euston stations everything was quiet. The Midland train for Sheffield left just before midnight, half filled with passengers. At the London and North Western station the trains were crowded with passengers. Several trains were run as "double-deckers" for the convenience of hundreds of soldiers and sailors, returning from leaves of absence.

On the subway the employees discussed the strike and it was evident that some of them intended to go out. The Scotch express, which was due to leave Euston Station at midnight, was crowded with passengers, including soldiers and sailors. The trip was cancelled at the last moment, it was said, because of the strike.

Outgoing trains from Paddington Station (Great Western) ceased to run at 11 o'clock. The last train left Paddington on time, but the officials in the Scotch city refused to guarantee the arrival of passengers.

The railway clerks' union has decided not to join in the strike and to maintain strict neutrality.

The government looks on the strike as a threat against the life of the community. While it does not propose to take over and operate the railways, the government asserts it will protect any man who is engaged in the service. Tonight at Charing Cross Station everything was normal. The officials said the usual routine would continue until after midnight. They expressed the hope that they would be able to run a partial service tomorrow to the south of England.

Suspend Coal Transport. The government announces that in order to assure food supplies during the strike it may be necessary entirely to suspend transportation of coal. It therefore calls upon the public to decrease its consumption of coal and to use electric light plants to economize to the utmost in the use of coal.

Illuminated advertisements are forbidden and householders will be allowed to buy only 100 pounds of coal per week. Other similar measures are prescribed by the order.

140 Per Cent. More Pay. The Minister of Labor Sir Robert Horn said tonight:

The government cannot agree to make permanent the wages which prevailed during the latter period of the war. The new standard on the average added 100 per cent. to the pre-war stage, but the men consider this too low. A man who was earning from 18 to 20 shillings before the war is receiving, with the war bonus, from 31 to 33 shillings. Under the government proposal the men will receive permanently 140 per cent. more for a shorter day of work than before the war. There will be an addition of 167,000,000 to the railway men's wages.

"This is not a strike against private employers; it is a strike against the state. It is not a strike for increasing any capitalist's profits. It is purely a question of saving the state from disaster."

J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, tonight said that the union was not prepared to cease work until further notice. A late dispatch received from Dublin says a strike tonight was not mediated, and that the men were likely to work thru the night.

## A GREAT LECTURE.

T. W. Williams of California, will deliver his famous lecture, "John Barleycorn," at the Latter Day Saints' Church on Soho St., Sunday evening. This is one of Mr. Williams' best lectures. Hear him!

## PATRICK DRAPER Re-elected secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress at Hamilton yesterday.

## ZETLAND LODGE HONORS CURRIE

Canadian Night One of Inspiration for Members of A. F. and A. M.

Canadian night during the last few years has been more and more an inspiration for higher ideals and purposes to the members of Zetland Lodge. At 7:30 A.M. and last night's celebration of that function was no less inspiring. More than 600 members of the craft filled the many dinner tables which were placed on the floor of the North Yonge street auditorium.

Before the craft sat down to dinner, two of the guests, General Sir Arthur Currie, commander of Canada's army overseas, and Rev. Major Allan Pearson, chaplain of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, were received into the lodge by the members of the lodge, who were wearing the badges of their degrees.

The toast, "Canada, Our Country," was proposed by Sir Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, who paid a tribute to General Currie and the men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The call for men of Canada, or for men of Canada, had received a heritage could not be surpassed, and it had been proven during the years of the war that the people had proved themselves worthy of it.

Still in Making. The history and political history of Canada was still in the making, but it had already been proven, said Sir Robert, that the Canadians could hold their own in industrial arts of war. The speaker dwelt strongly on the educational influences of the war. The new influence, he said, had been transmitted to the very pickets of the strike.

He paid a high tribute to the most intelligent of our men, the students of the universities, who had shown a directness of purpose which was hitherto unknown in the average student.

This influence, said Sir Robert, might be looked for in an intellectual development of the country, the like of which has never been seen in all things. The present unrest was due to mismanagement of a man and man.

By turning humors and passions, Major Shatford made one of the biggest points of the evening when he said that the world was still in the making. He called the world a Canadian night at Zetland Lodge at a Canadian night at Zetland Lodge.

At that time he said he had been advised by a lady, a lady of adaptability, optimism and humility if he was to succeed as a nation. Never more than now were these things needed, he said, in the settling of the problems which the ending of the war had forced upon the country.

Quintet of Qualities. These ideas, said the major, had been adopted by the men at the strike. It was due to their excellent application of that that war had been brought to such a glorious conclusion. It was a quintet of qualities, the efficacy of which had been demonstrated in war, said the speaker. "In the future, in the future, let each contribute his share, let each element co-operate and they will be woven into a great and harmonious whole."

Not Quite Normal. Gen. Currie spoke as he had but a short time in the past to catch his breath. He was taking his back to his native British Columbia. He thanked the craftsmen for their welcome of him, which he realized was meant as a tribute to the men whom he had the honor of commanding. Ontario was a great and industrious province, said Sir Arthur Currie.

Among those at the head table were General Sir Arthur Currie, Major Shatford, Brig.-Gen. John Gunn, Sir Robert Falconer, Norman Somerville (chairman), Rev. D. J. A. Turnbull, Hon. W. B. McPherson, James Nixon, Gen. Robt. Reville, F. W. Harcourt, K. C., Rev. Major Shatford, T. Barber, H. A. Taylor, Marshall MacGregor, D. Sturrock, and others.

The jam of motor cars parked in the vacant lot opposite the Masonic Temple was about the finest thing in automobile mix-ups ever seen in Toronto. Those who came early and parked at the north end had to wait till the late leavers were ready to move before they could get their own cars out. A couple of good-natured and husky policemen, added to the skill of the individual drivers, soon straightened things out when once the cars began to move.

## MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Three Receive Minor Injuries From Autos Yesterday—No Driver Held.

Suffering from a scalp injury which necessitated three stitches, William Horton, aged 68 years, of 538 West Adelaide street, was admitted to the Western Hospital last night. Horton was crossing from the north side of Queen at Portland street, when he was struck down by an east bound car. Leo Bloom, 918 West Queen street, driver of the car, drove the injured man to the hospital. Horton is also suffering from a broken finger.

Ten-year-old Harry Brown, 77 Shaw street, was injured about the head last night when he was run down by an automobile at King and Church street. Brown was admitted to the Western Hospital.

Miss Kennedy Joins Century. Women's Century has made two additions to its staff, in the persons of Miss Grace Kennedy and Miss Gladys Osborne. Both these women have been connected with newspapers in the city, and have had varied experiences in journalistic work.

Miss Kennedy, who was with The Toronto Sunday World for some years, joined the department of recreation in Ottawa last winter, and has just returned from a trip across the Dominion, which she undertook in the interests of the government. Miss Kennedy joins the staff of Women's Century as service manager, and, in addition to assisting articles, in preparing fitting copy, will generally supervise the service department of the magazine.

Miss Osborne was assistant editor on the woman's page of The Times, and has always been interested in women from a political standpoint. Her appointment on The Century is with the editorial staff.



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ted to the Western Hospital. J. W. Boulger, 155 Roncesvalles avenue, was driving the motor car.

Letta Moie, aged 6 years, living at 443 Bathurst was slightly injured last night when a motor car ran her down at the corner of College and Bathurst street. The little girl was removed to the Western Hospital.

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