

Patriotic Fund is City's Share

Mayor Suggests That Other Funds Ought to Be Left to Private Generosity—The Council Meeting

Commenting on the fact that the city and county would have to assess in 1917 for from \$150,000 to \$175,000 for the patriotic fund, Mayor Hayes suggested at the postponed meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon that the city should leave all other patriotic and charitable funds to private generosity. He thought that the citizens, when relieved of the heavy calls for direct contributions to the patriotic fund, should be able to care for the other funds. These remarks were made in connection with the discussion of an application for a grant for the Syrian relief fund. Another application for a grant for the Home of the Good Shepherd, was laid over to be discussed with the other at a later date.

The commissioner of finance and public affairs reported recommending that, until the appropriations for civic expenditure for the year 1917 are adopted, the controller be authorized to make payments from Jan. 1 up to limited amounts.

The commissioner of public works reported that expenditures of \$269 were made for work in Victoria Square. On the recommendation of Commissioner Fisher additions were made to the city's fire insurance schedule of \$1,200 on a barn and wagon shed on Higgins wharf, West End, and \$800 for contents, with the London underwriters.

The commissioner of water and sewerage reported recommending that he be given authority to complete the extension of the garage on Carriageway street now being made at an estimated cost of \$400 for such extension that he be authorized to re-engage Frank A. McInnes, C. E., the acting engineer for the department for the months of January and February next at the same salary as he is now receiving; that an amount of \$800 be paid over to the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters for their contribution by the city towards the cost of making survey, etc., in connection with the report recently made by the board on the fire protection services in this city.

To Reorganize 64th Battalion

A member of the 64th Battalion, now in England, informs The Telegraph that the battalion, which was broken up some weeks ago to furnish reinforcing drafts to the units now in France, is to be reorganized with Lieut.-Colonel Montgomery Campbell at its head.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Walter Lockhart, of Shediac road, Moncton, has received a telegram from Ottawa stating that his son, Oscar, was killed in action on Nov. 2. Private Lockhart enlisted in March, 1915, with the 6th Mounted Rifles, and trained in Amherst and Valcartier, going overseas in September, 1915. In October of last year he was transferred to another unit.

For the 165th Several leading Acadian representatives of the maritime provinces at a conference with Lt.-Colonel D'Almeida, of the 165th battalion, decided to launch a vigorous campaign to fill up the ranks of the unit. At the present time the total strength of the battalion is 750. The ladies of St. Vincent's Alumnae passed over to Major Legeur for the regimental fund \$100 out of the prize taken in a dance which was recently held under their auspices.

Three Recruits. Three recruits were secured in the city yesterday, all of whom were for the 165th Battalion. Joseph Gallant, B. J. Herbert and A. Richard, Moncton. In a letter received in the city from a member of the 165th Battalion, it tells of the joy of the men of the unit at having Major Alex. McMillan back in the trenches with them, and pays tribute to the worth of that officer. The letter also says that Lt.-Colonel G. W. Fowler was over for a month and that he all gathered at headquarters to meet him.

OFFICERS OF THE 145TH BATT. Lieut.-Col. W. E. Forbes, O. C. of the old 145th (Westminster and Kent), is now residing at Folkestone, Eng., with his wife and family. Major Ernest E. Wood, of Bala Veris, who was second in command, is at St. Martin's Plain. Major F. Roy Sumner and Major C. M. Rideout are also at St. Martin's Plain. Captain M. G. Siddall, the old Quartermaster, is still at Shorncliffe.

Yesterday's Storm. All indications pointed to a green Christmas when the rain struck the city yesterday. From two o'clock until nine o'clock last night a total rainfall of over an inch was recorded. The wind was blowing at a rate of fifty-two miles per hour and at Lepreau was recorded as blowing at the rate of eighty miles per hour. It is believed that the night was one of the worst in the bay that seamen have been called to experience.

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Lloyd George on Irish Question

The following striking sentences are from Lloyd George's speech, as cabled by the Canadian Press:

"I wish it were possible to remove the misunderstanding between Great Britain and Ireland, which for centuries has been a source of misery to one and an embarrassment and weakness to the other. I should consider it a great victory for the allied forces. . . . I tried once to remove the misunderstanding between England and Ireland. I was drenched with suspicion of Irishmen by Englishmen and of Englishmen by Irishmen, and, worse, and most fatal of all, suspicion by Irishmen of Irishmen. It was a quagmire of distrust which clogged my footsteps and made progress impossible. That is the real enemy of Ireland. If that could be slain I believe it would accomplish an act of reconciliation between England and Ireland, and Britain and the Empire greater than they ever were before. That is why I have always thought it the best advantage and every man is called upon to render such service to the state as he can best give, victory is beyond our reach."

ECONOMIC CHANGES FORECASTED BY AUSTRIAN MINISTER

Closer Trade Relations Between Austria and Hungary and With Germany—"Duty of Feeding People First Care."

Vienna, via London, Dec. 22.—The following official statement was issued today outlining the policy of the new ministry:

"This government has been entrusted with the direction of affairs at a serious time, and one has been assumed with feeling of the greatest responsibility. Its first aim will be the restoration of full constitutional conditions and the creation of necessary conditions for that purpose and for the assembling of parliament."

"Among its earliest tasks will be the conclusion of a treaty between the two states constituting the monarchy regarding economic relations. Another task will be the establishment of closer economic relations with the German empire. Both tasks will tend toward the political and economic consolidation of Austria."

"Other tasks in prospect are social problems, which have considerably increased in importance since the war, the development of popular education and new regulations for state economy. The duty of feeding the people will be the first care of the ministry."

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SAYS BRITAIN WILL SHOW FULL STRENGTH IN SPRING
Offensive on Somme the Beginning, Says Capt. Ian Hay.

Speaking recently in Sanders theatre, Cambridge, Mass., Capt. Ian Hay, British member of the House of Commons, told his audience of Harvard students that Great Britain would show her full war strength next spring.

Lecturing in behalf of the Cambridge surgical dressing committee, which is supplying materials to the Harvard surgical unit in France, he said, in part: "The French are the finest troops in the world. When the French and British jumped over their parapets on the sixteen-mile front at Jomme, last July, the great test was on. There will be much that will be heard from the same battle region, later on, I think."

"By spring of next year Great Britain will have her greatest strength in the war, and will be at the height of her military and industrial preparedness. The war for England theoretically did not begin until July 1, 1916, when the Somme offensive was opened up, and the real strength of the allied armies began to show itself."

"I cannot say what the average length of life is in the front line of trenches, but it is probably measured in weeks instead of months, and perhaps the average is even calculated in days. But in spite of this terrible strain, I was asked to name the outstanding characteristics of the soldiers in the trenches, I should say it was their cheerfulness."

Cost of Living Commission.
A new and important development in the fight against the high cost of living has come to light and at the instance of Hon. T. W. Crothers, the minister of labor, W. F. O'Connor, K. C., of Halifax, has been appointed to inquire into certain conditions which are assumed to effect the prevailing prices for the necessities of life. He will act at the instance of the minister of labor.

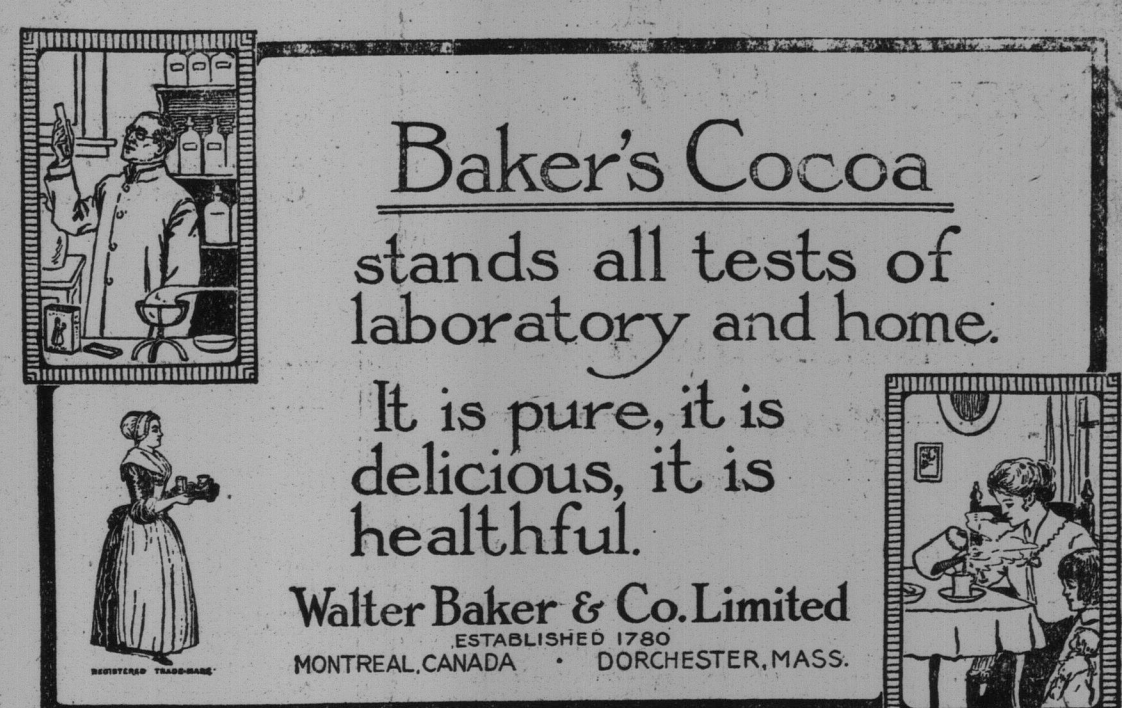
Could Offered to Give up Work

When Financing for Valley Road Failed He Continued on Contract Only on Premier's Guarantee

That A. R. Gould offered to quit the job of building the Valley railway in the fall of 1914, and would have done so had he not been urged by the government to go on with his contract was a new phase brought out in the arbitration hearing of Gould and associates against the Province of New Brunswick at yesterday's hearing. Under examination by Mr. Gregory, one of his counsel, Mr. Gould said the company was in a bad way for finances owing to Mr. Lisman being unable to negotiate the sale of the second mortgage bonds at the 75 per cent. rate as he had been informed that the sale was put through at 86 3/4, and the witness said that this was news to him, and that if it were true he would like to know about it. Mr. Taylor said he had information from a government official to this effect.

The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday morning, Jan. 3.

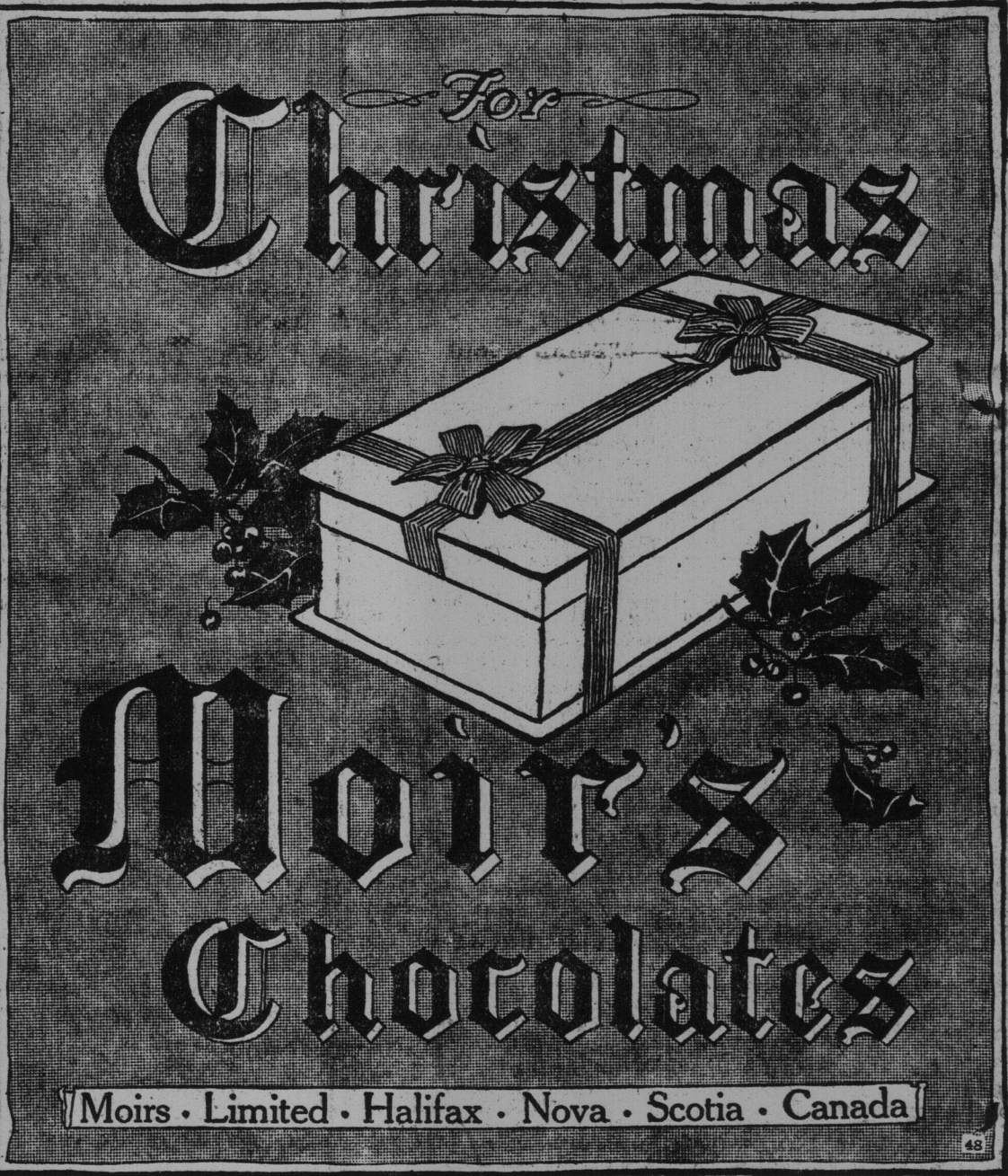
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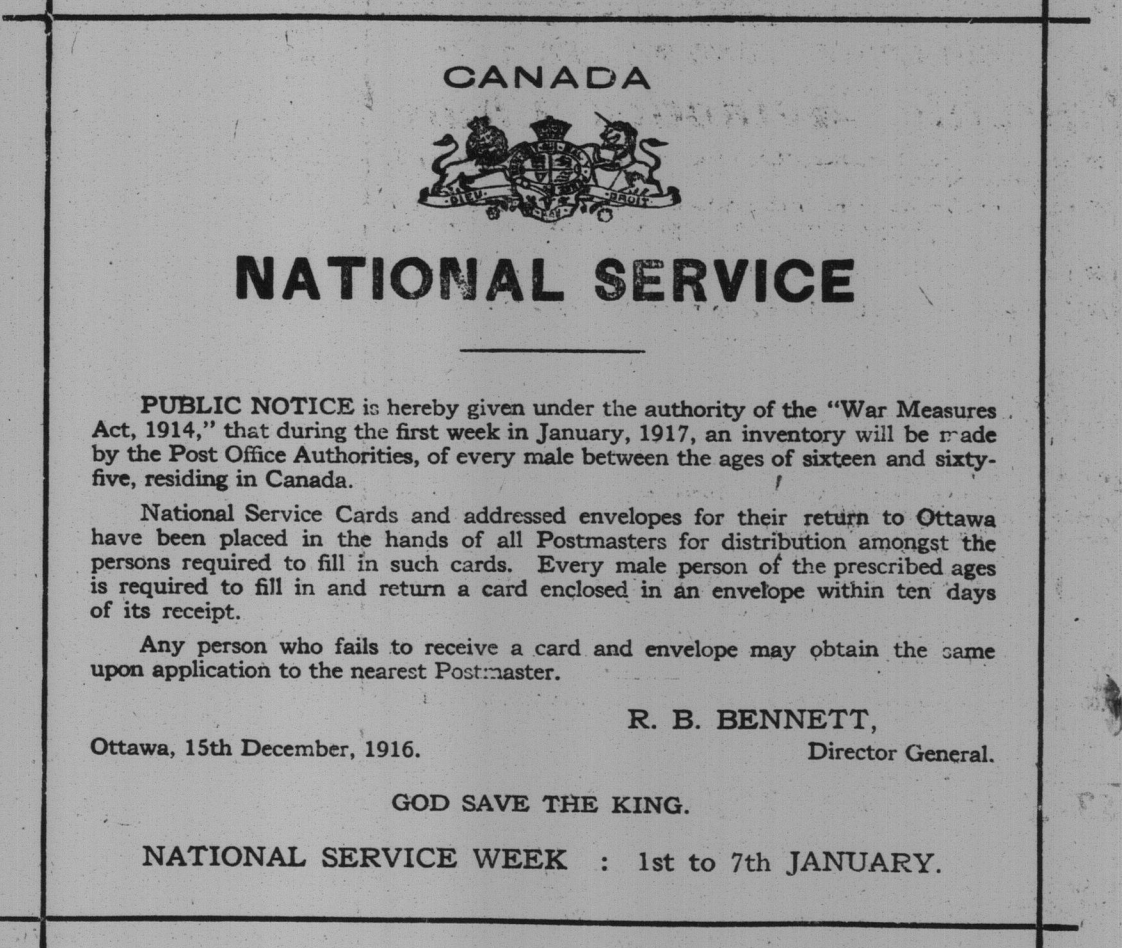
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GERMANY WELCOMES IT
Berlin, Dec. 22, via London.—The announcement of President Wilson's peace endeavor, received through the Associated Press, was accorded a tremendous welcome in Berlin. The impression of official and newspaper circles appeared in the noon editions under large display headlines as the all-important news of the Christmas season, reviving the interest in the German peace overtures, which has sunk to a low point under the influence of the preliminary declarations of statesmen of the Entente Powers.

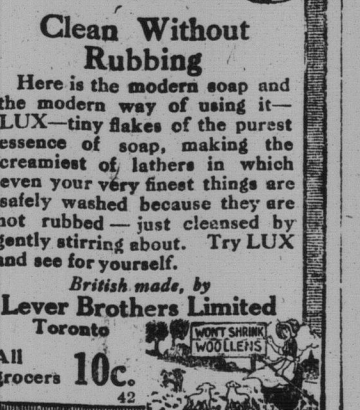
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