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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 21.

#### Facing Famine

In the resolution adopted by the Ontario Legislature in support of the war there occur these sentences:

"We hereby consecrate ourselves afresh, together with all the reafresh, together with all the resources of this rich and fertile Province of Ontario, to the successful prosecution of the war. To that end, and confident of a patriotic response, we call upon the people of Ontario to place the demands of the war before every other considera-

thru Dominion legislation. Similarly there can be no further increase of agricultural production unless the provincial government takes very definite steps to stimulate and encourage production. The suspiencourage production. The suspicious and unspeculative farmer is not going to do it all by himself. When Joseph and Pharaoh saw seven lean years ahead of them they did not leave it to the fellaheen to increase production. They got busy and made it a government measure.

Weather conditions are evidently going to be none too favorable this spring. The farmer must be helped

spring. The farmer must be helped and encouraged. Everybody knows or ought to know that the coming or ought to know that the coming instead of speaking about Russia and the Rokhardt government which famine will be bad enough to war-the Bolshevik government, which thousands of the working class don't the farmer for his wheat. It won't help win it, like Sergt. Matt. Waydo to trust to the farmer in this man did to the people.

A Workingman. mark last year. He ought to h helped in his tillage as far as help GERMANS FOMEN is possible, and he should be helped with all the available labor that can be placed on the land.

Nothing was done in the fuel situation when the coming disaster was uation when the coming disaster was about what will be done in regard to agricultural production. The need is obvious, but will the government act, or at the end of the next

ment act, or at the end of the next harvest will we be told that the farmer failed to produce enough? The farmer should be seen at once and guaranteed a market for all the grain he can grow. There is no other way to be "confident of a patriotic response."

Their Speech is False.

It is difficult to believe that any nation can actually think as the Germans do. If they had any humor they would laugh themselves to death, and the world would be spared some painful executions. But they have no humor, and consequently no morals, and therefore no scruples. Dr. von Kuehlmann seriously declared yesterday. "Even to-dusy we are prepared to conclude a day we have no humor and conclude a day we are prepared to conclude a day of the day and the day of the day of the day and the day of the day o scruples. Dr. von Kuehlmann seriously declared yesterday: "Even to-day we are prepared to conclude a day we peace which corresponds with our this or other conferences at the prosent time, owing to the belief that German influences were their inspiration.

He might as well have said that The delegates listened quietly to the he was prepared to conclude a peace which corresponded with his message was then referred to a comenemy's interest. Germany is not mittee, which is to decide the form of the reply if any which is to be care t prepared to conclude a peace of any to Mr. Gompers.

the reply, if any, which is to be sent to report by registrar; class one men voluntarily reporting and defaulters kind, because all her terms to peace are steps to further war. She deare steps to further war. She defor the absence of many of the delesions had been materials. luded or persuaded or bribed the gates, saying: "Some of them have itary Service Act. Of these, 422 were Russians, no one knows exactly what not been given passports and the history will decide about it, into making a peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities; and den, chairman of the conference, as soon as the formalities are ar- said: ranged she demanded the surrender to do with the origin of this univerof three provinces and four billion but they have proved the chief sufferers, and it is fitting that they

The Russians have accepted the should attempt to unite the workers of the world in finding a way out of the Germans continue the war by further invasions of Russia. It does fitarism." Their speech is false. It is what Prussian Electoral Reform Fight they do that is to be reckoned with. and their deeds are such that they must be put out of action.

The allies are united in this view, house of the Prussian diet, Berlin ad-The allies are united in this view, vices say, the fight for electoral reform in Prussia is now entering its lieved to be resolved on an immediate test of strength in the west. It will be a great satisfaction to the which are based on the principle "a man a vote." Unless the national liberal party representatives on the commission are won over by the present minority, the measure is likely to be referred back to a plenary session, with the basic principle of electoral reform wholly eliminated or vitaily almounced that the total was well over 100 months of the commission are won over by the present fund, campaign will continue until Thursday night. Up to noon today it was announced that the total was well over 100 months of the cardinal paragraphs. WILL EXTEND CAMPAIGN.

Specal to The Toronto World.
Galt, Feb. 20.—Because of the bad weather today and the fact that can was well over 100 minority, the measure is likely to be referred back to a plenary session, with the basic principle of electoral reform wholly eliminated or vitaily almounced that the total was well over 100 minority. lieved to be resolved on an imme- final stage.

The Toronto World to extricate themselves from the engagement. Losses such as they nust sustain, on a scale as great or greater than Verdun, will bring them very near to the impending imperial catastrophe.

## Other People's Opinions

#### A Working Man's Views.

Editor World: In reading Mr. J. impson's speech at Montreal on Monday, the 18th inst., I think that if Jimmy had asked a few thousand of the slackers and a few of the anti-conscriptionists in the Province of Quebec to join the army and help their brothers over in France to win this war, he would have been more to the point than speaking about the workingman in Russia. We

are at war with a nation which has

Jimmy had spoken about the aliens doing the returned soldiers out of a job or asked a few of them to join the army and help crush militarism he would have helped the workingman in this free country. I agree with him about some of the large estates in England having so much land uncultivated. Yes, millions of land uncultivated. Yes, millions of acres a few years ago as should be growing food for both man and beast. But there was master and man and tion, and by every means in their rich and poor in days gone and alpower to maintain our fighting any towards winning the war. The rich any towards winning the war. The rich forces, further increase our agricultural and industrial production, practice to the utmost thrift and avoidance of waste.

Some of this is just talk, and all of it may be if it be not converted into action. The province cannot maintain the fighting forces except thru Dominion legislation. Similarly there can be no further in-

PEACE MOVEMENT

sage to Allied Socialist

Conference.

WILL NOT PARTICIPATE

"The working classes had nothing

Amsterdam, Feb. 20 .- In the lower

it presented last night the third in a series of exacting and unusual programs, of which the last was pernaps less attractive to a popular audience than its predecessors, the probably the most exacting upon the demands of the chorus and assisting soloists. Under the baton of the new leader, Mr. Fricker, the choral aggregation sang with confidence thruout, and if applause was not as markedly insistent in the matter of recalls, it was due to the character of the numbers rather than to any lack of appreciation for the splendid work achieved by Canada's greatest choir.

Doubtless, too, the audience would have approved of a larger allotment of time to the Philadelphia Orchestra, which, together with its magnetic and talented leader, have made such an abiding impression upon all privileged to hear it, and the fact that it had but one number at the beginning of the evening was regretted by those who had before fallen under the spell of its beauty and power. In its performance of the overture from "The Bartered Bride," by Smetsna, the noted Bohemian composer, the orchestra opened with a full body of tone, followed with some delightfully crisp phrases for the strings, the wood-wind and the brass gradually adding their richness, and a variety of shading being introduced, the whole ending with a long-sustained and triumphant note, which might be interpreted according to the fancy of the listener. The number brought tumultuous applause and Stokowski had to appear and bow his recognition four times.

The chief number for the choir was the cantata, "Scenes from the Saga of King Oleif," by Bilgar, which was written for the noted Staffordshire festival of Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn" forms the principal theme of the text The mustcale composition four times of the story which is supposed to be told by a company of bards and the tale is Christian king and warrior who at the Christian faith. References to the vikings of the north and to the mythology of the country provide a spirit of romance to the story already rich wi

Chorus Crowned With

Success.

**GREAT ORCHESTRA HELPS** 

Audience Again Shows it's Appre-

ciation of Execution of Ex-

acting Program.

Crowned with success was the three

# Up Till Last Monday Noon

of men who had failed to report when ordered to do so by the registrar; 2101 were of defaulters who had not registered.

In Toronto district, apprehension men failing to report when ordered by registrar, was 36, and of defaulters not registered 279. The net number that should have reported was 6210 and the number who failed report and are not yet apprehended

Expedition in the handling of Quebec appeals is indicated. At the beginning of the month there were practically 3000 appeals pending before the Quebec appeal tribunals. result of conferences held between the Likely to End in Failure arrangements have been made whereby it is hoped to dispose of all the Montreal appeals by March 31. Arrangements are likewise being made similarly to expedite the hearing of ed th's

## PREVIEW REMOVES CONCLUDES SERIES **FALSE IMPRESSION**

Three Days' Festival of Music by Naturalized Subjects Born in Alien Enemy Countries Are Safe.

#### NO CONFISCATION

Neither Will Discriminatory Taxation Be Enforced Upon Them.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The prime min-ister today, gave out the following days' festival of music with which the

Mendelssohn Choir celebrated the twentyfirst anniversary of its existence, when it presented last night the third in a impression has been created among naturalized British subjects in the westseries of exacting and unusual programs, of which the last was pernaps less atern provinces, who were born in countries with which are are unfortunately at war. It is said that many of these people believe that it is the intention of the government to deprive them of their lands, and to confiscate their grave doubt as to whether or not it is worth while for them to engage in the work of production during the approaching season. It is also reported that they are apprehensive that the government will impose discriminatory taxation upon them.

In the early months of the war the government issued a proclamation assuring all such persons of the enjoyin this country, so the laws of the country of their adop tion and refrain from any attempt to assist the enemy. That assurance stands good today. There is no intention on the part of the government to deprive them of their land, or to confiscate their property or otherwise to treat them unfairly or unjustly.

# **SOME REVERSALS** BY SOLDIERS' VOTE

Official Result Will Not Be Made Known for a Day or Two.

### SPEAKER ELECTED

Asserted That the Laurierite

Majority in Many Constituencies Will Be Reversed.

CHAPTER X.

As we turned toward home I forgot the man who had reminded me of carpet to announce the official result of the soldiers vote at least for a day or two. Statements as to how the vote so far counted has affected various constituencies, are not based upon official information, altho in would be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions made will be more tolerant of mistakes, many cases the predictions.

Mixed Reflections.

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Statements as to how the look saffected various saffected various affected various constituencies, are not based upon official information, altho in many cases the predictions made will doubtless be verified. For instance, it has been considered practically certain for weeks past that Speaker Rhodes, who was defeated by a majority of only \$2, would be elected by the soldiers' vote cast in Canada. This prediction, it is stated, has now become a certainty, while several other constituencies, more particularly in Nova Scotia and Ontario, are almost certain to change from the opposition to the government column.

Patriotic Numbers

the government column.

In government circles it is asserted that in a great many constituencies where the majority of the opposition candidate on election day was less than 500, the result is likely to be changed when the overseas soldiers' vote is received by cable.

Effect in Toronto Ridings.

It is stated that the official count will have the following effect in the Toronto district. Toronto Centre-Edmund Bristol's majority increased by 600.

Toronto East—Sir Edward Kemp's majority increased by over 500.
Toronto North—Sir George Foster's majority increased by over 600. Toronto South—Dr. Sheard's majorty increased by 400. Toronto West-H. C. Hocken's ma-

jority increased by nearly 500. Parkdale—H. M. Mowat's majority creased by over 400. York North—J. A. M. Armstrong's majority increased by 100. York East—Thomas Foster's major-ity increased by 300. York South-W. F. Maclean's ma-ority increased by 300.

York West-Tom Wallace's major ity increased by 200. It is understood that in Parkdale Books on Etiquet Prove an Annoy-Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Approximately Major Carson McCormack polled about 22,000 men had been drafted under the 150 votes, and in East York Major

> In Brant County, where Cockshutt (Conservative) was elected over Har-old (Liberal Unionist), there were 65 votes, about 50 going to Harold. In South Essex the lead of Aikir (Liberal), which was 119, is reduced by about 20. No one was endorsed in Welland, but Evan Fraser gets a majority of the soldier vote

# HAMILTON'S RATE JUMPS FIVE MILLS

Board of Control Cannot Bring it Below Twenty-Eight.

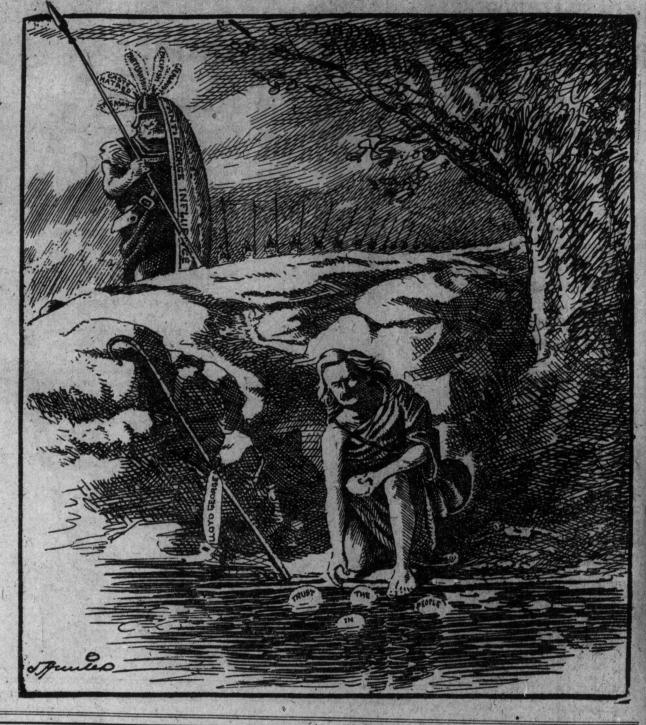
Special to The Toronto World, Hamilton, Wednesday, Feb. 1918 tax rate will be 28 mills, inc

war tax. The board of control, after three irksome days of slashing, so recommended this afternoon, and the council is expected to give its endorsation next Tuesday night.

Members of the board were hopeful that the new rate could be kept down to 27 mills, but the mayor insisted that, instead of leaving but a shoelace margin to work on, and extra mill be added. The increase of five mills is the largest in the city's history.

The new rate, it has been estimated, will take care of the overdraft of \$134,000 and give the city a clean sheet at the beginning of 1919. Mayor Booker impressed upon the controllers that he aspired to leave office with the old deficit wiped out.

## DAVID AND GOLIATH



# THE WOMAN WHO CHANGED

why had Madge Loring laughed so uproariously when I told her they were etiquet books? Didn't people, smart people, need to read them, and was that the reason she laughed? Perhaps they were not what I needed after all. But it had not seemed nice to be laughed at and not know the after all. But it had not seemed nice to be laughed at, and not know the reason. Oh, this social business was so hard to learn. Would I ever be able to make George proud to take me out, instead of aslamed?

I wondered if I better tell George I had hought them. He would know the second control of the second I had bought them. He would know it at the end of the month when the bill came in. But should I wait until then and let him find it out that way, or tell him now? I was becoming so afraid of doing the wrong thing-

of annoying him-that I over the simplest matters. I was fast losing all initiative; fast having all individuality absorbed because of my anxiety to please my husband.

I had been pleased as a child over my purchase; over the thought that compelled it. But now I was chilled and frightened. Had I again done and frightened. Had I again done something I should not? Surely Mrs.

Where did you see Gray?" he in the latter went right on talking, "and she said you had accepted and engagement to dinner for a week from tonight! and she introduced me to a Mr. Gray, Merton Gray, an artist, who is to be there, and"

"Where did you see Gray?" he in Loring had some reason for her merri-

when we reached home, instead of carrying the books into the library, the natural place, I had Annie take them into the guest room. I had not decided what to do about telling George; and he wouldn't see them in there.

Takher an exciting day, as far as I can judge."

Should I tell him about the books? I decided not to: but I felt gnilty "Oh, nothing. I came right home after I left her at the restaurant,"

"You will need a new dress for that dinner. Go to Mercedes and there."

All the afternoon I pored over their contents. I read so many rules for behavior, so many silly—so it seem-ed to me—directions how one should Then my glance fell on the books.
Why had Madge Loring laughed so uproariously when I told her they the morrow I would take only one subject, and try and find out all there was to learn of it before I proceeded to another. In that way I could re-member what I read.

I wanted to be "good form" as George called it. Wanted to for his sake, more than for my own. Dinner was ready when he came So we had no time to talk until we met at table

A Dinner Table Conversation. question.

"Fine! and oh, George! I saw Mrs.
Loring today. I took her to the Elite
restaurant in the car. She had an
engagement there." I coud not fail to notice the start he gave; was so interested in what I had to tell him that I went right on talkist, who is to be there, and"—
"Where did you see Gray?" he in-

order one. Better white one to take the place of the one spoiled the night you cut your

arm." "All right. I wish you would go "I will for the fitting. They may

take advantage of your ignorance, and not do good work."

Tomorrow-Happy Reprieves.

## SERVED IN IMPERIAL ARMY.

Montreal, Feb. 20. - Major W. H. Charke-Kennedy, D.S.O., whose appointment to command a Canadian battafion at the front with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, is announced, "How's your arm?" was his first uestion.
"Fine! and oh, George! I saw Mrs. Scotland and came to Canada in 1903, having served with distinction as an mperial officer in the South African war. He was a captain in the 1st Battalion, 5th Royal Highlanders, Montreal, when the war broke out.

SENTENCE WAS SUSPENDED.

Special to The Toronto World.

Chatham, Feb. 20.—Russell Hearns, a fifteen-year-old Ridgetown youth, who was arrested and sent up for trial on the day which was to have been his wedding terrupted.

Sooks on Etiquet Prove an Annoyance.

Then I thought of what I had said for that night. And, George, it isn't isn't in the street. She called to him, to find out if he had an engagement is afternoon allowed to go on suspended sentence.



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