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SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 14.

How Many More Mergers?

We have now a score of banks where we had, not so long ago, half a score more.

What will it be when they get down to six? And the tendency is in that direction.

We want more small banks with head offices scattered all over Canada—not centred in Montreal and Toronto.

Also a great state bank that will rediscount for the other banks, including a lot of smaller banks.

The new party will deal with these problems. It will have banking laws that will increase the banking facilities of the country, give the banker a good chance to make money, and ask them only to increase their service to the public in return for their privileges.

Commandeering of Wheat

The Montreal correspondent of Financial America says the chief topic of discussion in the Canadian grain trade is "Will Great Britain commandeer the Canadian wheat crop?" That something of the kind may be done is taken for granted. Last year all the wheat in terminal elevators and being loaded in vessels at the head of the lakes was suddenly commandeered by the Dominion Government, and considerable excitement followed. The government had to lend most of the wheat back, and did so under agreements which resulted in their getting not the wheat itself, but a small cash forfeit in lieu thereof. The real purchaser turned out to be the Italian Government, and delivery was so long delayed that in some quarters the suspicion lingers that it was never made at all.

Commandeering by the British Government will be a different matter altogether. The admiralty will see to delivery, and the commandeering will probably cover the whole crop.

A year and a half ago The World ventured to suggest the nationalization of the entire Canadian wheat crop. We believe the Dominion Government could finance the situation with national currency, and that the imperial government could be relied upon to purchase the greater part of the crop at a fair price (i.e., some Canadian port). That policy, if adopted, would have prevented all speculation, would have secured the transport of the entire crop by Canadian railways and steamers to tide water, and would have eliminated the problem of ocean tonnage, so far as the Canadian farmer was concerned.

We still believe that production would be best encouraged by guaranteeing the farmer a fixed price. He is as often hurt as benefited by an era of speculative prices. Last year's commandeering did him no particular good, although it may in part have been designed to head off the western demand for "free wheat." The prospect of this year's commandeering has disorganized the market to some extent, but on the whole has had a tendency to keep up the price. The grain men are confident that the commandeering will be at the price at which the market closed on the preceding day.

Insuring the Soldiers

One thing the city council did right was the rescinding of the motion refusing insurance to Toronto soldiers enlisting in other than Toronto units. In many cases these men had no option.

This has been especially true of the artillery and other corps outside the infantry. A Toronto soldier is a Toronto soldier, no matter what unit he may belong to, and the city council has no right to discriminate between one man and another in a matter so vital.

There is all the less reason for such discrimination since the various bat-

talions are by no means permanent units, and although a man may enlist in a Toronto battalion he cannot tell to what he may be transferred before he crosses the water, or where he may be drafted when he gets to England. The main point now settled is that Toronto insures her soldiers.

Cold Storage

A point of great importance was raised by the Trades and Labor Council in the resolution calling upon the Dominion Government to nationalize the cold storage plants by owning and controlling them. What the council really wanted to get at was the high cost of living, to which cold storage facilities have undoubtedly contributed materially.

There will be the usual outcry from vested interests, and we shall be told that thirty millionaires have a right to hoard up food if they wish, and turn an honest penny by selling it when the demand is satisfactory. Probably there would be no complaint if the thirty millionaires were satisfied with an honest penny. He rarely stops at a penny. Profits are figured on a much more lucrative scale. Prices have practically been doubled within a few years. The common necessities articles of diet, bread, meat, potatoes, milk, butter, eggs, have all doubled in price or more than doubled, and there is not the least doubt that cold storage is largely responsible.

We fear that owning and operating the cold storage warehouses might not better the situation at all. In fact under proper national ownership the cost of operation would be so much cheaper that the advantage would be with those who used the warehouses. The government would have to provide that prices would be reduced to the public. Perhaps the government could do this at once without waiting for the nationalization of cold storage warehouses. This is the idea behind the further resolution of the council requesting the Dominion to compel the sale of perishable goods after two weeks in cold storage.

Cold storage was never intended to be a means of starving the people or raising prices to famine rates. It has been recognized by scientific men that whenever a new factor or condition is introduced into nature the equilibrium of the whole complex organization is upset and there is, no saying where the disturbance may not reach. It is the same in social and economic life. The cold storage idea was a good one, and might have cheapened food by preserving it by carrying it over from times of abundance to times of scarcity. Another plan was adopted and the thirty millionaires multiplied his profits.

CHURCH UNIONISM: SOME MIS-APPREHENSIONS.

The following is part of a lengthy letter addressed to us by Rev. Dr. Alex. Macgillivray. We regret that space prevents us giving more than three of the points with which he deals, but these three in principle cover the rest.

Editor World: Thru the courtesy of friends I am in possession of the Regina Leader of date September 22. It contains under display headings a two column report of a meeting of the Presbyterians of the great Province of Saskatchewan, who are opposed to the formation of "The United Church of Canada," thru the union of the Congregationalist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. According to the report, there were from outside Regina, from all of this great province, three ministers in charge, the financial agent of a boys' school and one layman.

The principal address was by Rev. W. G. Brown, B.A., of the neighboring Province of Alberta. Among the points emphasized and to which I make answer here, were:

"The union committee of the assembly is unrepresentative."
It is sufficient to say that this committee was chosen by the assembly, and that by a vote of four hundred and sixty to ninety, decided for union. It contains pastors whose names are household words, university presidents, college principals, editors and laymen prominent in the professional and business life of our land.

That "Union will be the destruction of the Presbyterian Church." The Presbyterian Church as a distinct organization will disappear, and will continue to live as a constituent element in the United Church of Canada. The river when it joins the sea ceases as a river, but becomes part of the sea. The bride at the altar surrenders her maiden name, but continues in the fuller and richer relationship of wifehood. A name is a designation but not an entity. The entity abides quite independent of the name.

We heard a worthy man very emphatically declare that "A Presbyterian he was born and a Presbyterian he would die." He was in error in both particulars. He was born a frail child of dust and when he comes to die his confidence will be in the fact that he will die as a Christian, and his passport and his right to Heaven will be his Presbyterianism, but his union with Jesus Christ.

It has been asserted that the tens of thousands of Presbyterians who have gone to the war will esteem it a hardship to find on their return that the Presbyterian Church has decided to surrender its distinctive name and in common with hundreds of thousands of their brethren of like Christian faith, to form the "United Church of Canada."

The Presbyterian who has stood shoulder to shoulder with Methodist or Congregationalist in the trenches, whose blood has mingled with the soil

"NOT A TIME FOR INTERVENTION"



WILLSPROBATED

Application for probate of the will of her husband, Thomas Rackstraw, a barber, who died in Toronto Oct. 3 last, leaving an estate valued at \$5225, has been made by Mrs. Susan Rackstraw, the sole beneficiary and executrix.

William Henry Charles, who died in Toronto on Feb. 24, 1907, left an estate valued at \$1750. Application for the administration of the estate has been made by the Imperial Trust Co. on behalf of the widow, Mrs. Mary Ann Charles, and her daughters, Sarah, Henrietta and Caroline, each of whom will receive one-sixth of the estate.

William H. Moses of Cedarvale, who died as the result of wounds sustained while fighting in France, left an estate valued at \$1500. Mrs. Florence Moses, his wife, is bequeathed a life interest in the property, and upon her death the remainder is to be divided equally among their three children, John, Florence and Norah, who will share equally.

BAR THEM FROM CANADA.

Montreal News: The action of the British Government in barring the Hearst News Service from the use of the official press bureau and from the use of all other mail and telegraphic facilities will be universally approved.

This embargo, however, only applies at present to the British islands. The Hearst newspapers are still free to enter Canada, and are sold freely in the streets of Montreal. There have been many protests against this. But so far, the government has remained inactive. He reasons for this inaction are certainly not accepted by the vast majority of Canadians, who cannot see why various insignificant sheets should be forbidden from circulation, while the far more dangerous Hearst publications are permitted to be peddled in every city in the country.

The action of the British government gives the Canadian government an excellent lead. The garbling charges against the Hearst papers, and the embargo against Canada just as much as against Great Britain. It is, in fact, an offence against the whole of the allies, and it is perhaps a pity that the embargo was not placed on those lines.

There is still time for Canada to put herself right in the matter, and war action taken in that direction will certainly meet with the approval of the country.

"Alabama" Fred Tolliver Is Wanted in Lansing, Mich.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Ont. 13.—"Alabama" Fred Tolliver, a southern dandy, who outdistanced a Pere Marquette train in a long hike from Sarnia to Chatham, where he was later arrested on a charge of stealing a suitcase from a baggage car, containing a conductor's outfit, will be taken to the border by the authorities and handed over to the American police. "Alabama" is wanted in Lansing, Mich., for burglary. Sentence was suspended on him here, and arrangements were being made to deport the youth when the suit was received from the Lansing police.

KITCHENER BOYS' CLUB.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Ont. 13.—Campbell of Waterloo, at a meeting of the organized social workers this evening, gave an excellent paper on the post war settlement movement. He strongly advocated the movement toward the establishment of a Kitchener boys' club. The idea met with the approval of the present and steps will be taken to hasten the erection and equipping of such an institution.

THEFT AND WOUNDING.

On a charge of theft from and attempted assault on Max Amakowsky, a Russian, 55 Elm street, about noon yesterday, Salvador Amorogoso, who told the police he hailed from Montreal, was arrested by officer 55.

REICHSTAG HEARS PLAINTIVE WAILS

Russia and Britain to Blame for Great War is Assertion.

HUNS QUITE INNOCENT

"Moral Guilt" Established to Satisfaction of Berlin Newspapers.

Berlin, Oct. 13, via wireless to Sayville.—German newspaper comment on yesterday's debate in the reichstag alludes to the fact that all the parties put forward their recognized leaders and their best speakers, placing the discussion on a high level. Summarizing the comment upon the remarks of Herr Naumann, the Radical leader, and Dr. David, the Socialist leader, regarding the origin of the war, the Overseas News Agency says: "Both these members recalled how on July 30, 1914, the atmosphere seemed to be cleared by the understanding reached in London between Foreign Secretary Grey and the German ambassador, Prince Lichnowski, with the assent of the Russian ambassador. A further step towards the maintenance of peace was taken when the German chancellor obtained from Austria-Hungary an acceptance of this program. But it is pointed out that all this work was undone by the Russian mobilization, which could have been prevented with great ease. If Great Britain had acted toward Russia in the same manner as Germany did toward Austria-Hungary, the world war would have been avoided. Since Great Britain undid this work and since the Russian war party, therefore felt self supported by England, war became unavoidable. "The newspapers unanimously agree that the facts thus stated settle the question of moral guilt."

Two New Notaries Public For Toronto Are Appointed

The Ontario Gazette for this week contains copies of two long orders-in-council prescribing the terms and regulations on which beaver and other may be taken. These in addition to the order permitting the taking after Nov. 1, as previously published.

The incorporation of the Canadian Defence League is announced, with William Hamilton Merritt, Donald A. Cameron and Rufus S. Hudson, as provisional directors and head office in Toronto.

John R. Moriarty and Ernest G. Bennett, of Montreal, are gazetted commissioners to take affidavits in Montreal for the Ontario courts, W. K. Murphy, Toronto, and James E. McGrade are made notaries public.

Kitchener has taken the place of "Berlin" in the name of the Berlin Rubber Manufacturing Company.

Chatham Has Had Fifteen Fires in Less Than Week

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Ont. 13.—An epidemic of fires which started last Sunday and which has already reached a total of nine, was supplemented by three more last night, the most serious of which was the outbreak which occurred in the sawhouse of Jerry O'Brien, a local cigar manufacturer. Nearly all the raw tobacco was saved, the building, however, was almost completely destroyed. The fire is believed to have been of an incendiary nature.

SEEKING PAROLE FOR DART.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Ont. 13.—Friends of Henry Dart, alias George Graham, who escaped jail here on March 14, 1914, while awaiting a hearing on a charge of forgery, and who was later arrested in Hamilton on a similar charge, are endeavoring to secure a parole for the prisoner, who is now serving a sentence in the Kingston Penitentiary.

SUCCEEDS IN SUIT.

Justice Britton in the non-jury assize court yesterday awarded damages of \$1000 to the plaintiff, J. J. Wallace, in his suit against H. Antipisky for \$450 in connection with the purchase of a motor car.

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The Percentage of Grade Stallions Has Dropped

The percentage of grade stallions in the province has dropped six per cent. since 1913, chiefly owing to the working out of the Ontario Stallion Act, according to the report of the stallion enrolment board just issued. In 1913 the percentage of grades enrolled was 36 per cent. This year it is only 30 per cent., having dropped steadily. The act provides for the elimination of the grade in 1918. This year in the province there are 2721 horses enrolled and 326 of them are grades. York has the highest number of pure bred, 115, being followed by Middlesex with 110. Peel has the highest percentage of pure bred with 80 per cent.

KENT COUNTY CASUALTIES.

Private Cripp and Credenawa are Wounded, Pte. Miller Missing.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Ont. 13.—Kent County is represented in this morning's casualty list by two wounded and one missing. Pte. Allan Cripp is reported wounded, also the word received would indicate that it is not serious. Pte. John Credenawa of Wallaceburg has also been slightly wounded. Pte. Clifford Miller of Bothwell, is reported missing; no particulars have as yet been received.

TEN THOUSAND FOR RED CROSS

Finance Committee Recommends Substantial Grants for Patriotic Work.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Ont. 13.—The finance committee have recommended the city council grant \$10,000 to the British Red Cross fund and \$2000 to the British Sailors' Relief Fund.

Judge Reid was in attendance and made a strong plea for the latter cause.

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