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MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 5.

Reforms in the Education Department.

When the people of Toronto voted to have annual elections for the Board of Education, no notice was taken of their request. Last January the people voted to transfer the medical inspection of schools to the health department. The request was more or less openly flouted by the board, and there is no very well understood feeling among the government to take the steps necessary to make the proposed change.

It is no secret that a reactionary element exists in the board of education, and also in the provincial department of education, and the minister himself has exhibited in connection with the public school system no special desire for progressive measures. What has done for fifty years may very well do for a hundred, appears to be the idea behind most of the policy.

How long the dykes will hold it is impossible to say, but the pressure is becoming greater year by year. One of the mysteries of the public school system is the difficulty of getting male teachers. Salaries, pensions, qualifications, training, and other matters have been considered, but no one has thought of laying violent hands on the sacred system itself. Whether inorganically instead of organically ossified, it is not the elastic, adaptable system that is required. When emergencies arise the emergency is invited to pass by on the other side, no matter who suffers.

The war will probably be an excuse for their delay in the matter of reforms that must come before long. Premier Hearst would be well advised to look into the department of education and encourage any sparks of intelligence or embers of progress that are to be discovered there, if he does not wish to provide a new subject of attack for the opposition.

Military Sanitation Exemplary

Nothing more interesting of the kind could be devised than the "war number" of The Health Bulletin for January, issued at the city hall by the health department. It is intended to answer many of the questions put to returned soldiers as to the methods by which they are kept well or looked after at the front.

It contains all the principles of healthful living. As it is observed, "there is much to be learned by civilians from the military organization. In sanitation this is found to be singularly effective. Esprit de corps works in this as in other things, with the result that if some men are inclined to be lax in obeying regulation, not only the officers and non-coms. enforce them, but the clean men of the company demand cleanliness of their fellows. There exists a certain pride of station, platoon, company, regiment or brigade, which demands that their particular unit be just as clean and smart as the unit alongside of them." If this spirit were introduced into civil life for the house, the terrace, the street, the district, the ward, the whole city would speedily show the influence of such admirable emulation.

That it is worth while to pay attention to the laws of sanitation, diet and cleanliness is obvious from the fact that the death rate among the armies in the field from natural causes is only three per thousand, as compared with five per thousand among males of military age in times of peace. The soldiers are valuable as men in the army, and are looked after as carefully as children, regularly fed, warmly clothed, bathed and exercised as frequently as possible, and kept in first-class condition. Because of this he is able to throw almost any germ of disease that may attack him. The common sense and comparatively simple general rules of health enforced in the army might well be adopted by everybody, to their own comfort and health, and the prolongation of their lives. It often takes people a long time to learn that health is a greater gift than wealth, or learning, or fame, or position, or power. These things may be had without health, but they lose their finest flavor without the crowning blessing of life untainted.

HAD GASOLINE ON STOVE.

A can of gasoline exploded on the top of a stove while M. Synotobik, 11 Draper street, was cleaning some stovepipes with the liquid Saturday afternoon, and he was badly burned about the head, face, neck and arms. He was removed in the police ambulance to the Western Hospital.

SUDDEN DEATHS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 4.—Michael McCarthy, aged 45 years, choked to death on a piece of meat while eating his dinner. Joseph Dargereau, aged 62, succumbed to heart trouble while attending mass at the Franciscan Brothers Church. James Russell, 17 years old, died from exposure in a house at Verdun. And Henri de Carle, 30 years old, was killed when he fell into a river and drowned during the afternoon of Saturday.

MILITIA ACT TO BE ENFORCED SOON

Measure Will Probably Be Adopted in Thirty Days, Says Chaplain.

SINGLE MEN FIRST

Opening Call Expected to Bring Out Fifty Thousand Men.

Winnipeg, March 4.—Capt. (Rev.) W. J. Hindley, chaplain of the 119th Battalion, addressing his congregation in Central Congregational Church tonight, stated that he was authorized to announce that the Militia Act will be put into effect within the next 30 days. The first call, he said, would be 50,000 men, and the number to be supplied by each province would be apportioned to it by the authorities at Ottawa, having regard to the man power of each province and the number of recruits already furnished under the voluntary system. The man power, Captain Hindley said, would be ascertained from the registration cards returned under the national service system.

Single men between the ages of 18 and 45 will be called first, said Captain Hindley, and the government will issue orders that Quebec must first bring her contribution of men up to the level of Manitoba. The names of two or three times the number of men to be contributed would be placed in a box and names would be drawn until the quota to be supplied by a district was obtained. Each man would be required to appear before a board, which would decide whether he was rendering service in his civilian capacity of more importance than if he were in uniform. The men selected for the army would be put straight into khaki and would form a home defence of 50,000. It would not be a case of training one or two days a week, he said, but they would be in continuous training for 18 months. At the end of that time, if the war was still on, these 50,000 would be sent to the front.

FALL OF FLOORS KILLS FIVE DETROIT FIREMEN

Three Others Injured in Disastrous Fire in Business District.

Detroit, March 4.—Five firemen were killed and three others injured, one of whom may die, in a fire which early this morning swept through five five-story buildings on Woodward avenue in the centre of the downtown business district.

The killed and one of the injured were caught under a mass of timber and twisted steel when three of the lower floors of one of the buildings collapsed within thirty minutes after the fire started shortly before 2 a.m. Two firemen were thrown from a ladder to the sidewalk from the third floor. The monetary loss was \$350,000.

BRITISH BOATS DESTROY TURKISH AMMUNITION

Flotilla on Tigris Passes Flying Turks—Sinks Munition Barges.

London, March 3, 11 p.m.—The admiral's announcement that in Mesopotamian operations the river gunboats Taranitula, Mantia and Moth came into contact and passed the Turkish army while it was retreating to the westward of Shumran on Feb. 26. The gunboats inflicted heavy losses and captured or destroyed four Turkish steamers and a number of barges full of ammunition. The gunboat Firefly was reported.

WAR'S DECISIVE PHASE WILL OPEN IN SPRING

Prof. Painleve Warns, However, That Struggle May Not Be Brief.

Paris, March 4.—Prof. Paul Painleve speaking today at the Sorbonne on the question of when the war will end, said the decisive phase of the struggle would begin this spring. By decisive, however, he said he did not mean brief, and he predicted that Germany was preparing for a supreme effort. "The nearer we approach the decision," he declared, "the harder will be the task."

The speaker warned civilians against impatience and nervousness, and declared their duty was to endure courageously the multiple difficulties caused them, to the end of the war. He asked his hearers to send this message to the soldiers at the front: "You may count on us to do our entire duty to the very end without flinching."

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THE GREAT MYSTERY ACT



THE "COUNTRY": Now, I wonder he is goin' to put somethin' into my pocket or is he goin' to take a hull lot out?

News in The Sunday World

GENERAL.

The Dominion minister of finance received a cheque Saturday for \$200 marked "Restitution."

The aggregate trade of Canada is now well over the two-billion-dollar mark, or more than double what it was two years ago.

The Cuban Chamber of Commerce has cabled President Wilson that the trouble in Cuba can be settled if he will act immediately.

President Wilson has signed the postoffice appropriation bill, containing the "bone-dry" prohibition provision.

All thirteen defendants in the so-called "labor graft" case were found guilty at Chicago on charges of conspiracy and maintenance of a boycott.

Nullity of the marriage of T. M. Miller and Alice Geneva Allison at Washington has been declared by a Vancouver court.

Sir George Foster says that the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce has no power to grant license to import goods into the United Kingdom.

A trade and commerce department statement says that the live stock trade increased six per cent. in 1916 over that of 1915.

Britain's royal commission has sanctioned the issue of fifty tons of sugar for the purpose of supplying the beekeepers with candy during the next few weeks.

Spain has prohibited the transmission of news concerning the movement of ships from its ports.

LOCAL.

A fireman was seriously hurt Saturday when a fire engine collided with a street car on St. Patrick street.

In a case filed at Osgoode Hall by the attorney-general against the Harris Lithographing Co., a declaration is asked that the act respecting the licensing of extra provincial corporations is valid.

Three men are taking treatment at the provincial laboratories to prevent dog bites from developing into rabies.

Ald. A. E. Burgess enlisted in the 56th Construction Battalion as a sergeant.

Rev. F. X. Granottier, oldest member of the Basilian Order in Canada, died Friday at Owen Sound, according to information received at St. Michael's College.

It was urged at a meeting of the High Park Horticultural Society Saturday.

THE WAR.

As a result of the American-Mexican revelations it is considered possible that Foreign Secretary Zimmermann will resign and that Count von Bernstorff will end his career as a diplomat.

German forces stormed the Russian positions in Galicia, but were evicted by a counter-attack.

The Greek steamship Pocomissos has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

The official British reports stated that military operations were comparatively quiet.

Senator Brandegee urged the United States Senate to give President Wilson greater authority in dealing with the German submarine menace.

Germany has failed by more than fifty per cent. to make good her threat to sink 1,000,000 tons of mercantile shipping during the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare, according to a British statement.

It is rumored that Bernstorff has been nominated for a seat in the Reichstag.

President Wilson will not take action against Germany unless Congress is summoned in extra session.

The foreign minister for Mexico denies that Germany made any proposals to his government.

Berlin admits that Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister in Mexico as published in the American papers were correctly quoted.

Zimmermann refused to discuss the facts of the "revealed plot," and said it was impossible for him to do so under the circumstances.

BORDEN AND PERLEY WITH WAR CABINET

Canada's Representatives Attend and Premier's Views Will Be Given Hearing.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 4.—Premier Borden and Sir George Perley attended today's meeting of the war cabinet. This comprises the four leading members of the imperial government charged with the direct conduct of the war, under the plan instituted when Lloyd George assumed office. Sir George Perley's presence with Premier Borden is presumably due to the fact that New Zealand's representatives are here for special imperial war cabinet meetings, and also attended today's gatherings.

It is announced officially that the special imperial war cabinet meetings are postponed for the present. This undoubtedly is due to the uncertainty of the arrival here of the Australian representatives. In the meantime what may be termed sectional war conferences will probably take place. We have authority for stating that Premier Borden has already been given an opportunity of putting his views on many matters before the principal members of the imperial cabinet. A similar opportunity is also afforded New Zealand ministers, and the same facilities will be extended to Australian, South African and Indian delegates. It is not known when Gen. Smuts will arrive. Finally, the imperial and dominion representatives will meet in full conference for deliberation on the main general issues. The Canadian Press is authoritatively informed that Premier Borden is also engaged upon the question of the recent restrictions of imports as affecting Canada, and is endeavoring to obtain some concessions regarding the remainder of last season's apple crop. Hon. Robert Rogers has had several conferences with members of the grain trade.

LINCOLN CONSERVATIVES ENDORSE GOVERNMENT

Prominent Speaker, Eulogize Both Legislative Bodies for Their Administration.

Special to The Toronto World. St. Catharines, March 4.—Hearty approval of the aggressive and efficient measures adopted by Sir Robert Borden and the Dominion Government and endorsement of the course of the Hearst government were formally expressed by resolutions at the annual convention of the Conservatives for the Federal riding at Lincoln on Saturday, and appreciation of the services of Dr. Jessop, M.L.A. Thanks were also extended to J. D. Chaplin, Dominion candidate for the seat in the riding at Lincoln on Saturday, and appreciation of the services of every kind.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Richard Clark Merritt; vice-president, Thomas Allan, Grimsby; secretary, E. C. Graves, St. Catharines; treasurer, M. Y. Keating, St. Catharines.

Addresses were delivered by A. C. Kingston, Col. R. W. Gregory, C. H. Claus, W. J. Drope, Hamilton; Fleming, Dr. Jessop and A. H. Birmingham. Perfect unanimity prevailed, the only exception being the withholding of his vote by Col. Gregory, who was not prepared to endorse the women's suffrage move.

WINS MILITARY CROSS.

Kingston, March 4.—Capt. George Burwell, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the Military Cross. He is a native of Newfrew, and is serving at Salonica.

SITUATION IN U.S. WITHOUT PARALLEL

Wilson Issues Statement on Results of Obstruction in Senate.

INJUSTICE IS GROSS

Lack of Rules to Govern Debate Has Had Deplorable Consequences.

Washington, March 4.—President Wilson's statement after the action of the senate follows in part: "The termination of the last session of the 64th congress by constitutional limitation discloses a situation unparalleled in the history of the country, perhaps unparalleled in the history of any modern government. In the immediate presence of a crisis fraught with more subtle and far-reaching possibilities of national danger than any other the government has known within the whole history of its international relations, the congress has been unable to act effectively to safeguard the country or to vindicate the elementary right of its citizens. More than 500 of the 530 members of the two houses were ready and anxious to act; the house of representatives had acted by an overwhelming majority, but the senate was unable to act because a little group of eleven senators had determined that it should not."

Lack of Rules. "The senate has no rules by which debate can be limited or brought to an end, no rules by which dilatory tactics of any kind can be prevented. A single member can stand in the way of action if he has but the physical endurance. The result in this case is a complete paralysis alike of the legislative and of the executive branches of the government. "This inability of the senate to act has rendered some of the most necessary legislation of the session impossible, at a time when the need for it was most pressing and most evident. "It would not cure the difficulty to call the 65th congress in extraordinary session. The paralysis of the senate would remain. The purpose and the spirit of action are not lacking now. The congress is more definitely united in thought and purpose at this moment. I venture to say, than it has been within the memory of any man now in its membership. It is not only the most united patriotic purpose, but the objects members have in view are perfectly clear and definite. But the senate cannot act unless leaders can obtain unanimous consent. Its majority is powerless, helpless. In the midst of a crisis of extraordinary peril, when only definite and decided action can make the nation safe or shield it from war itself by the aggression of others, action is impossible."

After Rules. "Altho as a matter of fact the nation and the representatives of the nation stand back of the executive with unprecedented unanimity and spirit, the impression made abroad will of course be that it is not so, and that our governments may act as they please without fear that this government can do anything at all. We cannot explain. The explanation is incredible. "The senate of the U. S. is the only legislative body in the world which cannot act when its majority is ready for action. A little group of wilful men, representing no opinion but their own, have rendered the great government of the U. S. helpless and contemptible. "The remedy? There is but one remedy. The only remedy is that the senate of the senate shall be so altered that it can act. The country can be relied upon to draw the moral. I believe that the senate can be called on to supply the means of action and save the country from disaster."

CANADIAN PROMOTIONS.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 4.—Col. W. Ward has been promoted from director in pay and records office to accountant-general of the Canadian staff in Britain. Captains G. L. Magnum and G. G. Blackstock are appointed to the staff.

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SANATOGEN BECOMES BRITISH MADE PRODUCT

Great German-Owned Concern in England is Bought by Lord Rhonda.

Great interest has been caused by the announcement that the business of A. Wulff and Co., manufacturers of Sanatogen, Formamin and other valuable medicaments—has been purchased from the board of trade by Lord Rhonda, and will henceforth be entirely British.

Since the war began "imitations" of Sanatogen and Formamin have sprung up like mushrooms in the night, but their value has been no less phenomenal. Commercial enterprise is one thing, synthetic chemistry is another; and it soon became obvious that such highly intricate compounds as Sanatogen and Formamin could not be duplicated. The only way to "capture" this important business was to take it over as it stood, with the entire British staff, the trained chemists and skilled workers, the factories in London and Penzance, the highly specialized machinery, the London offices. In short, the whole organization.

This Lord Rhonda and his associates have done, and they are therefore able to continue supplying the genuine original preparations which were so popular in the past. We understand that it is their intention to retain the names Sanatogen and Formamin until the present stocks have been sold, after which the preparations will be re-named in order to avoid confusion with the multitude of "imitation" products.

This will be welcome news to thousands of doctors and patients who have long been acquainted with the unique merits of Sanatogen and Formamin, and have found by experience that literally nothing else produces the same therapeutic effects. It is true that they could obtain the preparation after the firm had been taken over by the public trustee, but there was always the unpleasant feeling that by doing so they might be assisting to keep the business alive for the German proprietor after the war. All such doubts are now removed, and anyone can buy Sanatogen and Formamin at the chemist's without the slightest misgiving that he is placing his health before his country's welfare.

SOLDIER GETS POST.

Special to The Toronto World. Belleville, March 4.—Corporal Ernest Carr, who returned to his home in Belleville a few days ago minus both legs, has been recommended by W. B. Northrup, M.P. for East Hastings, to fill the vacant postmaster's position at Corbyville, made vacant by the resignation of the postmistress, owing to ill-health.

TO FIX NEWS PRINT PRICES.

Washington, March 4.—The federal trade commission accepted today a proposal by news print paper manufacturers that it fix a price for their product, and named \$2.50 per 100 pounds as a reasonable charge. Higher prices were set for paper in less than carload lots and for sheet paper.

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