

Want Quickest Peace Possible

Paris, March 21—"The first result to be obtained is peace, and the quickest peace possible," said David Lloyd George, the British Premier, in a statement printed in today's issue of the Excelsior.

"All internal events in every country, allied or enemy," continued the premier, "are dependent upon that peace, which we expect and desire to come at the earliest possible moment. Pending this everyone is living in a state of expectation and uncertainty. Commerce and industry are kept in a kind of stagnation which can only engender disorders.

"I shall, then, remain in Paris, unless something unexpected arises, until the text of the peace preliminaries are definitely drafted and ready for submission to the German delegation, not, let me say, for discussion but simply for signature."

UNITED FARMERS ELECT OFFICERS

Speaker From Winnipeg Predicts Political Revolution With Direct Taxation Succeeding Tariff.

Woodstock, N. B., March 21—The United Farmers were in session this afternoon and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Thomas Caldwell, Florenceville; vice-president, Charles L. Smith, Woodstock; 2nd vice-president, L. M. Anderson, Sackville; secretary-treasurer, C. Gordon Sharpe, Pembroke.

Directors—Frank Riley, Melrose; J. Cory, Red Rapids; T. Wesley Doull, St. Stephen; A. A. H. Ferguson, Centreville; M. H. Young, Millville; J. Inch, Kewick; J. C. Cook, River Chaudiere; John Fulton, Bath; W. F. Phillip, Pembroke; and Charles Patterson, Hoyt. John Kennedy, of Winnipeg, again addressed the meeting, speaking principally on taxation, explaining the difference between direct or local taxes and the unseen taxes by tariff. He also explained the organization for bringing out independent candidates for dominion parliament and commented on the farmers' victory in North Ontario. The condition arising from the war was the farmers' opportunity. He said he supported union government for he knew it meant the breaking up of the old political parties, and when the time came there would be a farmers' leader just as there was a Lloyd George and a Foch. The present form of government, he said, is an autocracy, the cabinet makes the

policies and the ordinary member must sanction or be kicked out. After the farmers get control they would have direct taxation on the original value of the land and the resources of the country. Today the wage earner with a big family pays the biggest tax while the great timber limits and the mines and other natural resources were paying no tax but a little royalty. We have had conscription, not of wealth but of life and blood. There are more deaths annually of mothers and children through deprivation of the necessities of life than deaths caused by the war. The speaker predicted the coming of direct legislation embodying the initiative, the referendum and the recall. S. H. Hagerman, manager of the cooperative stores, in a brief speech said the work of the farmer was social, educational and economic, the latter embraced the commercial side. His remarks were along lines of the work accomplished here in spite of a tendency to oppose their efforts. He claimed the work was creditable to himself and satisfactory to the farmers generally.

THINK IT OVER!

Some bridegrooms embrace matrimony instead of the bride. The result is shown by William Fox in his production, "The Strange Woman," at the Imperial Monday.

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BEST CANADIAN ARTISTS PAINTED THESE WAR VIEWS

Royal Standard Chapter Given Charge of Official Exhibition—Great Canvases on View—Also Captured German Guns

Actual scenes of war-scattered France and Flanders fields, to be exhibited at the Eastern Steamship Lines' new building at Reed's Point, from Monday, March 24 until the 28th, under the auspices of Royal Standard Chapter, L. O. D. E., will prove a delightful revelation to St. John people.

In addition to a priceless collection of 150 pictures, some of them of mammoth size, there will be mounted in the big building a number of captured German field pieces and some war trappings. The large exhibit, which will be in personal charge of Lieutenant Shouldis of Ottawa, was brought here on the steamer Grampton direct from London, where it attracted many thousands for four weeks. The pictures, all colored by Canadian artists sent to England for the purpose, convey almost a first-hand idea of how the New Brunswick boys and the rest of the Canadians appeared in the battle zone.

The exhibition will be formally opened at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon by Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley, Mrs. Pugsley, Premier Foster and Mrs. Foster, Mayor Hayes and Mrs. Hayes and others will attend the opening ceremonies. It is expected the depot battalion band will be present. The large, commodious building is being beautifully decorated and will present an entrancing scene.

Among the pictures, which depict scenes from Arras to the Rhine, is one 100 feet in length. One remarkable scene is that of soldiers in prayer before the altar of a partially demolished French church. The admission will be twenty-five cents, but on Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6, children will be admitted for ten cents. On Thursday evening the Boy's Club will be the guest of Royal Standard Chapter, and on another evening the boys of the hockey team will be its guests. Catalogues will explain all the pictures.

HUGE ORDER FOR US COMES FROM RUMANIA

Woolen Men of Dominion Meet in City to Divide \$3,180,000 Contract

Toronto, March 22—Canada is about to supply \$3,180,000 worth of woolen goods, for the people of Roumania, and the woolen manufacturers of the dominion are in conference today in the King Edward Hotel dividing up the big contract so that delivery can be made within four months.

The meeting is under the auspices of the Canadian Woolen Manufacturers' Association, but the contract will be divided among all of the manufacturers of woolen goods in the dominion whether or not they are members of the association. President Richard Thomson of the association is presiding at the meeting, at which H. H. Hill, vice-president, and P. G. Yapp, of Hamilton, the secretary are also in attendance.

Mr. Yapp states that the contract was received through the efforts of Sir George Foster, and that the valuable oil wells of Roumania are being hypothecated as security for the payment of the contract price. He added that the goods are composed of woolen clothing and blankets, and that they will be sent out to Roumania on Greek ships, which have already been chartered for this purpose. Seventy-five per cent of the goods will be made in Ontario.

M. A. Wins Debate

Fredericton, N. B., March 21—The Mount Allison team and that of the University of New Brunswick met this evening at the city opera house, the resolution reading, "Resolved that our dominion government should nationalize all Canadian railways, nationalization meaning to own and operate. The U. N. B. took the negative side of the argument and Mount Allison supported the affirmative.

The U. N. B. team was led by G. T. Mitten with Joseph Sears and J. Miles Burpee, while the Mount Allison team consisted of R. D. Milton, leader, F. Rowe and W. G. Gay. The chair was occupied by Dr. G. C. Jones, chancellor of the U. N. B., and the judges were Hon. C. W. Robinson, M.P.F., of Moncton; L. P. D. Tilley, M.P.F., of St. John, and Rev. J. A. McKeigan, pastor of St. David's church, St. John.

The leader of the affirmative led off with his speech and was followed by the leader of the negative. The debate was very interesting and very close. A large part of those assembled believed that the U. N. B. team would be given the decision, but after due consideration on the part of the judges, the decision of two of the three opinions handed into the chairman were in favor of the Mount Allison team.

The question was discussed from a number of different standpoints. A good house listened to the various speakers, the members of the legislature having supplied seats for the students of the normal school. BOARD OF INQUIRY. Major F. P. May returned yesterday from Fredericton, where he has been presiding over a board of officers appointed to inquire into the damage done to the exhibition buildings during their occupancy by the military. The board consisted of Major May, Major B. Smith, Captain M. W. Burke and Lieutenant Parker, assisted by Captain G. Kerle Logan as legal adviser. The exhibition association was represented by E. A. McKay, president; W. E. Farrell, vice-president, and W. S. Hooper, secretary. The directors presented their claims at the meeting in what was considered to be a very reasonable manner, and the meeting was most harmonious. The bill of damages was forwarded to Ottawa for final adjustment and it is confidently expected that the matter will be arranged without any further difficulty.

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CROWN LIFE

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POF. HOBEN A SPEAKER. Associate Professor Allen Hoben, of the Department of Practical Sociology at the University of Chicago, who spent several months in France in connection with the Y. M. C. A. work for soldiers, and was recently in St. John, and Dr. Ozora S. Davis, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, gave addresses at the sixteenth annual convention of the Religious Education Association, held in Detroit from March 17 to 19.

Victory Cake made with Lantic Old Fashioned Brown Sugar. Last year we called it War Cake but it's too good to give up. The recipe is in our booklet "Grandmother's Recipes", which we will send you upon receipt of a 2c. stamp.

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