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"Wee Yorkers" and Annexation.

One thing the "Wee Yorkers" have fought against for years which the city has received more than anything is wise, timely and judicious annexation of suburban territory. The very mention of such an idea sets the "Wee Yorkers" frothing and fuming and foaming. They declare that annexation is what adds all the high taxes and great expenses and so forth to the city accounts. If they were acting in good faith they would apply the remedy which they know, abolish the local improvement system, and insist that in all annexed territory before it could be taken over by the city all permanent street improvements should be paid for. This would solve the problem as it has solved it elsewhere, but it would not suit the "Wee Yorkers" to have the problem solved. They do not wish any competition from improved suburban areas with their own and congested city property. As they want the continuance of the city in the narrow limits that can be maintained, and the "Wee Yorkers" will fight to the last ditch rather than expand.

With permanent improvements in annexed areas and a proper increment tax or the proper observance of the Assessment Act annexation could only benefit the city. Not the least benefit would be the preservation of farms and the continuance of farming operations on the city limits. There would be no vacant square miles of the "Wee Yorkers" alleged horror—the land butcher's paradise. Instead, we should have a metropolitan area commission, laying down the plan for future development while the farmer went on with his work.

A Class in Finance.

We are glad to see The News keeping up its agitation about the city finances, but we regret that it should weaken its case by its neglect of important facts that bear on the situation. The deficits in the Canadian National Exhibition, for example, as the Exhibition authorities have pointed out in an exhaustive communication, are not due to and are not attributable by the city authorities to the Exhibition occupation and management of the grounds for two months in the year. It is in the ten months during which the Exhibition management is not in charge that the deficit has to be debited.

We are heartily in favor of an increment tax on land, but as we have frequently pointed out, more may be expected from this than can be realized. If the Assessment Act were administered as the assessors swear to administer it, no increment tax would be possible if the increment is to be based on the assessment, because the act calls for an assessment at actual value and it is but rarely that land is sold over actual values. A proper increment tax and a proper administration of the Assessment Act would neutralize each other, because owners would take care to have their property fully assessed in order to escape income tax, and with an assessment at full values they would take care to have a more businesslike set of representatives to look after the tax rate. But by all means let us have an increment tax. It should not be less than two, and would be more effective at five per cent. It should not be forgotten that a proper assessment would raise the tax revenue more easily than an increment tax.

The other proposals of The News have been up constantly. Let the other four papers agree to support all these things and they will be done. Usually, however, as The News itself has done, they will wait till everyone else is silent and then clamor for a hearing. On the finance questions of the city united action among the newspapers is necessary more than anything. If Mr. Bradshaw would conduct an editors' class once or twice a week there might be something done.

The Grand Smash.

To reach the Rhine without the loss of the greater part of their western armies is now the problem of the German high command. Defeat can no longer be ignored. The French and British forces are now prepared to take smash about at the German lines, and when one has made sufficient advance to require time to complete communications and bring up the heavy guns the other is ready for another smash. If the Germans are tempted to withdraw troops from the eastern front we believe the Russians will be prepared to take a smash at the German lines there. The Germans can neither go nor stay. This is their dilemma.

The British are evidently prepared to break thru at Lens at the proper juncture. That will not come until the French have broken the lines on the south between Laon and Reims. The German lines will then be severed and retreat northwards will be imperative. When will come the British smash towards Douai. The German lines of communication will be embarrassed as far as possible by the Flying Corps. Even food supplies may be difficult. The German morale is badly broken now. What it would become under the conditions of a forced retreat on a grand scale may readily be imagined.

NEMESIS

That goes with its autocracy. The Germans are considering whether they will swap the kaiser and the crown prince for bread. The argument for bread is cogent.

The Food Problem.

Tighter and tighter grow the food restrictions in Britain. All pastry, cookies, buns, crumpets and fancy cakes are now "verboten" as strictly as in Germany. The people will undoubtedly be healthier, but the greater object in view is the saving of food material. Wheat is enormously wasted in the ordinary process of making flour. Whole wheat flour gives two or three times as much material from the wheat, and more wholesome and nutritious material.

A still greater waste of grain stuffs is at present exciting a bitter contention in Britain in the use of grain for malting and brewing. Grain for distilling, except for the purposes of making malt, has been stopped, and beer making has been curtailed to 10,000,000 barrels a year. But the grain needed for this purpose would feed 15,000,000 people, it is said, for a year.

The government seems to be almost committed to a purchase of the liquor houses in Britain and Ireland, and this has led to the strained situation that exists. There is a tremendous protest from the nonconformist element against the proposed expenditure of 2,000,000,000 a billion and a half of dollars for this purpose. The issue of government stock to this amount, it is believed, at the present time, would seriously affect the national credit. So entrenched are the brewery and tavern interests in the government that Premier Lloyd George seems unable to stem the tide. The matter must be settled, and it has been suggested that the secret session of parliament will have the matter under discussion. There are many other matters that have also been suggested as the subject of the session. Peace proposals come first. Then there are the shortage of men and ships; the terms of cooperation with the United States; the status of Greece; the separate peace proposals of Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria; the settlement of the Irish question; conscription for the empire; and as many more problems as an imperial parliament always has in its mind.

Among them all there is none greater than the food question, and its settlement lies chiefly with the dominions overseas. If we do not plow and sow and reap and now as we have never done before Britain and her allies are going to be in the grip of a world-wide famine such as humanity has never before dreamed of. This is the point that the organization of resources wishes to drive home, and whether it be discussed in secret session at Westminster or not, every man in Canada who is not in uniform must show cause why he is not, or why he is not out in the farm helping. Those who are interested should call at the bureau at 92 1/2 Yonge street.

The Austrian Prayer.

In Austria a national day of prayer has been held to ward off the perils of war. There is an old story about a parson in a village who expressed his gratification in hearing the soldiers still wearing their game of cards. The Austrians will not be reassured by the spectacle of their emperor turning from his cannon to his devotions.

Nor can they put much trust in the efficacy of the petitions that are prefaced by such flagrant falsehoods as the official prayers utter. Such statements cannot be expected to influence the deity, and must be regarded, therefore, as intended to influence the people. But in this case what must we think of the Austrian conception of deity?

People who are familiar with the events of the past three years will marvel at the tenacity of the petitioner who declares his prayer to God by declaring, "Thou knowest what patience we observed towards our enemies until righteous self-defence compelled us to draw the sword."

CHARGED WITH RECEIVING

Three More Arrested in Connection With Theft of Milk Tickets.

In connection with the case of J. B. Connors, who came up in the police court yesterday on a charge of stealing milk tickets to the value of \$200 from his employers, the People's Milk Co., John Foot, 311 East Gerrard street; Percy Lavender, 277 Berkeley street; and John Stevens, 481 East Gerrard street, were taken into custody last night by Acting Detectives Elliot and Thompson on a charge of receiving a number of the tickets alleged to have been stolen. It is alleged that Connors, who lives at 114 Matland street, and who was employed as a sales agent, secured the tickets and sold them to the three men.

SOLDIERS WERE INVITED.

Thru the courtesy of the management of Loew's Theatre, 50 returned soldiers from the base hospital enjoyed the performance there yesterday afternoon.

SAFE SAVING

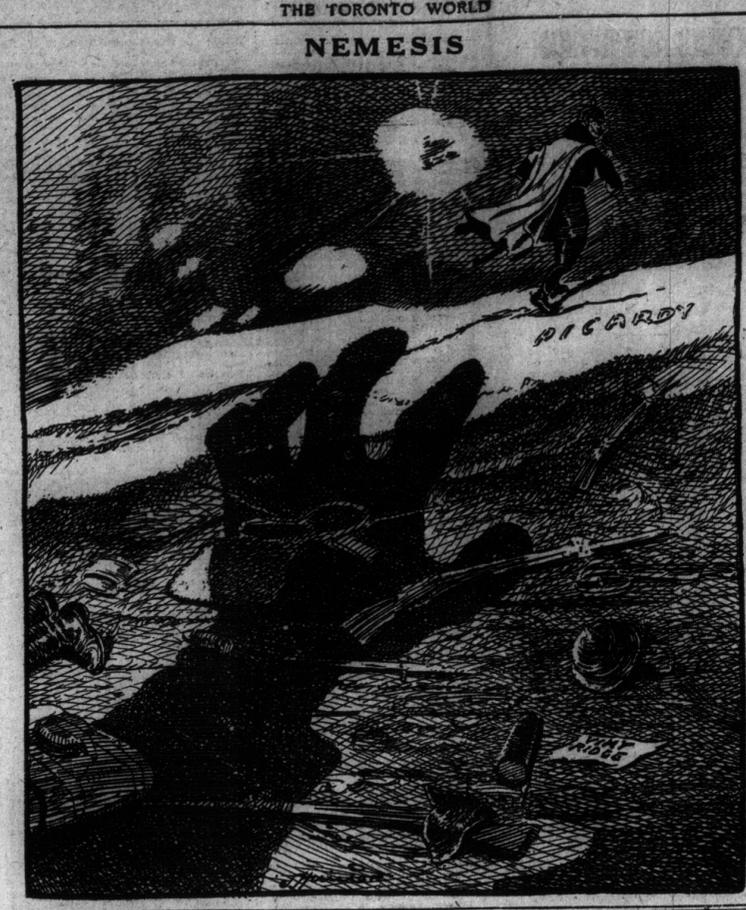
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CITY HOTELKEEPERS WILL ASK FOR HELP

Are Expected to Approach Council Early Next Week.

It is likely that a deputation of the Toronto hotelkeepers will wait on the city council next Monday and ask for assistance from the city in order that the hotels may be kept open.

A general meeting of the hotelkeepers was held yesterday, at which various proposals were made regarding the assistance that would be requested, and the return that the hotels might make to the city, if any, for the relief afforded.

The King Edward is now only serving meals to house guests, the dining-room, grill and tea-room being closed to the public, and meals are served to guests in the tea-room or in their rooms. This curtailment of service is due, according to the management, to the shortage of help. Yesterday many of the fair sex who visited the hotel in the afternoon expecting afternoon tea were surprised to find the western elevator not running and the tea-room closed.

The Prince George Hotel has closed its American plan dining-room and is now operating on a straight European plan. Mr. Winnett of the Queen's Hotel, when interviewed by a reporter for The World, said that business is not what it was a few years ago. Practically all of the European travel has been cut off since the war, and there is little transatlantic business. He did not find labor scarce, but according to the management, the cost of foodstuffs had advanced enormously. Mr. Winnett said that it had been necessary to raise the price of meals 25 per cent. since the war, and increase that has been made in forty years.

George Wright of the Walker House said that labor was scarce and high in price, foodstuffs were also very dear, but up to the present the price of meals had not been increased owing to the fact that he had large contracts for supplies. It might, he thought, be necessary to ask for an increase of ten cents on the fifty cents that has been charged for dinner since 1875.

Gunner Fred Hore Reported To Have Died of Wounds

Gunner Fred Hore, who went from Hamilton with the first contingent, died of wounds on April 10, received in the attack on the German lines near the front of the late F. W. Hore & Sons, Ltd., of Hamilton, but was well known in Toronto, where he lived for several years. At the time of his death he was a member of the Aurs Lee Club and a hardware salesman for a local firm.

SUCCESSFUL SOX SHOWER

Over Two Hundred Pairs Received on Behalf of 162nd Battalion.

A most successful sox shower was held yesterday afternoon, for the men of the 162nd Battalion, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Cockburn, 86 Delaware avenue, mother of the colonel of the battalion, Lieut.-Col. A. A. Cockburn.

Over 200 pairs of sox and \$10.00 in cash resulted. The guests, numbering over 100, were received by Mrs. A. J. Cockburn, Mrs. A. A. Cockburn and Mrs. J. Patton. Refreshments were served in the tea room by Mrs. W. A. Cockburn and Mrs. M. Hunter, assisted by a bevy of young ladies.

HEAD BADLY CUT.

Mary Chevalier, living on Maund st., sustained a badly gashed head and bruises yesterday afternoon, when knocked down by a motor car driven by Morris Chousty, 62 Palmerston ave., opposite 611 West Queen street. The child, who is only 5 years old, was removed to the Western Hospital in the police ambulance.

RAISE EXAM. STANDARDS.

At a meeting in Osgoode Hall, yesterday, it was decided to raise the examination standards for the Osgoode Law School to the same level as for the University of Toronto. The passed minimum was raised from 29 per cent. to 40 per cent. on each paper and from 55 per cent. to 60 per cent. on the aggregate.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Closing Statement Shows Two Thousand Attended Evening Classes.

The evening classes of the Central High School of Commerce, together with its eastern, western and northern branches, have now closed and show a total enrolment of about 2000. Thirty-two prizes have been won, the diplomas to be presented at the annual commencement exercises in the autumn, while any special cases for promotion will be considered when the evening classes reopen on Aug. 1.

The following are the prize-winners: Presented by the Toronto Board of Trade: Bookkeeping: First year—J. J. Coyle; 2. H. Bedford and E. W. Davies (equal). Second year—J. R. Haggie; Third year—D. J. Sales. Fourth year—H. Doyle. Business Law: First year—A. Mahaffy; 2. M. Lillie. Second year—J. H. Davies. Civics: First year—A. Mahaffy; 2. Agnes M. Lawrie. Penmanship: First year—P. F. Smith; 2. Bertha Hutchinson. Second year—V. Irene Jefferson. Arithmetic: First year—M. Cohen; 2. C. Matzer. Second year—J. H. Bedford. Short-hand: First year—J. C. Louisa; 2. Theresa Hallitt. Second year—J. Maud Moffat. Third year—J. Agnes R. Edgar. Typewriting: First year—J. John Coyle; 2. Hughie C. McGaw. Second year—Edna M. Bell and Pearl Kornreich (equal). Business English: First year—L. C. W. Marah; 2. Lois Coppinger. Second year—J. Pearl Kornreich and Ethel E. Breslove (equal). Commercial French: First year—J. Olive Ellis; 2. Pearl Kornreich. Second year—J. Edna Munford. Diplomas.

NO ALIEN ENEMIES WORK ON MUNITIONS

McGregor & McIntyre Point Out That None Are Employed in Their Shell Factory.

In an account of the proceedings at an inquest on the body of a workman who was killed at the plant of McGregor & McIntyre, Ltd., published in The World April 5 it was inadvertently stated that 80 per cent. of the labor employed in the munitions factory were alien enemies. The statement was wrongly attributed to J. S. Sandusky, who is superintendent of the structural steel plant of the company, which has no connection whatever with the munitions plant. On investigation it was ascertained that no alien enemies are employed at the structural steel plant, and that the report to that effect was in error and tended to create a wrong impression, which was not intended.

It is admitted by the company that alien enemies are employed at the structural steel plant, and when this fact was mentioned at the inquest it was misinterpreted that they were employed at the munitions plant. In connection with the case of the workman killed at the shell plant McGregor & McIntyre explain that there is a certain class of rough, unskilled labor necessary in operating the works and that it has been found impossible to find British or American labor to perform it and it has been monopolized by foreigners from Europe, including Italians, Russians, Austro-Hungarians, Germans and citizens of the Balkan states.

WAR VETERANS WILL PARADE IN UNIFORM

Returned Men Coming From United States for Sunday's Victory Service.

All the returned soldiers attending the service to be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Sunday afternoon in commemoration of the battle of St. Julien and the victory at Vimy Ridge have received permission to wear their C. E. F. uniforms on that day. The usual forenoon church parade of the returned soldiers in the military convalescent homes will probably be cancelled.

One of the active service brass bands will render a special program at the patriotic rally to be held on Sunday night in Massey Hall. The speakers at the Massey Hall meeting will include Sir William Hearst, N. W. Rowell, Mayor Church and John R. Robinson. A number of returned soldiers who have since moved to Burlington, Ontario, will also be present.

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INTERVIEW CABINET REGARDING ROAD

Big Deputation Proposes Route for Toronto-Windsor Highway.

MADE NO DECISION

Ministers Have Open Minds as to the Location of Improvement.

Three hundred strong, a deputation waited on the provincial cabinet yesterday afternoon to urge that the provincial highway from Toronto to Windsor should be by the "central" route rather than by the Toronto-Hamilton route. That is that it should go via Brantford, Georgetown, Acton, Hugh Kitchener, New Hamburg, Stratford and St. Mary's to London, and thence via Chatham to Windsor. After hearing the representations of the deputation, the cabinet members, Premier Hearst and Hon. Finlay Macdormald, minister of public works, said they had an open mind as to the location of the road, and that construction would not start until after the war.

The deputation was introduced by C. H. Mills, M. L. A., of North West-Brantford, Wellington West, N. Perth, John Allan, Hamilton, W. J. Lowe, Peel, George Henry, E. York, Musgrove, Niagara Falls, Hugh Guthrie, K. C. M. P., also spoke, outlining the details of the proposition.

The deputation followed a meeting of representatives from Western Ontario which met at Kitchener on March 29, when it was decided that a route was imperative in the agricultural and commercial interests of the province that the "central" route, as described, should be chosen. The speakers contended that a road so located would serve a far larger proportion of the population than one located along the other route. The speakers contended that the route should not be constructed with a view solely to the convenience of the motorists, but for the best interests of the whole of the province.

Lieut. Roy Victor Jones Was Killed at Vimy Ridge

Lieut. Roy Victor Jones, son of J. Wesley Jones of the Jones & Moore Electric Company, was killed in action, April 9, it is officially announced. He left with a draft of 20th Battalion and after being in the hospital for fourteen weeks, suffering from a broken shoulder, which he broke at Crowborough, he went to France on March 21. He was 28 years of age, had attended Parkdale Collegiate, was a member of the Parkdale Canoe Club, Corinthian Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and Parkdale Baptist Church, and was enlisting with the T. & N. O. Railway.

VETERAN DIES IN DETROIT.

Pte. Maurice Postlethwaite, a war veteran who showed his appreciation of the assistance given him by the Ontario Soldiers' Aid Commission on his return to Canada by offering money for use in assisting other returned soldiers, died in Detroit on Tuesday.

faio, Detroit and other American cities are arranging to come to Toronto to take part in Sunday's parade.

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WANT FLAG DAY

Italian Club is Working For Red Cross of Italy.

The Italian Benevolent Society, Toronto, which met last night in Victoria Hall, collected over \$100 for the Italian Red Cross. They also decided to apply for permission to hold a flag day for the Italian Red Cross on May 24, the day Italy joined the Allies. President A. Gotto was in the chair.

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