

Mentioned in Despatches

REV. CHARLES H. BRENT.—A Canadian in the person of Rev. Charles H. Brent, until recently head of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Philippines, is now in charge of all the Protestant Chaplains of the United States Army at the front. Bishop Brent went to the Philippines some sixteen years ago, and has remained in the islands ever since, where he has done most effective work. He is regarded as one of the ablest ministers in the United States.

MAJOR-GENERAL F. B. MAURICE, who has been acting as Director of Military Operations in Great Britain, now goes to France, where he will be connected with General Foch's staff in the control of the Allied armies. General Maurice is well known to the public as the man who is largely responsible for the breaking down of the veil of secrecy which surrounded operations at the War Office. For some months General Maurice has been giving out a weekly interview summarizing the situation on the various fronts, and in general keeping the world posted regarding to the scope of Britain's operations. General Maurice has had a distinguished military career, and will undoubtedly give a good account of himself in France.

CHARLES M. SCHWAB.—From stage driver to head of the United States Emergency Fleet Corporation is in brief the record of progress made by Charles M. Schwab. This young lad, who commenced his working career by driving a stage and doing chores around a livery barn, later became head of the United States Steel Corporation at a salary of \$1,000,000 a year. The intervening steps were marked by years of hard work. The little stage driver came under the notice of Andrew Carnegie, who took him into his steel plant, and eventually made him head of the United States Steel Corporation. Later Schwab launched out on his own hook, and formed the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, and has made it a formidable rival to the United States Steel Corporation. Since the outbreak of the war he has been the biggest factor in the United States in the production of munitions and now leaves the making of munitions to speed up the building of ships. Schwab is a born organizer and a wonderful salesman. His new department will give scope for all his talents.

LORD ROTHERMERE, who has resigned from the British Air Board is a younger brother of Lord Northcliffe and like his better known brother is also a newspaper publisher. Rothermere has rendered good service, but find it somewhat difficult to work in harmony with others and as a consequence found it necessary to resign.

J. D. RYAN, head of the Anacondo Copper Company, is the latest American Big Business man to serve Uncle Sam at \$1 per year. He is in charge of airplane building and is expected to cut out the red tape and get results. Ryan, Vanderlip, Schwab, Davidson, are all invaluable men, but Uncle Sam gets their splendid services for \$1 each.

REAR ADMIRAL R. J. B. KEYES, who commanded the recent raid on Zeebrugge has had a naval experience covering a third of a century. He was promoted commander in 1900, captain five years later and Rear-Admiral last year. He saw active service in China in 1900 and has also been naval attaché at Rome, Vienna, Athens and Constantinople. In the present war he did very valuable work in the submarine service around the British coast and also as Chief of Staff in the Eastern Mediterranean.

MELVILLE E. STONE, the general manager of the Associated Press for the past twenty-five years, was honored by the members of that news gathering agency a few days ago when they presented him with "milestones" in the form of 25 thousand dollar Liberty Bonds. Mr. Stone was formerly a Chicago journalist, but turned to the news gathering end of the business and became General Manager of the Associated Press away back in 1893. He has been honored by public men, colleges, governments, etc., because of his excellent work.

HON. H. E. DUKE, who is resigning as Secretary of State for Ireland has held office for nearly two years. He succeeded Augustine Birrell in that difficult post and despite Home Rule agitations, Conscription and anti-Conscription movements, Sinn Féin strife and many other troubles has done most effective work. Duke is essentially a self-made man. He was born at Plymouth, educated as a lawyer, first elected to Parliament in 1900, being sent there by his fellow-citizens of Plymouth. He was formerly connected with the enforcement of the Defence of the Realm Act.

R. HONE SMITH, of Toronto, who has been elected President of the Buffalo, Lockport and Rochester Railway, is prominent in financial circles in the Queen City. He is also active in the real estate circles. Among other duties he is performing at the present time is that of receiver for a railway property in Mexico.

LORD RHONDA, or as he is better known — D. A. Thomas, has resigned as British Food Controller, giving ill-health as the reason. Rhonda is known as the Welsh Coal King and is one of the shrewdest, ablest business men in Great Britain. He is a close personal friend of Lloyd-George. In pre-war days he visited the United States and Canada in an attempt to secure coal properties. Rhonda was on the Lusitania when it was torpedoed.

"GIRL OF MINE."

By Maj. A. A. Durkee, who left his Canadian home in August, 1914, for overseas duty, his little daughter of three years went as far as the gate and there said her "Good-bye, daddy, come home pitty soon." On her birthday, two years later, when on the battlefield of St. Eloi, he wrote and sent her the following thought in verse:

Do you remember the summer's day,
When daddy kissed you and went away—
Kissed you and left you busy at play,

'Girl of mine?
You told me then to "Come home pitty soon."
I think you expected me back at noon—
Have you watched for me since, gossoon—
Girl of mine?

It's a very long time that you have to wait,
From babyhood on through to girlhood's gate,
Do you still think that "Daddy is awful late,"
Girl of mine?

I'm hungry for you, and your handsome eyes,
And many a day when the sunlight dies,
I look for you there in the western skies,
Girl of mine.

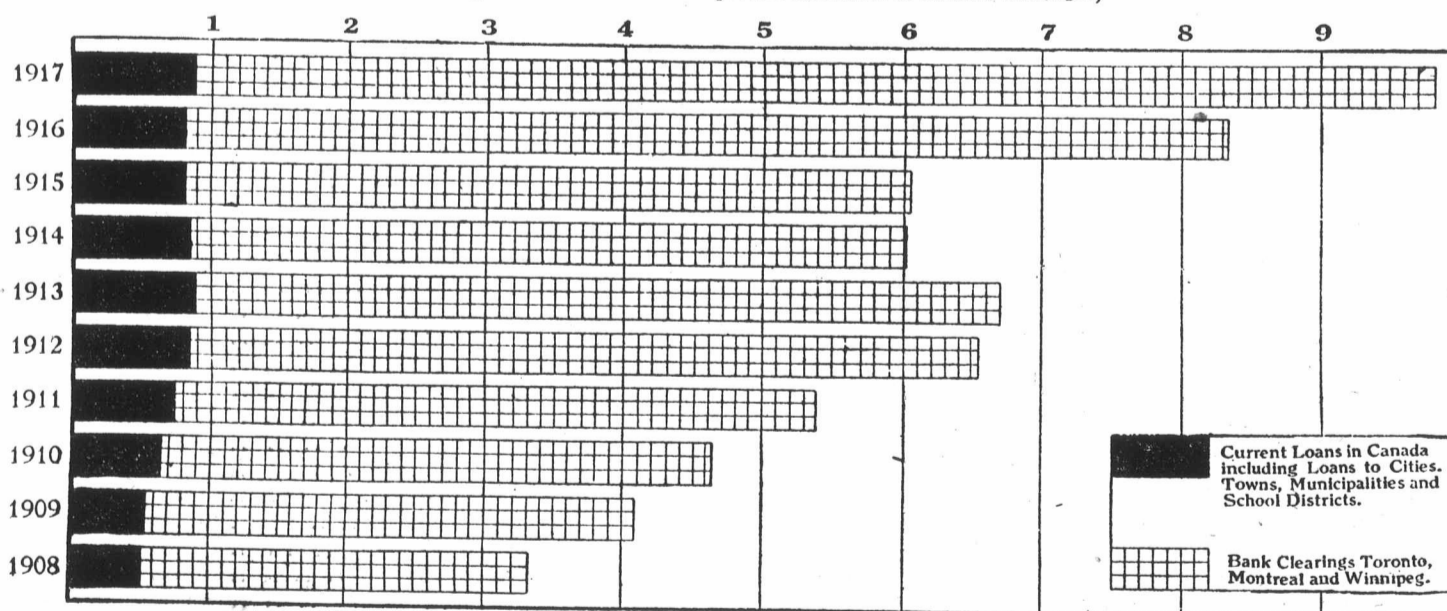
But though there are faces of angels there,
There's none with my baby can compare,
My babe of the eyes and curly hair,
Girl of mine.

And so I can only stay and wait,
Till I come to the road with the Peaceful Gate;
It's the road that will lead me back to you, straight,
Girl of mine.

—Father.

COMPARISON OF BANK LOANS AND CLEARINGS

(The figures on the line below represent thousands of millions of dollars)



The prevailing business activity maintains an unusual volume of bank clearings, and such conditions are usually accompanied by an expansion in current loans. Since the war began, however, while bank clearings have steadily expanded, commercial loans, when not receding, have tended to remain stationary in volume. The result may be attributed in part to the improved financial position of so many com-

mercial and industrial enterprises, which now have greater resources of their own, as well as to the operations of the Imperial Munitions Board which have been another very important factor in bringing about conditions under which industries depend less on banking facilities. On the other hand, as soon as it became evident that Canada's entire resources must be made available for war purposes, in order to

aid production the Government made credit available to a large number of industries. A condition has, therefore, been created, as is indicated by the chart above, under which the volume of our domestic and foreign business, as shown by the bank clearings, is exceptionally large while commercial loans are not more than normal in volume.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce Monthly Letter.