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CHURCH PLANS

Methodists Have in Hand Organization of New Company.

STATISTICS READY

Capital of the Venture Will Amount to Thirty Millions.

Canada is soon to have a thirty mil-How dollar church fire insurance company. It will be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, in the world. / It is to be established by the Methodiste, who have demonstrated their financial and commercial power by establishing the largest religious publishing house, not only on this continent, but in the world, which annually pays over gigantic profits to certain beneficiary Methodist general conference funds and which erected the million dollar publishing house on West Queen street.

Such progress has already been nede with the preparations for establishing a Methodist fire insurance my, that the financial statistics have been compiled and placed in the hands of the general superintendent, Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown.

In support of the establishment of a Methodist church fire insurance company to carry the risks on all property held in Canada, Newfoundland, Japan and China, under the Canadian general conference. Rev. Dr. Chown has prepared a strong statement of the case. In it Dr. Chown says: nd insurance companies have and carried on successfully upon very limited capital. The value of the property of the Methodist church, as reported to the property worth \$31,241,584. we are carrying insurance The manager of many an insurance company would be happy if he could at the pinto a business of such dimensions. It should not be beyond the will return to the United States as manager of many an insurance rovide for intelligent and economic

Profitable Business. surance is not in general an dividends for its stockholders. should be earned and applied to the support of worn-out ministers fund or some other worthy object."
In addition to Rev. Dr. Chown's bold proposal for the establishment by the Methodist General Conference at its meeting in Hamilton of a fire insurnce company, the general superincompany, the general superin-ent favors the appointment of a fered severely from hunger and cold, ster of finance with all the udget duties of a chancellor of the adian Methodist church.

branch of the church's affairs.

AUSTRIANS OPEN ANOTHER ATTACK

Italians Check Two Strong Attempts West of Brenta River.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Feb. 11.—The Austrians have launched another attack against the Italian positions west of the Brenta River, along the same Frenzela Valley, leading to the plain where the Italians recently defeated them with heavy loss. Their artillery opened flercely early yesterday, continuing thruout the day, first on the west side of the valley, then on the right. Evidently the purpose was to regain the strategic heights of Monte Val Bella and the Col from which the Sassari brigade and Bersaglieri drove them back a fortnight ago.

by an infantry advance, which was first centred against Monte Val Bella and Col del Rosso, but reconcentraof the Italian batteries checked and finally stopped the advance. Another drive was made at Masassa Ossa, further east, where the enemy tried to break into the old trenches lying ahead of the Italian lines, but quently followedre, too, the powerful concentration of the Italian batteries checked his progress at the first advanced posts.

ARGENTINE'S HANDS TIED.

benos Aires, Feb. 11.—Altho the Argentine steamer Ministro Irriendo was sunk in the Mediterranean Jan. 26 by a German submarine, the foreign ministry says it is still without official information upon which it can action against Germany.



Heatless days occur nearly every day for these chi ldren and their parents. (This gathering was photographed in front of the gas works while waiting to get a bushel of coke each.

ON SUBMARINE

Officer of Torpedoed Ship Was Taken Aboard and Asked Questions.

WINE AND CIGARETS

Vessel Was Former German Ship and Was Interned at Colon.

next week. There has been a growing demand, especially from the west, that the attent in Canada, interred and uninterned, should be put to work at various kinds of employment, especially agriculture, in order to supply to some extent at least the need for labor that exists.

Several difficulties have presented themselves. The chief trouble is that to put interned aliens at work would be to contravene the terms of The dark work would be well advised to get into harress. last general conference, was \$41,905,- William Johnson, five other officers 245. Deducting land values, we have and the 20 blueteckets who made up the extent of \$15,729,517 or about Actaeon, formerly the German ship per cent. of its estimated value. Adamsturm, torpedoed off the coast of

of the Methodist church to soon as a ship is available.

Captain Johnson, whose home is in California, said that his ship was torpedoed without warning at 7 o'clock.

MONTREAL ENFORCES Within two minutes water reached the engine room and the lights went out. He immediately ordered the men into the four boats, and they put off, arating for fear of being shelled by the submarine, which, to this time, no one had seen. Captain Johnson's boat reached Camarinas, Spain, two days later, and within three days two other boats had landed. The boat com-manded by Engineer John Murphy was 12 days at sea before it was picked

and four of them died.

Arthur B. Bordley, of Baltimore, the third officer, commanded a boat in which were ten men. They pulled which were ten men. They pulled away from the sinking ship, and in a away from the sinking ship, and in a sway from the few minutes came up alongside the submarine, which turned a searchlight full upon them. Bordley was ordered in perfect English to take six of his men on board. He was taken below and closely questioned concerning the land and naval forces of the United States, while half a dozen peated trips to the sinking Actaeon and carried away all nautical instruments and such stores as they wanted. The submarine captain, Bordley declared, served him with wine and cigarets while questioning him, and, when he refused all information, threatened to keep him a prisoner on the submarine. When Bordley persisted in his refusal the captain dis-

missed him and his boat was pushed The Actaeon was interned in the harbor of Colon at the beginning of the war.

Inspectors Meet to Consider Appointment of New Principals

The board of inspectors of the board of education are meeting today to take into consideration the filling of the vacancies in the principalships of Williamson Road and Ryerson public schools thru the appointments of Walter Bryce and N. S. MacDonald to inspectorships. It is stated on good An intense cannonade was followed authority that the inspectors will recommend men from the public schools, holding that the public schools are for public school men. There is, however, a strong feeling that a man from one of the collegiates has strong support among the trustees, many of whom hold that it is time for a change of the policy which has been most fre-

> GENERAL LESSARD AT HALIFAX. Halifax, N.S., Feb. 11.—Major-General Lessard has arrived here from Ottawa and taken over his duties as officer com-manding No. 6 Military District, in suc-cession to General Benson.

CANADIANS IN KING'S ESCORT.

London, Feb. 11 .- The King's escort at the opening of parliament on Tuesday includes a party of Canadian mounted

HAGUE CONVENTION PREVENTS PUTTING ALIENS AT WORK

Would Lead to Abuses By Germany-Government to Consider Labor Question at Conference of Premiers.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The alien labor question, which has been engaging the attention of the government for some time, will be discussed at the conference of the provincial premiers next week. There has been a growing

CONSCRIPTION AC

Man Appearing of Military Age.

DESERTERS DRAFTED

District is Combed.

the enforcement of the Military Service Act were operating in this city seamen from the submarine made re- Saturday and today, under instruc- prevent a recurrence of the recent sittions from Ottawa that the time had untit the cost found themselve consumers thrucome when a strict enforcement on the obtain fuel supplies. The administration press gang consists of Dominion police officers from Inspector Belanger's department, and every man whom the partment, and every man whom the police came across on the street who appeared to be of military age was stopped. If he could not produce satisfactory proof that he was exempt, he was apprehended and taken to the Dominion police offices in the Drummond Building.

It is said that between forty and fifty men were gathered in on Saturday, when they were enjoying the been exempted or were married or beyond the military age were held until they obtained their proofs. The deserters were drafted at once to the 1st or 2nd Depot Battalions, and so quickly were they transformed into soldiers they appeared on church parade yesterday in uniform. Today the trick was repeated, but it is not known stations and pool rooms were popular

Inspector Belanger stated that this process would go on, with increasing effectiveness, until every man liable to service under the act would be put into khaki. Inspector Belanger is in charge of No. 4 military district, includes Montreal, Three Rivers, St. Hyacinthe, Sorel, Sherbrooke, Joliette and Coaticook

OTTAWA SCHOOLS MAY CLOSE.

YESTERDAY THE LAST OF HEATLESS MONDAYS

United States Fuel Administrator Ex-pects to Suspend the Glosing Order.

Washington, Feb. 11.-Indication to night were that today was the last of the heatless Mondays. Fuel Administrator Garfield expects to suspend the closing order tomorrow night in view of better weather and improved railroad traffic conditions.

Reports during the day to the director general of railroads show that traffic conditions are improving rapidly, despite floods in many parts of the country. Coal mines are receiving empty cars in larger numbers than for weeks past and loaded cars are moving to their destinations. The fuel administration's order giving preference in distribution to household consumers public utilities and preferred war Montreal, Feb. 11.—Press gangs for industries consequently is just now really becoming effective.

The fuel administration is planning to out the east found themselves unable to act must be made without delay. The plans to create reserve supplies of coal in

TO DISBAND ARMY

heatless holiday, and those who nad German Government Wireless Despatch Confirms Previous Report.

London, Feb. 11.—A German Cov-ernment wireless despatch received here this evening confirms despatches how many men were taken. Railway received from Amsterdam during the day that Rupssia has ordered a ceshunting grounds for the Dominion sation of war and the demobilization of the Russian armies on all fronts.

IS MUCH PLEASED

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—"From the information which has reached me," said Mr. C. A. Magrath, Dominion fuel controller, tonight, "I consider that Can-ada's heatless days have been a tremendous success. The people, so far as I can learn, have loyally carried out Ottawa, Feb. 11.—At a meeting of the public school board of Ottawa to-day it was decided to leave the city schools open this week. In the event of there being no relief in the coal situation the public schools may close mext week.

After Saturday and Monday closing the closing down regulations, and what is particularly gratifying is that they strike apparently is failing thru the refusal of Italians and Britons to quit dered a work. These men have declined to desire their jobs, notwithstanding the situation the public schools may close a people. That means much for Cannext week.

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REHEARSES ATTACKS PREPARES REAR FOR ACTION British Will Use Preponder-

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sive in West.

ENEMY HAS RESERVES

Major Von Olberg in

Public Lecture.

1917 had been the "year of revenge,"

RUSSIA'S DESERTION

ENDANGERS ALLIES

Germany Can Secure One and

a Half Million More

Fighters From East.

together with 147 divisions of German

fighters, will be thrown against the

front. Germany will subjugate Italy

and then sweep over southern France

and drive the remaining portions of

the allies' armies into a small north-

"In such an event we can do only

what the Russians did in the war with

Japan, send our troops abroad only

in sufficient number to have them de-

feated at the point of disembarkation.

Thus can America be defeated with

NEGRO'S CRIMINAL CAREER.

defeat them by detachments.

4.000,000.

SYNDICALISM SPREADS TO DANISH CAPITAL

Great Crowd Storms the Copenhagen Exchange, Doing Great Damage and Injuring Many.

Copenhagen, Feb. 11.—Serious syndicalist riots took place at Copenhagen today. A great crowd of syndicalists this afternoon stormed the Copenhagen exchange, doing great damage and injuring several of the employes. A strong force of police intervened and eventually dispersed the

crowds, but not before several other persons were injured by paving

THIRTY-SEVEN GERMANS CAPTURED BY RAIDERS

Australians Kill at Least Hundred of Enemy Near Messines. London, Feb. 11,-The official comunication issued by the war office

this evening says:

"Thirty-seven prisoners were captured in the raid of the Australians last night south of Messines. Three German machine guns and a trench mortar also were captured. Heavy casuatties were inflicted on the enemy. "In addition to the losses caused by our preliminary bombardment it is estimated that 100 Germans were killed by our raiding party.

"An enemy counter-attack was successfully repulsed. We had some 20 casualties.

"The hostile artillery showed inter-

"The hostile artillery showed intermittent activity today southwest and west of Cambrai. In this area a number of German working parties were engaged with effect by our bat-

rieres Wood Results in Spirited Engagement.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Heavy artillery fighting in Alsace and on the right bank of the Meuse, and a German attack need cangagement, are reported in the communication from general headquarters, and made public by the war office tonight. The text-of the statement reads:

"An attempt at a raid in the region of Juvincourt was stopped by our fire.
"On the right bank of the Meuse, after a violent bombardment, the Germans launched on the front of the Caurieres Wood an attack, which resulted in a spirited combat, The enemy was repulsed and left their killed in our hands.
"There was marked artillery activity in Alsace, in the neighborhood of Violu and Bon Homme.
"Eastern theatre, Feb. 10: The artillery activity on both sides was quite lively on the west bank of the Vardar, and at the Cerna bend, where the enemy violently bombarded our first line, north of Makovo."

Germans were to turn their eyes and hearts from Fianders to the west front from Fianders to the west front from Fianders to Venetia, ignoring the peace of voluctions in the east, the outcome of which was "militarily without importance."

"Today," said Major von Olberg, "our back is free and we have the reserves which we lacked in 1914 when we had to defende east Prussia against the Russians. The great of fensive can now start and then God help Albion!"

Von Olberg, who was speaking officially as need of one of the defivered against the British forces, declaring the derivered days in the respect to the war press office, did not say explicitly, however, that the principal blow would be defivered against the British forces, declaring the peace of which was "militarily without importance."

More About th' Docks!

Claims That Returned Soldiers Are Not Given a Square Deal

Montreal, Feb. 11.—The Montrea branch of the Great War Veterans' As sociation at its annual meeting tonight, expressed regret that in this city the business men had not given the returned soldiers a fair deal in the matter of providing them with employment. Trooper V. R. Brown, secretary of the association, stated that able-bodied men, who were fit to go overseas, were holding positions that he thought should be given to returned soldiers, and he stated that in some cases alien enemies were given positions, while returned men were still looking for work.

The secretary admitted that in some cases returned men had not given the services they should have given to their ampleyers.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 11.—Charles Edward Russell, member of the Root mission to Russia, speaking at the East Tennessee war conference here,

employers.

The membership of the local branch is 1500, not including 500 in the French-Canadian section of the association.
Lieut.-Col. Dr. Mackenzie Forbes was elected president; Ptc. F. Miller, vice-president; Capt. F. Stuart Molson, treasurer, and Trooper V. R. Brown, secretary.

Two Million Jews Starving In Poland and Lithuania

New York, Feb. 11. — War relief funds raised by the Jews of America are now being distributed among the people of their race in Poland and Lithuania, it was announced tonight by a commission sent to Europe by the joint distribution committee of the joint distribution committee of the American Fund for Jewish War Sufferers, which returned here re-

More than 2,000,000 Jews in Poland and Lithuania are starving, the com-mission reported. There is no work and the conditions in which the people are living have caused epidemics of typhus in many sections. In Warsaw, the newspapers carry regularly advertisements in which are reported the deaths of Jews from starvation.

ARGENTINE STRIKE FAILING.

Advantage in Coming Gigantic Conflicts --- Big Blows to Fall Inside of Month.

ance of Men and Guns to

With the British Army in France, Feb. 11.-The tension along the British-German front is tightening. As the extraordinarily bright, mild weather has continued to dry out the sodden fields, the two great armies have become more alert. The inertia of the days when the western theatre Was held in the grip of snow and impassable mud has disappeared, and the each other, like duelists, for the first move, which will mean that the most sanguinary period of the war has be-

Something seems bound to happen before another month has passed, if the present weather holds. Indeed, even now the ground in some sections is quite fit for fighting. German Staff Officer Makes

The enemy continues to make intense preparations for what has been advertised as the "great offensive." German troops and guns keep pouring into the western front and there are indications that a few Austria

units are in Flanders. Certain areas back of the German front have been cleared for action, and daily bodies of troops have been practicing attacks under the tutelage of experts, risoners say that leave for the soldiers was stopped on January 20 'God Help Albion," Declares

New York, Feb. 11.—Open prophecy that Hindenburg would undertake a great general offensive in the west this spring in an endeavor to crush the British, French and American armies and end the war, was made in a public lecture by Major von Olberg of the German general staff be. close to the German lines that the fore the German Colonial Society at Berlin last month. According to an

German Attack Near Cau
Berlin last month. According to an account of his address, printed in ignoring the military movements behind the British lines, and the British here, Major von Olberg said that as themselves are sitting tight, saying

> 1918 would be the "year of decision." 1918 would be the "year of decision." Naturally the allied preparations Germans were to turn their eyes and cannot be discussed, but it may be



Th' Lan'mark: I'm orf to Floridy, yung man. Keep yure eye on th' fellers leadin' a dubbel life, like Th' Preach, Josephus, Th' Globe, an' all sich, See that th' ole settlers get lots ov likker to keep out th' kole famine. They wunt be able to buy nun after A-prile firs'. 'Let them stock up now. Th' Tely's likker ads is th' only place to fin' out where to get it by mail

allies on the western front. This will order. give Germany an army of more than Hok : Have you any views on the doctors that Judge Hodgins has been inves-"They will outnumber any possible tigating? Is there to be free trade in

force that the allies can put on the that direction? Th' Lan'mark : Not if they do distan' treatmen', like th' Ole Dock in the Don Valley has bin thrown into me an' my yung men ritin' on Th' Tely. An' I don't western corner of France and there like long-hair'd Injin docks like Lion Stoort, Sam Mickbride an' Wes Role. Harty Doorst is anuther long-hair'd Injin

Hok: Am I a long-haired Indian doctor, mister? Lan'mark : If yuh wuz stood up on a out even a shot being fired upon kag yuh mite be.

AT DINEEN'S TODAY.

After Saturday and Monday closing we announce a sale of Shirt Waists,