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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 21.

For the Dance of Death

Yesterday's start of the campaign for the Patriotic and Red Cross Funds was worthy of the cause and of the managers of the campaign. Rarely has such an effort been made in any part of the world on any occasion, and with many brilliant records to emulate or excel it is believed that the present effort will reach a consummation which may stand for years to come.

No one should forget that the need surpasses any success that may be attained. It must be difficult for anyone to read the literature of the campaign without feeling moved to give everything over which he can honestly feel he has legitimate control. How can anyone save, for example, while men are dying for lack of attendance, or medicine, or other supplies at the front, or while women and children, dependents of those in the trenches, are lacking food and clothing and shelter and warmth at home?

It is not a question of charity, as many speakers have pointed out. Nor is it a matter of business, nor of cold duty. There is no charity in war, and no business and no duty, but for those who are in it. Those who are not in it with their bodies, with their own flesh and blood, with their loved ones, have a heavy burden of gratitude to bear, and a debt to discharge. But it is something bigger than charity, or business or duty. It is humanity. If we were in northern France or Belgium, or in any of those other devastated and ravaged lands, torn and bleeding, naked and starving, we would not be thinking of charity, or business or duty. There would only be the wild longing for help, and for the humane hands that would render it.

Our men need our help as they lie stricken in the field, or are borne back to hospitals and convalescent homes. Our men's children and wives and mothers are not in France or Belgium. They are here in Canada at our own doors, in need of the help we have promised to give, and looking to the people for whom their men are fighting, to give that help.

Herod, watching a dancing girl, offered to the half of his kingdom for the sake of his pleasure. We who watch the dance of death in Europe, what fraction of our private demerit are we willing to yield for the sake of those whose lives and toll enable us to dwell at home in ease and peace?

Effective, Even When Repudiated

A great deal of light was thrown upon the Ross rifle question in the house of commons by the prime minister, and it now appears that those who were denounced as traitors and know-nothings a year ago were entirely justified in what they said. Repudiated as we were by letters from the front, from men in the trenches, we were assured that urgent protest was necessary, and it was obvious that time would justify any effort made to have conditions changed.

It is easy to abuse those who desire nothing but to get all matters mended, and it is easy to mislead the general public concerning matters about which they are not in a position to be informed, and about which information in war time is of a confidential nature. It is satisfactory to know that the Ross rifle scandal has been abated.

Perhaps in another year there will be more light to be thrown on the nickel situation, and perhaps the protests of the last few months will be shown to have been of effective service.

Saving Germany's Face

Comment upon President Wilson's speech to the United States Senate in European papers followed the lines of our own comment yesterday, and the greater part of the United States press took the same course except with a choice of much more violent language. Their satire and sarcasm is not modified by their more intimate knowledge of the president. The French view seems to be summed up in the remark of M. Harve that they can scarcely be expected to accompany President Wilson in his voyage to the east, while France is in the hands of her invader. The New York Sun punctures one of Mr. Wilson's noble sentiments with the observation: "There is nothing in his official duties which requires him to demand the establishment of a free and united Poland, or to lay down to Europe the principle that all nations like Switzerland, for example, or the Republic of Andorra, should be accorded free outlets to the seas."

The New York Herald thinks the president knows as little of the sentiments impelling the allies to their appalling sacrifices as he does of the sentiment of the American people. The idea that peace without victory could be possible excites by turn the indignation of those who comment upon it.

There are signs, indeed, that President Wilson is going to be a second

term failure, and that the American people are beginning to have a dim suspicion of the fact. There has been deep disgust and irritation felt over the president's recent appointment of Dr. Grayson, private physician at the White House, to a position in the navy ranking the whole naval medical staff, where promotion has always been according to seniority and merit hereafter. What lies behind the mysterious private influences which are believed to be responsible for some of the president's recent observations, it is not certain that the attitude he has adopted lately on the question of peace is unintelligible on ordinary grounds. If his proposals were followed they would be altogether to the advantage of Germany, who desires peace, now that she has gained all that she can reasonably expect, and who must lose by any further developments of the war situation. These proposals are not going to be adopted, however, as long as the entente allies have any say in the matter.

It is proper to say that President Wilson's apologetic attitude that his proposals refer to armistice arrangements, so far as this is true, the allies have already stated their views in that direction, and if Mr. Wilson desired to be frank he could have stated his agreement with their objects. It has been charitably insinuated that his main object is to let down Germany easy, so that the kaiser may accept radical peace terms with a good face. But this is a foolish idea if it be true. Germany would like to have a cessation of hostilities, and time to confabulate, while she pulled herself together. She knows the difficulty in democratic countries of getting a war going again once it has been stopped, while the military staves of Germany could be set in motion at a word.

Why should the allies and why should President Wilson wish to save the kaiser's face? No one in Europe has any desire to do so, and President Wilson will find that he cuts a poor figure if he is found in history to be trying to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for Germany.

He would have been better employed in appealing to the democracies of Europe to rid themselves of the dynamic incumbrances that created the war.

CONSERVATIVES ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

South Ontario Association Chooses William Graham as President.

Oshawa, Jan. 23.—The South Ontario Conservative Association met in convention at Whitby and elected the following officers: President, William Graham, Port Perry; vice-president, F. L. Mason (Oshawa); J. H. Downey (Whitby); and John White (Ashburn); secretary, Dr. John Moore, Brooklin; treasurer, J. L. Smith (Whitby); chairman of districts, Alex. Brown (Oshawa); A. T. Lovell (Whitby); John Milne and D. L. Devitt (Pickering); Ralph Robinson and John Nestitt (East Whitby); Wellington Somerville and William Pollock (Somerville); William Short (Port Perry); Joseph McKee (Seagons); Annis Grant (West Whitby).

William Smith, M.P.; Charles Calder, M.L.A.; and Peter Christie, ex-M.P., and other prominent Conservatives were present.

E. H. Purdy, Port Perry, retiring president, presided.

Bennett Receives No Salary For National Service Work

By Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—R. B. Bennett, director-general of national service, is not paid a salary for his work according to a return laid on the table of the commons today. The other directors are paid a salary of \$250 a month, and they are also refunded "their reasonable traveling and living expenses, when engaged in connection with the work."

ROSE IS WARDEN OF BRANT.

Special to The Toronto World.
Brantford, Jan. 23.—At the inaugural meeting of the county council this afternoon, Reeve A. B. Rose of Ontonaga was elected warden of Brant County without opposition.

TO WORK WITH SOLDIERS.

G. J. Dingle of Calgary, a prominent business man, and also president of the Y.M.C.A. there, has resigned his position and will shortly sail for England to assist in the business management of the Y.M.C.A. now working among the soldiers.

GOODYEAR CO. WINS ACTION

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. was awarded \$1,335.01, the full amount of its claim for goods sold and delivered from Fred A. Musgrove, of the Musgrove Carriage and Auto Co., in a judgment by Justice Masten in the non-jury assizes yesterday.

FIRE LOSS DECREASES.

Special to The Toronto World.
Belleville, Jan. 23.—The annual report of Chief Brown of the fire department shows that during 1916 the damage by fires in the city amounted to only \$16,300, being a decrease of \$13,221 from the previous year.

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Brig-Gen. James Mason, honorary treasurer of the Canadian Red Cross Society, reports that since the last public acknowledgment the following contributions to the fund of the society have been received, amounting to \$32,396.22:	
Alberta Prov. Branch, Calgary, Alta., C.R.C.S., 12,354.00	Alton, Ont., War Auxiliary of Alton & Macleod, 58.00
Bayview, Sask. W. Santa Barbara Band Head, Ont. Women's Auxiliary, Trinity Church, 12.20	Chisholm, T.P. Ont., 50.00
Cooksville & District, W.P.L., 60.00	Connelly, Mrs. A. Bant, Alta., 2.00
Chesterfield, Ont., C.R.C.S., 50.00	Donahue, Chap. One, G.S., 50.00
Club, Denfield, Ont., 50.00	Dean, Mrs. T. E., Fort William, Ont., 1.00
Forest, Miss G. D., Huronville, Ont., 1.70	Grand Trunk Pat. Assoc., Toronto, 100.00
Gardie, B.C., 2.00	Howe, Mrs. John, Havelock, Ont., 300.00
Hawkesbury, Ont., Br. Can. R. C. S., 25.00	I.O.D.E., Borden Chap. Windsor, Ont., 30.00
I.O.D.E., East Kootenay Chap. Kelowna, B.C., 25.00	I.O.D.E., Victoria Guelph Chap. Guelph, Ont., 25.00
I.O.D.E., Queen Anne Chap. Victoria, B.C., 15.00	I.O.D.E., King George Chap. St. Johns, Que., 7.50
I.O.D.E., Plum Creek Chap. Souris, Man., 30.00	I.O.D.E., Boscawen Chap. Lunenburg, N.S., 5.00
I.O.D.E., John William MacDonald Chap. Stratford, Ont., 2.00	I.O.D.E., Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., 49.00
I.O.D.E., Capt. Jackson Chap. Stonewall, Man., 2.00	I.O.D.E., Thomas A. Delamere Chap. Frowbridge, Ont., 5.00
I.O.D.E., Col. Kerby Chap. Fort Erie, Ont., 10.00	I.O.D.E., Quinte Chap. Belleville, Ont., 29.25
I.O.D.E., Perth Upon Ta. Chap. Perth, Ont., 20.00	I.O.D.E., Amherst Chap. Goderich, Ont., 4.00
I.O.D.E., Englehart Chap. Englehart, Ont., 9.50	Ingersoll, Ont. Women's Pat. Red Cross League, 150.00
Innerbelt, Ont. East Zorra and Blainfield Cheese Mfg. Co., 39.00	Indian Head, Ont. A.B.C. and Gleasons A.B.C., 26.00
Kinley, Sask. Homemakers Club, 38.00	Kewatin, Ont. C.R.C.S., 10.00
Lakeland, Beamsville, Ont. Lakeland Methodist Association, 38.00	Lockwood, Miss Frederick, 5.00
Lockwood, B.C. Red Cross Auxiliary, 25.00	Macdonell, Mrs. E. B., R.R. No. 2, Toronto, 5.00
Markdale, Ont. Presbyterian Ladies Aid, 1.45	North Gower Branch, C.R.C.S., 50.00
Niagara Falls, Ont. Women's Patriotic League, 2.50	Niagara Falls, Ont. Befriended Class, 64.35
Orion, Ont. proceeds of concert in school S.S. No. 19, 64.35	

WILL LOWER PRICES ON SOME OF WHEAT

Secretary of Canadian Council of Agriculture States This as His Opinion.

WILL CAUSE HARDSHIP

Recent Action of Board of Canada Grain Commissioners is Criticized.

Special to The Toronto World.
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 23.—That the recent action of the board of Canada grain commissioners in conceding the licenses of the hospital elevators will cause hardship on the grain growers of Western Canada and lower the prices of lower grades of wheat, is the opinion of H. McKenzie, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. The western section of the council will meet in Winnipeg on February 1 to discuss the situation.

In commenting upon the cancellation of the licenses Mr. McKenzie said, "Under the conditions that obtain this year, due to the large percentage of low grade wheat and the closing of the European markets that used to be our market for that class of grain, I cannot help but think that the Canada Grain Commission made a mistake in depriving the hospital elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur of their licenses, as they were an important factor in providing a market for the low grade grain. As a matter of fact, the concession that obtains against mixing of statutory grades does not apply towards mixing the commercial grades of the world's grain. Grain Act provides a statutory specification for No. 1 hard Northern and No. 2 Manitoba Northern wheat. Three grades go on the world's market intact from year to year, and form the base price for Manitoba wheat. No. 1 Northern is a kind of hybrid grade, and referred to as the 'inspector's grade,' as it is made up of grades not good enough to go into 1 and 2 Northern, and placed in No. 3 Northern grade at the discretion of the inspector.

The commercial grades, all under No. 3, are fixed annually by the standards board to fit in the exigencies of the crop, and while there is, from year to year, much similarity between the qualities of each of these grades, still they have not the same stability as the statutory grades have. Consequently, the grain growers of the west, who have made the reputation of Manitoba wheat, and fix the base price for Manitoba wheat, are not so long as those grades are kept in transit, no serious objection can be raised to permitting hospital elevators to mix grades No. 3, or under, so long as the inspectors carefully see to it that the standards set by the standards board are maintained in issuing their certificates.

In this regard I am speaking for myself, personally, and in my judgment it would be to legalize the operations of these hospitals or private elevators and deprive them of the right of taking in any statutory grade, and also not permitting the inspector to issue any certificate of grade to mixing of hospital elevators higher than No. 3."

A very satisfactory progress during the year ending Dec. 31, 1916, is reported in the 25th annual statement of the Toronto General Trusts Company. Under the careful administration which has characterized this long-established company the assets of the company were increased during the year from \$71,869,470 to \$77,180,512, an increase of \$5,311,042. Net profits for the year after the payment of salaries and all expenses of management amounted to \$221,322.88, to which sum must be added \$7,774.12, the amount carried forward from the previous year, making a total of \$229,097.00.

Distribution has been made as follows: Dividend disbursements of 10 per cent, amounted to \$150,000, subscriptions to patriotic funds came to \$13,500, and the balance of \$105,597.00 was set aside for depreciation in the office building, \$100,000 was transferred to a reserve fund, bringing this fund to \$1,850,000, leaving \$95,597 to balance carried forward. New business amounted to \$10,075,912. The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, at the head offices of the company.

BOYS AT THE FRONT NEED BOOKS TO READ

Toronto People Asked to Save Magazines for the Y.M.C.A.

In response to the very vital and pressing need of the boys at the front for adequate and suitable reading matter, the Y.M.C.A. have organized a special department for the collection and disposal of used magazines, books, comic supplements, etc., for this very worthy cause. A widespread campaign for this purpose is now in progress. Anybody can help by rummaging their library and by saving the magazines, etc., that they are no longer wanted. The military service department, Y.M.C.A., 15 Toronto street (Main 5420), send for the books and for ward them free to our soldiers in the hospitals on the firing line and in the training camps.

FORESTERS RESIGN LEAGUE.

Brookville, Ont., Jan. 23.—The 230th Forestry Battalion, having been unexpectedly removed to other training quarters in the Eastern Ontario Hockey League has resigned its membership. The annual meeting will be held on the condition.

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Fewer Railway Crossings Left Without Protection

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The annual report of the railway commissioner, which was tabled in the commons today, shows that there are now 380 railway crossings throughout Canada protected, which is an increase of 39 over the previous year. Of these 208 are protected by electric bells and 83 by gates.

The expenditures in connection with the protection of level crossings have been met out of a fund of one million dollars which was voted in 1909 and was paid at the rate of \$200,000 a year for five years.

WANT PATRIOTIC GRANT.

Special to The Toronto World.

Chatham, Jan. 23.—At the opening of the January sitting of Kent County Council, this afternoon, a deputation of over 150 strong, from every part of the county, waited on the council and asked that \$75,000 be granted to the patriotic fund. Eloquent addresses were made by representatives from various municipalities and at the close the deputation was assured that the matter would be favorably considered. It was referred to the finance committee.

FORESTRY BATTALION MOVES.

Special to The Toronto World.

Brookville, Jan. 23.—Fifty hundred officers and men of the 230th Forestry Battalion, which has trained here since the beginning of the war, went east today, making over 700 to be moved to other training quarters in two days. The headquarters will remain with what troops are left, and it is expected that more recruits will arrive from the west shortly.

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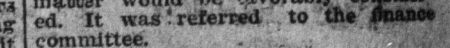
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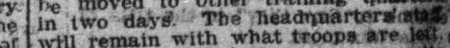


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