

CHAPLAIN MAKES A COMPROMISE IN GRATUITY MATTER

Would Give \$1 a Day For Service in France and Fifty Cents For Days in England

Captain (Rev.) Thomas Harrison, formerly chaplain of the 64th battalion and, later, the 14th brigade, Canadian Field Artillery who has just returned from overseas is a visitor in the city and preached a very strong and impressive sermon at St. Andrew's church yesterday morning. He took as his theme, "Lessons from the life of Absalom," and in the forceful and effective style for which he is noted, spoke concerning present-day conditions. In the evening Captain Harrison spoke in the First Presbyterian church, West St. John on much the same theme, before a large and interested congregation. Captain Harrison, in his sermon yesterday, proved that he has lost none of the eloquence which has made him in the past one of the most noted orators in the Canadian Presbyterian church and which made him one of the most respected and best liked "padres" among the fighting men in France.

Captain Harrison will be remembered in this city as having been prominent in recruiting in the early days of the war and has the proud record of having been instrumental in securing over 2,800 men for overseas service and of having served with those men afterward. He took the advancement of that brigade's headquarters staff to Petawawa and proceeded with that party to England. He went to France and served with these units of the 8th Canadian divisional artillery, having many stirring experiences in the trench warfare on the Lens-Arras front and in the great final campaign from August 8 to November 11 last year. Captain Harrison is a seasoned soldier having served also in the Soudan campaign and on the Indian frontier as a member of the famous Royal Munster Fusiliers and the Royal Field Artillery. Captain Harrison's future movements are as yet uncertain but after a brief visit to his old pastorate at St. George, he will spend a few weeks in the city and it is to be hoped that local congregations will hear him again. He is foremost a "man's man," and, as many local soldiers know can speak to men in a wonderfully moving and effective spirit.

Speaks of Gratuity.

In a talk with a reporter last evening on present-day affairs and those affecting the returned soldier, particularly the proposed grant of \$2,000 to each returned man, Captain Harrison said that he feels that the returned soldier can never be paid in dollars and cents for the splendid work on the battlefields in the struggle for the world's freedom. He felt deeply conscious that something must be done in this respect, however, and, believing that the \$2,000 extra gratuity would be to burden the country with an expense it could hardly carry, he suggests as a working basis between the government and the soldier that every man, irrespective of rank, be paid additionally \$1 for every day of his service in France and fifty cents for each day of service in England. This, he feels, would mean that every returned man would receive an amount commensurate with his service and he also feels that the government is well able to carry this expense.

In St. David's

Russia, knowing what she did, committed suicide in hurling her armies at the Germans at the outbreak of the war and compelled Germany to withdraw some of her forces from the western front. Russia by so doing helped to win the battle of the Marne and the city of the western world today, "Let Russia fight out her own salvation" is filled with the utmost of inhuman ingratitude.

Such were the statements made in St. David's church, last night, by Rev. (Capt.) George Farquhar, who in a vivid way portrayed the agonies through which Russia has gone, spoke of her promising future and appealed for better understanding and greater interest in her trials. He besought his hearers to be ready to assist the efforts of the valiant armies of Kolchak and suggested as a practical form of assistance, the sending of Red Cross supplies from St. John.

Captain Farquhar, in opening words,

said that he would not apologise for speaking.

In Knox Church. Rev. James G. Potter of MacVicar Presbyterian church, Montreal, occupied the pulpit of Knox church both morning and evening yesterday.

Baptists Exchange. The monthly exchange of pulpits by the Baptist clergymen of the city took place yesterday morning.

Methodist Changes. Rev. R. J. D. Simpson of Toronto spoke in Portland street church yesterday morning and in Centenary in the evening on the forward movement.

Rev. G. F. Dawson and Rev. J. Heaney exchanged pulpits yesterday morning; in the evening Rev. Neil McLaughlin and Rev. M. E. Conron exchanged.

HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING ON HARVARD FUND COMMITTEE

W. L. Mackenzie King of Ottawa, and Frederick P. Fish, Robert Homans and Arthur H. Weed of Boston have been appointed members of the Harvard endowment fund committee. Mr. King is leader of the Liberal party of the House of Commons in Canada, having been recently elected to succeed Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He took his A. M. degree from Harvard in 1896 and his Ph. D. in 1909.

Mr. Fish, class of '75, is a member of the law firm of Fish, Richardson & Neave and is chairman of the State Board of Education. He was formerly president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He has been much interested in Harvard, Technology, and Radcliffe affairs. Mr. Weed, a graduate of Harvard in 1908, took his LL. B. degree in 1909. He is a member of the law firm of Herrick, Smith, Donald and Farley.

Both Mr. Fish and Mr. Weed were members of the original Harvard endowment fund committee, which was founded in 1916 and was disbanded until the conclusion of the war. The goal of the present committee is \$15,000,000, former committee set out to raise \$10,000,000.

Mr. Homans '94 was a major in the American Expeditionary Forces. He was chief marshal at Commencement at Harvard in last June. He has been secretary of the Massachusetts Bar Association and a director of the Associated Harvard Clubs and is now a member of the law firm of Hill, Barton and Homans.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Arthur Sewell, South Devon, N. B. purchased on Saturday at public auction in Fredericton 200 acres of York and Sunbury crown lands for \$4,000.

F. B. Parnell, M. P. is accepted the Conservative nomination in St. Catharines, Ont.

W. E. Turley, provincial secretary of the G. W. Y. in Ontario, has resigned because of his feeling against the demand for \$2,000 in gratuities.

Nursing Sister E. J. Caswell, who is now the wife of Capt. R. Hamilton, M. C., Regina, has been especially mentioned for good work overseas. She is a daughter of Dr. Caswell of Gagetown, N. B.

The National News says that the Earl of Athlone, brother of Queen Mary, will be the next governor-general of Canada. It has been agreed to submit to arbitration the matter of financial consideration in connection with the transfer of the Grand Trunk Railway system to the government.

Major Louis Duncan, M. C., has been appointed a sub-commissioner on the board of commerce and provincial authorities on the regulation of food prices. At an investigation there on Saturday it was charged by R. A. Reid, a bartender, that a combine existed between the Cuba sugar growers and the Canadian and American sugar refineries as to sugar prices.

Sir George Perley will return to England next month to resume his position as high commissioner for Canada. Sir Edward Kemp, overseas minister of militia, will return to Canada soon. Sir Robert Borden is expected to be back in the house today or tomorrow after his illness.

MARLBOROUGH LODGE WINS THE SILK FLAG

Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England, has won the silken Union Jack offered as a prize by T. H. Carter, supreme president, to the lodge getting the most members for a certain period. The presentation was made at a recent meeting to F. J. Punter, who received it on behalf of the lodge. There was also the presentation of a handsome ring emblematic of the order to C. Ledford, who has been secretary since its organization.

SAVED BOY FROM DROWNING.

The prompt action of Harry Shaw, employed in Haley's lumber yard, Lower Cove, was responsible for the saving of the life of a lad named Bennett on Saturday afternoon when the boy fell off a scow into the harbor. Shaw dove in after him and got him safely ashore.

MILLIONS LOST IN NEW YORK FIRE; FIFTY ARE HURT

New York, Sept. 14.—With more than fifty persons injured and the damage already done estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, weary fire-fighters to-night still were fighting a threat of further explosions of oil tanks at the scene of the fire which practically wiped out the Stone & Fleming Oil Company's plant in Long Island city yesterday. Five tanks of crude oil were burning today. Should there be a sudden shift from north to northeast many additional tanks in early plants would be threatened as well as thousands of tons of coal.

Two fire boats, the Abraham Howitt and New Yorker, caught fire when they cruised up and down Newton Creek fighting the flames on both shores and seeking to save the Greenpoint Bridge from destruction. As the flames ate their way into the forward superstructure the men aboard the craft devoted only part of their energies to combating the blaze that threatened their own lives. While part of the crews fought fire on their own boats the rest continued to play their streams on the fire.

Two Fire Boats Burned.

The two crafts were literally floating in a sea of flames. On all sides of them was blazing oil spreading over the surface of the creek, preventing the fireboats William J. Strong, Cornelius Lawrence and George B. McClellan from coming to their assistance, because of the closed drawbridge which separated them. These three crafts, however, hauled tons of water on the blazing draw, enabling firemen to open it, so that they finally could steam to the aid of their sister ships.

Playing streams on the Hewitt and New Yorker, they succeeded in quelling the flames. There were many spectacular deeds of heroism. Early today Lieutenant Louis Semansky threw a rubber coat over his head, rushed through the flames and turned off three valves, preventing the flow of burning oil from tank to tank. Another tank blew up a few minutes afterward and had it not been for Semansky's courage three more undoubtedly would have gone.

Thomas Whitcock of the fireboat New Yorker was fighting the fire in a tank this morning when the structure fell and burning gasoline was thrown into Newton Creek. Whitcock tried to jump into the hold of the fireboat but blinded by dense smoke fell into the water, surface of which was covered with blazing oil. Hearing his cries, Benjamin Benjamin Moore jumped overboard to rescue him. Fireman Frank Lannon also seized a rubber coat and jumped, but struck the two men in his dive. This submerged the men and put out the flames which were enveloping them. Lannon then threw the coat over the men and they were hoisted aboard the boat to safety. A surgeon treated the three men, all of whom remained on duty.

AGITATION FOR GRATUITY USELESS SAYS DOHERTY

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—Members of the returned soldiers "Gratuity" League of Toronto, who were here yesterday asking for a grant of \$2,000 for veterans of the great war, were turned down by the government. Hon. C. J. Doherty told them that the country could not raise the amount they were demanding, adding that it was useless for them to continue their agitation as the government had made up its mind and did not intend to recede from its position.

"And the government cannot be intimidated," declared the minister of justice emphatically. The deputation arrived by the morning train from Toronto and immediately got in touch with the prime minister. Sir Robert Borden was confined to his house with the grippe and could not see them but advised them to see members of the cabinet. Accordingly, they were headed to the east block and were received in the privy council chamber Saturday afternoon by Judge Doherty, Hon. Arthur Meighen and other members of the cabinet. The spokesmen on behalf of the veterans were H. J. Flynn, president of the league, and Henry Rose, W. P. Gordon, H. Ainsworth and Kearns Batchelor.

In reply to their demands Judge Doherty told them a special committee of parliament would be appointed in a day or two to deal with a bill now before the house respecting the civil establishment of soldiers. War veterans will have an opportunity of appearing before that body and stating their views as to what is needed in the way of further gratuities and pensions to assist disabled soldiers and the families of men who were killed in action or died of wounds.

ANGRY PEOPLE USE HAND GRENADES AGAINST PROFITEERS

Coblenz, Aug. 25.—(Associated Press correspondence)—Hand grenades left over from the war were used effectively recently by enraged civilians in opposition to the profiteers. A mob, armed with hand grenades, revolvers and other weapons, attacked the stores which were known to have charged high prices. In the interior of Germany margarine has been quoted at six marks a pound, whereas it formerly cost 2.80 marks. This is attributed to the fact that large quantities have lately been bought abroad at higher prices than formerly, owing to the low rate of German exchange. The official rate of exchange for August army headquarters is one franc, twenty-two pennies for one franc, giving the mark a value in American money of a fraction more than six cents.

MINE WORKERS ARE FOR THE PLUMB PLAN

Cleveland, O., Sept. 15.—The United Mine Workers' convention endorsed the Plumb plan for the nationalization of railroads, pledged the support of the miners' organization to secure its enactment and invited the railroad brother-



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LLOYD GEORGE ON "THE FUTURE"

London, Sept. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George has issued a message to the people of Great Britain entitled "The Future," which will be distributed throughout the country on Monday. The premier says: "Millions of gallant young men have fought for the new world. Hundreds of thousands died to establish it. If we fail to honor the promise given them we dishonor ourselves. "What does the new world mean? What was the old world like? It was a world where toil for myriads of honest workers, men and women, purchased nothing better than squalor, penury, anxiety, wretchedness; a world scarred by slums, disgraced by sweating, where unemployment, through the vicissitudes of industry, brought despair to multitudes of humble homes; a world where, side by side with want there was waste of the inexhaustible riches of earth, partly through ignorance and want of forethought, partly through cringed selfishness. "If we renew the lease of that world, we shall betray the heroic dead. We shall be guilty of the basest perfidy that

ever blackened a people's fame. Nay, we shall store up retribution for ourselves and our children. "The old world must and will come to an end. No effort can hold it up much longer. If there be any who feel inclined to maintain it, let them beware lest it fall upon them and overwhelm them and their households in ruin. "It should be the sublime duty of all, without thought of partisanship to help in the building up of the new world, where labor shall have its just reward."

HALIFAX HAS FINE STATUE OF BURNS Halifax, Sept. 15.—A statue of Robert Burns was unveiled in this city on Saturday by the North British Society. It is a replica of the one at Ayr, by Lawson, and is pronounced the best of all the statues in Halifax. The flag that covered the statue was removed by Premier Murray amid the cheers of the crowd. An address, prepared by Lord Finlay, who had expected to be present at the unveiling, was read by Dugald MacGillivray, and an address prepared by Professor Todd, formerly of Dalhousie University, who also was absent was read by Professor Howard Murray. The R. C. R. band played Scottish selections and there was music by the pipers of the North British Society. The statue stands in Victoria Park, near the public gardens.

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