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WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 15.

Closing the University

In view of the recruiting and other military work which has been done and is being done by those connected with the university, from the humblest servant to the highest official, it will be impossible to ask any student to leave his home to go to the university, or upon the methods in which that revenue is spent, and much less to suggest that it be closed.

Whatever is spent on the university is being circulated by its employees for the benefit of the public, a great portion of it going to military and Red Cross societies. That this money is being earned cannot be doubted; if, however, the government thinks otherwise, it can easily take steps to remedy this by reducing the salaries.

Those who think that the university employees do not earn their wages have the privilege of urging the government to lower such wages. But they have no privilege to say that, because all the students have not enlisted, the institution should be closed. That would be a national calamity. To say that no instruction shall be given to prepare men and women for positions involving a knowledge of medicine or science, not to mention the teaching profession, only shows a lack of common sense which is not often observed even amongst members of the local legislature.

It is a matter of fact that the majority of the able-bodied students are gone to the war, along with a good number of the younger members of the staff; there may be a few left; but there are also a great many unfit to go because of defective eyesight or physical disability or for purely private reasons.

Even if conscription came, the university should still remain open to those men and women who might be unable to serve at the front, but who nevertheless might serve it equally as well at home in the capacity of teacher or doctor or engineer.

Marriage of the Insane

There should be some authoritative enquiry into the double tragedy of Brockville on Monday, when a former patient of the Hospital for the Insane murdered his bride of a week and took his own life. The marriage license laws were understood to be sufficiently strict to prevent the issue of licenses without due and adequate notice and enquiry. This man had unsuccessfully attempted to get a license in Brockville, but a week later was able to procure one at Prescott. There appears to have been some laxity in the administration of the law in Prescott, and the matter should be fully investigated.

Anyone who takes the risk of marrying a person who has formerly been confined in an asylum, or whom it has been found necessary to subject to restraint on account of mental aberration must be prepared to take the consequences. Only too frequently have such unions preceded tragedies similar to that which has just occurred at Brockville, but it is difficult to persuade the inexperienced of the danger. The danger to society, however, renders it incumbent on the organized officials and representatives of society to take such steps as will prevent the recurrence of such calamities.

No Majority Needed

Many are at a loss to understand how President Wilson will be able to carry on the government of the United States without a majority in the house of representatives. The best answer has been given by The Wichita Eagle, which says that independent and certain progressive Republicans can always be counted upon to support any progressive legislation that may be recommended by the president. The president, of course, is not responsible to congress, but he and con-

gress are both responsible to the people. If the president be in the right, and public sentiment be with him, congress is not likely to refuse or obstruct desired legislation. Indeed there is more danger of a narrow-minded and obstinate president vetoing acts of congress and defying public opinion than there is of the house of representatives flouting a president just confirmed in power by a vote of the people.

Our British or parliamentary system, with many good points to its credit, exalts mere partyism above the bounds of reason. We get to think of parliaments as being chosen mainly for playing politics and trying out politicians. In civil affairs we are more businesslike. We see no difficulty in a city council governing Toronto which may be a tie politically, or have no politics at all, and yet we would be unable to comprehend how the parliament of Prince Edward Island, with not twenty per cent. of the same responsibility, could possibly exist without one political party or the other being in control.

Quite often in the United States one political party has captured congress, while the other has elected the president. The country has gone on about the same as the one party was in control of every branch of the government. But the coming congressional situation will be unique. The Democrats have elected their president and have a good working majority in the senate, but they have not a clear majority in the house of representatives. The balance of power in the house will be held by independent members.

But as The Wichita Eagle points out, the president will not be at the mercy of the few members calling themselves independents, one of whom is a Socialist. There will be Republican members anxious to climb on the band wagon of progressive legislation. When the president goes to congress with a measure clearly in the interests of the country he will be all the stronger, because his appeal will be to the conscience and the intelligence of the members rather than to threats of party discipline and promises of party pay.

There will be a certain danger of log-rolling in the matter of public appropriations, because Republicans, as well as Democrats, will want to get their share out of the "pork barrel." We had trouble of that kind in Upper Canada when our parliament was allowed to vote money on its own initiative instead of only voting it as now upon the recommendation, and advice of the governor. But an extra public building here or there will not bankrupt the United States, and if more localities are recognized perhaps not so much for each place will be appropriated.

The important thing is that no political party has a majority in the next house of representatives. If the president wishes legislation he must convince congress and the people that it is legislation which ought to be passed in the public interests. Now and then the two political parties may come to a deadlock, in which event the four independent members will decide. But we venture to think that on most roll calls party lines will be largely obliterated, and that we will have the unique spectacle of a legislative assembly in a time of profound peace concerning itself mainly about the needs of the country and relegating party politics to second place.

The experiment will be watched with no little interest in Canada, for it is more than likely in the next house of commons the independents will hold the balance of power.

Erect Large Departmental Store on "Mystery" Block

Application yesterday by H. H. Williams to the city to allow the closing of Buchanan street between Yonge and Teraulay streets, gives partial explanation to the "mystery" block bounded by Yonge, College, Teraulay and Hayter streets. On the site is to be erected an eight storey departmental store, but the men behind the project are still unknown. Eaton's are mentioned as the principals, also the Scroggie concern of Montreal. A special meeting of the works committee will be held this morning to consider the proposal.

In return for closing Buchanan street, Toronto is offered a 20 foot strip on Hayter, Yonge and College, for the widening of these streets. On the other side of Yonge street it is proposed to round off the northeast corner of Carlton and Yonge streets.

Excursion to Buffalo \$2.70 Return

Saturday, Nov. 18, via Canadian Pacific, Under the Auspices of the Tecumseh Athletic Club.

This is an excellent opportunity for a week-end outing. Tickets are good going via fast express, leaving Toronto at 9.30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and valid for return all trains up to and including Monday, Nov. 20, 1916. Full particulars from Canadian Pacific ticket agents, or W. B. Howard, district passenger agent, Toronto.

SECRETARY RESIGNS.

Rev. R. J. D. Simpson has resigned as secretary of the Toronto Ministerial Association, owing to pressure of congregational work.

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Dominion Government Likely to Act on Commission's Recommendation.

AGREEMENT PREPARING

Company's Engineer and Hydro Officials Work Toward Understanding.

Hon. I. B. Lucas said yesterday that he had no doubt that the Dominion Government would act upon the recommendation made by the Hydro Commission and the provincial government as to limiting the export of power by the Canadian Niagara Co. But he pointed out that this was as far as the authorities at Ottawa could go, and it did not mean that the commission would get the 50,000 horsepower at \$12 a horsepower.

DEFENDANT MUST PAY FOR DELAYED CONTRACT

Cold Weather Came Before Window Sash Was Completed and Damage Followed.

Mr. Justice Clute, at Osgoode Hall yesterday, gave judgment for \$905.78 in favor of Norcross, Limited, against Henry Hope & Sons of Canada, upon a contract for steel window sash for the Central Toronto Technical High School. The defendant company contracted to supply window sash in 1914 for the technical high school, but did not fulfil its contract in time to close in the building before cold weather arrived in 1914 thereby causing delay and loss to the plaintiff.

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ONTARIO LICENSE BOARD TESTS BEER SOLD IN BARS

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The Ontario License Board has received 12 or 15 tests of beer sold at bars in the province, and so far, except in one instance, they proved to be below the 1 1/2 per cent. alcohol permitted in the act. Some ran as low as .98 per cent, while one reached as high as 4.48 per cent.

AN ATTRACTIVE EXHIBIT.

With the opening of the hunting season, Nov. 1st, the Grand Trunk Railway System installed in one of the windows of their ticket office, corner King and Yonge streets, a very attractive exhibit of trophies of the hunt. The display consists of mounted heads of moose, deer, elk, bear, caribou and mountain sheep, procured in the territories served by the Grand Trunk. This display, however, is of particular interest to hunters of deer and moose who annually visit the "Trophyland" of Ontario, where they abound, including "Muskoka Lakes," "Lake of Bays District," "Magnetawan River," "Lake Nipissing," "Kawartha," "Timagami," and districts contiguous to Algonquin Park. Information regarding open seasons in different districts, railway fares, etc., may be had on application to Mr. W. J. Moffatt, city passenger agent.

CITY HALL NOTES

Mayor Church has asked Crown Attorney Corley and Mr. Hughes to take action against the persons responsible for allowing 110 cars of potatoes to lie in the Toronto yards pending a boost in price. Five cars only, he says, were used yesterday, and he informs the crown officials that it is direct evidence of a restraint of trade.

Dr. McCullough, chief health officer for Ontario, has called a conference between the local board of health and the board of education, to see if some arrangement cannot be made to prevent overlapping in school medical inspections.

The number of voters in Toronto has increased by over 3000 since last Jan. 1. According to the assistant city clerk's figures, issued yesterday, ward three is the only one which has shown a slight decrease in the number of voters.

When the Power Union of Ontario Municipalities meet in Toronto next Tuesday, it will discuss the proposal to prohibit the export of power during the war.

Mayor Church says the board of control is going to take up the question of overcrowding in street cars and present another case to the Ontario Railway Board.

Before Official Arbitrator Drayton, P. H. Woods is asking \$48,000 for two pieces of property at the corner of Albert and Elizabeth streets, taken by the city when the new registry office site was laid out.

Dr. Hastings has written to the Toronto Railway Co., asking that steps be taken immediately to heat the cars during the cold weather.

Ald. McBride is getting after the Toronto Hydro Commission for its failure to present its report on the installation of The Telegram transmitter, ordered last year by the city council. At the board of control meeting today he will put in a letter of enquiry, asking why the report was never made, and asking for immediate information.

NO RELIEF FROM POWER FAMINE

Only When Days Begin to Lengthen Will Strain Reduce.

HYDRO PEAK CLIMBS

Commission Could Use Additional Five Thousand Horse Power.

The hydro's "peak" load is still climbing rapidly, and gives every indication of going on doing so indefinitely. If they had it the commission could use an additional 5000 horsepower immediately. The 10,000 h.p. supplied on Monday of last week was used up in two days. The commission has been forced to cut off power at the "peak" from contract customers, for pumps, etc.

The "peak" load is the maximum consumption of power and occurs between the time when lights are put on and motor power taken off, i.e., from dusk until six o'clock. Some customers get their power at reduced rates on condition that they do not use their machines at this time. The commission has now 135,000 h.p. available. There is no prospect of relief from the power famine until the days begin to lengthen, and until conclusions are reached with the Canadian Niagara Power Company, which it is reported has advised its American customers that they must expect a cut in their supply of power as the Provincial Hydro Commission had requested 15,000 h.p.

HIS NAME OMITTED.

Through an unfortunate error, the name of Mr. John Aird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was omitted from the list of the members of the executive committee of the British Sailors Relief Fund. The omission is particularly regrettable as both Mr. Aird and the Canadian Bank of Commerce have always been in the front-rank of patriotic work of every description.

HYDRO RADIAL MEN CALL A MEETING

Commission and Representatives of Municipalities Will Meet Here.

SIR ADAM TO SPEAK

Will Discuss the Problems of Radial and Power Supply.

T. J. Hannigan, president of the Hydro Radial Union, was in Toronto yesterday arranging for a meeting of the union which will be held, he said, in the council chamber of the city hall at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday next.

REV. C. O. JOHNSTON'S FUNERAL SERVICE HELD

Interred at Bolton After a Service at Queen Street Methodist Church.

Rev. C. O. Johnston, a former pastor of Queen Street Methodist Church, who died on Saturday, was buried yesterday in the family plot at Bolton. The body was taken to Queen Street Methodist Church, where a public service was held. Ministers present were: Rev. Drs. Chown, Cleaver, Hince, and Trevelyan, and the Revs. H. D.

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SOLDIERS PAY NO TAX.

An order-in-council has been passed providing that persons in uniform who have enlisted for overseas service may be admitted to places of amusement without payment of the war tax. This will become effective on the 15th of November.

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