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PROMISE TO CONSERVE SUGAR

CONSUMERS OF CONFEC-TIONERY, ICE CREAM AND FRUIT JUICES PLEDGED

Feb. 12.—Representative wholesalers and retailers of the Province of Ontario have pledged themselves to make every effort to conserve sugar in their business. A statement to this effect was made at a meeting of the Ontario Association of Wholesalers and Retailers, held at the Hotel Hamilton on Wednesday evening. The association's members are the largest and most influential of the province's confectionery, ice cream and fruit juice manufacturers. They also state that they will utilize corn syrup and other substitutes for cane sugar to the greatest degree possible. It is estimated that the products which require an average of one pound of sugar per pound of finished product will be conserved to the extent of 100,000,000 pounds of sugar.

Will Co-operate

The manufacturers call attention to the fact that the new crops of Cuban and West Indian sugar, and existing supplies, are insufficient to meet the consumption of sugar among the European allies in this large island shipping situation. They estimate that 15,000,000 bushels are required in the manufacture of the products, while 21,000,000 are actually engaged and as many more are actually engaged in the purchase of such products. Nevertheless, wherever necessary, the food controller will co-operate in the fullest degree possible to make them effective.

REV. MITCHELL ACCEPTS CALL

Will Leave Belleville For Rothsay and Cotswold Charge

At the meeting of the Presbytery of John St. Church today the Rev. G. C. Mitchell at Rothsay accepted the call to Rothsay and Cotswold in the Presbytery of Sauguenay and will be released after next Sabbath, Feb. 17th, 1918. Rev. P. W. Currie, M.A. of Foxboro was appointed interim moderator of Rothsay to declare, the pulpits vacant at once and moderate in a case when the people are prepared.

ENTERTAINMENT WAS A SUCCESS

The entertainment given at the Y.M.C.A. Monday night by Miss Tuttle's dramatic class for the Comfort Club proved a great success as all that Miss Tuttle offers is sure to accomplish. Following is the cast of the play:

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| Anita | Jean McIntosh |
| Mrs. Deacon Peppin | Ethel Cranston |
| Luella Ann Peppin | Mae Farrell |
| Dorothy Peppin | Muriel Stewart |
| Aunt Matilda | Ida Worrell |
| Glover Wells | Eileen Scantlebury |
| Ethel Manning | Gertrude Staples |
| Kate Fortescue | Annie Main |
| Nan Fortescue | Madeline Young |
| Mary Hyde | Isabel Adams |
| Helen Jay | Amelia Lester |
- Finale solo—Winifred Pearce
Song—Vera Caldwell
Finale solo—Louise Osborne
Song—Anita Bates

His Honor Judge Dorocho put in all day Tuesday hearing evidence in the case of Carlaw vs. Gay, and after six o'clock adjourned till Saturday, the 16th of February to finish. Figures were poured out in confusing abundance as six pages of accounts and dozens of promissory notes and checks were presented for the consideration of the court. The evidence was conflicting and the Judge directed the parties to be prepared to assist him by a full argument. W. C. Mikel, K.C. for plaintiff; E. Guss Porter, K.C. for defendant.

Austria Does Not Want to Fight Briain and U.S.

Possibility of Peace Between Austria and Entente Allies—Curzon Says Most Serious Period of War is Approaching—Rumania Disdains Huns' 24 Hours Ultimatum to Conclude Immediate Peace—Confidence in Ultimate Victory of Allies—Premier Orlando Says War Situation is Improving—Report on Inter-Allied Finance Commission.

SUCCESSFUL PATROL ENGAGEMENTS AT LENS

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The war office reports further successful raids and patrol operations by British troops southeast of Hargicourt and southeast of Lens.

POSSIBILITY OF PEACE WITH AUSTRIA, SAYS NEWS

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The London Daily News declares that facts are known which bring the possibility of a separate peace between Austria and the Entente Allies much nearer. Great reluctance it says is manifested in Austria toward the prospect of fighting British and American troops on the western front.

DEMOLISHED ENEMY SHELTERS

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The French war office announces that in the course of three successful raids early this morning, the French forces advanced as far as the fourth German line between La Fette and Marewoods in the Wierre and demolished all the enemy shelters and gun displacements and secured most valuable information.

SWISS FEAR HUN INVASION

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Zurich despatch says Germans are massing troops on Swiss frontier for an attack against the French right bank. The Swiss fear invasion, the Germans openly boasting they could smash the Swiss army in 48 hours.

HERTLING TO ANSWER WILSON

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13.—A Berlin despatch says Chancellor von Hertling will answer President Wilson's message in the Reichstag next Tuesday.

INTERALLIED FINANCE COMMISSION

PARIS, Feb. 13.—Finance Minister Klots submitted to the cabinet at a meeting yesterday a report of the interallied finance commission held in London last week, which he says was highly satisfactory.

BRITISH AVIATORS BOMB OFFENBURG

LONDON, Feb. 13.—An official statement issued today says British airplanes carried out a raid into Germany and bombed Offenburg in Baden, but that details have not been received yet.

WAR SITUATION IMPROVING SAYS ORLANDO

ROME, Feb. 13.—Premier Orlando declared at the opening of parliament today amid enthusiastic applause that the war situation was growing better, due to help from the United States replacing Russia. He reviewed the Versailles conference and said that the continuation of the war was for Italy no longer a matter of choice but one of necessity.

RUMANIA DISDAINS HUN ULTIMATUM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A cable received by the Rumanian minister here today says Rumania has disdainfully ignored Germany's twenty-four hour ultimatum to conclude immediate peace and will survive or perish with the Allied cause.

CURZON CONFIDENT OF ULTIMATE VICTORY

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Lord Curzon, government leader in the House of Lords declared in a debate in that house today that the recent speeches of Count Von Hertling and Count Czernin were made in collusion with the object of driving a wedge between the Allies rather than of securing peace. Lord Curzon expressed the belief that the most critical period of the war was ahead of the country, but said he was confident of ultimate victory.

MANITOBA TO ELIMINATE PATRONAGE

WINNIPEG, Feb. 13.—The Legislature last night approved the creation of a department to purchase government supplies thus eliminating patronage in connection with Government contracts.

LIBEL SUIT GOES ON

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 12.—Circuit Judge Willis B. Perkins today denied a motion of The Chicago Tribune to dismiss the \$1,000,000 libel suit brought against the newspaper by Henry Ford of Detroit. Judge Perkins held that the suit was properly instituted in Grand Rapids. Ford began suit after The Tribune published an article discussing Ford's peace motives. The case involves incidents which took place before the United States declared war on Germany.

BRAZEN PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE WAR FLOODS CANADA

German Financed Issuer of Books Is Stopped By Press Censor

ATTACKS CHURCHES

Publications are issued by the International Bible Students Association.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—It has been reported that a German-financed publisher, under the name of the International Bible Students Association, has been publishing in the Dominion a book which appears to have been written by Col. Ernest Chambers, chief press censor for Canada.

Some time ago Col. Chambers became aware that articles appearing in The Bible Students Monthly, a newspaper published by the International Bible Students Association in the City of Brooklyn, and largely circulated in Canada, took a decidedly anti-war attitude and it was decided that the publication would bear watching. This vigilance was speedily rewarded, for shortly afterwards the Bible Students Monthly launched upon a violent anti-church, anti-government and anti-war propaganda. The publication had printed articles condemning the war, articles with a consistent lack of discrimination in attacking blame for the conflict, and this anti-war outbreak synchronized with a sudden stop by the food controller with copies of nearly every issue.

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Other Books Followed

"The Bible Students Monthly" was followed by the free distribution of an expensive book entitled "Studies in the Scriptures—the Finished Mystery," published also by the International Bible Students Association, Brooklyn, and which, under a camouflage of scriptural interpretation, constituted a most brazen piece of anti-church, anti-government and anti-war propaganda.

Next in order came distribution of a book with the imposing title of "Nature Suffrage." This publication alleged to have been published by the "American Association for the Taxation of Church Property," proved to be an extreme anarchistic anti-British and anti-war publication.

Col. Chambers, once satisfied of the undoubted character of these leaflets and books, took prompt action to stifle the propaganda in its inception, and acting under his advice, Hon. Martin Burrell, secretary of state, issued warrants under the press censorship regulations forbidding the possession in Canada, under heavy penalty, of any of the publications concerned.

At the same time steps were taken to prohibit the sale or possession in Canada of a number of other books alleged to deal with conditions in India and so forth.

The tone of the so-called Bible literature barred by Col. Chambers was strictly in line with much of the pacifist and anti-war propaganda which the Germans have systematically endeavored to carry on in other allied countries for the purpose of undermining war effort—the kind of campaign that Bolo, now on trial in Paris, is alleged to have received millions of German money for.

BIRTH

HAGEN — Born February 9th a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hagen, at Kitchener. Mrs. Hagen was Miss Ethel Hough, of Holloway.

Wednesdays and Fridays Beefless and Porkless

Food Controller's Regulation Amended and Restriction on Bacon is Extended to Pork

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The food controller's regulations in respect to the serving of beef and bacon in public eating places have been amended, making Wednesday and Friday of each week Canada's beefless and porkless days, instead of Tuesday and Friday as heretofore. The change is effective on and after tomorrow, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten period. The new regulations extend their restrictions on the use of bacon to pork of all kinds, so that tomorrow (Wednesday) will be the first beefless and porkless Wednesday throughout the Dominion. Under the amended regulations beef must not be served at more than one meal on any day, while its use on Wednesdays and Fridays is absolutely prohibited. Similarly, pork must not be served at more than one meal on any day, and on Wednesdays and Fridays must not be served at any time.

Enemy to Attack British in March, Prisoner Claims

One Offensive Timed for Next Month — Nature Unknown — To Rush Up Troops — Abnormal Train Movements Observed Behind German Front.

British Army Headquarters in France, Feb. 12.—Some time in March has been set by the Germans for at least one offensive operation on the British front, according to a German prisoner who has just been taken. This captive did not know whether general offensive operations were intended at that time. The statement of the prisoner is not surprising in view of the intensive preparations that are being made by the enemy all along the front and the remarkably fine drying weather which now has continued for many days. Abnormal train movements have been observed for some time back of the German line, and new troops and guns keep making their appearance at various points. Great numbers of German soldiers constantly are being drilled in making attacks, and the artillerymen are also being given special training. Trench raids and aerial scouting for the purpose of obtaining information continue to be the order of the day by both armies, who know that the events will happen in the near future.

Wheat Prohibited As Cattle Food

No Grain or Meal When Not for Animals Intended for Immediate Slaughter — Exchanges Approved — Conferences Between Representatives of Live Stock Bodies and Department.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The question of conserving feed at stock yards was considered at today's conference of the representatives of union stock yards, like stock exchanges and provincial departments of agriculture. After full discussion it was resolved that "On suggestion of the food controller and as a war measure only the use of wheat be forbidden as a feed in all stock yards. That use of grain or meal of any kind be forbidden for feed for cattle and sheep for feeding purposes or when cattle are not intended for immediate slaughter. That an appeal be made to live stock exchanges and drovers regarding the conservation of feed in yards. That the matter of feeding whole grain or ground chop be left to the decision of each market."

Thousand Ford Tractors Bought by Government

Option Secured on Another Thousand, Which Will Be Sold to Canadian Farmers for Cash at Cost Plus the Freight.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The government has purchased a thousand Ford tractors at cost. They will be sold to Canadian farmers also at cost plus freight. Details of freight costs have not yet been worked out, but it is estimated that the average cost to the farmer, including freight, will be about eight hundred dollars. In addition the government has secured options on another thousand of the tractors.

The Ford factories are now engaged on an order for some thousands of the new tractors for the British Government, when that order is completed—probably by the end of March—delivery in Canada will begin.

Purchases were completed for Canada after tests made of the tractor by Hon. C. A. Dunning of Regina and J. D. McGregor, of Winnipeg, representing the minister of agriculture. Both Mr. Dunning and Mr. McGregor express themselves as fully satisfied with the work of the tractor and are convinced of its practicability. The tractor burns either kerosene or gasoline. It is designed as a two-plow machine. A fuel consumption of two and one-half gallons of kerosene per acre is regarded as a fair average. It is claimed for the tractor that it can plow an average of eight acres in ten hours. The plowing speed is given as 2 1/2 miles per hour.

FARMER BURNS BARN FOR FUEL

SCHOOLS LIKELY TO CLOSE—MILITIA GIVEN ORDERS TO CURTAIL FUEL

Kingston, Feb. 13.—Mayor Hughes and Fuel Controller Nicks are conferring with the Board of Education relative to the closing of the schools to help out the fuel situation. The schools have on hand 40 tons of hard coal and 135 tons of soft.

The fuel controller has filled 400 orders for coal in quarter and half ton lots and the supply is now fast and not likely to last many more days. There are several cars of coal on the way, but they are being held up by stormy weather. Saturday many pitiable cases came before the fuel controller. To several homes children were put to bed to keep warm. One farmer said he had burned one of his barns for fuel. The different militia units are using an enormous amount of fuel and have been given strict orders to curtail their supply.

KILLS HIMSELF IN THE CELL

Death by strangulation

Toronto.—"Death by strangulation" was the verdict returned at the inquest held in the jail yesterday over the body of Edward J. Polesing, who hanged himself on Sunday night. Corporal Hopkins conducted the inquest. Polesing, who was 35 years of age, was an Italian-born son of German parents. He was arrested by Detective Hunter on suspicion of passing a worthless check for \$500 and was held in the jail. He was found hanging from a beam in his cell on Sunday night. The police have no evidence in this case.

POPULARIZING HORSEFLESH

OREGONIAN KILLS YOUNG STOCK AND SELLS AT A LOW FIGURE

There is a shop in Portland, Oregon, devoted exclusively to the sale of this meat, and the proprietor reports that his business has steadily increased since its establishment about a year ago. His trade is made up very largely of people of foreign birth who have seen and eaten this meat before, but the number of Americans patronizing this shop is increasing. The supply is composed almost altogether of two and three-year old horses or ponies, which are supplied very largely by the Indians of the Warm Springs and Umatilla Reservations. About ten each week are required, and the general procedure is to buy them up in carload lots, ship them to Portland, and kill them as needed. Most of these ponies average around 700-750 pounds and will dress about 55 per cent. The ponies are purchased by the head, as the market has not been developed on a weigh basis. Prevailing prices last week will help show why the popularity of the meat is increasing:—
Steak, round, porterhouse or sirloin, per lb. 12 1/2c
Pot roast, per lb. 10c
Flank, per lb. 7c
Rib stew, per lb. 8c
Soup bone, per lb. 10c
Bologna 12 1/2c

—Lt. Col. W. M. Ponton, secretary of the Board of Trade, is putting out daily bulletins in the nature of S. O. S. ("Save or Starve") calls to the public to practice economy. These bulletins are put in front of the office of Messrs. Northrup and Ponton on Bridge Street. The posters used are all official, some being from the British and some from the Canadian viewpoint, all with the one idea of "save."