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SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL

The Social Service Council of New Brunswick yesterday placed itself on record in regard to a number of matters of great importance. First came child-welfare, including care of infants, defectives and delinquents. Not only will the council deal with this subject as it relates to New Brunswick, but it urges a federal child-welfare bureau, and that one week in May be known and observed throughout Canada as Children's Week.

The council also urges that the order-in-council relating to prohibition be made law until such time as a referendum is taken, and that this be not taken until the soldiers have returned and have been absorbed again into the economic life of the country. That is a fair proposition. Dr. Shearer is convinced from intelligence received from Washington that by the first of February more than the necessary thirty-six American states will have voted for the constitutional amendment calling for national prohibition in the United States, and with this example before it, the parliament of Canada could hardly do other than accede to the request of the temperance forces of Canada.

The council also pledges its support in the enforcement of the prohibition law in New Brunswick, and its approval and appreciation of the work done by the chief inspector, Rev. W. D. Wilson. Mothers' pensions is another matter on which the council desires legislative action, and which it will bring before the government and legislature of the province. A motion was adopted expressing pleasure that the principle of woman suffrage had been endorsed by the legislature, and urging that an act conferring the franchise on women be passed before the next general election.

Nothing could be more imprudent and mischievous than to permit children to coast on all the hills of the city. Not only would the lives of pedestrians be endangered, but on hills that are crossed by car-tracks or where there is a good deal of automobile traffic the lives of the children would be endangered. The police should be as tolerant as possible in regard to safe and quiet streets, but it is said to have been necessary to seize sleds in a few cases where boys openly disregarded the police and went coasting on hills where there was danger from street cars or danger to pedestrians.

If Dr. Liebknecht does not bring about a revolt in Berlin he will be a much disappointed man. The tenor of the despatches would indicate, however, that he still represents a noisy minority. The Bolsheviki element is with him to a man. The Ebert government, however, still controls the situation and is planning a New Year celebration of the revolution which overthrew the Kaiser and his following. In the meantime we are given a picture of the ex-Kaiser as an abject figure going about in constant dread of bomb-throwers, at his place of refuge in Holland, and surrounded always by detectives.

Hon. J. A. Calder, who is in the city today, is optimistic in regard to the re-absorption of the returning soldiers into economic life in Canada. Land settlement plans are being perfected, and the minister points out that there is a great demand for men for some industries, while positions are being kept open for very many men by their former employers. The problem in the maritime provinces is likely to be less serious than in some other parts of Canada.

A curious situation has developed in Saskatchewan, where Hon. W. R. Mottswell has resigned from the provincial cabinet because Premier Martin would not denounce the union government at Ottawa. This is mixing provincial and federal politics with a vengeance. What has union government at Ottawa got to do with the administration of provincial affairs in Saskatchewan?

Touching the story of the appearance of angels at the first battle of Mons, a writer in the Toronto Star says:—"If the report was true it is unfortunate that the angels on white horses, did not come in such great numbers as to overwhelm the German army, destroying the Huns by the tens of thousands instead of by thousands, and thus ending the war shortly after it began."

The complacency with which witnesses tell that \$61,500 and its distribution would seem to suggest that they regard their connection with the transaction as a most meritorious performance. There is the more reason those of them who are members of the legislature should get out.

The Standard today tries to squirm out of the hole it got into in regard to the Campbells finances and the Foster government, but it does not print the letter it received from the mayor of Campbellton. That letter convicts the Standard, and is therefore suppressed.

The Standard does not want any invalid soldiers landed at St. John. That is an amazing attitude for a St. John newspaper. There is ample accommodation here and no reason whatever for taking to another port men who could be comfortably landed and forwarded from St. John.

The employees of Swift Canadian Co., Ltd., announce a special payment of ten per cent of their salary to employees for six months. If they will now hand down a reduction in price of their products to consumers everybody will be happy.

The Allied fleet in the Black Sea is gradually clearing the Russian ports of German trouble-makers who have been playing the game of the Bolsheviki.

Belgium wants a slice of Holland. This matter of the new national boundaries will give the peace conference a great deal of trouble.

Tomorrow is election day in the United Kingdom. The union government will probably be sustained.

President Wilson has arrived in France, where a great welcome awaits him.

DR. CHOWN FOR OVERSEAS Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, was to leave Toronto yesterday for overseas to assist the soldiers who are probationers for the ministry belonging to the Methodist Church, to relate themselves to their work on this side of the water. There are about 350 probationers overseas.

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British Elections To Take Place Tomorrow LITTLE PUBLIC INTEREST

Lloyd George Expected to Win—Already Has 70 Seats by Acclamation—Conscription Prominent Issue at the Eleventh Hour

London, Dec. 13—British voters will go to the polls on Saturday under circumstances wholly novel. All the balloting will be done in one day, instead of there being elections in various districts spread over weeks. The votes will not be counted for a fortnight, so that the ballots of soldiers abroad may be received and opened with the others.

Among political leaders the return of Mr. Lloyd George's coalition government to power is unquestioned, although it may command only a minority of candidates on account of the number of districts on nominating days. Seventy of them were coalitionists.

There are 600 contested seats, with 1,518 candidates running for them. In 519 of these districts each has a candidate pledged to support Lloyd George's government through thick or thin if elected. Of them 388 are Conservatives, 118 Liberals and forty-two of various parties.

Of the 1,005 running outside the coalition, 271 are Asquith Liberals, thirty-nine Conservatives and 876 Laborites. The remainder, running on sixteen different platforms, include seventy-eight Sinn Feiners, fifty-nine Nationalists and various Socialist groups, the federation of soldiers and agricultural, women and sea-men's factions.

Premier Lloyd George's programme for domestic reform has met with no opposition, only criticism on the ground of vagueness and questioning where the money is to come from for the projects of housing for the working men and land for the discharged soldiers.

Former Premier Asquith's Liberal supporters have attacked the premier's cause many of the old-time Liberal members, who refused to give their pledged support to the premier, were "frozen out" and their seats allotted to Conservatives by the coalition. Afterwards the opposition criticized the premier's policy looking to the punishment of the former coalition members and expelling them from Germany and expelling them from the coalition.

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