

WITH THE GREAT WAR VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column if Phoned or Sent In.

G.W.V.A. OFFICERS ATTACKED BY FLYNN

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there Saturday. He said the impression they had obtained from the press was not quite as it should have been. "They came unannounced and distorted the facts as to create a wrong impression in your minds." He got into touch with Sir Robert Borden on the telephone the prime minister saying he had got out of bed to answer the call and that his physician did not allow him to speak. With reference to a conference Sir Robert said he would confer with his physician and they would know what arrangements were made. In the meantime the deputation saw a number of members of parliament who, said Mr. Flynn, were satisfied that the men were entitled to the \$2,000, but the government could not afford it. (Laughter.) "We made them admit their jobs in Ottawa were going to depend on the returned men," declared the speaker.

Continuing, Mr. Flynn told how Sir Robert Borden had, thru his secretary, arranged an interview with the speaker and Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting premier, and members of the cabinet. "We told them we favored the G.W.V.A. resolution," declared the speaker. "We also demanded the only fair way to the men who fought to keep them in the jobs in Ottawa was that the question of gratuity should be fought out on the floor of the house. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Doherty, with crocodile tears in his eyes, told us we regretted very much that Sir Robert Borden, himself, and members of the cabinet had taken the matter of gratuity into consideration, and examined it from every side, and that the government could not afford to grant the \$2,000. I thanked God right there in that council room that we were not under an absolute monarchy, but had a parliamentary form of government. In spite of the impression conveyed by the newspapers the question of gratuity is not dropped, we are just at the beginning of the fight. The fight is now on and we are going to enter into it with all the might of the returned men behind us, and we are going to show that the returned men have the power. (Cheers.) In Ottawa today the members of parliament and these members of the cabinet are afraid of you, and I can tell you that the question was fought out that you could be suppressed."

Mr. Flynn then went on to criticize G. W. V. A. officials, and in particular referred to newspaper interviews with C. G. McNeil, secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, in which, said Mr. Flynn, that official made it known to the members of the returned men throughout the country had come to the conclusion that the government had already been very generous that they were to receive that generous treatment. "Oh, Oh!" but that there were a few things in the soldiers' minds which should be straightened out. They tell you they are going to fight for the bill before parliament and for a parliamentary resolution. "Oh, Oh!" but Mr. Flynn, who asked what the bill dealt with, and replied: "First, with hospitals, second, with government wood lot lands, and third, eyes—laughter—third, with medical treatment of returned men. It does not deal with the question of gratuity. It deals primarily with soldiers' re-establishment. It is a big bluff to hold you over with a parliamentary commission and with this bill, until the whole thing is settled upon and the government put into power again. And then they will turn round and say, 'The honored fools, we've fooled them again.'"

"We must stop right here or go ahead," proceeded Mr. Flynn. (Cries of "Well go ahead.") The G.W.V.A. appointed officials whom they thought would be true to them, and these officials have betrayed them into the hands of the politicians. I wish to make known this fact, having obtained information at Ottawa, that six field secretaries of the G.W.V.A. are receiving \$3,600 a year each from the government. (Loud boos.) Is any government going to pay six men of an organization \$3,600 a year each, organization to fight against them? ("No, no"). Isn't that alone—six field secretaries who are appointed by the government—sufficient proof that the government wants to have that organization in its grasp, where they can deal with you as they see to better their own ends and don't care about you?" Mr. Flynn told of a long interview with Col. John A. Currie, M.P., who had promised to bring the matter up in parliament.

Mr. Flynn stated that within the next 24 or 48 hours he might call a meeting in Ottawa where he would discuss ways and means to form one great league of returned men. If he could get away on Saturday he was going to Ottawa to address a big meeting in front of the parliament building.

After Mr. Flynn finished, W. E. Turley, provincial secretary of the G. W. V. A., whose attitude on the gratuity question has been much criticized, attempted to address the crowd, but had a hostile reception. "Ladies, comrades and gentlemen," was all the length he got, there being a veritable storm of boos.

There was no chance of him getting a hearing and Mr. Flynn remarked to the crowd: "I am afraid we will have to disappoint Mr. Turley and ask him to call another meeting. The provincial secretary of the G.W.V.A. then got into an argument with Mr. Flynn, saying the latter was making an effort to get the crowd to hear him. Mr. Flynn said his undertaking was to allow Mr. Turley an opportunity to speak if the crowd would listen to him. The audience greeted this with the shout that they didn't want to hear him, and Mr. Turley left the bandstand amid jeering from the crowd.

He was accompanied by J. V. Conroy, district command G.W.V.A., and Al. Honeyford, who continues his campaign on behalf of Pape Avenue district. Mr. R. J. Fleming, general manager of the Toronto Street Railway, in an interview stated, regarding the construction of the Pape Avenue line, "It is not an effort on our part to evade the contract so far as we believe some other part of the city needs the rails more."

As to the question of going ahead with the reconstruction of the Pape Avenue line, Mr. R. J. Fleming said that was a matter for the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. "They will deal with the matter," he said. They had not the money to pay for rails for the Pape Avenue line and those for necessary repair work as well. "I take blood out of a stone," he declared.

Asked if the board decided that the repair work should be done how much would the company be able to do this year, he replied, "about four or five miles."

INTERNATIONAL ACCIDENT BOARDS MEET TODAY

A convention of unusual interest is to be held at the King Edward Hotel September 23, 24, 25 and 26. It is the sixth annual convention of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions. Visiting the convention in Madison, Wisconsin, a young man, George Kinross, commissioner of the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Board, was elected president of the convention. The convention opens with an address by Dr. Royal Meeker of Washington, D.C., who is director of the bureau of labor statistics, and secretary of the association, on the subject "Minimum Requirements in Workmen's Compensation Legislation."

The premier, Sir William Hearst, will extend a welcome to the visiting delegates on Tuesday evening, and the response was to have been given by John Mitchell, late chairman of the New York board, who died suddenly only last week.

Wednesday afternoon and evening sessions are to be devoted to medical problems and a cordial invitation is extended to all physicians and surgeons to attend these sessions.

On Thursday, after visiting the General Hospital and the Dominion Orthopaedic Hospital on Christie street, the forenoon, the visitors are to be driven by motor to the Scarborough Golf Club, where the business and social sessions will be held at luncheon by the city and the afternoon session will be held at the club. In the evening a banquet will be held at the King Edward Hotel. Mr. G. E. Robertson, minister of labor, Hon. Gideon Robertson, will be the principal speaker.

RETURNED OFFICER CALLS IT "ROTTEN"

Lieut. F. C. Mills of the 4th Battalion, formerly a teacher at Upper Canada College, who has returned from overseas, yesterday made charges of patronage in the appointments of officers. He characterized the whole system, especially the Forestry Corps, as "rotten and rotten." Lieut. Mills did considerable recruiting work in connection with the 220th Battalion, which never became strong enough to go overseas. Wanting to reach the front, the officer obtained a commission in the Forestry Corps, which he did, and proceeded to England. In England he was told that he did not have the technical qualifications to be a company commander, and the officer was put in charge.

Determined to reach the front, he reverted from the rank of captain to that of a lieutenant, and for the privilege, had his pay dated back five months. "I paid \$250 to give up my rank and go to the western front to get killed, while many officers who would not revert, but returned to Canada, held down soft jobs here. I'm not the only officer who became a returned officer was put in charge."

More soldiers return from overseas. About 291 soldiers and dependents from the Saturday and Cedric arrived from the Dominion Station yesterday morning. One hundred and twenty-seven of them were for the west, seven for eastern points and 169 for Toronto. Amongst those arriving was Pte. L. McCullough of the 2nd motor transport who told of the birth of a baby on the ship he returned by, the child's father was the captain of the motor transport who are now in Halifax, had the child christened "Cedric" after the name of the boat. The captain stood as godfather and gave his godchild a present of \$50, whilst the passengers subscribed a sum of \$95 as a birthday gift to the child.

Another interesting arrival was Pte. Ernest Tombs, 122 Belmont street, who was away five years ago when only sixteen years of age. He brings home with him a wife and two children—one a wee daughter Margaret, and a four-year-old boy named Donald, the son of an imperial soldier killed in action, and whom Pte. Tombs has been wounded twice during the war.

EXCUSE FOR NOT LAYING PAPE LINE

Acting-Mayor Thinks There is Something Behind This Report.

The report of Engineer Middleton of the Ontario Railway Board, condemning 91 miles of Toronto Street Railway tracks, has occasioned a good deal of interest at the city hall. Controller Maguire, who was in charge at the city hall yesterday in the absence of Mayor Church, remarked: "The report is brought out as an excuse for the company not laying Pape Avenue line, but it only shows that they should do both—lay the new line and replace the dangerous old ones."

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TO THE VOTERS OF TORONTO AND YORK COUNTY

Extension of Time for Filing Appeals

APPEALS to add names to the Provincial Voters' Lists or otherwise to correct same, WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL THURSDAY, the 24th SEPTEMBER, 1919.

THE ONLY WAY TO BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST IS TO FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF. Copies of the printed voters' lists have been placed in the hands of the Clerk of each municipality, and with all candidates and organizations, or may be inspected at my office. So far as possible, information will be given to all persons who TELEPHONE MAIN 8.

Appeal forms will be mailed on application to the undersigned, or may be obtained from any of the municipal clerks, or from the various council rooms and organizations.

SITTINGS TO HEAR ALL APPEALS AND TO FINALLY RE-VERSE AND CLOSE THE LISTS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 27TH SEPTEMBER, AT 10 A.M. All sittings will be held in the City Hall, Toronto, except the sitting for NORTH YORK, which will be held in AURORA.

Appeals should be given or sent to the Clerk of the Voters' Registration Board, F. H. M. IRWIN, ROOM 107, in the CITY HALL, TORONTO.

NO APPEALS WILL BE RECEIVED AFTER THE 25TH DAY OF THIS MONTH, 1919.

EMERSON COATSWORTH Chairman of the Voters' Registration Board for the County of York. Dated at Room 107, City Hall, Toronto, this 12th September, 1919.

LET COURTS DECIDE RIGHTS OF POLICE

The traders are being pinched just as much as the consumers. It will be your duty to see that the law is enforced. For every dollar he borrows from the bank he pays seven per cent, as compared with six per cent, and three dollars is required now for every dollar previously required. If other efforts fail to remedy these conditions then the board will apply strong-arm methods.

This is an opportunity presented to this and other places. It can be accepted or rejected. It is impossible for the board to cover all parts of Canada. If the citizens of Canada wish press boiled down they will have to co-operate with the board of commerce. In addition to the appointment of a price committee I will hear direct complaints.

Regarding the allegation that he had promised to come to Hamilton two years ago, and then he had failed to do so, Mr. O'Connor said many things had been said in which he did not concur. He had nothing to apologize for.

"We sometimes act when we are in municipal politics as we would not act were we not in municipal politics," he said.

Many women were at the city hall this afternoon, not understanding that the afternoon's conference was private. Tomorrow Mr. O'Connor will conduct an enquiry at the city hall, morning, afternoon and evening, if the public shows sufficient interest and enthusiasm.

Lieut. W. J. Steffen Resigns; Guelph G.W.V.A. is Satisfied. Special to The Toronto World. Guelph, Ont., Sept. 15.—Lieut. W. J. Steffen, the man who was accused by the G. W. V. A. of this city of being an alien enemy and whose dismissal from the fire brigade they demanded has resigned his position and now everything is serene at the fire hall and the veterans are satisfied. The resignation was accepted by Chief Smith at once and Steffen was relieved from duty. He admits that he was born in Germany but came to Canada when only 18 months old.

