

TO MAKE GERMANY BUSINESS OUTLAW AFTER THE WAR

UNLESS GOVERNMENT BECOMES RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE

Action Proposed by Business Organization, Would Carry Weight

Washington, Jan. 14.—American business men are asked in a referendum submitted today by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to pass upon a proposed warning to German industrial leaders that they cannot hope to resume friendly commercial relations with the United States after the war unless the German Government has become a responsible instrument of the people.

It is proposed that the Germans be told that the United States, in common with other nations, supplied raw materials with which Germany made ready to start the world war, and that the lesson has been learned. Newspapers and business men of neutral countries will be relied upon to carry the message.

The referendum was suggested by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and is now laid before half a million business men through their commercial organizations.

"If the proposed action carries," says a statement from the Chamber's headquarters, "the industrial leaders of Germany, who, with the military party, constitute the most powerful caste in Germany, will be humbly told that Germany must choose a responsible government to conclude a just peace or suffer the

consequences of being outlawed after the war.

"She will be denied economic intercourse with her best customer—the United States. The message could not fail of its purpose if Germany cannot hope for years to come to re-establish satisfactory trade relations with Great Britain, Italy and France.

"No single action by the United States can be calculated to go further than this proposed action of America's business men. It is more potent in its authority, perhaps, than any similar warning coming from official sources. The difference lies in the fact that Germany might doubt whether Congress would sanction a treaty with the Allies for a trade boycott of Germany, or that the people would abide by such a treaty were it made. This, on the other hand, would be direct notice to German business men that the business men of America have taken a concerted stand to close trade to Germany as long as it remains an outlaw.

"The further fact should be borne in mind that the proposal to discriminate against German trade after the war is not at variance with the President's announced policy not to continue after the war policies which would engender hatred among the nations. On the contrary, it might be said to constitute the second great drive to compel responsible government in Germany, the first being directed to the constitutionalists within the empire."

DEVIL RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH CONVICTIONS

W. R. STEPHENSON TELLS THE COURT WHY HE WILL NOT FIGHT

Peterboro.—"I don't believe that God put such convictions into any man's heart," said Magistrate Dumble in this morning's police court after listening to the conscientious objections of William Robert Stephenson, who after being placed under arrest yesterday speed the magistrate on the charge that on Monday, January 14th, having been called out for active service by a proclamation of the Governor-General, he did without reasonable excuse fail to report for service as required by the Act.

Stephenson was refused exemption by a local tribunal and his appeal was dismissed by an appellate judge. "Do you admit you received notice to report at Kingston on that date?" asked Chief Thompson. The accused answered "yes" and added that he had sent the report and his reasons for not reporting to the Governor-General. He did not report at Kingston.

God-Given Convictions

"If you have any legitimate grounds to exempt you, I'll hear them," began the magistrate. "God-given convictions and those convictions cannot be disobeyed," answered Stephenson. "God's law comes first."

"Sometimes you make your own convictions to suit you," remarked the magistrate. "It is the duty of every citizen who wishes to inhabit this country to be loyal to the country."

Stephenson said he was an automobile mechanic and had worked for Robert Hicks, to which the mag-

istrate added that there was plenty of work for automobile men at the front. They might keep Stephenson busy at such work instead of sending him to the front line.

"Any religious persuasion," he was asked.

"Not at present," was the reply. When Stephenson repeated that God-given convictions were his grounds for not fighting the magistrate said: "I think it's the devil myself. I don't think God ever put such convictions into any decent man's mind."

"That doesn't move me in the least," said Stephenson. His Worship further opined that Stephenson had a misconception of God's laws. Sacrifice and patriotism he said is commended from one end of the Bible to the other, as in the case of Esther who was willing to sacrifice her life if necessary in an effort to save her people.

His Duty Done

"Every man who leads a pious and godly life is serving his country," asserted the accused.

"You say you don't belong to any sect."

"God is higher than sect."

"You talk about God as if you were His bosom friend."

"You could go as a stretcher-bearer to carry in the wounded."

"His spirit corresponds with mine. My God knows all things and when He commands it is not for me to question," said Stephenson.

Remanded to Jail

Sentence will not be imposed until the minister of justice has been communicated with as provided for under the Act. Stephenson was remanded to jail for one week.

MOTOR TRUCK ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Giant motor trucks moving in long trains across the continent is the military vision that will solve the railway congestion and army transportation problems. The first section of the experimental truck transport service has already left Detroit for the East. Besides their own weight, if the experiment succeeds, army truck trains will bear to the coast many hundreds of thousands of tons of supplies from inland storage points. Another urgent need the plan

will serve, says Quartermaster-General Sharpe, is that of providing opportunities to train transport drivers and officers. Bringing trucks from factory to seashore under the trying conditions of winter travel, reproducing actual conditions abroad, ought to make for effective drivers. There is no reason for the experiment to fail. All conditions favor success. The army needs truck transport drivers, supplies, machines. The roads are there in good condition or immediately repairable. Soon the military vision will become a reality. We will have national highways, fed by well kept tributaries. More roads will be built and kept in good repair. Road schedules will be mapped out. Congestion on railroads now loaded to capacity will be relieved. The army

will get its machines, supplies and drivers. Let us move on to the next problem. When will airplanes carry freight.—New York Globe and Commercial Advertiser.

RATE INCREASE OPPOSED BY LIVESTOCK MEN

PRESIDENT CREELEMAN PROPOSES CHINESE COOLIE LABOR

Grain Growers Meet

(By F. M. Chapman, Editor "Farmer's Magazine.")

Considerable agricultural discussion has been going on during the week. The Experimental Union at Guelph has talked over ways and means to increase production by such things as better varieties, better seed, better cultivation, and more certain information on the part of the farmer. The Prairie farmers began their series of annual grain growers' parliaments at Brandon. They want more production also, but lay great emphasis on just returns on that production remaining with the farmer. And then again the Eastern Livestock Union waxed indignant at a Toronto meeting over the proposed increase in freight rates, especially on livestock. An array of figures was presented to show that profits over operation costs of freight service were sufficient and that it was the passenger and not the livestock that was the handicap, such as a 15 per cent. increase in rates would impose on production, would be ill-advised at the present time. The National Livestock Record Board, with Wm. Smith, M.P., as chairman, also have taken vigorous action in the matter.

The examinations into costs of freight hauls as made by one of the livestock men, showed that livestock trains were more profitable to the railways than dead merchandise and that the rates now were vexatious enough in the development of inter-provincial trade and the encouragement of breeding and feeding interests in the Dominion.

Cheese Production

The dairymen of Eastern Ontario closed their session yesterday at Perth. The demands for increase in cheese prices were insistent, just as was noted would be the case in our report of December 22nd last, when it was said that cheese production was dwindling. This movement will continue from sheer force of economic laws unless something is done to check the drift. Commissioner Riddick, of the Dominion Department of Agriculture says that the production of cheese in Canada this year will total 35 to 40 millions more than 1914. The production in Canada this year, he says, will be practically the same as in 1916, while Frank Ferns in his annual report gives the decrease in cheese manufacture in Ontario alone this year at nearly 3,000,000 lbs. The admission by the commissioner that our production is stationary this year, and the reports from factory centres all over of dissatisfaction with prices and the slump of farmers to other lines of production in a year when every effort has been made to get a surplus, is evidence enough that the cheese industry will suffer badly in 1918 unless some action is taken in price readjustment.

The wheat situation in Canada and the United States is such that action is likely to be taken soon to limit the consumption at home of white flour. Our seed requirements must be made secure. Ontario and the East will likely need a much increased acreage of spring wheat this year. The acreages of spring wheat last year were 144,000. This is a big drop from the average acreages in spring wheat in Ontario that were grown in the nineties, when 356,000 acres were sown each year. The increases in 1918 acreages will depend largely upon labor and seed. But Ontario produced last year large quantities of Marquis wheat, which was the leading crop. Wild Goose, a durum wheat, and Red Fife, a hard wheat, also are good crops for the East.

Farm Labor

It is understood that the Cabinet is dealing with the question of farm labor. President Creelman, of Guelph, threw out a feeler the other day when he suggested the possibility of using 100,000 Chinese coolies on the farms of Canada. His suggestion has not been kindly regarded by the farmers. The question of farmer gangs is being taken up also by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The consignment of alien labor is being advocated by many Western men. J. A.

Maharg, M.P., president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, headed a Western delegation to Ottawa this week to this end. It is understood that Hon. T. A. Cresser is taking up the whole matter and an early statement of Government action will be forthcoming.

RESCUED BY HIS COMRADES

HOW CAPTAIN HARPER WAS WOUNDED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE GERMAN LINES

As stated in yesterday's issue, Capt. Allan B. Harper, formerly of the 80th Battalion, reached Belleville, invalided home from England and would remain here a couple of days before going to the military hospital at Kingston for further recuperation.

Capt. Harper's superior officers appear to have formed a high opinion of the young man's gallantry and fine military qualities.

It appears that Capt. Harper received his wounds on the night of November 16th, 1916, at the Somme. He was leading a large covering party for sappers who were working along only thirty yards from the German front-line trenches, when he was seriously wounded in the stomach and in the hip.

"As soon as the covering party went out," the official report goes on to state, "the enemy threw up flames and sniped and bombed them. Capt. Harper went along with his men, encouraging them and placing them close to the German wire. He did not consider himself at all aided and carried out his part so well that we owe it to him, the party was not severely dealt with. During the barrage that was put on Capt. Harper was wounded in the hip and lay just under the German wire. On being carried in, his care was more for his men than for himself."

After several serious surgical operations at British hospitals, Capt. Harper was restored to convalescence and was finally adjudged strong enough to undertake the journey to Canada.

His many friends in Belleville are delighted to welcome him home again and hope for his speedy restoration to all his old-time vigor.

OBITUARY

OSCAR REDDICK

The late Oscar Reddick, whose sudden death from heart trouble on Tuesday was noted in these columns, was a native of Sidney township. He was the son of the late George Reddick and was born fifty-seven years ago on the farm that was to be his home up to the time of his death.

In addition to his sorrowing wife, he is survived by one brother, Owen of Nanapan, and two sisters, Mrs. C. J. Massey and Mrs. Geo. A. Ketcheson, of Sidney.

Mr. Reddick was an enthusiastic member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, and under their auspices the funeral will be held at 12.30 to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Reddick was a member of the Methodist church and in politics an ardent Liberal.

Mr. Reddick was a man of rigidly upright character, firm in his conviction of right and true to his best instincts. He was a kind neighbor and a faithful friend. The news of his sudden demise has been received with wide-spread expressions of regret and sorrow.

H. J. GAY

The subject of this notice, Herbert James Gay, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gay was born in Huntingdon township and lived there all his life until nine years ago he moved to the fourth concession of Sidney, near Frankford. Herb, as he was familiarly called, was a kind, good and lovable boy. He was an ideal farmer and was highly respected by rich and poor, old and young. On Dec. 1914 he married Mabel Ann Fleming. He has been failing in health for over a year.

Thinking the north west would do him some good, he went out last spring and stayed six and a half months. Coming home he felt no worse but in five days he fell asleep never to awaken on this earth. He said he was trusting in the Lord but if he never got well it was alright.

He was a member of the Methodist church. His funeral was held on Wednesday Dec. 26th, his father's birthday. Rev. Knox preached from the text, Job 16:22. Rev. Sharpe and Ross were also present. He was a faithful member of L. O. L. No. 240 Frankford also the Royal Black Knights, under whose auspices he was buried. The funeral, the largest ever held in Frankford church, showed the high esteem in which he

was held, despite the terrible cold day. Besides his widow and one girl, Helen, he leaves to mourn his loss, his father, mother, three sisters, Belle, Maggie and Mary Jane, also one brother, Robert, who have the deepest sympathy in this their lonely hours. The casket was covered with floral offerings. Interment in Frankford Cemetery. The pall bearers were, H. Pritchard, T. Down, T. Burditt, M. Foster, P. Hall and A. Caskey.

Asleep in Jesus — blessed sleep. From which none ever makes to weep. A calm and undisturbed repose Unbroken by the last of foes.

LATE MISS BLAKELEY

The obsequies of the late Miss Blakeley took place yesterday from the residence, third concession, of Amelstburg. The Rev. G. D. Campbell, of Concession, conducted the service. Interment was in Salem Cemetery. The bearers were Messrs. E. Parliament, J. H. Parliament, O. Hennessy, S. L. Delong, C. M. Adams and E. Aleya.

LATE MRS. A. MARVIN

The funeral of the late Mrs. Amos Marvin took place on Wednesday afternoon from her late residence to Holloway St. Methodist Church where Rev. J. N. Clarry conducted an impressive service assisted by Rev. Dr. Marvin. There was a large attendance of friends. The bearers were, Messrs G. T. Woodley, B. R. Quincey, C. J. Willis, H. Barragar, Nelson Jones and Mr. Pierce.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS FORTY CENTURIES OLD CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH

The tombs of the patriarchs in Jerusalem, now in British hands, the cave of Machpelah, which Abraham bought for "a possession of a burying place," are still in existence. For forty centuries the cave witnessed the ravages of time and men. It is situated in the town of Hebron, sixteen miles south-west of Jerusalem, and sheltered from profanation by a Mohammedan mosque that rises above it. The tomb contains the whole patriarchal family with the exception of Rachel. The cave is divided into an upper and a lower compartment. Only the upper compartment is accessible to the priest in charge of the mosque but he only enters it in times of great calamity and for the sole purpose of praying. As to the lower compartment, where repose the illustrious fathers of the Jewish nation, they remained completely closed until the year 1862 when for the first time King Edward VII, then the Prince of Wales, together with Dr. Stanley, the Dean of Westminster Abbey, and two other friends, were granted admission.

THE TOMBS OF THE PATRIARCHS

JUSTICE DUFF SAYS YOUNG HUTCHINGS OF WINNIPEG CANNOT ESCAPE DRAFT

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Harold Clifford Hutchings, son of Mr. E. F. Hutchings, president of the Great West Saddlery Company, Winnipeg, must report for military service. That is the decision of Mr. Justice Duff, central appeal judge under the Military Service Act, who has had Hutchings' case before him by way of an application for leave to appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Haggart, of Winnipeg, who sustained the finding of the local tribunal which decided that he should go overseas. The application is disposed of by the central appeal judge in the following brief statement: "Not the slightest reason is shown why the central appeal judge should review the decision of Mr. Justice Haggart. There is nothing exceptional in the case. The application for leave to appeal is dismissed."

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WOULD HELP OTHERS

COUNCIL SEEKS POWER TO TAKE COAL FROM CITIZENS

Peterboro, Jan. 17.—At the inaugural meeting of the city council it was decided to request the fuel controller for Canada to give authority to requisition coal from consumers or others for the use of those who may be in need. At the request of Mayor G. H. Duncan, ex-Mayor J. Duffus explained that the city's action in not seeking the power authorized by the Fuel Controller's Act was interpreted by the authorities as an evidence that Peterboro had no fuel difficulties. If this resolution was passed the council might not

need to enforce it, but it would strengthen the public and private efforts to obtain coal.

FIRST KEEL OF FLEET TO BE LAID IN THE SPRING

Government is Getting Right Down to Business in Carrying Out Its Ambitious Project of Shipbuilding

The first keel of Canada's new shipbuilding programme will be laid this coming spring. Negotiations are now in progress looking to the establishment of plate rolling mills in Canada, and a definite announcement in this regard may be expected in the near future.

The success of the scheme is not, however, dependent upon immediate production of steel plate in Canada. According to Sir Eric Geddes, British First Lord of the Admiralty, Britain now has sufficient steel and the United States is understood to have a surplus; so that no difficulty need be anticipated in getting an adequate supply for Canadian yard.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In His Majesty's Surrogate Court of the County of Hastings, in the matter of the Estate of William Copeland West, late of the Township of Hungerford in the County of Hastings, Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Trustee Act, Sec. 56 Chap. 121 R. S. O. 1914, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said William Copeland West, who died on or about the twenty-first day of November 1917, are requested to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned solicitors for the Executors of the estate on or before Saturday, the 26th day of January 1918, their names, addresses and descriptions and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly verified by Statutory Declaration and that after the said day the Executors will proceed to distribute the estate of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated this 26th day of December A. D. 1917.

MICKEL, STEWART & BAALIM, 28 Bridge St., Belleville, Ont. Solicitors for Executors, Johnstone Blakely and Silas Prindle.

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FUND CARES FOR SOLDIERS' MASCOTS

London, Jan. 12.—Signed portraits of President and Mrs. Wilson contributed to Dik's Fund for the Allies, have just been disposed of here, the "purchaser" being Sir Charles Wakefield Hart, who has a celebrated collection of famous portraits. The proceeds are being used to buy comforts for British mine-sweepers and Canadian wounded soldiers, and for caring for the war dogs and horses at the front.

Dik's Fund came into existence in 1914 as the result of the publication of the little story of "Dik, A Dog of Belgium," and the secretary of the fund is Miss Elizabeth Banks who toured Canada last year and contributed to the London press articles about the Dominion, entitled "The Land of Hope." The Grand Trunk Railway gives the use of its offices in Cockspur Street, London, for the sale of the gifts contributed to Dik's Fund, many of these gifts featuring the various animal mascots now in the trenches or on board ships, including "Sergeant Major of Canada," a bull-dog from Saskatchewan, and the celebrated American Navy cat named "Major Billy."

WON FIRST MONEY

J. R. Benson, V. S., of this city, received word today that his race horse, Bindare, won first money at Cleveland yesterday, winning 3rd, 15th and 6th heats. Best time 2:25 3/4.

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