

# VETERANS SURE KING WILL HELP THEM IN HOUSE

Declare His Replies To Questionnaire More Satisfactory Than Meighen's.

TO REFER TO EXECUTIVE

Note That Liberals Have More Soldier Candidates in Field Than Tories.

TORONTO, Nov. 29.—This is by far the most satisfactory reply that we have received to the questionnaire put to him by the president of the Grand Army of United Veterans, declared Tuesday, comparing the reply to the soldiers by the Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King with similar communications from the Hon. Arthur Meighen and the Hon. T. A. Crerar. The two latter have already been published.

In discussing the Liberal leader's reply to the questionnaire put to him by the G. A. U. V. as to his proposed treatment of the returned men, if elected, Mr. King was quite enthusiastic, and said: "Mr. King's words are particularly significant and of vast importance. He assures us that our claims will meet with not only justice but generosity. These are the most favorable words that we have heard from any of the party leaders."

The text of the Liberal leader's reply to the twelve queries of the G. A. U. V. is as follows: "I received only at midnight on Saturday your letter of Nov. 22, requesting on behalf of the Grand Army of United Veterans a statement from me as the leader of the Liberal party re-

garding re-establishment proposals of the Grand Army of United Veterans, authorized by the Dominion board of directors at a special meeting held in Toronto on Sunday, Nov. 13, and submitted to the leaders of all political parties and to individual candidates for federal elections.

**Speaks As Leader.**  
"In considering the reply I should make to each of the several proposals, I am obliged to recognize that it is impossible for me to expect any dissection, in the public mind or in the mind of any of the members of your association, of views expressed by myself as an individual candidate in the present elections from views expressed by me as one who also carries the responsibility of a leader of one of the political parties. I presume it is primarily as the leader of the Liberal party that you wish me to reply. If, therefore, in the reply I am making I find it necessary to speak in general rather than in specific terms with respect to the proposals submitted, I hope you will not feel that this is owing to any desire to evade clear and definite responsibility, but rather to be perfectly sure in my own mind, that, in the expression of views I am making, I may rely with confidence upon the whole-hearted support of my fellow-Liberals in all parts of the country."

"I believe that the whole matter of further re-establishment of soldiers and all questions incidental thereto should be reopened and reconsidered by the new parliament, which fortunately will be more representative in its character than the parliament which has just been dissolved. In this connection I would favor the appointment of a committee of the House of Commons empowered to take into consideration all of the suggestions contained in the re-establishment proposals submitted. I would further favor the committee being given the widest powers to consider all matters relevant to these proposals, and having no restrictions placed upon its findings by the government."

**To Exert Influence.**  
"I should like to add that, speaking for myself personally, I should not hesitate to endorse the principles underlying practically all of the several resolutions, and that any influence I may have with respect to these or kindred matters will be gladly exerted at any and all times with a view to seeing that the returned men and the dependents of those who sacrificed life or health in the great war are dealt with not only justly, but generously."  
"Yours very sincerely,  
"(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING."

The Liberal leader sent to C. G. McNeil, secretary of the G. A. U. V., practically the same answer as that given to the G. A. U. V.  
"That leaves the whole question open so far as he is concerned—and his party—on all the 12 points raised in our questionnaire," commented Mr. Tillet.

**Claim Abandoned.**  
"Of course as an organization we have not taken any definite stand for any party in this election. The nature of this reply of Mr. King's is not foreseen and I cannot say just what the action of the organization may now be. It is probable that we will call a meeting of the Dominion executive to deal with the matter."

The G. A. U. V. has, of course, abandoned its claim for a cash gratuity of \$2,000 per man and is now asking for a system of cash bonuses as re-establishment of veterans, according to their condition.

Several leaders of the organization

## OUR BOARDINGHOUSE.



ALVIN, THE LANDLADY'S NEPHEW ENTERTAINS MISS FISHER'S BEAU.

did not attempt to conceal their satisfaction at the answers of Mr. King. "Why that opens up the whole question again in the new parliament," said one. "That letter should make Mackenzie King premier."

Another remarked that the Liberals had far more soldier candidates than the Tories. This indicated something. He hinted also that the veterans would throw their strength behind General Rennie in North Toronto, as well as behind Straight in West York, Rayfield in East Toronto, Hunter in West Toronto, and MacGregor in South York.

Sgt. Walter Rayfield, V.C., veteran candidate in East Toronto, while not committing himself on the King answer for the time being, remarked that "that's the thing I am fighting for—the reopening of the whole question of the treatment of the soldiers in the next parliament."

## BOY THUG SOBS HE WAS LURED IN THEFT PLOT

Detroit Youth, Who Gave Up \$5,000 Loot by Mistake, Bares Threats.

SAYS HE FACED DEATH

Heart-Broken Mother's Faith in Prisoner is Still Implicit.

DETROIT, Nov. 29.—Declaring himself the unwilling tool of a professional bandit, John Pietkewicz, 17 years old, 1473 Philadelphia avenue east, weeps in Central Station as he awaits the arrival of police officers of Boston who are to take him back with them to stand trial for his participation in the robbery of the Walton Shoe Company's \$25,000 payroll last Saturday.

Pietkewicz gave himself up to two fellow-passengers on a Michigan Central train Monday in the belief they were detectives. In the hands of the astonished passengers, Michael J. McDonough, 4370 Malborough avenue, Detroit, and William M. Coney of Chicago, he placed \$5,000, his share of the loot. When the train reached Detroit, McDonough and Coney turned Pietkewicz over to the police.

**Says He Was Lured Away.**  
The boy, who left his home here last June to go east, says he was influenced by a man named "William," who took him from Detroit to Boston, promising him a job in a garage there, but instead making him turn bandit. He was his first job, he told detectives, but he was his last. He went through with it.

The \$25,000 payroll was en route from the First National Bank of Boston to the paymaster's department of the shoe company, in Chelsea. Five men surrounded the company's auditors. One of the bandits, James Luna, of Oilphant, Pa., was wounded in an exchange of shots with the bank messengers, and captured. John Dubok of Scranton, Pa., in whose room in Everett the police found nearly \$21,000 of the stolen funds, pleaded not guilty in Chelsea court to a charge of robbery while armed. He was held in \$15,000 bonds for a hearing Dec. 7.

**Mother Defends Boy.**  
The boy's mother firmly believes he was the unwilling tool of what she calls "Bolsheviks."

With tears streaming down her face, the heart-broken mother sobbed out her belief that her "good Johnnie" never of his own accord entered into a robbery plot. "When I saw him at the police station," she said, "I said to him, 'Johnnie, how could you do it? Didn't you think of me and my poor heart?'"

"And he told me: 'Yes, mamma, but they put a gun at my heart and told me they would kill me if I didn't do what they said.'"

"It was that dreadful William, that Bolshevik, who came to the house and got my boy to go away with him to look for work. He was a Russian. I don't know his last name."

"And Johnnie, he loved me so. Times are bad and we have such a hard time to support all the seven children. Johnnie could not find any work. He would look for a job and come home crying."

"Johnnie, I would say, 'Why do you cry?'"

"And he would tell me: 'Because I cannot see you work so hard, mamma, and I cannot help you.'"

"He used to help me with the housework, and he sang in the church choir."

## Persistence of Canadian Mail Service Uniquely Demonstrated.

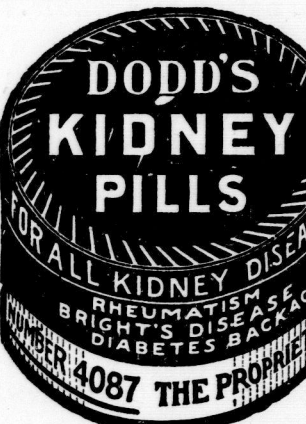
[Special to The Advertiser.]

CLANDEBOY, Nov. 29.—A story of a rather unique, or what might be called a freak of fate, has been told recently by a lady who has lived on a farm in McGillivray Township. She amused herself by answering a puzzle which she found in the daily newspaper, but not hearing anything further about it, forgot the incident in a few months, as children will.

Some years passed. The family had long since moved away from the farm and the neighborhood, and the child was now a girl in her early twenties, when one day she was astonished at receiving a parcel literally covered with postmarks, which, when opened, proved to be the prize for the puzzle answered so long ago. It had been following her to various addresses for years, to reach her at last in the city, an interesting demonstration of the persistence and efficiency of the Canadian postal service. The lady intends keeping the prize as a most interesting souvenir of her childhood days.

## TO ISSUE MOTOR MARKERS JAN. 1

TORONTO, Nov. 29.—No delay in connection with the issuing of the new motor licenses is anticipated this year. Chief Clerk Bickell of the motor vehicle branch of the Ontario department of public highways said today that they expected to be ready to start the work of issuing in full swing promptly on Jan. 1.



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STEAMER ARRIVALS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Caronia, Naples; Assyria, Glasgow; Wurtemburg, Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 28.—Baltic, New York.

NAGASAKI, Nov. 28.—Empress of Russia, Vancouver.

## BY AHERN, DENY KITCHENER HUN SPY VICTIM

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(By Canadian Press Cable)—The war office has applied a heavy hand to the rumors that Lord Kitchener, who was lost in the North Sea, when his boat, the Hampshire, was attacked by a German submarine, was betrayed by a female German spy, which is the subject of the film held up by the London board of censors.

The war office admits that a German woman, Elsie Becker, is boasting in Berlin that she got ten thousand marks from Germany for the alleged achievement, but points out that she was sentenced in London to two months imprisonment, one month before the Hampshire sailed and lost; before arrangements for the journey were made.

## PICKED POCKETS TO SEE MOTHER

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Elsie Williams ended a brief career as a pick-pocket today when he was arrested while making his first dip into a woman's pocket for a purse that contained nine cents and a subway ticket. In magistrate's court he admitted his guilt, saying he decided to turn pick-pocket in order to obtain funds to go to the bedside of his mother who, he declared, was seriously ill in Toronto. He was held in \$1,000 bail for further examination.

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50c. per week amounts to 25.00			2c. class amounts to . . . 25.50	
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\$2.00 per week amounts to 100.00			10c. class amounts to . . . 127.50	
\$5, \$10, and \$20 per week amounts to \$250, \$500, and \$1000 respectively.				
When your Club payments are completed next December, you may draw all or any part of the money, or you can let it stay in the bank and accumulate interest in our Savings Department.				

Deposits can be arranged so that everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, may become members, or you may enter as many clubs as you like, in order to have sufficient funds for various purposes.

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