



COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO CONSIDER DIFFICULT CLAIMS FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

Will Greatly Facilitate Work of the Society of Nations When it is Organized and Ready for Business—Smaller Nations Beginning to Show a Disposition to Revolt—Experiences of Hague to Guide Delegates.

Paris, Feb. 5.—The directing force of the Peace Conference, which resides in what are now generally called the "big five" Allied and associated powers, is finding great relief from the study of the details of contemplated secondary questions through the commissions which have been created for these special problems.

In this category falls the subject of the conflicting claims of the smaller nations of the Entente, which are likely to be taken from enemy countries. These questions take a great deal of time to study.

It is the design of the supreme council or "big five," that such questions as these be ultimately adjusted in harmony with the principles of the society of nations, it is explained, pending the completion of the organization of that society. It has been found expedient to arrange for a full hearing of all these claims. Thus complex issues raised by the claims of Greece, not only to enemy territory but to sections also claimed by other friendly states, have been referred to a committee of experts for further examination, leaving the supreme council to take up the more important principles established on which all such claims will be decided. It is expected that the same course will be followed with the claims of Italy to territory behind the Italian frontiers, including the Dalmatian coast, which are to be heard next by the supreme council.

This method of work leaves the members of the society of nations committee a better opportunity to hasten their work. The indications are that this system only will make it possible to get the society of nations plan out of committee, and before the plenary conference within the ten days remaining of President Wilson's stay in France.

The smaller nations are beginning to show a disposition to revolt against any plan that does not recognize their full equality in a society of nations with greater powers. Thus, a situation similar to that at the second peace conference at the Hague, at which the plan of Eliu Root, an American delegate for a supreme court of nations was frustrated threatens to develop.

The greater powers, it is supposed, would not consent to the admission to the court of a member for each state, regardless of its size and importance, fearing that they might be found in the minority, notwithstanding their greater interest in every great issue. It is hoped that the experts, profiting from the experience at the Hague conference, will find a way to secure the admission of the small states to the plan which is being perfected rapidly.

MILLION RUSSIANS SERVING IN GERMANY; HUNGER DROVE MANY TO CANNIBALISM

(By Chester M. Wright).
Special cable to St. John Standard and New York Tribune.
Paris, Feb. 5.—The presence of more than a million Russian prisoners under conditions of acute suffering, in Germany and Austria, forms one of the most tragic features of the armistice period. A Russian prisoner, who escaped from a German prison camp and made his way to France, declares that in some cases the state of starvation in the camps is so intense and desperate that the men actually are eating the flesh of their dead comrades. Most of the prisoners are Russians who were taken captive during the Russian advance into East Prussia, in the drive to save Paris. They fell into German hands while fighting for the allied cause and giving service of greatest value. Today they are practically deserted. The Soviets know them not, though they would like to have them return and join the Red Guard. The Allies are giving them no relief, except for a trifle from the International Y. M. C. A. The International Red Cross is said to be eager to help, but is prevented from doing so by restrictions.

From a number of the Russian committee in Paris comes the information that, following the signing of the armistice, the Germans began marching the Russian prisoners to the Russian frontier, requesting them to enter Russia and join the Red Guard. Starvation being the alternative, it is said that about 400,000 of the prisoners were so marched before the practice was stopped by the Allies. My informant said the reports showed that about 350,000 of the prisoners at the frontier for refusal to join the Reds. The German government is fully aware of the position of the Russian prisoners and treats them accordingly as friendly outcasts. Many of them being used as laborers, but the bulk of them remaining in prison camps. The prisoners said to be in a state of filth and rags and that makes the spread of disease among them certain. Shoes are possessed only by a few. Hats are mostly replaced by nondescript coverings made of scraps of material. "Something must be done for these prisoners by the Allies," said the Russian committee man to me. "If they are left friendless, they will become a menace to the cause of the Allies and will turn upon them." The Russian committee man to me. "If they are left friendless, they will become a menace to the cause of the Allies and will turn upon them. What will now hold them to the allied cause, for which they fought bravely, is a simple justice these men should not be left by the Allies to die of hunger and disease.

BONAR LAW REFUSES TO MEET STRIKING ENGINEERS IN CONFERENCE AS REQUESTED

People of London Experienced Discomfort Today Through the Tube Strike—Situation on the Clyde is Improving and No Need to Call on Military—Defence of Realm Act to be Applied.

London, Feb. 5.—The best informed opinion, tonight, is that the menace of a general strike in London is receding. Many conferences were held today, and the Board of Trade and the cabinet had another meeting, but there has been no marked change in the situation.

The people of London today experienced the acme of discomfort through the tube strike. Snow fell heavily, converting the streets of the city into quagmires. The subway rush on improvised transports, was worse than ever, and the thousands of tramps had an unpleasant journey. Some suggestions for strikes in other trades were made, but nothing definite developed. Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck proposes to introduce in the House of Commons, a bill enacting a universal working week of forty-four hours.

The situation on the Clyde is still improving, and there has been no need to call upon the military, as every thing is quiet.

At Belfast, Lord Pirrie, controller of merchant shipbuilding, had a long conference with representatives of the strikers. He proposed a temporary arrangement of work for fifty-four hours weekly, with overtime.

Where They Stand.

In replying to a letter from J. Bromley, secretary of the Association of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, asking permission to put the case of the men in the tube strike before the cabinet, and threatening, if refused, to extend the strike over the country, Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the House of Commons, wrote: "I have before me the agreement of January 30, which was signed, among others, by yourself, and in which it is laid down in explicit terms that conditions as to an eight hour day as agreed to by the cabinet had been accepted. In these circumstances there seems to be no room for any misunderstanding, much less a charge of breach of faith. I am sure no useful purpose would be served by my seeing you in regard to it.

"If you have anything new to bring forward, I suggest that you communicate with the president of the Board of Trade, who is acting in this matter for the government."

Mr. Bonar Law pointed out that the sudden and irregular manner in which the strike began had caused the greatest inconvenience and distress to the whole community.

Defence of Realm Act Invoked.

In order to prevent a strike of power house employees an order-in-council was issued today under the Defence of the Realm Act, making it an offence for any employer by the government, a municipality or a company, which has assumed the duty of supplying electricity, to break his contract of service, or otherwise, or to strike. The penalty is six months' imprisonment, or a fine of \$500.00, or both. It is also made an offence to persuade men to break such contracts.

Suspend Committee Functions.

The Associated Society of Engineers, an evidence of its disapproval of the strikes in London and Belfast, and on the Clyde, has suspended the functions of its committees in the three areas affected. The secretaries in the districts have been suspended, and will not be permitted to hold office in the society for a certain period. This action, it is declared, is without prejudice to more drastic action being considered by the society.

HALIFAX REAL ESTATE BOOM

Much Activity in Real Estate in Business Centre—Will of Michael Carney Helps Conditions of Poor.

Halifax, Feb. 5.—Considerable activity is manifested in real estate in the business centre of Halifax, notably on Barrington street. J. B. Mitchell has purchased the A. and W. Smith four-story brick structure for \$35,000. The Thompson building, a brick structure on Barrington street, a little further south, has been purchased by W. P. Webster for a sum in the vicinity of \$50,000. The buildings stand on a site 43 by 60 feet.

The will of the late Michael Carney, ex-M.P., leaves bequests of \$300 each for the society of improving conditions of poor, St. Vincent de Paul, Home of Guineas, Catholic Orphanage, Protestant Orphanage, and \$400 for the Monastery of the Good Shepherds. There are several personal bequests. The remainder of the estate, after amply providing for his widow goes to his children.

Before Stipendiary McLeod today, W. Weatherspoon, of Granville Ferry and Douglas Campbell of Digby were charged under the Military Service Act with failing to report for duty. Weatherspoon testified he was the only support of his wife and two children, and Campbell stated he had twice reported for medical examination at St. John and Digby, and thought that was all that was required of him. Under the circumstances the Magistrate suspended sentence in each case.

GASLESS SUNDAY HELPED WIN WAR

Plea from Foch for Oil Caused the Ban on Sunday Automobiles.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Sixty days before the armistice was signed and when the situation on the western front had reached a critical stage, Marshal Foch called the fuel administration:

"If you don't keep up your petroleum supply we shall lose the war."

This and other messages from Allied leaders were made public tonight by the fuel administration to show "how deliveries of American gasoline in quantities on the western front alone prevented alterations in the plan of the campaign which forced the Central Powers to an armistice."

Another message received October 1, said in part:

"Senator Borenger, writes: 'High Command informs me that position has become so serious that change in military operations will have to be contemplated unless increased deliveries of gasoline from front are made possible quickly.'"

Observance by the American people of the "gasoline Sunday" request administered officials said today, enabled the Senator later to declare: "Petroleum will have played a great part in the victory as blood itself, and will have proved the lifeblood of victory."

The fuel administration said that the Earl of Curzon, on November 11, estimated that the United States furnished eighty per cent of the Allied petroleum requirements, and other Allied leaders sent messages of thanks.

BANK TREASURER GOES WRONG

Boston, Feb. 5.—Luther R. Hanson, assistant treasurer of the Market Trust Company, of the Brighton district, was arrested today on a charge of larceny of \$17,000 from the institution. Police officials said he had confessed that he had taken money from the bank for use in speculation. Several years ago, according to Hanson's alleged confession, he began taking small amounts for speculation purposes and gradually increased the sums until he was unable to cover up the shortage in the books.

The directors of the institution announced tonight that depositors would suffer no loss.

WHO'S WHO AMONG ALIEN ENEMIES

Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—First steps in the formation of an alien enemy "Who's Who" Commission to adjudicate the loyalty status of all men of enemy birth have been taken by the Great War Veterans' Association, and Sergeant E. A. Moore was appointed as returned soldiers' representative.

The Trades and Labor committee will meet the commission, tomorrow, when a labor representative may be appointed. A judge, probably of the King's bench, will be then nominated permanent chairman.

REPUBLICAN TROOPS HAND OUT DEFEAT TO THE MONARCHISTS

Their Flag Now Floats Over Several Towns and Monarchists Are Being Pushed Back All Along the Line—Military Courts Have Been Established.

Lisbon, Sunday, Feb. 2.—Monarchist troops, it is announced, have been defeated in an action at Coliba, south east of Oporto, near the Spanish frontier, by Republican troops under Lieutenant Fuenes, who are advancing on Guarda to the northeast. The Republican flag now floats over the towns of Covilha and Castelo Branco, and the Monarchists are retreating on Regoa, where their headquarters have been established. Along the coast the Republicans have occupied the towns of Argal and the Monarchists are evacuating Estarreja, south of Oporto.

Communication with Lisbon has been restored as far north as Aveiro. Military courts have been established to consider the question of dismissing civil and military officials hostile to the Republican regime. The Government, it is added, has no confidence in the wardens of the prisons and penitentiaries, and will dismiss them. The Government announces that the Monarchist elements in the country will be held responsible for all damages in the zone where fighting is now going on, as well as for money expended in putting down the Monarchist movement.

GOVT FAILED TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Premier's Social Duties Caused Postponement of Gov't Business—Speaker Currie Has Not Resigned—Session March 6th.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, N.B., Feb. 5.—The Government meeting, scheduled for tonight, did not come off as Premier Foster and Hon. Dr. Smith and C. W. Robinson were attending a dinner given to the Canadian lumbermen at St. John. Lieut. Governor Pugsley did not arrive tonight. Hon. Messrs. Vanlot, Byrne and Dugal have been here all day, and Hon. Dr. Roberts arrived this evening. W. H. McQuade, inspector for Provincial business, is here today, and returned to St. John this evening. Mr. McQuade states that his annual report will be presented to the government and laid on the table at the opening of the legislature.

Members of the government in the city tonight state that there is nothing in the report that Speaker Currie has resigned his seat in the legislature, and that there are no resignations so far as they are aware.

It is generally understood that March sixth will be the date of the opening of the legislature.

AMERICAN FORCES INFLECT HEAVY LOSSES ON BOLSHEVIK

Enemy Began Heavy Bombardment of Vialavka—They Were Met by Tremendous and Oppressive Fire from Artillery and Machine Guns Causing Them to Break Their Ranks and Take to the Woods—Chinese Troops Now With Bolsheviki.

Archangel, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Heavy losses were inflicted on the Bolsheviki by the American forces on Tuesday, and the enemy was driven back in disorder from the village of Vialavka, on the Vaga. The American casualties were five killed and several wounded. Many Bolsheviki soldiers were taken prisoners.

The enemy began early in the morning a bombardment with field guns and howitzers, and under cover of a shrapnel and pom-pom barrage, made a frontal attack within the Vialavka attempt failed, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The American troops, who were rested after their retirement from Shenkursk, were now established in a good position and poured a heavy fire from artillery and machine guns into the charging Bolsheviki, whose ranks broke and fled into the woods. Captured Bolsheviki declared that the enemy had planned a flank attack simultaneously with the frontal movement, but this was abandoned when the Vialavka attempt failed.

Chinese and Manchurian troops are now included in the Bolsheviki forces opposing the Americans on the Vaga. The Chinese have been held in reserve, but the Americans are preparing a reception for the yellow soldiers if they appear in the fighting line, in view of stories reaching them of the Manchurian treatment of prisoners in the Baltic provinces.

Yesterday's defeat of the enemy on the Vaga, together with his failure on the Divna, upsets the spirit of the Allied troops who are fighting with the utmost determination to hold their positions until reinforcements can reach them. These defeats have considerably lowered the enemy's morale, but the Bolsheviki are being constantly reinforced and, while their offensive has been temporarily checked, there are indications that it will be renewed when fresh Bolsheviki forces reach the line.

Details were received at headquarters of the bravery displayed by a little squad of about fifteen Frenchmen, who were victims of an enemy attack on Monday. Mistaking the enemy for returning Russian prisoners of war, the French detachment permitted the Bolsheviki to advance close to their position. Then they found themselves suddenly surrounded by a force of one hundred and fifty of the enemy. Called upon to surrender, the French men refused, and tried to fight their way out. Two were killed, several were wounded and six were unaccounted for, for a time. Four of these six are still today, two of them wounded, apparently having escaped from their captors.

The situation is unchanged on the Divna and railroad fronts. Allied troops were again forced to retire in the face of Bolsheviki attacks along the Pinega river, but the positions of the Americans at the town of Pinega have not been attacked.

The stubborn fighting of the American and Scottish in the Vialavka region apparently is disturbing the morale of the Bolsheviki troops, and has temporarily halted their offensive.

The enemy lost so heavily in the attack on the Vialavka on January 31st, that the Bolsheviki refusing to go forward, and held a meeting at which they openly debated the question of deserting to the Allies. Bolsheviki deserters have already shown their way to the Allied lines, and these men details of the meeting have been learned. The Bolsheviki planned the capture of Shenkursk and Tulgas, in a simultaneous offensive. The Bolsheviki were defeated at Shenkursk, and raiding parties have been active on all sectors of the front, but the first phase of the offensive appears to have been checked. On the Divna sector the Allied troops have burned the village of upper Tulgas, which frequently gave refuge to Bolsheviki attacking parties. The enemy continues shelling the Vaga line, and the village of Bolsheviki west of Oborskyaya, on the Vologda railway front.

GOVT TROOPS OCCUPY BREMEN

Heavy Bombardment Preceded Entry—Many Persons Killed—Several Public Buildings Damaged.

Copenhagen, Feb. 5.—Government troops entered Bremen last night, after heavy fighting, and occupied the town hall, and the Stock Exchange. The Spartacists have retreated to Groepingen.

The Government troops made their entrance after the city had been bombarded. Many persons are reported to have been killed in the bombardment. Armed Spartacists from Eisebach and Gotha are on their way to Bremen to the support of the Spartacists.

During the bombardment of Bremen, the old cathedral, the Bourse, and the City Hall, were damaged, and many houses partly destroyed, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN TO SERVE ON BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Will Hear Evidence and Statements from Interested Parties and Make Findings on Territorial Disputes—Gives Heavy Support to Proposed League of Nations.

Paris, Feb. 5.—The British overseas Dominions are undoubtedly affected by the modification of the original plans under which they are not directly represented on the conference bureau, whereas, if there were five British representatives as agreed upon, there would always be one representative of the British dominions present. This was the point of Sir Robert Borden's protest at the last plenary sitting.

The Dominion is represented on the various commissions by Hon. A. L. Sifton, of Canada, of the committee of international railways, waterways and ports of which he is vice-chairman.

Warm Canadian sympathy with the proposed League of Nations is indicated by Sir Robert Borden, in a letter view in L'Excelsior as the only chance for the maintenance of international peace. The British Empire, said Sir Robert, which is an association of free peoples presents an analogy with the projected league.

The conference bureau is appointing a special commission of eight members, representing the great powers, other than Japan, to hear evidence and statements from interested parties, and to make the findings upon the boundaries to which Greece on historical and ethnological grounds is entitled. Sir Robert Borden has been asked to serve on this committee and after consultation with his colleagues here has consented. It is probable that the same commission will be asked to decide the dispute as to Banat, between Serbia and Rumania.

ler, of Germany, Wibus, of Holland and Locker of Palestine. The conference committee on responsibility for the war met at nine o'clock Tuesday night, until five o'clock this morning, without agreeing to the resolution to be presented to the conference. The committee was to meet again at eleven o'clock this morning. Helmar Branting, of Sweden, presided at the meeting. Other members present were Renaudet and Longuet, for France; Henderson and Bunting for England; Eisner for Bavaria; Wels and Elbogen for Germany.

JURY SAYS HE IS COMPETENT

On That Verdict Returned Soldier of Calgary Comes Into Possession of \$59,000.

New York, Feb. 5.—The jury in the Queens County Supreme Court in Long Island City, which has been hearing evidence as to the competency of Roswell H. L'Honnedeu, of Calgary, a returned soldier, today returned a verdict in his favor. As a result L'Honnedeu, who recently reached his twenty-first year, will come into possession of \$59,000. The proceedings were originally started by Roswell's sister, Mrs. Susie D. Hendrickson, of Jamesport, L. I. She testified at the trial she had been persuaded to take the action by her lawyer, Edward H. Wilson.

CAPT. FISHER GETS FOUR YEARS

Found Guilty of Embezzling Gov't Funds While Paymaster in the Army.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5.—Four years in the penitentiary was the sentence Judge Winchester today imposed on Captain Chas. P. Fisher, who stole \$13,347 of the Government's money while serving as paymaster of the army medical corps. The total amount taken was over \$25,000, but \$6,654 has been paid back.

TRYING TO PLACE RESPONSIBILITY

Berlin, Feb. 5.—At the meeting of the international socialist and labor conference today, J. G. Thomas, a British delegate, complained that too much time was being wasted in fruitless debates. He addressed the conference on a plan for a society of nations and on the principles of President Wilson. The speakers were Muel-

HALL ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

After Ten Hours of Deliberation Jury Says He Was Not Guilty of Wife Murder.

Saco, Maine, Feb. 5.—A verdict of not guilty was the finding of the jury in the trial of Henry H. Hall, the preacher accused of the murder of his wife at Wells Depot in June of last year. The verdict was returned late tonight, after the jury had spent more than ten hours in deliberation. Throughout the charge to the jury by Associate Justice Scott Wilson, Hall leaned eagerly forward in his chair with his head slightly turned to one side as if following every word being given by Attorney General Sturges. Under the denunciatory words of the attorney general, Hall gave little or no evidence that the issue was not his. He was not asked any other person in the court room.

Mr. Sturges spoke for an hour with great earnestness. He denounced bitterly the defendant, as a liar, a murderer and a lover of women other than his wife, and asserted that Hall had made his wife's life a continual torment mentally and physically by his acts. Link by link, he pointed out to the jury the chain of circumstantial evidence in the case and asserted that the state had shown beyond a reasonable doubt the guilt of the defendant.

The charge to the jury by Justice Wilson included a clear explanation of the general nature of evidence with particular reference to various phases of the case in hand. He cautioned the jury in opening that anything he might say regarding the weight of evidence or any of the facts was not to be construed in any way as an expression of opinion.

WILSON APPROVES NAVAL PLANS

Congratulates Committee on its Unanimous Decision for Three Year Building Programme.

Washington, Feb. 5.—President Wilson, in a cablegram received today by Representative Padgett, of Tennessee, chairman of the House Naval Committee, confirmed his approval of the second three-year naval building programme. The President cabled: "May I not express my gratification and gratitude and congratulations at the unanimous report on the three-year naval programme."

CHINESE DICTATOR MURDERED

Stockholm, Feb. 5.—Diancie Richman, head of the Chinese Bolsheviki propaganda in the Far East, and the President of the Chinese section of the Communist Party, has been murdered by an unidentified person, according to advices from Petrograd. He was shot down as he began a public speech. The murder, it is added, is expected to have important consequences. Richman exercised an absolute dictatorship over the Chinese living in Russia, and recently ordered three Coolies living near Petrograd to be tortured and shot.

BALTIC ARRIVES

Baltimore-Halifax, Feb. 5.—The troopship Baltic entered the harbor at 7 o'clock this evening with returned soldiers. She will dock at 8 o'clock in the morning.

ITALIANS PRESENT MEMORANDUM OF VIEWS ON ADRIATIC STATES

Jugo-Slavs Also Set Forth Their Position on Disputed Territories for Consideration of Peace Conference to Judge on Rights of Parties.

Paris, Feb. 5.—The Italian delegation has agreed upon a memorandum which it will present to the peace conference, embodying the Italian views regarding the disposition of the Adriatic States, formerly belonging to Austria. This memorandum will be made public after representatives of the Jugo-Slavs are heard by the Supreme Council, which was expected to meet this afternoon or tomorrow.

The Jugo-Slavs have likewise prepared a memorandum containing six alternative plans for settling their differences with Italy.

According to the first plan, Jugo-Slavia would obtain the entire territory east of the Isonzo river, including Trieste, Istria and the whole of Dalmatia. In the succeeding five plans, the claims are gradually scaled down, the final one asking only for the eastern part of the Istrian Peninsula, Fiume and Dalmatia, minus Zara.

The Trumbitch, the Jugo-Slav Foreign Minister, and Dr. Vesnich, the Jugo-Slav minister in Paris, will deliver addresses before the commission of the great powers in support of their views contained in their memorandum.

The Italian delegation has decided not to enter any discussion with the Jugo-Slavs, at least at present, but to set forth their own viewpoint to their colleagues of the great powers. Hearing, the latter to judge between the conflicting claims.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF CANADIAN LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Two Sessions Held in Board of Trade Rooms Yesterday—Delegates Welcomed by Jaylor—R. B. Emerson, President of Board of Trade, Delivered Excellent Address—Presented Facts Showing Wonderful Business Increase for Port and Province—President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee and Transportation Committee Submitted Reports Showing Activities of Association—Efforts to Secure for Canadian Market from British Government for Two Billion Feet of Lumber—Many Resolutions Passed—Programme for Today.

The first business meeting of the eleventh annual convention of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association was held in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday morning at ten o'clock, with retiring president W. Gerard in the chair, and R. T. Hayes, mayor of St. John, and R. B. Emerson, president of the Board of Trade on either side.

In a brief, yet fitting, address His Worship the Mayor welcomed the visiting delegates to the city, and spoke of the great importance of the lumber industry to the province of New Brunswick and the port of St. John.

Mr. Emerson then welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Board of Trade and the business community, which it represents. He gave a lengthy address showing that St. John might be fairly claimed the birthplace of the Canadian lumber industry, or at least one of the first to adopt it.

When the United Loyalists came to St. John in 1783 there were men here employed in the lumber business, they recognized the great asset that they possessed in the forest wealth around them, and from that date St. John has justified the foresight of our loyalist forefathers.

He told his hearers of the grand location of this port which is open all the year round, and of the river running 450 miles inland, giving great opportunity for the bringing down to the city lumber for manufacture or export, also of St. John's advantages as a steamship terminal. He showed that in the export and import traffic there was only one port in Canada that exceeded St. John, and that was Montreal. In 1914 the exports from St. John amounted to \$21,000,000; in 1915 \$44,000,000, in 1916 \$120,142,590 in 1917 \$190,000,000; and in 1918 it reached over \$200,000,000. Imports have not increased in the same ratio but they have progressed from \$9,000,000 in 1914 to over \$16,000,000 in 1918. Its grain exports have increased from seven and a half millions in 1914 to twenty-four and a half millions in 1918. Its bank clearings have jumped from \$73,000,000 in 1914 to \$116,000,000 in 1918 and is still going strong.

This open port of St. John, continued Mr. Emerson, has a low water depth of 52 feet, which is increased at high water to 68 or 70 feet, which enables the largest steamships to enter the port with perfect safety. The C.P.R. maintain extensive terminals on the western side of the harbor, where the chief deep water piers are located. Two C.P.R. elevators are situated there, with a capacity of nearly two million bushels. When the proposed extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island is completed the whole western area of the port can be devoted to piers and terminal equipment. On the eastern side of the harbor the Canadian National Railways possess piers, warehouses, and a grain elevator with a capacity of half a million bushels besides space for further extension. At East St. John further facilities are being provided. A drydock, 1,150 feet long is being constructed and will, when finished, be one of the largest in the world, and the general scheme is to establish a ship repair and steel plant.

Concerning the province itself, Mr. Emerson showed that there is an area of 28,000 miles having within its boundaries a rich dowry of natural resources. Last year the province answered the call for increased production by yielding 800,000 bushels of wheat, 4,000,000 bushels of oats, 9,000,000 bushels of potatoes, 163,000 bushels of barley and 1,500,000 bushels of other roots. The coal production last year was over 265,000 tons, an increase of 76,000 tons over 1917.

The New Brunswick fisheries last year amounted in value to over \$6,000,000, and increase of \$2,000,000 over the previous year. During the first year of the war there was shipped overseas through the port of St. John 140,000,000 super feet of spruce deals, 4,600,000 sup. foot hardwood plank and 1,611 tons of birch timber.

The same resources of the province yielded the provincial government in licenses over \$42,000 in 1917. Oil and natural gas form a very important provincial asset. In 1917 there were 23 producing wells in the province, the consumption of natural gas amounting to 743,000,000 cubic feet. In 1918 the production in 1917 was 33,000 tons. In addition to these resources the province possessed promising deposits of antimony, tungsten, copper, manganese, fire clay, infusorial earth, iron and granite.

President Power returned hearty thanks to the Mayor and Mr. Emerson for their expressions of welcome and for the valuable information they had furnished the meeting. Receipt of a large package of boxes of cigars from the Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co., was acknowledged with cheers.

Routine business was then started, and announcements were made concerning train and hotel service. W. E. Bigwood, Toronto, past president, spoke in favor of having directors elected for one, two and three years, 7 to retire each year. This would give a directorate of 21, instead of 20.

Under the new ruling Ontario law entitled to 10 members; Quebec, N.B. and N.S., 4, and the West, 1. Messrs. McGoldrick and Joyce were appointed scrutineers. Next year it will be necessary to elect only 7 directors.

The president in delivering his annual address said he thought all reports concerning the timber trade were trade made free. This would bring general prosperity to the trade and to the country. The requirements of lumber for the United Kingdom and Europe will be enormous.

After speaking on the financial situation in the different countries, the president said there must be co-operation between the financial, commercial and industrial interests, and no longer will the individual interest be permitted to dictate or dominate. He said that the formation of an Eastern Spruce Association was in the direct line of progress.

In closing, Mr. Power declared that Canada's future was never brighter than now and there is no reason why in twenty-five years Canada should not become the greatest and most prosperous country in the world. Frank Hawkins, the secretary, presented his annual report, showing much activity during the past year. The recent increase in membership owing to many firms in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is most gratifying and much benefit to the trade must result therefrom.

The secretary read the report of the honorary treasurer, R. G. Cameron, of Ottawa, who was prevented by illness from being present. The report showed 125 paid-up members, as compared with ninety-seven last year and also a balance on the right side. The legality of the proposed trade acceptance was discussed. On motion a committee of five—Messrs. W. T. Mason, W. J. Levering, Angus McLean, D. McLaren and A. Clark—were appointed to take the matter up with the bankers and report to the next meeting of the directors.

Mr. McLean suggested that figures should be available in regard to lumber on hand, both sold and available. Mr. Clark stated that the amount of spruce destined for export from the Maritime Provinces, was a matter of vital concern to Ontario dealers as they wanted to know if any would be shipped there.

Mr. McLean advocated uniformity in mode of manufacture and in price. He urged co-operation. He said the pulp and paper producers had got together and were then able to get a fair return for their pulp. The report of the executive committee presented by W. M. Ross, of Ottawa, showed that sixteen firms from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec joined the association. In December the British lumber controller was urged to permit importation of lumber from Canada, and in reply to an enquiry the following information was sent: "Estimated lumber on hand, Quebec and Maritime Provinces: Spruce, 1,000,000,000; pine, 100,000,000; other woods, 100,000,000. Ontario: Pine, 100,000,000; spruce, 100,000,000; other woods, 100,000,000; of which about one-third are in stock usually exported to British market. The anticipated supply in these provinces next year, fifty per cent. of these figures. British Columbia, estimated production of fir, 25,000,000 monthly; aeroplane residue spruce on hand 15,000,000 bushels."

The following resolutions were sent to the Government: 1. That Canadians demand a fair share of the trade created by the reconstruction programme of Europe, as a right, for their share in the war. 2. That the repeal of war legislation be carried out as soon as possible, and the establishment of a substantial financial credit in Canada for the above purpose. 3. That the lumber industry shall be adequately represented on any port commission that may be appointed by the federal government. 4. That federal government to arrange for export banking facilities. At a later period a cable was sent to England asking for full information as to the purchase and inspection of lumber for export, procedures as to payments, dimensions of lumber, arrangements for shipping. A reply to this cable and the removal of restrictions are still being awaited.

A lengthy report was received from the Transportation Committee, showing, among other things that the British Government has not released spaces on ocean vessels for regular commercial purposes, excepting lumber to the extent of 15 per cent. of the available cargo space, and so far as the lumber and timber business is concerned the Timber Controller of Great Britain still controls. The transition from rates which have obtained during the war, back to any like normal rates, will require the most careful and gradual changes in order to avoid chaotic conditions. The report dealt fully with freight rates, new Railway Act, and value of railway lands.

Afternoon Session. The convention re-assembled shortly after three o'clock when Vice-President Laidlaw read the report of the transportation committee which was adopted. President Power, after stating that the matter of stop-over would be left to the new board of directors, read a letter from Horace F. Taylor, president of the National Wholesale Lumber Association, who expressed regret upon being unable to be present at the convention. An invitation to visiting curriers among the delegates, from the St. Andrew's Curling Club was read and applauded. A resolution calling for leniency in dealing with returned soldier employees was read and given hearty approval.

W. T. Mason, Montreal, submitted the reports of the resolution committee. The resolution, moved by Angus McLean, Bathurst, and seconded by E. R. Bremner, Ottawa, that all manufacturers be asked to submit regular reports regarding their supply of lumber, costs, prices, number of board feet on hand and sold; all such information to be incorporated in a regular bulletin to be provided the association's members, was greeted with considerable discussion but was finally carried. Mr. Mason seconding the motion in place of Mr. Bremner, who withdrew.

Russell Shumaker, of the North Carolina Yellow Pine Association gave a very interesting account of the work of his association, showing the benefits that have been derived from a report system such as had just been adopted. It was moved by D. Champoux, Montreal, and seconded by A. C. Manbert, of Toronto that all efforts be made to secure for the Canadian market the order for lumber which the British government is expected to place soon, amounting to around two billion feet. Carried.

It was moved by D. McLachlin, Arnprior, seconded by A. E. Clarke, Toronto, that a vote of thanks be tendered to R. G. Cameron, Ottawa, honorary treasurer of the association, and also that he be made ex-officio a member of the board of directors. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by W. E. Bigwood, Toronto, seconded by W. Gerald Power, St. Francis, that the government be asked to inaugurate a provincial system of timber land survey, (such as at present used in this province) with reports on quality, location, transportation, location of cut over lands, extent and other information along these lines. This was discussed by Mr. McLean, Mr. Manning and Mr. Buckley, who stated that within a few years every bit of lumber land along the Miramichi will be properly estimated. Carried.

It was moved by W. E. Golding, St. John, seconded by B. Foye, that prompt action be taken to have the lumber exportation to Great Britain brought back to pre-war conditions. Carried.

Moved by E. A. Dunlop, Pembroke, seconded by the Hon. George Gordon, Cache Bay, that a delegation from the association wait upon the federal government at the coming session with respect to a much wanted Dominion bankruptcy act. No discussion. Carried.

Moved by Gordon Edwards, Ottawa, seconded by W. M. Ross, Ottawa, that the Railway Act be amended to give the Railway Commission power to suspend any tariff or regulation for a sufficient time for a full hearing on any complaint. Also that freight operating expenses be separated from passenger and other expenses in respect to the Railway Commission. Carried.

Moved by James G. Cane, Toronto, seconded by W. C. Laidlaw, Toronto, that the Canadian freight rates and tariffs be placed under the control of the Board of Railway Commissioners. Carried.

Moved by A. C. Manbert, Toronto, seconded by George W. Grier, Montreal, that trade acceptances be adopted in this country as a form of negotiable commercial paper. On question this motion was withdrawn, to come up before another meeting. A resolution regarding an amendment to the present railway act was considered important enough to be returned back to the executive to await further action. The delegates were addressed by E. A. Dunlop, Pembroke, seconded by W. M. Ross, Ottawa, seconded by E. A. Dunlop, Pembroke, that the Canadian Lumbermen's Association applauds and concurs in the appointment of C. Manbert, Toronto, as a representative of the lumber interests in the government of Ontario. Further, that the association pledge its limited assistance towards such promotions in the best interest of the trade. Carried unanimously.

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PROPOSED IMPORT EMBARGO OF BRITISH CAUSING DISCUSSION

American Chamber of Commerce Arranging Conference Between Importers of American Goods and British Manufacturers in the Hope of Securing Concessions from Gov't.

London, Feb. 5.—The American Chamber of Commerce in London is arranging a series of conferences between importers of American goods and British manufacturers of articles in the hope of reaching agreement which will influence the import restrictions the British government has announced it will re-impose on March 1. Importers of American goods are represented as having suffered more than other business men during the war, and as having been considerably gratified when, soon after the armistice, the British government removed restrictions on a long list of articles. These importers, it is said, also foresee great business difficulties over the decision of the government to re-impose the restrictions on American goods. The decision to restrict imports was made after a conference

between British manufacturers and the officials of the British Board of Trade. In view of the unavoidable delays of dealing with trade subjects through any government department, the manufacturers and importers, on the proposal of the American Chamber of Commerce, have decided to work out their own problems and submit the results to the British government. In the case of rubber goods, the conference representative of the British government is reported to have said that the government would act according to the agreement reached. Therefore, should the conference agree that some American rubber goods are needed at this time, it is entirely likely that the restrictions will be modified.

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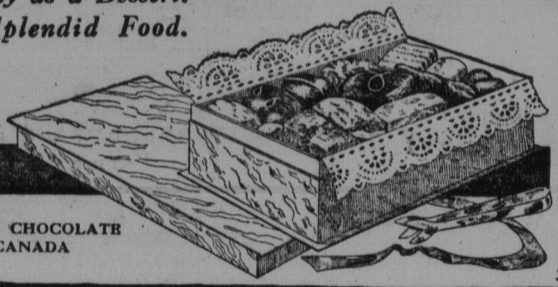
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LABOR LEADERS TALK TO RY. MEN

Pres. Mosher of C. B. of R. E. and J. A. McDonald Speak at Moncton.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, N.B., Feb. 5.—The K. of P. Hall was packed with railway men of Moncton, tonight, to hear addresses by A. R. Mosher, Grand President, C. B. of R. E., and J. A. McDonald, member of the Grand Division Executive, two officers prominent in labor circles. Mr. Mosher dealt with the work of the C. B. of R. E. and what it was accomplishing, while Mr. McDonald spoke in a wider sense on the outlook for labor organizations and the same methods to be followed in solving the coming problems. In the next few months, he said, they would be fighting just as important battles for liberty and democracy as the struggle in Flanders. He believed the trade union was the instrument to deal out fair play to democracy. Co-operation, concentration and organization we must have, he said, to successfully grapple with the big questions arising today. Every possible effort, he concluded, must be made to settle differences by arbitration, and though organization is necessary for a successful arbitration.

GREAT MEDICAL DISCOVERY MADE

British Medical Officers Have Isolated the Virus Trench Fever, Nephritis and Influenza.

London, Feb. 5.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—A preliminary report published in the British medical journal shows a great medical discovery made by three British medical officers working in France. Major General Sir J. R. Bradford, Captain E. F. Bushnell, and Captain J. A. Wilson. These officers stated that they have isolated the virus of trench fever, nephritis and influenza. It is stated that their investigation also resulted in the isolation of the virus of mumps and typhus. The importance attached to these discoveries by experts is shown by the preparation of the preliminary report for the highest army authorities. The Daily Mail commenting on the discoveries says if the hopes they have aroused are fulfilled we have here a fresh triumph for British medical science, and a discovery which may be the greatest in medicine since Lister and Pasteur. Its importance and its hope for mankind are contained in the fact that where the virus of a disease is isolated, sooner or later an antitoxin can be prepared.

RETURNED MEN TO THE FRONT

Will be Mover and Seconder to Speech from Throne at Quebec Assembly.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Returned soldiers will be mover and seconder of the address in the House in reply to the speech from the throne. Major Redman, Calgary, will be mover, and Captain Manion, Fort William and Rainy River, will be the seconder. Major Redman was in France with the 103rd Regiment, Calgary Rifles, enlisting three days after war was declared. He was wounded at St. Julien. Captain Manion served with the French army in the early months of the war. Captain Manion then joined the Canadian A. M. C. and while attached to the 21st Canadian Battalion was awarded the military cross for gallantry in the 1911.

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HOSPITAL SHIP ARAGUAYA ON WAY

Will Arrive at Portland, Me., February 10th With 730 Invalid Canadians—29 for St. John.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The Militia Department has received word that the ambulance transport Araguaya, with approximately 730 Canadian invalid soldiers on board, left Liverpool on February 3rd for Portland, Maine. She will probably reach that port about February 10. The invalids on board are all hospital cases. The number from each military district follows: London, 65; Toronto, 246; Kingston, 107; Montreal, 78; Quebec, 7; Halifax, 44; St. John, 25; Winnipeg, 84; Vancouver, 67; Regina, 37; Calgary, 37. The above figures, which make a total of 797, include cursing sisters carried on the transport.

PRIVATE ROSS DEAD.
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ross of Westfield have received an official telegram from Ottawa announcing that their eldest son, Pte. W. Percy Ross, had died of lobar pneumonia in the military hospital, Bramshott, England, on Jan. 26, aged twenty-eight years. He leaves to mourn his father and mother, five brothers and five sisters. The brothers are James, with the mobile can forces in France; Horace, of Portland, Maine; Albert, of St. John; William and Richard, at home. The sisters are Mrs. Joseph M. Ayles of 28 Autumn street, Kathleen, Mabelle, Amanda and Annie, at home.

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stackhouse, of West St. John, returned home yesterday, after spending two months in Boston and Utica, New York.

POLICE COURT CASES YESTERDAY

Six Hundred Dollars Gathered in Liquor Fines — Boys Charged With Stealing Let go — Husband Sued for Wife's Board.

Robert Totten, arrested Tuesday evening by Policeman Gibbs, appeared in the police court yesterday morning on the charge of being drunk, and also with having liquor in his possession, when taken into custody. He paid a fine of \$5 on the drunkenness charge, and \$200 on the charge of having liquor in his possession.

Three lads appeared on the charge of stealing from the store of F. C. Whiting. Evidence was taken at the morning session, and in the afternoon the defendants were allowed to go, under condition that they behave in the future, and make good the damage done to the store.

Robert Johnson and Miles Wright appeared on complaint of Sub-inspector McAlush, who, in company with Detective Biddiscombe, arrested the two on Brussels street Tuesday evening near the midnight hour. When arrested Wright on the charge of having liquor in his possession stated that he procured the liquor from Johnson. The officers then entered a house where Johnson was at the time, and unearthed ten bottles of the ardent spirits. Each of the defendants were fined \$200, making a total of \$600 fines gathered in the police court yesterday morning on liquor charges alone.

The city court case, which as aroused considerable interest of late, was heard at both the morning and afternoon sessions. The case is peculiar in feature, as the wife of the defendant had left him and went to board with another woman. After four weeks' time the husband was requested to pay the board bill, contracted by his wife, which he refused to pay. As his wife had left him voluntarily, he not closing their residence, Scott E. Morrell, who is appearing for the wife, concluded the defence yesterday, and Daniel Mullin, K. C., who is appearing for the plaintiff, contends that the husband should pay any bills contracted by his wife for necessities, whether or not she had left home. Both sides presented their arguments during the afternoon and the magistrate will give his decision at a later date.

WEDDINGS.

Cawley-Harned.
Willard E. Cawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cawley, of this city, was united in marriage last evening to Miss Eva M. Harned, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harned of West St. John. The ceremony took place at the residence of the Rev. W. R. Robinson, B. D., pastor of the Ladlow Street Baptist Church, West Side. Only immediate friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony.

After the happy event the young couple proceeded to the West Side where they will reside. Mr. Cawley is in the employ of the C. P. R. Their numerous friends will wish them much happiness and prosperity in their married life.

OBITUARY

Reuben Wilkins.
The death of Reuben Wilkins occurred yesterday morning at his residence, 87 St. Patrick street, from appendicitis. He was thirty-one years old. Besides his wife he leaves four small children. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Wilkins was employed as a longshoreman.

Auguste L. Doucette.
Died, Feb. 5.—Auguste L. Doucette, a highly respected citizen of Bellevue Cove, is dead from an illness of several months, aged 69 years. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow, one son, Camille, and six daughters, Rosann, Milda and Lucie, at home, and Mrs. Theodore Melanson of Boston, Mrs. John N. Yeh of Halifax, and Mrs. J. Willie Comeau, of Comeauville.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Miss Margaret Britney took place yesterday afternoon from O'Neill's undertaking rooms. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Donald Lee took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Protection street. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

LEGATION BURNED

Stockholm, Feb. 5.—The Swedish legation at Petrograd was destroyed by fire on January 20. It is announced here today. All the documents were saved, but irreplaceable objects of art were lost.

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RETURNED FROM CONFERENCE.
Hon. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Public Health, and Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief medical officer, returned yesterday from Ottawa, where they had been attending a conference of medical men. It was decided to ask for the creation of a Dominion medical bureau, with headquarters at Ottawa, to work in conjunction with the various provincial health authorities. Dr. Roberts stated the conference was largely attended and most successful.

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DIED.
COREY—On Tuesday, Feb. 4th, Burton Hayward Corey, aged six years, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Burpee Corey, 15 Victoria St., St. John, N. B., after a four days' illness of pneumonia. Funeral will take place at Chipman, N. B.

CHISHOLM—Suddenly on February 4th, at her home 177 Waterloo street, Mrs. Collin Chisholm, leaving her husband, three children, three sisters and two brothers to mourn.
Notice of funeral later.
BARNES—The remains of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, of Vancouver, B. C., formerly of Hampton, N.B., will be laid to rest at Hampton, N.B., today (Thursday) February 6th, immediately after the arrival of the noon train from St. John. Vancouver papers please copy.

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DEMONT'S CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

Reports for the Year Presented Yesterday Show Abundance of Work Performed—Receipts \$4,198.08; Expenditures \$3,110.31—Officers Elected.

Members of the Demonts Chapter, I. O. D. E., assembled yesterday morning for their annual meeting and listened with attention to the reports read by the secretary and treasurer telling of contributions to many patriotic objects both for soldiers and for those at home, and showing, in the amount of money raised during the year much self-sacrificing effort on the part of the chapter.

The report of the Victory Ball showed that the receipts will be \$400.25 was voted towards the wedding gift for the Princess Patricia, \$25 to Captain Mary Plummer, and \$100 for French relief. It was decided to help with the G. W. V. A. smokers held weekly.

The secretary, Mrs. Smokers Jones, submitted the following report: Madam Regent and Members: On behalf of the executive of Demonts Chapter, I. O. D. E., I beg to submit the following report:

Seventeen meetings have been held—12 regular and 5 special, with an average attendance of 27. Four new regular members—Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Dabour, Mrs. Wm. Allison, Mrs. C. Robinson—have been added to the roll, bringing our regular membership up to 50, with three honorary members.

We are indebted to the Hon. Mr. Foster for the use of the room in which we hold our meetings, and to many others for their readiness to help us in our undertakings, their interest is deeply appreciated.

After the War Charities Act was passed, every organization was obliged to tender an account of all moneys received and spent from August, 1914. This we have done and are duly registered.

We have carried on our patriotic philanthropic work as in former years and while we could wish for larger sums to devote to the many who appear, we trust that our efforts have benefited many.

Our overseas money contributions have been to the following: 1. Residential Club for nurses in London—Red Triangle campaign, Dr. Marzart Parks for club in hospital; Blue Cross; Overseas Club for smokers for soldiers; Red Cross; Maple Street fund; and to Major Beakes, Lieut. Col. Harrison, Major Cyril Innes, and Major Colin Mackay for Christmas cheer for this M. M. A. 100 Christmas Stockings for soldiers in hospitals.

Our local contributions have been the following: Free Kindergarten; Soldiers' Club; Comforts for men of Depot Battalion; Library for country school.

Pimples Broke Out All Over Face, Arms and Neck.

Pimples are a sure sign that the blood is not in its proper shape. While the skin is the seat of the irritating, unsightly pimples, the real disease is in the blood. Medicated lotions and powders may allay the itching and irritation, but never cure, no matter how long and faithfully continued, and the condition is often aggravated and the skin permanently injured by their use. The disease is more than skin deep; the entire circulation is poisoned.

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Remember that nothing so wins the confidence of the young as the consciousness of being appreciated.

Soldiers' Comforts' Association. Navy League. Great War Veterans' Building Fund. Comforts for 14 1st Contingent members en route to Quebec.

Comforts for draft from Siege Battery. Ice cream for soldiers at military hospital.

Knights of Columbus drive. V. A. D. Diet Kitchen. Goodfellows' Fund.

V. A. D.'s for Christmas military hospital decoration. Retired Soldiers Reception Committee.

As well as paying expenses of a tubercular patient at the County Hospital for several months.

In order to make these possible, the members have worked steadily. Each month members took charge of the R. I. Triangle Canteen for a week, when a very successful concert was arranged for the men. Canteen work was again done for a week, both in July and January.

On four occasions members have assisted the following organizations with their tag days: St. George's Society. V. W. C. A. Navy League.

As well as with registration in June, when 23 members volunteered their services.

Two millinery and sportswear sales were held—one in March and another in December—which were very successful.

Realizing the necessity of sweets for the soldiers, and the difficulty of obtaining them in large quantities in England, a Maple Sugar campaign was undertaken in March, with the result that 3,241 pounds Maple Sugar were sent to our boys overseas.

In May a Gold and Silver fund was started, members collecting pieces of gold, silver, etc., which were afterwards sold, adding a substantial sum to the treasury.

During the summer all were busily engaged earning talent money which was to be handed in the fall; preparing the calendar, knitting, sorting, sphagnum moss at the Natural History Society rooms, and preparing for the Garden Pets which was held in the grounds of the Regent's residence in August, and was one of the most attractive events of the summer, as well as a great financial success.

Owing to the influenza epidemic, the play "Green Stockings" was postponed, to have been presented under the auspices of the Demonts and Loyalist Chapters, was indefinitely postponed, and for some time all patriotic activities were at a standstill. During this time many of our members gave valuable assistance with the work at the V. A. D. diet kitchen, as well as visiting homes of the sick, and placing their motors at the disposal of the V. A. D. distributing committee, later when work was resumed, committees were formed to do sphagnum moss sorting and making dressings, sewing for refugees, and taking our turn at West St. John welcoming and helping the soldiers' wives and families on their return from England. This work is still being carried on.

The selling of the Demonts' Calendar was the next undertaking, and met with splendid success, over 1,200 having been sold.

The Victory Ball ended our year's endeavours and was an undoubted success, and what better ending to this year's work than a Victory Ball, yet we must not feel that with the victory our work ends. There still remains much work for all, and in the great period of reconstruction we must not be less devoted, but try to do our utmost, realising that it is our duty to those who endured so patiently the hardships of the past four years.

Respectfully,
MABEL JONES, Secretary.

Interesting items in the treasurer's report were expenditures, \$5,510.21, including donations amounting to \$2,657.72; receipts, \$4,198.08, leaving a balance on hand of \$688.77.

The election of officers resulted as follows:
Mrs. George K. McLeod, Regent (by acclamation).
Mrs. W. E. Foster, 1st Vice-Regent.
Mrs. Bushy, 2nd Vice-Regent.
Mrs. A. W. Adams, Secretary.
Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Assistant Secretary.

Miss Helen Sydney-Smith, Treasurer.
Mrs. M. G. Teed, Educational Secretary.
Miss M. L. Harrison, Echoes Sec.
Mrs. J. U. Thomas, Standard Bearer.

PRESIDENT TO LEAVE FOR WEST

Y. W. P. A. Executive Meeting Held Tuesday Evening—Miss Church Transferred to Calgary.

The resignation of Miss Jessie Church, their president, was most respectfully received at a meeting of the Y. W. P. A. Executive, held at the G. W. V. A. rooms on Tuesday evening. Miss Church, who has done such splendid work in this active association, and has carried through so many successful undertakings, has been transferred as Pensioners' visitor to Calgary, and leaves shortly for that city.

Tickets for "The Man On The Box" to be put on in aid of the G. W. V. A., were distributed among the members and plans for the War Stamp Day were discussed.

The following committees were appointed:
Fishinging—Misses Upham, Farwell, Willett. These will assist the Secretary.

Refreshment—Misses Hannah, Grady, Boyar, Kelleas, Howard, Church. Miss Eileen Coffin was appointed assistant treasurer.

Several appeals for entertainments were heard, which will be brought up before the general meeting.

A letter of thanks from the Rev. E. P. Loos, of the Salvation Army, was read, acknowledging with gratitude the Tag Day organized by the Y. W. P. A. in aid of the S. A. Drive.

I. O. D. E. FUNDS FOR FRENCH RELIEF

At a meeting of the National Executive, I. O. D. E., held in Toronto recently, it was moved by Mrs. Wallace Nesbit, seconded by Mrs. Crawford Brown, and unanimously carried: "That the treasurer of the Daughters of the Empire French Relief Fund be hereby authorized to hand over to the national treasurer, from time to time all undesignated moneys received for French relief, to be forwarded by her to the London War Committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society, through the chairman of that society, to be used as the London War Committee may think best for the relief of the sufferers in any part of the devastated areas of northern France, in the name of the Daughters of the Empire. Further, that the treasurer of the French Relief Fund be hereby authorized to hand over to the national treasurer, from time to time, all designated moneys to be forwarded by her as requested by the donating chapters. And further: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the chairman of the Red Cross Society, the London War Committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and all the chapters of the order."

Already \$19,025 has been received and is to be forwarded immediately by the national treasurer.

A WAR TIME TRIP OVERSEAS

Lecture by Mrs. G. A. Kuhlring in Vestry of Ludlow Street Church Enjoyed—Proceeds for Patriotic Purposes.

The congregation of the Ludlow Street Baptist Church were delighted on Tuesday evening, when Mrs. G. A. Kuhlring of the city gave a lecture in the vestry of the church on "A War Time Trip Overseas."

The lecture was given under the auspices of the Church Relief Society, and the proceeds are to be solely devoted to patriotic purposes.

In the course of her lecture she told her hearers with her on an imaginary voyage over to the war-torn European countries, and of the flotilla of torpedo boats which met their ship in the danger zone, and from there conducted them to safety to a British port. Arriving in England they might notice the great part the women had played in the war, when 850,000 were in the munition factories throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles, where 78,000 were engaged in the immense numbers of nursing sisters at the front, home hospitals, of the women on the farms, on the tram cars in the naval and aerial work, and in many other useful employments formerly occupied by men who had gone to the front.

Mrs. Kuhlring's lecture was most instructive and deeply interesting and at the conclusion of her address she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The pastor of the church, Rev. W. R. Robinson, B. D., presided, and Miss M. E. Mullin led the choir in some very special and beautiful hymns. During the evening David Allan was heard in pleasing vocal solos. Miss Allingham gave some nice readings, and was well received. The entertainment was a huge success, and the proceeds amounted to a nice figure.

GIRLS MAY SWIM

A rumor has been heard and many of those interested are discussing it, that perhaps if it can be arranged, the swimming pool at the Y. M. C. A. will be available for the girls of the city at a certain time.

A swimming pool is something, the possession of which the girls have always envied, and it is true, that the Y. M. C. A. has been asked many times if the girls to be allowed the privilege of using the Y. M. C. A. tank. Hopes have been kindled that some day arrangements made so that many of the new chips formed for the C. G. I. will be enabled to count swimming among their activities.

The girls of every society are always ready and willing to assist the boys of the Y. M. C. A. on each and every occasion, and doubtless the boys and management of the Y. M. C. A. will be enabled to have an opportunity to reciprocate.

FREE KINDERGARTEN.

A special meeting of the Free Kindergarten Association was held at the residence of the president, Mrs. F. N. Vincent, Gordon Street, last evening.

The principal object of the meeting was to make plans for the annual tag day, February 15th being the date decided upon. Committees were appointed to take charge of the different branches of the work.

Reports were read from the Kindergarten, showing that the work is progressing very favorably. The House Committee reported upon the moving of the Brussels Street Kindergarten into the old Baptist Church. These rooms have been renovated and are now very attractive.

ST. DAVID'S RED CROSS.

The St. David's Red Cross Circle is one of the number of St. John circles which are steadily carrying their efforts realizing that though the actual fighting is over there are thousands of men in hospital who still require the supplies.

The circle, of which Mrs. Wilfred Campbell is president, meets every Wednesday evening at the first Wednesday in the month, that afternoon being the Missionary Society's day. Tea is served on one Wednesday in the month.

At present in addition to the regular war work the members of the circle are sewing on the clothes for Serbian Refugees and knitting scarfs for soldiers in the East St. John County Hospital.

Compensation. It's hard, as present prices go. To make ends meet, we sadly know. And few there are in clover; But habits formed by us today Will help when high costs pass away To make both ends lap over.

OCEAN RATE WAR FROM NOW ON

Beginning With March 1st the Struggle Will be a Matter Affecting Ship Owners Solely.

By W. A. Wray. (Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.)

London, Feb. 5.—It is a question of free competition from now on. We are giving up control as quickly as possible, and practically entirely, from March 1. Henceforward the rate war will be a matter affecting ship owners solely.

That is what might be termed the official view of the prospective rate war. The newspapers representing the interest of the consumers rejoice at the prospect because of the sudden drop of prices after four and a half years of inflation. But neither the traders nor the shipowners are entirely happy, the former fearing that the sudden fall will check enterprise and strain credit, especially in this country, where the absence of any kind of tariff will make outside competition more speedily felt than anywhere else. The shipowners, on the other hand, while regarding the immediate prospect with some equanimity, because of the strong reserves accumulated during the war as well as the comforting reflection that freights will be more scarce than ships for a few months hence, are not in the least in a state of mind to give up their opportunity of making good some of the losses. These are practical facts. The underlying principle which disarms shipping commission recently pointed out that "to a great extent British shipping reflects the general weakness of British organizations before the war—its strong individualism and reluctance to forego a small share of their independence for the sake of united action," adding that "the systematic rate cutting can be more readily met by the united action of British shipping interests than by administrative action."

Shipping circles are just now in the mood to take this warning to heart. Consequently what is regarded here as a challenge to the United States is not merely for the purpose of fighting the American Shipping Board, but to counteract conditions generally prevailing in the industry and it may be that the present slump in shipping

shares points to that direction. It would be a misstatement to say that shipowners are uniformly perturbed over American efforts—if anything, they are more concerned with Japanese endeavors—because they believe that given a short interval of twelve months to reach normal conditions they will easily be able to hold their own ground. It would be impossible for any country simply to improve on industry of this kind, but it is likely that competition will have the effect of driving the British shipping interests into strong combines previously non-existent.

POLES AND CZECHS SIGN ARMISTICE

Good for Seven Days, During Which Time Opposing Factions Will Endeavor to Adjust Differences.

Basel, Feb. 5.—An armistice between the Polish and Czecho-Slovak forces which have been fighting on the Silesian front, was signed on February 3rd, according to advices received here.

The armistice is effective for seven days, and is renewed automatically for the same period unless either party chooses to renounce it, in which event four hours' notice must be given. The opposing troops will remain in the positions held on January 22. Diplomatic representatives of both parties are permitted to travel by railroad over territory occupied by troops of either party.

In Musical Terms. "He said that this skirt of mine was a perfect symphony." "Maybe, but it's not well conducted."

"What do you mean?" "It drags."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Bulletin TOMORROW AND SATURDAY The Vitagraph Star CORINNE GRIFFITHS In a Sweet Story "MISS AMBITION" ALSO HOUDINI The Handcuff King in the New Serial "THE MASTER MYSTERY" SEE how he escaped from the straight-jackets of the opening episode. By GEORGE McMANUS

BRINGING UP FATHER.



DEMOCRATS AND CRITICIZING

United States Senators See—Some Very Harsh Threatened.

New York, Feb. 5.—An Associated Press dispatch from Washington today says: Democrats and Republicans in the senate today joined in criticizing the new British embargo on imports, and calling attention to the fact that it would have an American liability.

During the discussion that followed Senator Reed of Missouri, Democrats attacked the Carnegie peace foundation's activities abroad, questioned its loyalty and declared it should be dissolved. Senators Knox, of Pennsylvania, Republican, and Ashurst, of Arizona, Democrat, joined in the attack.

Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, Republican, and Senator Lewis of Illinois, Smith, of Georgia, and Senator McComb, Democrat, all protested against the British embargo.

Senator Weeks said he did not share the view of the embargo was aimed against the United States, but that Lewis remarked that a majority of articles listed are manufactured in the American middle west. The Illinois senator said the action might bring on a trade war.

"I invite the attention of British friends to the delicate situation," continued. "While the president is France battling for the principles of country laws are necessary for the peace of the world, no one can allow takes a course, so limited."

ARREST TURK TROUBLE MAKER

Leaders of Turkish Party of Union and Progress Taken in Hand.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Further reports have been made in Constantinople of leading members of the Turkish party of Union and Progress. Reports to the State Department today said the authorities had taken into custody Hall, uncle of former Minister of War Shiver Pasha; General Vahab; Mahmud Kiamil, former Under Secretary of War, and a former chief of the Turkish Military Intelligence Bureau.

The Turkish Government was said to have explained that the arrests were made in order to prevent disorders that might have involved possibility of intervention by the Entente powers, and to prevent Bolshevik disturbances. The arrested men will be tried before a special court martial.

Reports to the State Department today said the party of Union and Progress party, both in the capital and in the provinces, has been seized by the Government.

NEW YORK HAS PEACE CONGRESS

Atlantic Congress for League of Nations Gathered There Yesterday.

New York, Feb. 5.—With more than three thousand delegates gathered, the Atlantic Congress for League of Nations began a two day session here yesterday. The congress is under the auspices of the League of Nations.

Former President Taft, who presided at the gathering, made the opening of the congress. He said that the purpose of the war is to be achieved, a league like that contemplated in the league of nations is "indispensable."

"We have beaten Germany to a conditional surrender," said Mr. Taft, "and those who were once our enemies have agreed to peace. The purpose of Germany, under forty years of preparation, and a philosophy of conquest, was to achieve a world empire in the name of God her lust of world power by force."

"The Allies' achievement," according to the speaker, "has been the overthrow of the German power by a horrid philosophy which reached its fruition in Germany's atrocious conduct of the war."

"But we are only half way through with that war," said Mr. Taft. "We have bit them over the head with our club, but we have to hold that club over them as a guarantee that their war will be durable and wholesome."

EVERY SOLDIER WILL HAVE JOY

Washington, Feb. 5.—"Every soldier who put on the uniform of the United States, who fought, or trained to fight will have a job, if he wants one," Secretary of War Baker declared today in address before the congress at the 14th Annual Convention of the National Rivers and Harbor Congress.

COL. F. P. MOSLEY RESIGNS POST

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5.—Col. F. P. Mosley, who was appointed Deputy Minister of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-employment, sometime ago, has resigned. His successor is Mr. F. G. Robinson, Director of the Invalidded Soldiers' Commission, who has been promoted to the position. No announcement has been made as to Mr. Robinson's successor.

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MONTREAL SALES.

Montreal, Wednesday, Feb. 5.—Morning. Vie Bonds 1922—1,300 @ 99 1/2, 11, 100 @ 100, 30,000 @ 100 1/2, 1,050 @ 99 1/2. Vie Bonds 1923—350 @ 100 1/4, 850 @ 100 1/2, 500 @ 101 1/2, 125,000 @ 101 1/2, 1,300 @ 101 1/2. Can Cen Pfd—40 @ 96. Steel Can Com—5 @ 87 1/2, 35 @ 87 1/2, 25 @ 89. Dom Iron Com—37 @ 50, 100 @ 49 1/2. Shawinigan—1 @ 710, 80 @ 113 1/2. Montreal Power—1,025 @ 86, 3 @ 89 1/2, 325 @ 89 1/2, 350 @ 87, 675 @ 87 1/2, 35 @ 87 1/2, 350 @ 87 1/2, 300 @ 87 1/2. Maple Milling Co—35 @ 130. Lake Woods—10 @ 160. Laur Pulp—35 @ 194. Crown Reserve—100 @ 52. Whabco Cot—21 @ 61. Abitibi Pfd—100 @ 61 1/2. Glass—100 @ 92. Hochelaga—17 @ 148. Bank Commerce—20 @ 211, 5 @ 208. Royal Bank—29 @ 210, 2 @ 209 1/2. Merchants Bank—1 @ 190. Penman's Ltd—25 @ 78 1/2. Bank Montreal—11 @ 214. Afternoon. Vie Bonds 1922—1,350 @ 99 1/2, 15, 000 @ 100 1/2, 800 @ 100. Vie Bonds 1923—2,000 @ 102 1/2, 2,000 @ 102 1/2. Steamships Pfd—20 @ 78, 5 @ 77 1/2. Vie Bonds 1922—200 @ 100, 25,000 @ 100 1/4. Vie Bonds 1923—5,500 @ 101 1/2, 1,200 @ 101 1/2. Can Cen Pfd—25 @ 99. Steel Can Com—35 @ 89 1/2, 10 @ 89 1/2. Dom Iron Com—35 @ 50 1/2, 10 @ 50 1/2. Shawinigan—5 @ 115 1/2. Montreal Power—310 @ 87 1/2, 30 @ 88, 50 @ 87 1/2, 185 @ 87 1/2, 197 War Loan—1,000 @ 97 1/2. Bank Commerce—3 @ 208. Bank Montreal—32 @ 212. (McDougall & Cowans.) Bid. Ask. Ames Holden Com. 28 28 Amos Holden Pfd. 74 74 Brazilian L. H. and P. 30 30 Canada Car Pfd. 83 1/2 83 1/2 Canada Cement. 63 1/2 63 1/2 Crown Reserve. 52 52 Dom. Tel. Com. 59 1/2 59 1/2 Dom. Tel. Com. 59 1/2 59 1/2 Laurentide Paper Co. 194 196 Lake of Woods. 160 160

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

(McDougall & Cowans.) Chicago, Feb. 5.—Corn—No. 3 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, \$1.25 to \$1.25 3/4. Oats—White, 55 1/2 to 57 1/2; standard, 57 1/2 to 58 1/2. Rye—No. 2, \$1.50 to \$1.55. Barley—\$1 to \$1.05. Timothy—\$1 to \$1.05. Clover—Nominal. Pork—Nominal, lard, \$22.05; ribs, \$21.50. Corn. High. Low. Close. Feb. 1918. 124 1/2 121 1/2 122 Mar. 123 1/2 118 1/2 119 1/2 May 117 1/2 112 1/2 110 1/2 Oats. Feb. 57 55 55 1/2 Mar. 56 1/2 54 1/2 55 1/2 May 51 51 51 1/2 Pork. Feb. 37.30 36.50 36.50

MONTREAL PRODUCE.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat, new standard, \$1.25 to \$1.25. ROLLED OATS—64 90 lbs., \$37.25. WILLYS—64 90 lbs., \$42.25; middings, 48; moultie, \$23. CHICKENS—Finest Easterns, 24 to 25. BUTTER—Choicest Creamery, 52 to 53. EGGS—Fresh, 56. EGGS—Sold, 53 to 54. POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, \$1.65 to \$1.70.

ON THEIR TOES FOR BUSINESS

President Hanna of the C. N. R. Says There is to be Something Doing on Gov't Lines. Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Just give us a little time to co-ordinate our energies and we will show results, not only in earnings, but in service," said D. H. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railway system, last night. The system, he said, was now operating on an eighty million dollar a year basis, insofar as gross earnings were concerned. It had in contemplation a programme of construction, betterments and augmentation of motive power and rolling stock which would give employment to some fifteen thousand men, and would involve an expenditure of many millions of dollars. Furthermore, said Mr. Hanna, the officials of the system were "right on their toes" to get at the work in the spring. Mr. Hanna also announced that it was the intention to inaugurate a campaign of publicity which would acquaint every person in the Dominion that Canada had a national system of railways.

SMALL RECEIPTS OF LIVE STOCK

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Receipts of live stock locally continue small. This morning offerings at the C. P. R. yards amounted to 300 cattle, 1,500 sheep and lambs, 400 hogs and 150 calves. The light offerings of cattle, and the scarcity of really good stock forced up the prices for this line, and some slight advances were recorded. The best steers sold at from \$12 to \$12.50, while good steers were from \$10.50 to \$11.50, and the poorer down to \$7.50 and 8.00 per hundred pounds. There was a good demand for butchers' cattle, for what little was available, and prices were firm. Choice cows and bulls sold at from \$8.00 to \$9.00, while canners sold down to \$5 to \$5.50. Sheep were steady at from \$9.00 to \$9.50, and lambs at from \$11 to 13.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS.

(McDougall & Cowans.) Open. High. Low. Close. Am Beet Sug 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2 Am Car Ely 88 1/2 88 1/2 88 1/2 88 1/2 Am Sug 114 115 114 115 Am Smelt 69 1/2 69 1/2 69 1/2 69 1/2 Am Stl Ely 79 79 78 1/2 78 1/2 Am Woolen 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2 Am Tele 100 1/2 100 1/2 100 1/2 100 1/2 Amex 38 1/2 38 1/2 37 1/2 37 1/2 Am Can 46 1/2 47 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2 Arcticon 92 1/2 92 1/2 92 1/2 92 1/2 Balt and Ohio 46 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2 Bld Leo 67 1/2 68 1/2 67 1/2 68 Beth Steel 59 1/2 59 1/2 58 1/2 58 1/2 Brook Rap Tr 21 1/2 21 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 Butte and Sup 17 1/2 17 1/2 17 1/2 17 1/2 Clnco 33 1/2 33 1/2 32 1/2 32 1/2 Cent Leath 58 1/2 58 1/2 58 1/2 58 1/2 Can Pac 157 150 157 150 Chrysler 53 1/2 53 1/2 53 1/2 53 1/2 Crie Steel 53 1/2 53 1/2 53 1/2 53 1/2 Erie Com 16 1/2 16 1/2 16 1/2 16 1/2 Gr Nor Pfd 92 1/2 92 1/2 92 1/2 92 1/2 Gr Nor Ore 38 1/2 38 1/2 37 1/2 37 1/2 Gen Motors 129 1/2 131 1/2 128 1/2 128 1/2 Inspira Cop 43 1/2 44 1/2 43 1/2 43 1/2 Kans City Sm 17 1/2 17 1/2 17 1/2 17 1/2 Kennebec 32 1/2 32 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 Lehigh Val 55 1/2 55 1/2 55 1/2 55 1/2 Mer Mar Pfd 90 1/2 90 1/2 90 1/2 90 1/2 Mes Petrol 162 1/2 162 1/2 162 1/2 162 1/2 Midvale Stl 41 1/2 41 1/2 41 1/2 41 1/2 Miss Pac 24 24 24 24 N Y Cent 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 N P and West 105 105 105 105 Penn 44 1/2 44 1/2 44 1/2 44 1/2 Press Stl Car 62 1/2 62 1/2 62 1/2 62 1/2 Reading Com 74 1/2 74 1/2 74 1/2 74 1/2 St Paul 37 37 37 37 Sou Pac 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2 Sou Rail 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 Studebaker 50 1/2 51 1/2 50 1/2 50 1/2 Union Pac 127 1/2 128 1/2 127 1/2 127 1/2 U S Stl Com 90 1/2 90 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 U S Rub 75 1/2 75 1/2 75 1/2 75 1/2 Utah Cop 69 1/2 69 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2

N. Y. COTTON MARKET.

(McDougall & Cowans.) High. Low. Close. Mar. 23.63 23.20 23.20 May 22.48 21.98 22.02 July 21.81 21.18 21.18 Oct. 20.95 19.67 19.67

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COPPERS HELD THE STAGE TODAY

American Smelting a Decline of 6 1/2 Points—Kindred Stocks Were Heavy. New York, Feb. 5.—Coppers were the issues around which today's dull and irregular market centred. American Smelting making a gross decline of 6 1/2 points on announcement of a reduction in the quarterly dividend from 1 1/2 to 1 point. This action of the smelting directors occasioned some surprise, although it has been long reported that the company's earnings were running close to, if not under the former rate of distribution of the common shares. Kindred stocks were heavy, evidently in the belief that returns to shareholders are likely to suffer similar reductions, together with the widely recognized fact that prevailing conditions in the metal industry are uncertain, at best. In the main, however, the market seemed disposed to throw off some of its recent heaviness and short covering was again impelled in such leaders as United States Steel, Shipbuilding, Tobacco, Distilling, food and utility issues at extreme gains of 1 to 3 points. Cils and Motors offered better resistance to pressure and rails were firm when traded in, but the usual shadowing of quoted values issued towards the close. General Motors moving counter to the general trend and advance of almost 3 points. Stocks in general were quiet, a firmer tone noted for a time and call funds, the latter rising to five per cent. In the final hour and probably contributing to the realizing movement of that period. New maximums were scored by French municipal issues, but domestic bonds, including the Liberty groups, eased. Total sales, par value, aggregated \$14,830,000. United States coupon and registered funds gained 1 1/4 per cent. on call.

ITALY'S WAR DEBT HEAVY BURDEN

Its Statesmen Call Upon Her Powers to Help Them Bear the Financial Load. Rome, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Italy's national debt is now more than \$12,500,000,000, whereas when she entered the war it was about \$2,750,000,000, declared Luigi Luzzatti, former Premier and leading financial authority, in a statement urging financial aid to Italy. He said that when pensions, government bills to manufacturers and other necessary expenditures had been paid, the national debt probably would total \$16,000,000,000. "Italy, I am sad to say, leads the whole world in the relative height of its war debt," he said. "Subtracting Italy's losses in men and money, her national wealth is only about \$40,000,000. If all the war loans of the Entente should be thrown together in one consolidated sum, Italy and France whose efforts and losses in men and substance have been the greatest of the war, are not only strong, but generous and they will acknowledge that Italy and France, the two principal centers of Teutonic slaughter and devastation, should be supported financially, therefore, with correspondingly greater help." The former Premier, who is an old and enthusiastic supporter of the idea of the society of nations, said that he still believed in the principals of such an organization.

GRAIN STORAGE MARGIN SMALL

Fort William, Ont., Feb. 5.—That there is a margin of only five million bushels of grain storage in the elevators of the lakes, to come and go on, is a report now given out. It is pointed out that the only thing that prevents a surplus of any shipment from the west at all, is the fact that the 1918 crop was small. With present conditions existing and a bumper crop in the west the situation would be calamitous. Even as it is, five million bushels of storage capacity for the 1919 crop, according to experts in the grain trade here.

MIDVALE STEEL

(McDougall & Cowans.) New York, Feb. 5.—Three months, ended Dec. 31st, 1918, net profit after charges and war taxes, \$5,023,897, equal to \$2.51 a share earned on two million shares capital stock against net profits of \$7,793,627 or \$3.89 a share in preceding quarter and profits of \$10,882,037 or \$5.44 a share in December, 1917 quarter. Statement for year ended Dec. 31st, 1918, as compiled from the company's quarterly reports, shows net profits after charges and war taxes of \$29,163,408, equal to \$14.51 a share earned on stock as compared with profits of \$34,235,503 or \$17.12 a share in 1917. Phila. Co. reports gross earnings in all departments for December \$2,710,988, against \$2,233,502 a year ago. D. J. & CO.

HEAVY EXPENSES

(Toronto, Feb. 5.—The annual meeting of the Toronto Railway Company was held today. The annual report showed gross earnings for 1918 of \$6,558,002, an increase of \$234,543 over last year, but as operating expenses rose from \$3,815,278 in 1917 to \$4,580,651 in 1918, the net earnings show a decrease of \$495,830. Recreations: Golf, motorcars. Creed: Roman Catholic. Residence: 8 Beldvere Road, Montreal.

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NEW SUGGESTION FOR CONFERENCE

Stockholm, Feb. 5.—American Minister Morris has received from the Swedish people a suggestion for transmission to the Peace Conference, an address signed by 306,881 Swedes, in favor of such a peace that would prevent the growth of new national hatreds and a desire for revenge. The address is signed by Prince Bernadotte of Arctoberg, Dr. Carl Blom, Dr. Carl Fries, president of the Swedish Y. M. C. A., and the Bishop of Vistby, Lucia Harnöes and Skara.

NEW APPOINTMENTS CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

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INTEREST WAS IN COPPER STOCKS

(McDougall & Cowans.) New York, Feb. 5.—Interest centered today in the Copper Stocks. There have been heavy for some time past and the announcement made yesterday that there was no billion pounds of unsold copper in the hands of producers, and that it was still being produced at a much greater rate than it was being consumed, caused a pessimistic feeling. This was accentuated when Smelters reduced its dividend from 5 per cent. to a 4 per cent. basis. Smelters itself broke sharply and was under pressure all day long, closing at the lowest price of the day. The rest of the list responded very little to the weakness in Copper. There was a slight fractional decline early in the day, which was recovered before the close and the list as a whole outside of the Copper stocks showed but little change from last night's final prices. At the end Smelters showed a net loss of over 6 points. Sales \$30,000. E. & C. RANDOLPH.

DETROIT UNITED

(McDougall & Cowans.) Detroit, Feb. 5.—Annual statement of Detroit United, according to a summary of the figures submitted to shareholders yesterday as received, seemed to show that the company earned a net balance of \$2,042,854 after interest and taxes, but before appropriations for reserves. This compares with \$2,175,590 in 1917 and so represents only a slight falling off. The balance before reserves equals 15.3 per cent. on the \$13,000,000 capital stock, and after reserve appropriations totaling \$750,000 or \$200,000 less than a year ago equals 5.3 per cent. on the stock. Surplus remaining to be carried forward was \$144,554 against \$108,730. (McDougall & Cowans.) Montreal, Feb. 5.—The only feature in the Montreal market was Montreal Power, which showed a net gain of 1 1/2 per cent. from yesterday's low selling today at 88 X.D. This was attributed to the fact that from what we can gather, this stock will probably go on a 5 per cent. basis, next dividend period, which will be in May.

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RESIDENCE PURCHASED.
Dr. G. A. E. Addy purchased the residence, No. 35 Union street, recently occupied by Ward C. Hazen.

FIRE ALARM FOLDER.
The Ross Drug Co. Ltd., King street are giving away a neat pocket fire alarm folder.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.
Lieutenant John Kimball Scamell is struck off the strength of the C. E. F., on general demobilization, 12th December, 1918.

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF.
Mayor Hayes yesterday received from Mrs. Jane Bartley, Belleville, Carleton County, the sum of one dollar for Belgian relief.

ON BUSINESS TRIP.
Rupert W. Wigmore, M. P., left on the Montreal express last evening en route to Ottawa on business. Mr. Wigmore expects to return on Saturday.

6TH SIEGE BATTERY.
George E. Withers, superintendent of letter carriers, has received from his son, G. Percy Withers, a group photo of the 6th Canadian Siege Battery, taken in Melton, Germany.

WERE ENTERTAINED.
On Tuesday evening the ladies of the Fairview Methodist Missionary Aid were entertained at the home of Mrs. David Linton, Lancaster Heights. A very pleasant evening was spent by the guests.

INSPECTING SYSTEM.
Grant Hall, vice-president of the C. P. R., and W. R. McInnis, vice-president in charge of traffic, who have been making an inspection of the D. A. R. system, spent yesterday afternoon in the city and left last evening at 8.10 for Montreal.

ADDITIONAL MAILS.
The postmaster has been informed of additional mails for Siberia. Mails will close at Vancouver, Feb. 13, by the Kaon Mura, Feb. 18 by Arabia Mura. The Kasihini Mura has been postponed until Feb. 12, but will not go if the direct Canadian steamer is sailing on that day.

CORRESPONDENCE TO TROOPS.
An order from headquarters, Military District No. 7 says: "In view of demobilization, all correspondence addressed to troops overseas should be endorsed on the outer cover with the name and address of the sender, in order that the communication may be returned in the event of its being undelivered."

DRAWING POSTPONED.
Owing to the fact that all the tickets for the \$100 Bond, which was donated to the Red Cross by Mrs. Burden, not being returned, the drawing did not take place at the Imperial Theatre last evening. Arrangements will be made for this drawing to take place at a future date.

GEN. MACDONELL RECOVERING.
Brigadier General Macdonell, C. M. G., D. S. O., officer commanding Military District Number 7, who was taken ill on Monday, is reported to be recovering and will soon resume his duties at headquarters. The general O. C. of the district had contracted a bad cold, and took the necessary precautions by remaining indoors for a time.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.
The old landmark, Saint David's Presbyterian church, Sydney street, is at the present assuming its former model and proportions as the work of rebuilding the structure is rapidly being pushed forward. The general work is being placed in position for the walls and roof, and the cement and brick work is getting along nicely for the present season of the year. The mildness of the climate it is stated permits of the work being carried on at such speed.

G. W. V. A. SECRETARY.
At a recent executive meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association A. E. Frame was elected secretary of the association in the place made vacant by the former secretary, Sergeant E. J. Paddy, who has been appointed caretaker of the building. The retiring secretary was presented with a vote of thanks for his untiring and valuable services in the past. To his successor it is wished the same success as characterized the past work of his predecessor.

THE CITY ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS MET

The electric contractors of the city held a meeting in the Retail Merchants' Association rooms last evening. S. C. Webb presided.

Barry Wilson, city electrical inspector, presented his proposed by-laws for the government of the installation of electric currents in and around all city buildings; and a second by-law relating to the government of licensing and examination of all city electricians. While the meeting was in strict approval with the proposals as laid down by Mr. Wilson, the majority of the meeting were of the opinion that the specifications as laid down were not broad enough, and believed that greater latitude should be employed in the laws as affecting the wiring of residences and all buildings of certain sizes, and according to the build of the edifices to be wired.

Again the meeting proposed, and strongly suggested, that all outside electricians and electric contractors be taxed, when in the city doing business, or moving into the city for the purpose of engaging in the electric business.

The electric contractors approach the common council this morning about 11 o'clock, to offer their suggestions to the city fathers in the electrical work of the city, so that special garrisons may be enacted to govern them in the future, or those laws already enacted to be made more specific. A goodly number of electricians and electric contractors were present at the meeting last evening, among whom were: J. B. Jones, Jr., Messrs. Driscoll and Mackie, Mr. Murdoch representing the Jones Electric Company, and J. Coffey.

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ENJOY BANQUET

Employees of New Brunswick Telephone Company Were Guests Last Night—Excellent Repast and Lengthy Program Carried Through.

The first banquet to the employees of the New Brunswick Telephone Company was given last evening. In Bond's, by the Company, and proved a decided success.

President J. W. Duncan presided in an able and most efficient manner; and his efforts, along with the other participants, made the banquet the marked success that it was.

The guests gathered in the rooms about nine o'clock, and the menu was as follows:—
Oysters on the half shell.
Stuffed Olives Points of Lemon
Confectionery. Coffee.
Lobster Patties, a la mode.
Roast Young Turkey.
(Cranberry Sauce, Dressing, Gravy)
Creamed Potatoes Green Peas
Port Wine Jelly, Whipped Cream
English Plum Pudding, Fruit Sauce.
Layer Ice Cream.
Canadian Cheese Celery, Escalots
Confectionery. Coffee.

The menu card took the form of a little booklet, and on the inner page were eleven commendments, for the guidance of the employees of the company in their daily work, which were nicely phrased and deserving of favorable comment. Each of the items mentioned on the menu, was accompanied with little phrases of quite unique mention, and somewhat laughable in the fact that each accompanied a name of the food commodity mentioned.

After the members and invited guests, among whom were the following: Superintendent O. H. Fraser, Lieutenant F. J. Nisbet, Construction Superintendent J. E. Marshall, H. G. Black, S. Hoyt, N. E. Moore, S. B. Ebbett, L. D. Morse, J. Merritt, P. Lewis, and A. W. McMackin, had done justice to the excellent repast, the chairman, President J. W. Duncan, addressed the assemblage on the work of the members of the New Brunswick Telephone Workers' Association, complimented the past work of the members, who had aided in building up a grand and useful necessity in every day life, and concluded in hoping that in the future the same spirit of hearty co-operation would be met by employer and employee, a spirit which had been characteristic of the past associations between employer and employee of the New Brunswick Telephone Company.

He then proposed the toast to the King, which was greeted with musical honors.
The following toasts next followed in order:
"To The Association," proposed by Mr. MacLeod, responded to by Mr. Colwell.
"To The Company," by F. C. Ferry, responded to by Superintendent O. J. Fraser.
"To New Brunswick," proposed by H. G. Black, responded to by C. A. Kee.
"To The Soldier Boys," proposed by A. Duke, responded to by Lieutenant E. J. Nisbet.
"To The Ladies," proposed by B. Edwards and responded to by S. Ebbett.
All the toasts were proposed and responded to in a more or less humorous vein than the last mentioned, when S. Ebbett, in an able speech came to the front for the ladies and merited prolonged applause.
Then followed in quick succession the following programme:
Chorus—"Pack All Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag."
Reading—G. Stinson.
Chorus—"Smiles."
Reading—J. L. Smith.
Vocal Solo—"E. Till."
Story—W. Smith.
Song—"Casey" Jones.
Reading—W. Duncan.
Chorus—"When You Were a Tulip."
Solo—"E. Till."
Story—W. Colwell.
Piano Selection—M. Watson.
Banjo Selection—Mr. Bagnall.
Chorus—"Where Do We Go From Here."

MAJ. GEN. HUGHES IS COMING HEPE

Is Acting Inspector General of Eastern Canada During Illness of General Lessard—Will Inspect District 7.

Major General John Hughes, Inspector General of Western Canada, who is acting Inspector General of Eastern Canada during the illness of General Lessard, will reach the city in the very near future. Military Headquarters announced yesterday. The general will make an inspection of Military District 7. He is a brother of Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Militia in the federal house. The near visit of General Hughes to this city is his first in an official capacity.

GARRISON REGTS. TO DEMOBILIZE

All Such Units in Canada Will Soon be Demobilized and Officers and Men Return to Civil Life.

According to the latest reports received from Ottawa the Seventh Canadian Garrison Regiment, as all other garrison regiments in Canada, will be demobilized in the near future. The new order will affect quite a number of men in this centre who previously held jobs in the garrison. The account of physical qualities transferred for home service, not being accepted for overseas duty. The officers at the present connected with this unit are soon to be returned to civil life.

JANUARY FERRY REPORT SHOWS INCREASED TRAFFIC AND REVENUE

The ferry report for the month of January, 1919, shows quite an increase in the traffic and revenue, but this increase in revenue is more than offset by the increase in the wages and salaries paid in the department. Following are the figures for January, 1918 and 1919:

1918.		1919.	
54,723 at 1 cent.	\$ 547.23	67,749 at 1 cent.	\$ 677.49
83,755 at 1 1/2 cents.	1,256.33	97,930 at 1 1/2 cents.	1,468.95
60,363 at 3 cents.	1,810.89	62,897 at 3 cents.	1,886.91
188,841	\$3,614.45	212,576	\$3,033.35
Increase in passengers, 18,535;		Increase in revenue, \$460.02.	
Teams.			
Single, 9,549 at 8 cents, \$763.92		9,867 at 8 cents, \$ 789.36	
Double, 1,441 at 15 cents, 216.15		1,831 at 15 cents, 274.65	
10,990	\$980.07	11,698	\$1,064.01
Increase in teams, 708; increase in revenue, \$83.94.			
Salaries—1918, \$2,356.86; 1919, \$2,812.38. Increase over 1918, \$455.76.			

GENERAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL IS CLOSED TO VISITORS

Two Patients Died of Influenza After Being Admitted to Institution—Disease Traceable to Contagion from Visitors—Scarcity of Room in Hospital—Only Two Vacant Beds Yesterday.

Notice is given in another portion of this paper to the effect that visitors to the General Public Hospital in the future will be prohibited from making any visits to the institution until further notice. The order is one issued by the hospital authorities and quite naturally some may grow inquisitive as to the "why" of this new order. The reason advanced is that two cases of influenza broke out in the institution after the patients had entered the hospital for other treatment, and who at the time of admittance did not show the least symptoms of the disease. Later it was traceable to contagion from visitors to the institution, and the medical authorities of the institution took the precautions that in the future disease of such a nature might be averted if visitors were not allowed into the building, and accordingly issued the notice in the press. The two cases which are referred to as breaking out in the institution unfortunately proved fatal, both patients succumbing lately to the dreaded malady.

FREE EVENING SCHOOL BOOMING

Meeting With Splendid Success—More Pupils May Enroll at Any Time—Attendance Over One Hundred

The free evening schools for boys and men which is being conducted in the King Edward school, Wentworth street and the Centennial school, Brussels street, is meeting with splendid success. The attendance has gradually increased until now there are more than one hundred in all the classes. Pupils may enroll at any time. Those attending in the King Edward building are taught reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic, and those in the Centennial receive instruction in elementary and advanced mechanical drawing. More pupils can be accommodated in all the classes. Either of the instructors will gladly furnish full information to any who are interested. The large number of returned soldiers who have enrolled this winter is a pleasing feature. Special consideration is always shown these most deserving men, and they are encouraged to attend regularly so that they may qualify for the important and responsible positions that are awaiting the returned heroes. Dr. Bridges, the general superintendent of schools, has been visiting the evening classes this week, and he expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress already attained by the pupils and pointed out to them that many prominent and successful men had gained their education by making the best use of their spare time to increase their fund of knowledge.

WESTERN MEN LIKE ST. JOHN

Conducting Officer Says Soldiers Homeward Bound Speak in Highest Terms of Reception Given Them Here.

Captain Jean Malenfant, Moncton, who is in the city, is connected with the Quebec Clearing Services command as conducting officer for the Quebec and Central Canada military districts. He is awaiting the arrival of the steamship Tunisian in this port, and will conduct the men of the Central Canadian military districts to their respective headquarters. He reached the city yesterday from Montreal, where he had conducted a number of men to this district. Speaking of the reception given the returning men on the Grampan as all so cities were on hand at the piers in large numbers to meet the lads and give them a cheering welcome home. The men of Central Canada made particular mention of the treatment afforded them in this port while on the train homeward bound, and added: "It was a genial change in comparison to the life overseas."

WOMAN'S HOSPITAL AID ASSN.

All women interested in the organizing of the Woman's Hospital Aid Association of the General Public Hospital are urgently requested to attend the public meeting Friday afternoon, February 7th, at 2.30. Board of Trade rooms. Election of officers and other important matters.

PUBLIC NOTICE

No visitors will be allowed in the General Public Hospital until further notice. H. Hedden, M. D., Superintendent.

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