

CLIMAX OF NATIONAL SERVICE CAMPAIGN

Sir Robert Borden Replies to Peace Suggestions—R. B. Bennett Opposes Conscription

Canada's scorn of the peace suggestions of President Wilson of the United States, as intimated in speeches by the Premier, Sir Robert Borden and Liberal Chief Whip, F. F. Pardee, M.P., and the intimation of Mr. R. B. Bennett, Director of National Service, that any immediate attempts to force conscription would mean "civil war, rebellion and bloodshed," were the features of the climax meeting of the National Service tour, held in Massey Hall, Toronto, last Friday night.

Premier Borden confessed that it was desirable that he should speak "with restraint and reticence." Much had been heard recently of "peace proposals, and some rather remarkable statements had been made." He had been surprised at this, since he thought the cause of the war had been made abundantly plain more than two years ago. The causes of the war were of world-wide significance, "and I say," continued the Canadian Premier, "that we cannot yield our purpose in this war unless we are prepared to let military aggressiveness go unchecked. I say all the sacrifices we have made in this war, all the agony, all the sacrifices of the allied nations would have been in vain and would be worse than in vain if we did not pursue this struggle until the purpose for which it was undertaken is crowned with absolute and complete triumph."

"Not Peace-at-any-price"

This declaration of the Premier was succeeded by several moments of cheering. Later when F. F. Pardee scorched the peace propaganda with stinging sarcasm, the audience gave vent to another tornado of cheering. "This audience is not yet a peace-at-any-price audience," declared Mr. Pardee. Mr. N. W. Rowell, Ontario Liberal leader, asked what would be the place of Canada if, with ability to send the last 100,000 men, she failed to do so.

BELGIUM BLEEDS ANEW

Seekers of "Peace" Still Masters of Brutality

Of twenty Belgians who had been sentenced to death by a German court-martial at Hasel, eleven were shot last Saturday, says the Maastricht (Holland) les Nouvelles. Forty-four other persons were sentenced to various terms of penal servitude and sixty-four others ordered deported to Germany. The newspaper adds that another court-martial was begun to hear the cases of 192 Belgians who were charged with espionage. The frontier correspondent of The Amsterdam Telegraaf asserts that many citizens of Ghent who were deported to the Somme front were killed or very seriously wounded recently during a fight by French machine guns. A thousand men from Ghent are compelled to work on that front, and that 4,000 more are about to be sent there.

HUGHES FOR CONSCRIPTION

Would Enforce Militia Act Now—Doubts National Service

On Christmas Eve Sir Sam Hughes, before a large audience in his home town, Lindsay, came out strongly in favor of immediate universal military training for the defence of Canada and compulsory overseas service. Sir Sam made reference to the National Service Commission, to the fact that four months' valuable time had already been lost, and, further, to the admission that four months more would elapse before even the returns would be ready. In short, it would mean a year before the commission could begin to operate.

CANADIANS TRIUMPH

Huge Surprise Raid in Daylight Marks New Era

A correspondent with the British armies in France wired on Christmas Day: North of Arras certain Canadian troops, mostly Westerners, have just accomplished what the British officers declare marks a new phase in modern trench warfare. In a raid they succeeded in putting out of action, temporarily at least, an entire battalion of German infantry. Sir Douglas Haig's official report of the engagement in which the Canadians won a signal success reads: "Further particulars regarding the raid by us north of Arras and reported in the communications of the 20th and 21st show the operation was more successful than at first reported. The raid took place in the afternoon, in broad daylight, after careful preparation. Two lines of enemy trenches were penetrated on a 400-yard front, and all the objectives aimed at were reached. Our troops remained in the enemy's trenches, which were badly damaged, for a period of 1 1/2 hours. All his dug-outs were methodically searched and blown in before returning. One German officer and 57 men of other ranks were made prisoner."

A despatch from the front last Friday said: "The Canadian soldiers received the bulk of their mail last week, most of the soldiers obeying with childish impatience instructions not to open the parcels until Christmas."

CANADIANS STAND BY BRITAIN IN CRISIS

Premiers Lloyd-George and Borden Exchange Messages—Fullest Support Expected and Promised

A message to the Canadian people from the new "Win the War" Government of Great Britain was received last week by Sir Robert Borden from Premier Lloyd-George. It is as follows: "On taking up the high office with which His Majesty has charged me I send to you on behalf of the people of the Old Country a message to our brothers beyond the seas. There is no faltering in our determination that the sacrifices which we and you have made, and have still to make, shall not be in vain, and that the fight which we are waging together for humanity and civilization shall be fought to a triumphant issue. We realize that we shall still need every man that we can put in the field, every effort which a united people can put forth to help in the heavy task of our soldiers and sailors. The splendid contributions to the common cause already made by the dominions gives me sure confidence that their determination is no less high than ours, and that, however long the path to final victory, we shall tread it side by side.—Lloyd-George."

Undaunted As Ever

The Governor-General, for Sir Robert Borden, sent on Thursday last the following reply to the stirring message received by him from Mr. Lloyd-George, British Prime Minister: "On behalf of the Canadian people I send to our kinsmen of the Motherland the assurance that our hearts are as undaunted and our determination as resolute as when we ranged ourselves in the Empire's battle line two years ago. All our sacrifices would be worse than useless unless the purpose for which this war is undertaken is achieved in such victory as assures the future peace of the world. Your message reached me in the Western Provinces of Canada while engaged in commending and supporting proposals for better organization of our national service and for more effectual utilization of our natural resources from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

Shall Go On

"I have found everywhere the strongest determination that both the human energy and the national resources of this Dominion shall be utilized to such purpose as will throw the full strength of Canada into the struggle. At Regina and at Brandon I read your words to two great gatherings, and the response which they evoked was splendid and inspiring. We shall indeed tread the path side by side in full realization that the sacrifice, however great, is for a cause transcending even the interests and destiny of our Empire, and in supreme confidence that this path alone can lead to the ultimate triumph of democracy, liberty and civilization.—R. L. Borden."

WILSON WANTS PARLEY

Unexpected Note to All Belligerents From the United States

President Wilson appealed last Wednesday to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace. Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation, the President sent formal notes to the Governments of all the warring nations suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them." The President acted wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what Administration officials had described as his course. On Thursday Secretary of State Lansing added an explanation that "the United States is nearing the verge of war." But later this statement, which caused a financial panic in the United States, was withdrawn. The President stated that his note had been under way before the German offer of peace.

Canadians Confident

Rejoice in Home Support, Says Byng—Premier Sends Greeting

Christmas greetings to Canadian soldiers at the front and training in England or at convalescent homes or hospitals there were conveyed by Sir Robert Borden in cables to General Turner, General Byng and Sir George Perley. General Byng in reply to the Premier, sent the following: "France, Dec. 25, 1916—All Canadians under my command in France will read with deep gratification the inspiring message which you have sent to them from the fellow-citizens in Canada. Nothing can be more encouraging or more calculated to assist them to perform their duties here than the consciousness that they have the entire sympathy and support of those at home. Will you in reply assure the people of Canada that the Canadian army in the field is full of hope and confidence, and determined to the extent of their power to assist in the complete achievement of those high purposes for which they left their homes. We feel assured that the new year will bring us fresh strength and new victories."

Roumania Sure, Says King

A Reuter despatch from Jassy, dated Dec. 22, says that the Roumanian Parliament was opened there on that day by King Ferdinand. The despatch says that the King in a speech from the throne said that the war had shown that Austria-Hungary in her present condition could no longer exist as a factor in the equilibrium of Europe. The King said that the Roumanian army had struggled against the forces of four combined enemies in a manner justifying Roumania's look to the future with absolute confidence. According to the despatch, the King was given an enthusiastic reception by the Senators and deputies.

SOME HEART BEATS

To live long and well, save your heart by conserving your heart beats. This may be done by avoiding extreme emotion and violent physical exertion and by sleeping long hours. The human heart beats from seventy to 150 times a minute, and each beat means weight equivalent to raising a 2-pound weight 1 foot. If this does not seem like work, try to lift a 2-pound weight seventy to 150 times a minute.

Anything that quickens the heart's action increases its labor. Accurate tests have shown that a man riding a bicycle up a 10 per cent. grade for 2,904 feet in four minutes adds an amount of labor to his heart that would lift a ton and an eighth 1 foot. Violent physical exertion of any kind quickens the heart beats. Strong emotion has the same effect. Intense anger may increase the heart's labor from 150 pounds per minute to 225 pounds. Under such a strain the heart of an animal has been known to literally break, causing almost instant death. According to a heart specialist, who retires to bed at ten instead of twelve, saves the heart 376,000 foot-pounds a year. Lying down one half-hour daily lessens its labors in the same period by 219,000 foot-pounds.

FIRST FLAG OF WORLD

Origin of the National Banners—Japan Heads List

The most ancient national flag in the world is either the dragon banner of China or the chrysanthemum flag of Japan. The former has been used from a very early period, and the latter is as old as the present dynasty in Japan, which is the oldest in the world. Amongst European national flags that of Denmark—a white St. George's cross on a red ground—is the most ancient, having been in use since 1219. No other flag has existed without change for anything like the same period as a national emblem, although there are Royal standards that are older. The Spanish national flag dates only from 1785, and the British flag, the Union Jack, was first flown in its present form after the union with Ireland in 1801. The Stars and Stripes, the national emblem of the United States, is older than the British, for it was first planned and ordered by Washington of Betsy Ross, an upholsterer of Philadelphia, and formally adopted on June 14, 1777.

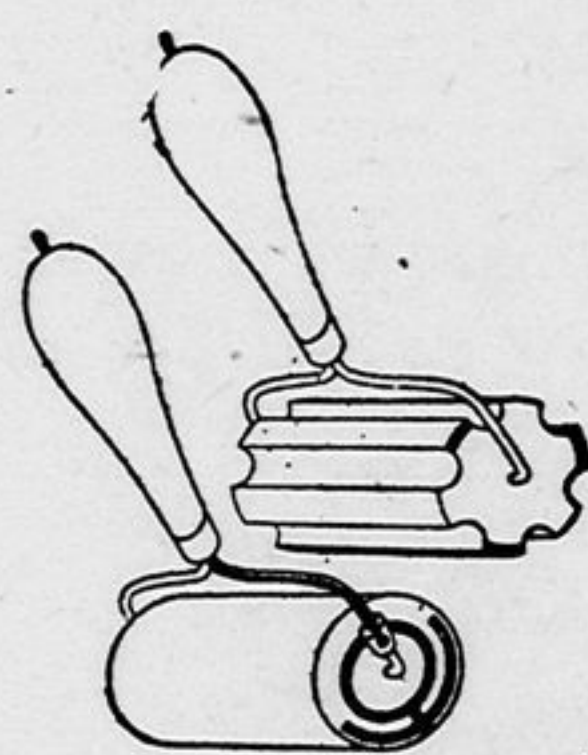
MANITOBA'S WEALTH

Great Natural Mineral Resources in Western Province

Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, said: "The untapped natural resources of Manitoba will stagger the world." When he made this statement he must have had in his mind the very rich mineral resources of the province. Some years ago rumors began to drift into Winnipeg of gold finds being made in Northern Manitoba. Then startling reports of the richness of the finds round Rice Lake district came to hand, and the publicity given to the camp caused a great deal of interest.

As an example of what can be done in the mining industry, the Porcupine district of Ontario might be cited. This camp was unknown before 1903, and in seven years it put out nearly \$19,000,000.

Electric Massage Rolls



Two massage rollers, so designed that they will stimulate the flesh over which they are rolled by continuous or intermittent electrical contact, have been patented. The feed wires pass through the handles of both types of rollers. One cylinder is deeply corrugated, alternate ridges being non-conducting; as it revolves over the skin it produces the intermittent electrical effect. In the other type electrical connection is controlled by the position of a thumb slide at the end of the cylinder. If it is placed in contact with a ring imbedded in the end, continuous current is supplied; if it is moved so as to be in line with a semi-circular band, parallel with the ring, contact is made during but half of each revolution of the roller.—Popular Mechanic.

Wreck's Sole Survivor

James Boyle, the sole survivor of the collision between the passenger boat Conemaugh and the collier Retriever off Greenore was the principal witness at the inquest at Kilkree. He was still suffering from the effects of his experience and for some time was unable to proceed with his evidence. He told how the vessels collided and parted and how he got into a boat which twice capsized, but to which he managed to cling, eventually crawling ashore on his hands and knees.

Instead of Glass

Unbleached heavy cotton cloth may be used as a substitute for glass on hot beds and the material used for dressing it is three pints linseed oil, one ounce acetate of lead, and four ounces of white resin. Grind the acetate in a little oil, then add the resin and the rest of the oil. Melt in an iron kettle over a fire until it is well mixed and apply it to the cloth while warm.

For the first time since the Reformation service has been held in the ruins of the Abbey of Shaftesbury. Hang up the lantern while working in barn or stable. Many barns are burned by lanterns being knocked over and starting fires.

TRAVERTON

Wasn't it a delightful Christmas Day? Everyone seemed to be under its spell.

The Cook homestead is enlivened by the presence of their sons, Ernest and Tom, from Detroit and on the festive day, by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFadden and Miss Gladys of Wilder's Lake.

Miss Emma Edwards and Miss Essel are out from lawn spending a few days with their kin folk.

Spenser Edwards, after being out near Loreburn for eight months arrived home last week, visiting relatives at Murillo, Flint and Caledon on the way home.

Miss Lizzie Morrison, teacher in Oxford County, is holidaying at the parental home on the 8th concession.

Miss Mary Hudson of South Bentinck is enjoying a month's holidays at the homes of her uncles, the Peart Brothers. Her brothers, Emerson and Jimmy, were out over the weekend.

Miss Verbena Ryan is visiting at uncle Will Jack's.

Miss Madge Goodwill, book keeper of Toronto and Miss Muriel Goodwill, teacher in Holland, are at the old home on the 12th concession for the holiday season. They gave a most enjoyable party to a big crowd of young folk on Christmas night.

Mrs. Ben Mays, with Elsie and Isabella, of Guelph are holidaying at Mr. William Firth's, where a big family reunion took place on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carson of Artemesia enjoyed a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. Timmins and were present at Zion's big concert.

Mrs. L. R. Froom and children of Priceville are guests at the Blair homestead. Mr. Froom came over for the good cheer on Christmas Day.

Rev. E. S. Moyer had a splendid Christmas message on Sunday for Zionites. 'Twas the kind that stirs the happiest and best emotions and impulses.

Teacher W. R. Wallace of No. 5 is enjoying a well-earned holiday at the old home in Normanby. He took a heavy part in drilling the pupils for Zion's concert.

We expect an Election in Glenelg, but there are only two new candidates in the field. Mr. A. McCuaig is opposing T. Nichol for the reeveship while Mr. Mal. Black is in the field for councillor.

The Baptist Sunday School on the 10th concession held a most successful Christmas Tree concert on Thursday evening of last week. Rev. Mr. Ashton is an all round entertainer as speaker, reciter, soloist or musician. He occupied the chair as well. The children did their parts remarkably well and the members of Mr. Colin McArthur's family took a heavy part. Prizes were awarded all the pupils of the school and the big tree and church were handsomely decorated.

We are always proud of old Zion when she does well and looking back over a couple of score of year's, tis seldom we can recall a failure when it comes to giving an entertainment. On Friday night, her Sunday School Christmas Tree concert took place.

The church was filled with seats in the aisles. The two graceful trees fairly glowed and glistened, while their lower branches pendant hung, with piles of presents at their feet. Rev. E. S. Moyer made a delightful chairman and added much to the bright program. The children sang and recited with more vim, snap and aptitude than usual. Those winning special prizes are the three bright daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Firth Misses Essie, Kathleen and coquettish Marjorie. The "British Military Drill" was one of the best things ever given in Zion and teacher Wallace is receiving much praise for its success. Miss Essel Edwards gave a good exhibition in club-swinging. The young folk are adepts in diatome work and kept the crowd convulsed. At the program's close presents were distributed to all the pupils of the school, while eighty candy bags were distributed. Eight members of the school had been present every Sabbath and won the superintendents special prizes. The proceeds of the evening were \$28.50. It was a pleasure to be among so well-behaved, deeply interested, and bright-looking a company.

SAUGEE VALLEY

Miss J. McNab of Toronto ate Christmas dinner with her parents here.

Misses Annie, Ida, and Bessie Davis spent the holidays with their parents here. They were accompanied by Miss Ruby Moffatt.

Miss Maud MacGillivray spent over Christmas with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Sandy McArthur of Bruce Alta, arrived here Friday to spend the winter months with his mother and brothers.

Mr. Hugh McInnes of Ben Allen and Mr. Artie Catto of Owen Sound visited over the week end with relatives here.

Mr. Chas. MacGillivray of Kelfield Saskatchewan is spending the winter with his father Mr. Jas. MacGillivray.

Mrs. Nat. Whitmore, George and Mary ate Christmas dinner with her daughter Mrs. R. Wells, Bentinck.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Turnbull and children visited her parents in Egremont lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitmore of Durham spent Christmas with the Newell family.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McNab and family, Miss Katie McNab and Jonnie MacGillivray of Beaver Creek spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacGillivray.

Mr. Allan Campbell has gone to live with Mr. M. McInnes near Priceville.

Miss May Davis is spending Christmas week with her grandfather Mr. James MacGillivray.

Mrs. Archie Beaton is spending a week or so with her mother at King. Miss Elsie Beaton is visiting relatives in Toronto.

A few from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Malcolm Beaton of Berkley. She was a sister of Mr. John MacDonald of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Allen spent

Christmas day with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins Popular Place.

DARKIES' CORNERS

Miss Ella McFadden returned last week from Toronto where she spent several months.

Mrs. O. Ritchie, Edna and Mr. Murray Ritchie spent an evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. Farr Lawrence, Egremont.

Miss Minnie Andrews is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Zuefelt, of Hanover, spent over Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hargrave.

Mr. Noble Wilson of Boothville visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins entertained a number at Christmas dinner.

Congratulations to Mr. Robert Lawrence and Miss Kate McCuaig who join heart and hand tomorrow (Wednesday).

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCrae, of Galt, visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lindsay spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William McCullough, Bentinck.

Mrs. Robert Bell entertained a number on Christmas day.

Those Liquor Orders

It is not at all likely that the Ontario Board of License Commissioners will make representations to the Ontario Temperance Act to curb the almost wholesale deliveries of liquors from Montreal or other places outside the province.

It is stated that any step to prevent this would have to come from the Dominion Government as it comes under the Trades and Commerce portion of the Act of British North America and therefore the Ontario Government has nothing whatever to do with it.

It has been hinted that the only way to stop the importation of liquor into Ontario, or any other prohibition province, is for the whole of the Dominion to go dry, and the import of liquor to be absolutely prohibited.

Ignorance might be bliss if somebody did not think it his duty to put us wise.

A wise bachelor never tells a girl she is pretty in the presence of her rival.

When a pint is dying, put a besert-spoonful of castor oil about the roots. This will sometime revive it.

Nothing is more honorable than a good housewife and home-maker. It is a pleasure to work in a wellkept home.

To the man outside, every love looks like a first love.

The most expensive way to buy anything worth while in this world is to get it for nothing.

Large Sales

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