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ANXIOUS FOR A TRUCE.

The Kaiser intimates that he is ready to act on the pope's suggestion and have a Christmas truce, if the other belligerents are willing. One recalls the Kaiser's promise to enter into a permanent truce or agreement for peace, "but," said the late W. T. Stead, "he immediately decided to increase the army by many thousands of men."

COMPLETED THE WORK.

The naval duel of the Falkland Islands, has gone a long way towards finishing the war, as far as the sea is concerned. The success of the German fleet, in the previous meeting with the British ships of Chile, had demonstrated the power of the German craft. Two of the best British ships had been sunk, but how no one had been able to account for adequately.

There has been a balancing of the account in the disposition of the five ships that constituted the German fleet, that had assumed to menace the Southern Pacific and had already done considerable mischief. They have all gone to the bottom, having when hopelessly on the defensive, refused to surrender. All of the men who composed their crews did not go down with them, however. The British ships rendered aid to them as far as possible and rescued many.

IDEAL LOCAL CONDITIONS.

Manitoba's action on the liquor question continues to be the surprise of the year. The government, which aided the liquor trade to the utmost extent, is now posing as a temperance party. The premier and his colleagues are apostles of righteousness. The bars and clubs are to be closed at 7 p.m. each day while the soldiers are in Winnipeg, and later, as soon as the necessary legislation can be passed, the province is to accept or enforce prohibition.

The ideal condition would the sooner come to pass if Sir Rodmond Roblin pursued the plan of the province of Quebec for making the transition in the customs of the people. By a special act, which was passed a year ago, there can be a gradual reduction in the number of licenses, to the diminishing point, and the councils and electors can have no compunction of conscience about it. The reason is that the province has provided for the compensation of the license holders to the extent of \$3,000 each. In Manitoba the wet places would quickly disappear if a similar scale of compensation were approved. To the Whig this view

appeals most strongly. Men with a business, which has been built up under the law, cannot be knocked out of it without some consideration.

In Saskatchewan the government has balked about initiating Manitoba and promising prohibition for the reason that it would deprive a good many of their occupations. They might find better work, more congenial, and safer for themselves and others if forced to do it. There are many thousands of them engaged in distilleries, breweries, warehouses, wholesale and retail shops, in distributing and selling the goods—and it would bother some of them if compelled, on short notice, to look after some other kind of service. These are worthy of consideration, and so are the thousands who lose control of themselves, and, through their intemperate habits, bury themselves annually in premature graves. The government must in justice study both sides of the question.

TEST FOR A MINISTER.

The Financial Post is not—or is not supposed to be—a political organ, yet, in dealing with the stringency of the times, and the sufferings of labour, it sounds a distinctly political note. It deals with the Department of Labour in the federal government, under the former government and under the present, and in a way which shows a very decided bias for the administration of the day. The labour bureau was never intended to be, and never was so far as the Whig can understand, a vote-making institution. Nor was it used, as the Post intimates, for the purpose of advertising the feats or accomplishments of the department. What it did, at any time, under any minister, in a public way, was of course known, and commented upon in the press, sometimes favourably, sometimes unfavourably. But this is only a side issue.

The Post is concerned most deeply just now about the work of Hon. Mr. Crothers. It lauds his merits as a lawyer, his work as a School Book Commissioner, his extreme, if not excessive, modesty, and then it launches into a criticism of his inactivity at a time when labour conditions are most insistent of attention. Our contemporary says Mr. Crothers must know that many factories are closed down, with bad effects on labour. He knows, from the announcements of Sir George Foster, that manufactures to the value of \$2,400,000,000 are needed, to replace the manufactures which Germany can no longer supply, and it assumes that Mr. Crothers should get busy, that he should consult with business leaders, and determine what Canada can do to provide trade and labour.

The Post calls attention to the demands of labour for millions of dollars in order to provide employment and a living for thousands of men. Mr. Crothers should, therefore, in the opinion of the Post, "tell the Ministers of Trade and Agriculture that he has a number of men and women for whom he needs employment and these ministers, if they are managing their departments properly and with the enormous demand for Canadian goods in sight, should advise him where they are wanted. This would be real departmental efficiency."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Germany is gradually, but slowly and painfully, realizing that might is not right. The Bernardi philosophy is not the philosophy of the hour.

The Second Contingent will probably leave Canada towards the end of January. Who will command it? General Lessard has been named. The appointment lies with the war office.

The United States leads with a deficit in five months of \$71,000,000. The government says this is due to the war. The republicans say it is due to a defective tariff, and too many free imports. The war does not help the politicians.

Toronto University, through its various societies, has cancelled all dances during the winter. Trinity College has gone one better, it is said, "and called off all functions of ever kind." The societies of Queen's had better take notice.

Britain will buy less abroad as soon as she can manufacture more at home. She is acting on the advice her public men have been urging on the colonies. To thine own self be true. Get busy. Employ your men and turn out the goods.

The Toronto News is mortified because the London Morning Post favours separate navies under the colonies. The News says, Sir Robert Borden consulted the admiralty before the war and it favoured concentration. Suppose he consults it after the war. Men, even admirals, learn from experience.

The American press is warning President Wilson to keep out of government ownership so far as the steamship line is concerned. But the president is optimistic. The parcels post has been made to pay at the

expense of the railway companies. Why can't government shipping be made to pay at the expense of private shipping?

Public Opinion

He Has It Yet. Hamilton Times. General Dewet surely lost his head when he rebelled, and he may lose it again.

A Solemn Fact. Toronto News. In proportion as we buy goods "made in Canada," we give employment and sustain the whole commercial and industrial fabric.

Just Where It Is. London Advertiser. The troops in the trenches of Flanders assured King George that they would fight to the last ditch. That will be somewhere in the suburbs of Berlin.

Object Lesson. Montreal Mail. An aviator looped the loop over Antwerp to anger the Germans. This is the first time such a feat has been used to exhibit contempt.

A Fair Exchange. Toronto Globe. It is suggested that Toronto's unemployed be voted \$100,000. They are willing to give in return more than \$100,000 in productive work. Here is a chance for someone to rise above the helplessness that is unable to let them do so.

Non Consultatory. Montreal Gazette. C. W. Robinson, a former premier of the province, has been elected leader of the liberal party in New Brunswick. Mr. Robinson when he was head of his party before inherited a lot of trouble from his predecessors, and suffered defeat. His chances now would be slim but for the fact that the men who triumphed over him forgot the lessons of their own success and helped to build a platform for their opponents.

Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

E. W. Rathbun has notified the city that he has drawn on it for the bonus of \$75,000 for the Napanee and Tamworth railway.

The election of officers for the fire department resulted as follows: J. T. Lemmon, foreman; W. T. Burke, secretary; John Lemmon, treasurer; C. Crane, sick steward.

Dr. W. G. Anglin, lectured at the Y.M.C.A. on "Circulation of Blood."

"Belgium." From the New York Belgium relief fund come these verses with this comment: "These verses are meant to appeal to sluggish pocketbooks. They are not for the use or behoof of any man or newspaper. It is hoped that any editor who believes that the verses will pry loose a few dollars will print them, without reference to the laws of the Brahmins of his profession."

The word went forth from Prussia: "We do what war requires. Before the hosts of Russia And the slow English shires Shall smite the heart of France, Our host through Belgium passes: Way for the Prussian lance."

"We would not harm you, Belgium, Our neighbor and our friend; But when war comes upon us We go straight to our end, Our way lies through your cities, Your well-tilled fields beside: Woe to the ill-starred neutral Would stem the Prussian tide."

Then up spoke little Belgium, Outnumbered ten to one; "By the faith of all the nations, For thus the compacts run, We give no aid or comfort To any in this fight, Your way lies further southward, Your threatenings despite."

And Belgium, little Belgium, Upon her faith stood fast; She murmured not nor wavered Before the coming blast. Without a doubt or tremor She barred the Prussian's way, Where are her old, famed cities, Her fruitful farms to-day?

Where are her best and bravest? Let Prussian guns reply, Where are her babes and mothers? Their turn has come to die. Their husbands and their fathers Have paid the last great price; Their country is a resort, Lord, will not this suffice?

The bitter cry of Belgium Dies out upon our shore, Deep sympathy we give her, What can we give her more? Her fame is surely founded; What would she have but fame? Long will the world pay tribute To the glory of her name.

Children of nations yet unborn Will marvel when they hear How little Belgium steadfastly Embraced the Prussian spear; And when far down the ages Her deeds betide, Men still will tell with bated breath How little Belgium died.

And what of the great nation, Bulwarked by friendly seas, Whose sons in peace and plenty Hug close their well-earned ease? Shall her fame, linked with Belgium's Be? Her people had no bread To spare for Belgium stricken, But they mourned for Belgian dead?"

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE Hears Reports And Arranges For Week Of Prayer.

A meeting of the Evangelical Alliance was held Monday morning in the Y.M.C.A. parlors, at which considerable business was transacted. The committee appointed to interview the press in connection with the announcing of the mid-day services of intercession, reported that both papers had inserted the notice at the request of the Alliance. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the management of the two papers for their kindness.

The committee appointed to make a selection of suitable hymns for the above services reported that these had been printed for the Alliance by the Jackson Press. A hearty vote of thanks was likewise passed to Mr. Jackson. In view of the fact of the services having been discontinued the secretary was instructed to hand over the hymn-cards to the secretary of the military Y.M.C.A. for the use of the soldiers.

The committee appointed to look into the matter of holding services for the patients at the Oliver Mowat Memorial Hospital reported. The difficulty of transportation on Sunday made it seem inadvisable to hold Sunday service and that as a committee of ladies are going out on alternate Mondays it was recommended that the clergy co-operate with them. This was accepted and a schedule of speakers drawn up.

The committee on church collection for the Belgian relief fund reported that envelopes had been supplied the amounts had been in many cases the honorary treasurer of the fund.

The committee on the condition of affairs among the prisoners at Fort Henry gave a satisfactory report of conditions as far as they could learn through a number of the staff of Queen's University. Plans for the week of prayer were discussed and the matter of arranging details was left in the hands of the executive committee with the addition of Prof. J. W. McIntosh and P. G. Lockett.

RED CROSS EXHIBIT

Of Work Done For the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

The Red Cross exhibit in the City Hall on Saturday was a great success in that it showed the splendid work that is being done by the people in the city and county in preparing medical supplies and comforts for the soldiers overseas.

Bath has donated a large number of pajama jackets for hospital use and Elmhurst, Collins Bay, Sharbot Lake, Wolfe Island, St. Lawrence post office (Wolfe Island) and Harrowsmith have also done a great deal of work, a part of which was on exhibition. The goods from these places have been made from materials supplied by the local society.

The different church societies and also Queen's Red Cross Society have also done excellent work as well as a large number of ladies in the city. The woolen goods and also the medical supplies are splendidly made and the ladies were highly complimented by a number of doctors who were present.

Mrs. T. R. Hemming, Mrs. J. B. Caruthers, Mrs. Garret and Mrs. J. C. Connell served tea to the visitors.

MORE FOREIGNERS GOING

From Fort Henry — To Be Sent to Hearst, Ont. About a hundred more foreigners who are interned in Fort Henry will be moved either on Tuesday or Wednesday to Hearst, Ont., where they will be put to work on the new roads and bridges that are being constructed in New Ontario. A camp has been built a few miles from Hearst Station and the men will be quartered there. A number are also being sent from Montreal and the Montreal guard will likely be kept at that camp permanently.

PUNISHMENT OF REBELS.

Made To Realize Full Gravity of Offense. Johannesburg, Dec. 14.—It is semi-officially stated that the government does not intend to go to extremes in the policy of leniency with the leaders of the late Boer rebellion, including General Dewet and Lieut.-Col. Maritz, but that they will be made to realize the full gravity of their offense.

Kaiser Must Undergo Operation. Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 14.—A report reached Basel from Berlin yesterday that Emperor William must undergo an operation of the throat when he has sufficiently recovered from his present illness, which is not considered serious.

The doctors, however, consider it inadvisable for his majesty to return to the front for several weeks, and he probably will spend Christmas at home.

Crown Prince Frederick William, the report from the capital says, has arrived in Berlin.

Food Shortage In Germany. Paris, Dec. 14.—M. Jean le Jeune, the political economist, predicts that by the end of January Germany will begin seriously to feel the effect of the blockade.

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