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APPEAL FOR SAILORS

HOSPITAL AT GREENWICH IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

Faced Many Dangers.— Opportunity To Recognize Debt a Nation Owe For Courageous Service.

An urgent appeal on behalf of the Seamen's Hospital at Greenwich for funds with which to carry on the valuable work among sailors is being made through Major-General Lessard, by Lord Devonport, chairman of the special appeal committee. A letter recently received by Major-General Lessard is as follows: 41 Grosvenor Place, S. W., 13th October, 1915. Port of London Authority, 109 Leadenhall street, London, E. C.

Dear General Lessard: On behalf of the Seamen's Hospital at Greenwich, I am venturing to ask you to help me to make this appeal a success.

The King, who is a regular subscriber to the hospital, has forwarded a special donation of £100, and to quote his words "is glad to know that every effort is being made to ensure the comfort and care of the sick from among the merchant seamen, who are doing such admirable work in assisting the navy." Since his letter, many sick and wounded naval ratings from the Dardanelles have been admitted to the wards, and they were visited by the King and Queen on September 21st.

I am sanguine enough to hope that this appeal will offer a welcome opportunity to all of us gratefully to recognize a debt we owe to the merchant navy for their courage and devotion to duty in such hazardous times.

Yours very truly, (Sg'd.) Devonport.

Founded On Battleship.

The Seamen's Hospital was founded 93 years ago on board the line of Battleship "Dreadnought," moored in the River Thames. In 1870 the old ship was exchanged for quarters on shore at Greenwich, which in subsequent years have been largely modernized, and now contain 256 beds, while a branch hospital of 59 beds in the Albert Dock has been added to the establishment of the society.

During the war, special arrangements have been made, whereby 225 beds have been placed at the disposal of the Admiralty and the war office, and a large number of wounded men have been admitted, in addition to many medical cases. No merchant seamen, however, have been or will be turned away, owing to this additional responsibility.

The total ordinary expenditure of the society is about £24,000 per annum, towards which sum only £3,500 is received from invested funds; the balance must be obtained from subscriptions and donations.

Expenditure Increased.

But the time is now come when this great Imperial work can be no longer adequately carried on upon its present financial basis. War has increased the expenditure, and has reduced the income, especially that derived from hostile governments and firms.

The efficiency of the work done for merchant seamen and for wounded soldiers and sailors is crippled by the delay of urgently needed improvements. Lifts, isolated wards, improved nurses' quarters, are all immediately necessary; but every department is hampered in its work by lack of funds.

During the war, merchant seamen have faced new perils with untiring courage. Immense numbers of men have enlisted in the royal navy, while the auxiliary services have been almost entirely manned by merchant seamen. Over 2,000 officers alone are now employed on war service.

An opportunity is now afforded to those who realize the empire's debt to the courage of merchant seamen to place the work of this great institution for their benefit upon a higher level, so that everything which tends to the cure of disease or injury, and to the alleviation of suffering, may be at the command of the seamen of the empire.

Caves For Germans.

A story is current in Watertown, N. Y., that some Germans have built caves and places of refuge on Wolfe Island. According to the story, some of the residents of Wolfe Island were in the city and told of the activities of their Teutonic fellow residents.

Caverns have been constructed, according to the story, that would defy any of the Canadian aeroplanes. That the places of refuge were to be used for stores is also stated.

THE SPORT REVIEW

Rugby on Saturday—Senior O. R. F. U. Toronto R. and A. A. 27; Hamilton R. C. 5. Big Four: Argonauts, 19; Ottawa, 15; Hamilton, 35; Montreal, 1.

George Kennedy, of the Canadian Hockey Club, is reported to have offered \$10,000 for several Coast hockey stars. Of course offering it and paying it are two different things, says the Toronto News.

The National Hockey Association is minus the services of every regular member of one of their teams as a result of the "player war" that is being staged between the N. H. A. and the P. C. H. A.

The Patricks are after the amateurs, Irvin and Marples, forwards of the Winnipeg Monarchs, are considering an invitation to join the Seattle Club, the Pacific Coast Hockey League.

Frank Nighbor, Pembroke, who played with the champion Vancouver team on the Coast last winter, has offers from both the Ottawa and Canadian clubs of the National Hockey Association to play in the east this winter. Nighbor is like-

ly to stay east, with one or other of the teams.

The Regina Rough Rider Rugby Club during the past four years have won 25 games and only lost three. Since Sept. 22nd, 1913, the Regina club has not lost a game. On that day they fell victims to the Hamilton Tigers in an exhibition game played in Regina.

Toronto Telegram: "Kick for points every chance you get." That should be Rule 1, Clause 1, taught to every football team. It piles up points and keeps the other fellows on the defensive. And, you know, most of the tries are made from fumbles and "bones" behind the line. The "earned" tries in football are few and far between.

Montreal News: The Patricks having bust up the N. H. A. and the N. H. A. having raided all the Patricks' players, apparently there will be no pro. hockey this year at all. Which will surely give some of us a much-needed rest.

Toronto News: According to reports from Kingston, "Jack" Williams is booting the ball in old-time form. Jack's kicking was a great factor in the game against Queen's a few weeks ago, and with the continuous practice the Toronto backs



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will have to mark him in the soldiers' game at the U. of T. Stadium on November 13th.

As a leading branch of intercollegiate sport the game of Rugby appears to be doomed on the Pacific coast, its only stronghold in this country. The death-knell of the English game on this side of the water was practically sounded during the past summer, when the University of California broke off athletic relations with Stanford University, and the former turned back to the American form of play.

Hamilton Herald: The Canadian Rugby season will not be ended until Nov. 27th. The Canadian final with the O.R.F.U. winners will be staged on Saturday, Nov. 20th, and on the following Saturday "Tigers" will meet Argos in the benefit game for "Glad" Murphy. "Tigers" will take the game with Argos as seriously as a championship affair, because of the Oarsmen's belief that they can defeat "Tigers" in mid-season or later.

At the next meeting of the Inter-provincial Rugby Union, Ottawa will vote in favor of an amendment of the present substitute rule, which allows fresh players to go on only in case of an accident. It is very satisfactory, and men not in condition to continue have often been forced to do so. Ottawa will suggest the amendment of the substitute rule so as to permit the introduction of new players at any state. In intercollegiate it worked out very satisfactorily.

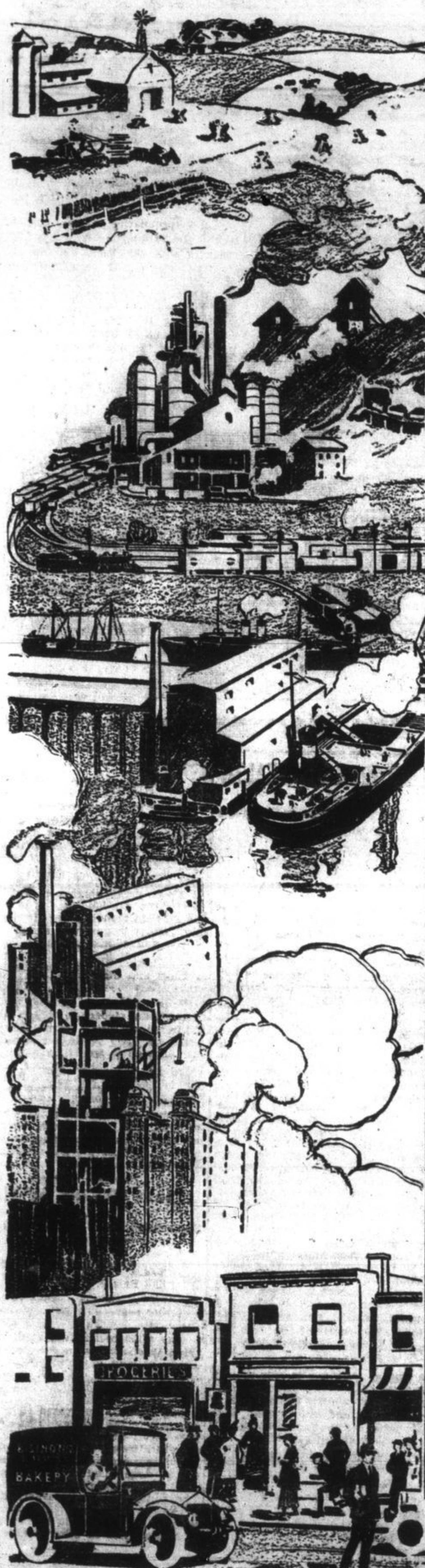
The prospects for hockey in the senior series of the O. H. A. in Western Ontario cities and towns are exceptionally bright. Secretary E. L. Roschman, of the Berlin Club, has received replies from clubs in Brantford, Elmira, and Sarnia stating that they would enter senior teams if suitable groupings are arranged. It is certain that London and Hamilton will also enter senior teams on the same conditions. With two groups in Western Ontario, one in Toronto and one in Eastern Ontario, prospects are bright for a record season in the O. H. A. senior series.

Ottawa Free Press: Up till a year ago there were persistent reports Ot-

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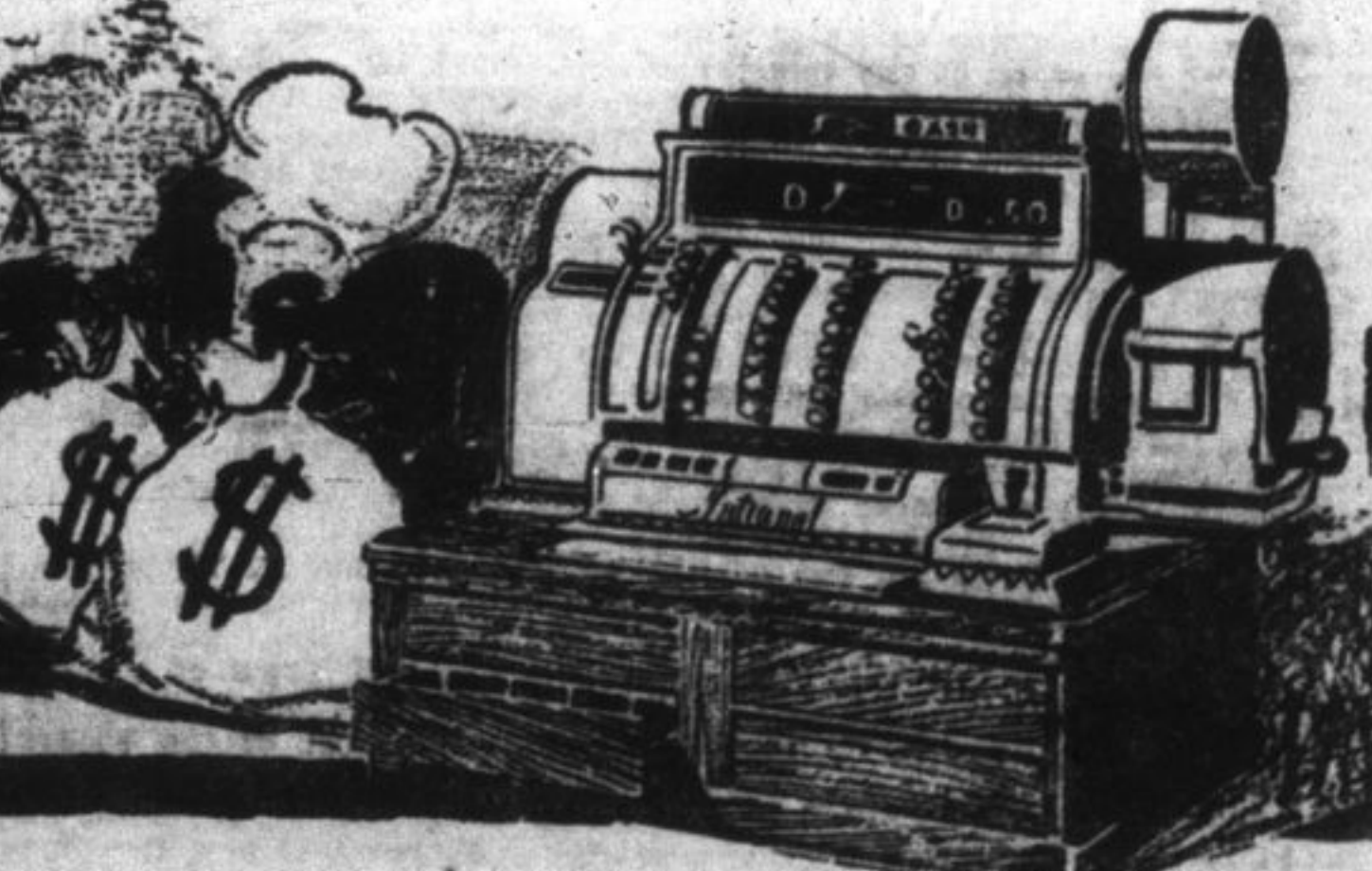
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