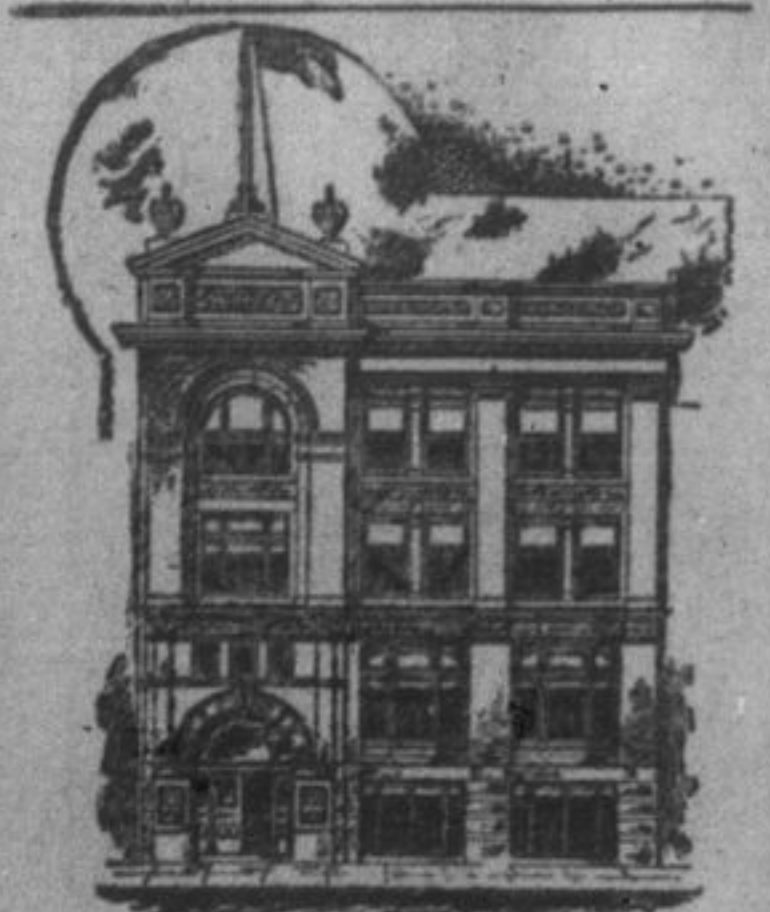


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MEETING THE WAR COSTS.

In view of the fact that a higher income tax rate is likely to be imposed in Canada, interest will be found in the new taxation proposals announced in the British House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Hon. A. Bonar Law.

Income tax is to be raised from five to six shillings in the pound.

The tax on earned incomes up to £500 remains as before, two shillings three pence on a pound.

The super-tax is to be four shillings six pence on the pound instead of three shillings six pence, and to begin with incomes of £2,500 instead of £3,000.

In double income tax within the Empire extra shilling not to apply when the double tax equals six shillings.

Farmers to be taxed on new basis, viz. on the assumption that their profits amount to twice their rent.

Stamp duty on cheques to be raised from a penny to twopenny.

Increase in postal rates within the United Kingdom and to Canada, India and the United States from a penny to one and one-half pence.

New tax on luxuries, along French methods of taxation of these articles, and to be twopenny on the shilling.

Taxes on beer and spirits to be doubled.

The spirits duty is to be increased from 14 shillings and ninepence a gallon to 30 shillings.

The beer duty to be raised from 25 to 50 shillings a barrel.

The tobacco duty to be raised from six shillings fivepence to eight shillings twopenny a pound.

The sugar tax to be increased by eleven shillings eightpence per hundredweight.

Increased tax on tobacco and matches from fivepence to eight shillings.

THE ISSUE AT STAKE.

Ex-Premier Asquith may not have possessed the driving force and the magnetic qualities demanded of a national leader in days of great stress, but he does possess, in marked degree, the ability to interpret the thought and the aspiration of the British peoples, such as few other leaders show.

His broad outlook and his rare faculty of expressing his ideas in clever and convincing phrases, make his every utterance an arresting and appealing one.

One of the widest quoted statements of any Allied leader was that pronounced by Mr. Asquith when, in the early days of the war, he said:

"We shall never sheathe the sword until Belgium recovers its full measure all, and more than all, that she has sacrificed, until France is adequately secured against the menace of aggression, until the rights of the smaller nationalities of Europe are placed upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed."

That constituted a splendid summary of the objects for which the British Empire was fighting.

Mr. Asquith has recently stated the case in more detailed but no less convincing form.

In addressing the Annual Council of the Women's Liberal Federation in London, he declared that: "We were not fighting for annexation and aggrandizement, and what was called the development of Imperialism, but for maintaining the equal rights of great and small peoples, of restoring what has been wrongfully taken away, of providing, so far as might be possible, reparation for what has been done—although, alas, much could not be repaired—and in making good unparalleled injury and damage that has been done.

And above all, and beyond all, victory, as a means to an end and not an end itself, as the avenue and the road—and the only avenue and the only road—by which the peace of the world will be placed beyond jeopardy of the ambitions and rivalry of selfish mischief-making interests and forces, and become the common object and the common interest of all the people of the civilized world.

It is our duty to ourselves, it is our duty to our Allies, it is our duty to the entire world, and it is our duty no less to the people—I say nothing of the governments—but to the peoples of the powers against whom we are fighting, to make it clear beyond dispute that those things, and those only, are the purposes that brought us into the war, and which, after three years of unparalleled strain and stress, suffering and sacrifice, will keep us at war. We, all of us, the women of the country as well as the men, are anxious for peace—but none of us is disposed for a moment to purchase that peace at the price of sacrifice.

The purposes for which we went to war we are satisfied in our hearts and consciences were worthy of a great people."

That is fine language expressive of a fine ideal. The culture of the English gentlemen is here shown in gold relief as compared with the kultur of the German autocrat.

One voices the deencies and amenities of life; the other its brutalities and barbarisms.

It is officially stated from Berlin that the Kaiser visited Zeebrugge on

WAR VETERAN DEAD; WEDDED FOUR MONTHS

Pte. Hugh Cooper Was in Mowat Hospital For Several Months.

Word was received of the death at Toronto of Pte. Hugh Cooper, who served at the front with "A" Company of the 20th Battalion, and who during the summer of 1917, was a patient at the Mowat Memorial Hospital. He resided at Connaught avenue, Toronto.

Pte. Cooper served fourteen months in France and was sent home over a year ago on account of illness. His marriage took place in Toronto four months ago. His father and mother reside in England. Deceased was buried with full military honors at Toronto on Friday. He was thirty-two years of age.

Frank MacPhail, night linotype operator on the Whig, served at the front in the same company with the late Pte. Cooper, and they were warm friends. Mr. MacPhail went to Toronto on Thursday night to attend the funeral.

TEA FOR THE I.O.D.E.

George T. Richardson Chapter Held Successful Affair.

A dainty tea and sale was held on Thursday afternoon in the rooms of the Great War Veterans' Association on Princess street under the auspices of the George T. Richardson Chapter, I.O.D.E., which is acting as ladies' auxiliary to the association.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, and the whole affair was charmingly carried out. Over one hundred and eighty-five dollars was taken in as the result of the ladies' endeavor, and will form the nucleus of a fund to be used for the patriotic activities of the chapter.

The visitors were received by the regent, Mrs. James Sutherland, and the tea table was presided over by Mrs. Hemming, Mrs. O'Grady, Mrs. Hambrook, Mrs. Stinson and Mrs. Birley, with many young assistants.

Mrs. Thomas Mills and Mrs. Fairful were convener of the somewhat table, Mrs. Harrison of the kitchen table, Mrs. George Timms and Mrs. Jarrell of the bread table, Mrs. Bailey of the candy table, and Mrs. Rae of the fancy work table.

The chapter has now over seventy members, although it was organized only recently, and all lent their services to the success of Thursday's event.

TO CALL CITY MEN FIRST.

Farmers Will Not Be Called Until After Seeding.

The order for calling out all young men aged 20, 21 and 22 has been received by the District Registrar. All young men living in the cities will be called first, the number of each call depending largely upon accommodation of the Depot Battalion barracks. The young men in the rural districts will not be called till after the city and townsmen have been trained and drafted over-

CUMMINGS IS BACK ON THE JOB AGAIN

Declares Tanlac Restored Him to Health—Suffered Five Years.

"I tell you what, this Tanlac has certainly built me up something wonderful, and it sure makes a fellow feel good to be able to get back to work after lying up at home so long," said Gordon Cummings, living at 221 Collier Ave., Toronto, the other day.

"My stomach had been out of order for the past five years," he continued, "and my indignation had pulled me down till I was in a mighty bad shape. I had no appetite and the little I forced down, felt like a lump of lead in the pit of my stomach. Gas formed from my undigested food, and would bloat me up so that I could hardly breathe, and at times it would press on my heart, and distress me night and day. Whenever I would lie down I felt like I was going to smother and I suffered from such an awful misery in my back and side and all through my body that I could hardly stand it. My breath was offensive, my tongue badly coated, I had a mean taste in my mouth every morning, and after drinking a glass of water I would belch up lead and bitter fluids. Although I was taking some kind of medicine all the time I kept getting worse, and finally I became so weak and run down, that I couldn't work any longer and quit for three weeks.

"I read so much about Tanlac that I decided to get a bottle, and it did me so much good that I followed it up. I have taken but two bottles so far, but those awful pains have completely disappeared, the gas doesn't worry me like it did, my tongue has cleared up, and that had taste has gone. I have a splendid appetite, so that I enjoy everything I eat and never have any more trouble with that indigestion."

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seas. This will enable the farmers to use their services during seeding time.

After camp has been opened at Barrieffield the number will be much larger as all will be under canvas, and the services can equip them as fast as they arrive.

In issuing orders the Registrar is guided by the age given in the original claim for exemption or registration and when this agrees with the given date of birth it is accepted as conclusive evidence of age.

The war workers of Sydenham street Methodist church on Thursday sent overseas sixty-four parcels to members of that church who are serving in the Canadian forces.

Miss Kathleen Bowen, Deseronto, is seriously ill in the General Hospital.

ADVT.

THE FARM WOOD LOT

is at last coming into its own. Happy indeed is the farmer who has a wood lot to fall back upon.

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The spirit of Nelson still pervades the British navy. The attack on Zeebrugge was worthy of the best traditions of the country's naval service.

Queen's contribution to the war has been a splendid one, 1,157 men having enlisted. All the Canadian universities have established records they may well be proud of.

The Germans have put one over on Luther Burbank, says the Hickory, N.C., Record, for they handed the Russians a perfectly good olive branch bearing full-grown lemons.

Despatches from Switzerland indicate that Germany is beginning to despair because of the lack of success of the U-boat campaign. The undersea menace is being greatly curtailed, if not overcome, by the Allies.

Civilization, under a united command, confronts military autocracy on the western front. All the armies of democracy—British, French, American, Belgian, Italian, Portuguese—are now under the command of Europe's greatest strategist, General Foch.

A. B. Klugh, professor of biology of Queen's University, says the most effective method of fighting the tussock moth, which now threatens our shade trees, is to remove the egg masses from the trees, which should be done at once, as the caterpillars will begin to hatch about the end of next month.

The British raid on Zeebrugge seems to have been a very successful one. Admiral Beatty is not disposed to give the enemy any rest, as witness the recent operations in the Cattagat, off Heligoland and now on the occupied Belgian coast. The Allied naval supremacy is at last being utilized.

This is not the day when city people should criticize the farmers or farmers scoff at the offered help of labor from the cities. It is a time when both should co-operate for the common good—if not, indeed, for the common safety. These are stern times, and still sterner ones are ahead of us.

Newspapers in the United States, according to a late despatch, may be obliged to reduce their size by one half. The agitation for cheaper newspaper in both the United States and Canada, having failed in its purpose, has now resulted in a curtailment in the size of newspapers. The public are the greatest sufferers from this restriction.

The potato, says a recent government bulletin, is used almost as freely as bread in Canada, and, like that food, is thought as much of by the rich as by the poor. It can be obtained at all seasons of the year, and, if properly kept, is about as good at one time as at another. Being one of the most useful food products, its cultivation and improve-

Rippling Rhymes

LOYAL TALK

Don't talk unless your talking is of the loyal brand; the mildest kind of croaking the people will not stand; at such a crucial season there is no sort of reason for even hinting treason, in freedom's spangled land. Some men, when times were peaceful, were prone to paw the air; they'd hand out a valiseful of words, nor sweat a hair; they'd roam, in language thrilling, the goals in common milling, and e'en the statesman filling, the presidential chair. And now they still are handin' their superheated stuff; it seems they can't abandon this thing of dishing guff; there'll be an evolution of wrath and retribution to stop their elocution; then they'll be still enough. The other night a speller was roused from his repose, and told by vengeance dealer, to rise and don his clothes; then he was swiftly taken to woodland glade forsaken, and soaked till he was achin', with whips and things like those. The patriots had risen, since he had talked too far; and feathers 'then were his'n, all nicely mixed with tar; they used him in this manner, then made the also ranner salute the nation's banner, and kiss each stripe and star. Oh, may you never sully the agony and pain endured by this fool duffer, who was not safe or sane; if it is your ambition to think and talk sedition, you'll need a learned physician to make you whole again.

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