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MILLIONS TONS COAL COULD BE SAVED BY ELECTRICITY

Electrical Engineer Discusses Extravagance of Wasting Water Power While Extravagantly Using Coal Which Electrification of Railways Would Obviate.

(Special to the Guardian.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Electrification of railways would solve the fuel problem and save 100 millions tons coal every year, E. W. Rice, Jr., President of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, told the mid-winter Convention of that organization in address here last night. Mr. Rice also said that ten per cent. of the ton mileage of the roads now given over to coal could be saved, and 40 million barrels of fuel oil which now go to locomotives could then be used for other purposes. Twenty-five million horsepower through the water was available for the genera-

tion of electricity, Mr. Rice continued, and every horse power of water for each horsepower hour of traffic. "The terror of these heatless days," Mr. Rice declared "will not have been without benefit if they direct the attention of the people and our lawmakers to the frightful waste of two of our country's most valuable assets, our potential waterpower and our wonderful coal reserves. The first is being lost because it is allowed to run to waste; the second is lost for an exactly opposite reason. It is being used in an extravagant and inefficient manner."

FREIGHT TRAIN DERAILED

Two Engines and Ten Box Cars Go Off Track at Elliotts

Yesterday a freight train, consisting of two engines, tender and 18 cars left the city at 8:15 a. m. for Borden, in an endeavor to clear up the freight congestion.

However, as the train approached Elliotts, one of the axles on the engine tender broke, with the result that the tender, engine and 10 box cars were derailed.

Fortunately no one was hurt, nor were the cars, engine or tender seriously damaged.

An auxiliary train with wrecking crew was rushed to the scene and the work progressed so favorably that the cars were replaced on the track at 9 o'clock last night and the line was expected to be entirely cleared at midnight.

DERAILMENT AT PIUSVILLE

On Saturday the plough and engine of the Summerside-Tignish train were derailed near Piusville. Workmen were engaged clearing the way Saturday and yesterday, and the track is expected to be in ordinary condition this morning.

Notwithstanding these accidents and the bad tracks, all trains were running almost on schedule time except the western line Saturday. On account of the derailment no trains were running west of Summerside but the trains which took supplies, men and equipment to Piusville, also carried several passengers and mail cars as far as the scene of the accident.

Added to other difficulties the trainmen have a very bad track to fight. The recent thaw, snow-fall and frost have made the track most difficult to work on.

As an example—A train with a plough and two engines left Summerside at 6 a. m. Saturday, bound for the city. At 5 p. m.—eleven hours later—it had only reached Kensington, a distance of 8 miles. A flanger had been run over the track the preceding night or the delay would have been much longer.

The railway life is not a bed of roses.

Woman Expires

Phoning for Aid

AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 14.—Death came with great suddenness to the home of Mr. A. C. Casey this evening when, without a moment's warning his wife passed away. At 7:30 p. m. Mr. Casey left home at which time his wife was in her usual health and very cheerful. At nine o'clock he was called to the telephone when the operator said something awful had happened. Mrs. Casey had called but the phone was left open at the other end. Mr. Casey could then hear his wife groaning. He hurried home arriving in less than ten minutes only to find that life was extinct. Mrs. Casey was alone in the house at the time. Deceased, was 58 years of age, was one of Amherst's mostly highly respected citizens.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

ROTARY CLUB HEARS GOSPEL OF MOVEMENT

International President E. Leslie Pidgeon, in Stirring Address Before St. John Convention. Improvement of Social Environment is Objective.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 15.—"Enough in inspiration to last for an entire season," was the general expression of opinion among Rotarians last night after they had heard the splendid address of international president, E. Leslie Pidgeon, of Winnipeg (Man.) at the banquet held by the district convention of Rotary clubs at Bon's restaurant.

"The end of a perfect day in Rotaryism," was the way one Rotarian expressed himself, after the convention deliberations and the grand wrap-up of the first day's work with the banquet last night.

An international spirit permeated the gathering, during the address of the international president, and St. John Rotarians who had hitherto been somewhat lukewarm in their attitude toward the club were fired with a new enthusiasm, which bodes well for the coming season.

There was no discordant note throughout the whole day's proceedings, all were brothers under their skins in the desire to impress upon the social environment of the city some centres of the various clubs represented the stamp of principles for which Rotaryism stands.

President Pidgeon's Address

In opening his remarks international President Pidgeon said that while always happy to attend a meeting of a Rotary club he was doubly pleased to be present at the district convention of the maritime provinces last night.

"A man is often judged by the company he keeps," said the speaker, "and that is another reason why I feel so satisfied when I am present at a meeting of a Rotary club."

The president then gave a brief summary of the duties of a Rotary club and explained that by rising earlier in the morning and marshalling his hours to the point of greatest economy he had been able to carry on the work and had missed but two Sundays in his presidential work.

"Although the past season of crisis for the civilized world has tried the nerves of every organization," he said, in speaking of the growth of the Rotary movement in America, "this crisis seems to have assisted the Rotary movement and given it new strength. In Great Britain Rotary clubs have grown 150 per cent. since the war began and in Canada about fifty per cent in membership and at least 100 per cent in energy."

Pilots the Wise Men

"A couple of years ago I preached a sermon on Rotaryism and this is the passage I chose as my text: 'Thy wise men who were in there, Oh! Thy were thy pilots.' He then pointed out that although the pilot may not know how to construct a ship, yet if the ship is to reach her port in safety the whole organization behind him must follow his instructions implicitly, and it was with no desire on the part of the pilot for any feeling he might have toward the others who operated the ship that he should steer into the eddies but would keep to the open channel, where the work might be more difficult, but the passage made with a greater degree of safety."

Increases Moral Wages

"A question which I have to answer very often," he continued, "is, 'Why do you only have one representative from each line of activity, if your object is service why not make your organization as wide as humanity.' This question he answered by explaining that there would not be the same sense of responsibility if the organization were composed of anyone and everyone. He said that the joining of a rotary club raised the moral wages of the man."

Common Problems

The problem that arose had to be grappled by all in a general way and by coming together at the rotary club dues were exchanged and difficulties that were common to all present were sometimes solved and there was always a feeling of interest between the members. He told of a farmer who went down a steep hill with a load of hay and half way down met an automobile. There was no room to

PROBABLE NAVAL FIGHT OFF SWEDEN

Number of Bodies of German Sailors Flouted Ashore.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Feb. 16.—Belief that a naval engagement has occurred is expressed in a despatch received in Stockholm from Gothenburg and forwarded by the correspondent of the Morning Post. The despatch reports the recovery of a large number of bodies of German sailors who apparently belonged to a warship.

Gothenburg is on the western coast of Sweden and is near the Skagerrak, one of the bodies of water connecting the north and Baltic Seas, and the one nearest the North Sea. The North Sea in the vicinity of the Skagerrak has been the scene of previous naval engagements, the great battle of Jutland having been fought there.

Canadian Brings Home Hun Flag

(Special to the Guardian.)

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—Sapper F. W. Gilbert, of 364 Leppincott St., was a visitor at the Mayor's office today and brought with him a large German flag which he had taken from the flag pole over the railway station at Perrone, when the Canadians captured it. He also had a notebook taken from a German prisoner, Sapper Gilbert believes that the flag is the first to be captured from the Hun and brought to Canada. It is of cheap cotton material, crudely made and not at all like what would be expected to be flown over such an important station as Perrone. It has been shot full of holes by the Canadians, and is much the worse for wear. The flag was offered to Mayor Church by Sapper Gilbert, but the Mayor while thanking the returned soldier for his gift thought that the latter should keep it himself as a souvenir of his experience at the front to be retained in the family.

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Universal Application

President Pidgeon pointed out that the action of the individual must always have an effect upon society in general. "It was years ago when Lake Winnipeg was more isolated than it is today that Carlyle said: 'The red Indian hunting on the shore of Lake Winnipeg cannot quarrel with his squaw without its effect on society, and mode of life, but by the social environment into which he was born.'"

Environment Important

He held that environment had very much more to do with the individual than hereditary tendencies. "The organism of society was but made up of the individual units and today profited by its effect on society and mode of life, but by the social environment into which he was born."

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ROTARIANS CONCLUDE ANNUAL MEETING

Concluding Session of District Conference — Charlottetown May Be Next Place of Meeting — Visiting Members Return Home.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 16.—At the concluding session of the district conference of the Maritime Rotarians held yesterday morning Commissioner Rupert W. Wigmore, M. P., was selected as the district governor for the coming year and the report of the nominating committee in this respect met with the unanimous approval of the assembled Rotarians. The invitation to the Charlottetown club to hold the next district conference with them was referred to the governor and club presidents, and it is expected the invitation will be accepted. The conference decided that it would be in the interest of rotary that the international convention be held and that as many as possible from this district attend.

District Governor McKee presided at this session and the first business taken up was the opening of the convention box. Charles Butcher, of Halifax had charge of this part of the program and some of the questions caused considerable merriment.

While the questions were being considered President Pidgeon arrived and was given a most enthusiastic reception. R. E. Armstrong, introduced Rotarian Hoffman, of New York, who expressed his pleasure at having an opportunity to take part in the conference.

One of the questions which caused considerable discussion was in regard to the cost of the convention. St. John club wished to act as hosts or the occasion if it could be done without breaking rotary rules. President Roland of Halifax expressed the thanks of the Halifax delegation for the reception and entertainment provided, but said he thought the outside men should bear their share of the expense.

On motion it was decided to refer the matter to the incoming governor. The size of city which was eligible for a rotary club was next taken up and President Pidgeon said there was no limit. He knew of some in places with only 4,000 population.

It was decided to refer the draft constitution to each of the individual clubs and there to report to the district governor within three months.

A telegram was read from Russell E. Greiner, of Kansas City, expressing best wishes for a successful conference and extending an invitation to attend the international convention to be held in that city.

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RUSSIAN WITHDRAWAL INCREASES PRESSURE

Release of German Soldiers and Prisoners will Give Enemy Added Strength While Food Shortage will also be Relieved. A Call to Greater Effort by Entente Allies.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—The decision of Russia to withdraw from the war and to mobilize her armies, is not minimized to military and political circles in the capital. It is realized that Russia's complete and final collapse makes a war situation, already serious, much more so. It increases the responsibility of every one of the Allies, including Canada, to carry on with increased vigor. The withdrawal of Russia from the conflict will release a million to two million prisoners, who will be available for use on the western front, as well as placing the resources of Russia and the newly formed republic of Ukraine at the disposal of the German empire.

Ukraine is one of the largest wheat producing countries in the world, and according to the agricultural authorities here, the production of Ukraine is equal to that of Canada. This will undoubtedly relieve the food shortage in Germany and the Allies will have to abandon any idea of starving out Germany. The establishment of the new republic of Ukraine raises the question of the position in Canada of former citizens of that part of Russia.

There are many thousands of Ukrainians in Western Canada, who up to the present as Allies, have been given favored treatment. Many enlisted in the Canadian battalions and are fighting in France. One Russian, who is said to be a Ukrainian, won the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery. Unless the republic is recognized by the Allies, and it is doubtful whether it will be, the position of the citizens who are not naturalized in Canada will be a peculiar one. The war and food situation will be laid before the conference of the Entente, and the need of united efforts will be emphasized in the present crisis. While the situation is undoubtedly serious, the news from Europe is not all pessimistic. Despite the increased German army on the western front, the Allies are confident of their ability not only to prevent any break in the line, but to push back the German forces. It is also intimated that the worst of the submarine menace is now over and that the present means of fighting these murderers is proving successful.

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NORWAY HAS LOST 714 SHIPS DURING THE WAR

Seamen to the Number of 883 Have Lost Their Lives in the Same Period.

MONTREAL DANCE HALLS YIELDED A BUNCH OF DESERTERS

Seamen to the Number of Sixty Young Men in Fancy Costumes Were Arrested

Lady Dies at Age of 115 Years at Charlottetown

The death occurred at the P. E. Island Infirmary, Charlottetown, last Wednesday of Miss Lizzie Palmer at the extraordinary age of 115 years. The deceased who was a native of Nova Scotia came to this province many years ago and, some thirty five years ago was admitted to the Infirmary, then the old institution at Brighton, remaining an inmate until the close of her long life, a living monument to the careful and thoughtful management of the institution as well as to the life giving properties of Prince Edward Island air. She had been in remarkably good health almost to the hour of her death and until two years ago, could read without spectacles. Mr. W. S. Louson who has for many years been the recognized official photographer of such persons and places as have made Prince Edward Island famous at home and abroad, photographed this lady two summers ago and has added it to his collection of centenarians. This is the fourth photograph he has taken of persons who had passed the century mark, the others being Mrs. Stanlake and Mr. Seller both of Wilnot who each reached the age of 103, and Miss McKinnon of Mount Stewart who reached the age of 107.

Miss Palmer's age is a record one in the province and probably in Canada if not farther afield.

Seven Overseas Soldiers Arrive Home Saturday

Seven Island homes are each happy today in the fact that a member of the family is back from overseas. Saturday night the western train brought to the city G. Myers, Charlottetown, W. P. Trowsdale, Victoria, H. M. Walker, North River, G. E. Warren, North River, C. Wood, Souris, A. E. Wood, Pownall, W. H. Swallow, Annandale.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Basket Social at Union Road Feb. 18th admission 20c Ladies with baskets free. Proceeds Red Cross. 2812pd

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CLAN-NAGAEL RAID

DUBLIN, Feb. 14.—The headquarters of the Clan-Nagael were raided last night. Twenty-eight persons detained, and drawings were seized. The premises have been closed for more than a year by military order.

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