

SOCIAL SERVICE CONGRESS MEETINGS

Yesterday Sessions Well Attended. Eloquent Addresses at Morning Session, at Noon Luncheon and at the Evening Meeting.

The morning session of the Social Congress opened yesterday at 11 o'clock with Rev. R. G. Fulton in the chair. The subject for discussion at this session was "The Returned Soldier" and it was opened ably and eloquently by Rev. Dr. Fullerton. He made a forceful plea on behalf of the returned soldiers, the desirability of providing them with employment whenever possible, of increasing their pensions and of extending to them not government assistance alone but every assistance and sympathy that the civilian population could give them.

played especially in the training of boys. Medicine was a great field for women, and as doctors the profession was just opening its doors, and he was glad to see that Harvard and Columbia Universities and now resolved to admit women to the full Medical Course. In the legal profession, the state of New York, admitted women to practice, and though there they had not yet attained to any great distinction yet along social lines they had been able to accomplish very good work. In the industrial field women had practically the same opportunities in office and dry goods stores as men, but when they came to trades and heavy industrial employment, there was not the same opportunity owing to the physical incapacity of women.

WOMEN IN MODERN LIFE

Canon Tucker introduced a discussion on "The Single Standard in Morals." He discussed the marriage problem, the temptation of young men and young women who were launched in the world without a proper knowledge of its dangers and diseases, and said the only remedy and the real preventative lay in the adoption of the single standard of morals for men and women. The libertine and the prostitute should be regarded in the same light.

In the discussion which followed the Rev. Dr. Shearer said that what the programme committee had intended in regard to Dr. Hart's subject was more the equality of opportunity than a single standard. Rev. Mr. Brown, Souris, referred to the courtship customs in various parts of the province and thought greater supervision might be exercised by parents. He also dwelt upon the opportunities for women in the medical profession, and gave as an example the work which our women medical missionaries had accomplished in India.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE. TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Oct. 17.—Moderate variable winds, fine and cold. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 48 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 43 above, at 9 p. m. it was 40 above. The lowest the previous night was 38 above. The tide will be high this morning at 12.34 and tomorrow at 1.16; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12.16 and Sunday at 12.46.

The noon luncheon at the Kozey Korner, called to listen to an address by Rev. Canon Tucker, was fairly well attended, there being about forty present, including Dr. J. G. Shearer, Dr. T. Albert Moore, Dr. Hart, a number of local clergymen and visitors from the country districts. Mr. James Faton, M.L.A., presided and after luncheon had been disposed of introduced the speaker, Canon Tucker.

CORN SITUATION BECOMING SERIOUS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) MONTREAL, October 17.—So serious is the situation with regard to the United States embargo on corn that the local importers state that if there is no relief in eight or ten days the supply of corn in Canada for manufacturing purposes will be exhausted, and starch and other manufacturers which use corn in Canada for manufacturing will close down.

BOMB PROOF SHELTERS FOR MILLION PEOPLE NOW IN LONDON

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Oct. 17.—London's bomb proof shelters are being card-indexed in preparation for further German raids. Sufficient tunnels, arches, crypts, basements and substantial buildings have been inventoried to accommodate one million persons.

and a half dollars the people thought it was money thrown away. What would they sell these lands for today? Billions would not buy them for they were unpurchasable. "We have," he said, "a land beyond all price" and he called upon those whom he was addressing to join with him and with the Social Service Congress to:

It is better land, a land to be proud of, a land worth living and dying for, a land not for the speculator but for the sons of the land. The problems with which the Social Service Congress was concerning itself were those calculated to make Canada worthy of its great privileges. Mr. Johnson who was to address the Congress on "The Feeble Minded" would have something worth hearing on this subject. Every community had its feeble minded and Mr. Johnson who had made a study of the matter would throw valuable light on the subject. He urged upon all to hear him.

For a bountiful harvest they had cause for thankfulness. He had heard while here that the harvest on the Island was a bountiful one. In the western provinces it was bountiful and \$500,000 would pour into the prairies alone for this year's wheat. In Ontario there was a bumper crop. All throughout Canada the crops were beyond precedent. For this Canadians should be thankful not only because they had abundance of food for themselves but because from their abundance they could feed the soldiers. Food this year had a military value and the farmers in producing it were doing for their country and their Empire what the soldiers were doing in the trenches.

"But this land of which we are inheritors," he said, "is more than wheat fields, more than gold mines, more than corner lots, it is our fatherland, our motherland, the home where we acquired the best that is in us at our mother's knee, the land where our fathers lie buried and where we, in the providence of God, hope to lay our mortal remains." How often and how lovingly "the land" is spoken of in the old Testament! "The land which the Lord thy God giveth thee," "the land of Promise." The Jews were proud of their land, of its mountains, its plains, its rivers. But the Jordan of the Jews was a rivulet compared with the mighty St. Lawrence; the plains of the Jordan and of Shinar were but garden patches compared with the illimitable prairies of Canada; the mountains of which the Jews sang were but hillocks compared with the giant peaks of the Canadian Rockies. "And here," said the speaker, "let me indulge in a little spread-eagleism. We have the greatest salmon fisheries in the world at the mouth of the Fraser River, the greatest cod fishery in the world in the Atlantic, the greatest water highway in the world in the St. Lawrence, the greatest gold mines in the world, and, to quote from Lord Dufferin, 'the greatest stretch of snow and ice in the world stretching northward to the pole.'"

"What," he asked, "are we going to make of this land?" He remembered when it was but a small land in the estimation of its people; when the Ottawa Valley and the Gatineau Valley had supplied the world with its white pine and when only a few speculators reaped the benefit of it. When the government of Canada brought from the Hudson's Bay Company the prairie lands of the West for a million

GERMANS BOMBARD TOWN OF NANCY

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS, October 17.—Ten persons were killed and 40 wounded in a bombardment of Nancy last night by German aviators, the War Office announces. On Monday and Tuesday twenty-five German airplanes were destroyed by the French, or compelled to land in a damaged condition. The communication follows: "At six o'clock last night, enemy aviators bombarded Nancy violently. Numerous victims among the civilian population are reported."

ALLIED CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

(Canadian Press Despatch.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—While official announcement is being withheld, it is practically certain the United States will be represented at the coming conference of all the nations at war against Germany, which probably will be held in Paris.

RUSSIAN MUNITION FACTORIES ACTIVE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) STOCKHOLM, October 17.—An encouraging report as to the military factories in the interior of Russia comes from the commission headed by General Bermonius, of the Russian army, and an English general, which has just finished a tour of inspection of all the factories newly erected or under erection for the manufacture of airplanes and ammunition.

25,000 MEN ELIGIBLE NOW FOR OVERSEAS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—Twenty-five thousand men, approximately, have been already passed in category "A" before the medical tribunals established under the Military Service Act. "A" men are those considered fit for general service overseas.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS DEMAND DISMISSAL OF MICHAELIS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—A German Socialist newspaper says that the Socialists have decided to vote against the new war credit of ten billion marks, which is to be submitted to the Reichstag in December, unless Chancellor Michaelis resigns.

GERMAN DREADNOUGHT STRUCK A MINE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD, Oct. 17.—One German dreadnought which ran into the Russian mine field defending Oesel Island on October 12, struck a mine. After the explosion the washup made for the coast and its ultimate fate is not known.

FIRST SPECIAL TRAIN CROSSED QUEBEC BRIDGE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) QUEBEC, Oct. 17.—A special train said to have carried 400 guests of the St. Lawrence Bridge Company, crossed the Quebec bridge from shore to shore between eleven thirty and noon today. All went well.

COLD WINTER FOR GERMANS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—"And wherewithal shall we be clothed?" is a question that is being seriously asked by Berliners since the amount of clothing they may obtain has by official ukase been seriously reduced. The problem is all the more unpleasant in that the reduction comes at the beginning of cold weather, which has set in early and severely.

GERMANS DEPORTING FRENCH WOMEN

(Canadian Press Despatch.) NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The Evening World today publishes the following: "Amsterdam, Oct. 17.—The Germans are removing the French, particularly the women from Lille, Roubaix, Tourcoing, Croix, and surrounding places to work for them. Only women without children and young girls are now being selected. They are taken to the railway stations by soldiers and then conveyed to destinations which are not disclosed to the parents they left behind. Heartrending scenes are witnessed when these deportations occur."

Oyster Business in P.E.I. Failure

(Canadian Press Despatch.) OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—A report to the Naval Department from Prince Edward Island states that the Oyster fishery in Richmond Bay, the locality which furnishes the famous Malpeque oysters, is a complete failure this year. The oysters have been attacked by a disease, and since the opening of the season on Sept. 15th the result of the Oyster declining has been to bring up quantities of dead bivalves.

VIOLENT FIGHTING ON VERDUN FRONT

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS, Oct. 17.—Violent artillery fighting is in progress on the Verdun front east of the Meuse, the War Office reports. A German attack in this sector near Chaume Wood, and other thrusts near Juvincourt, on the Aisne front, and in the vicinity of Mont Carnilleta in the Champagne, were repulsed.

BROADENING THE WEDGE IN GERMAN LINES.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Anglo-French successes in Flanders, broadening the great wedge which the Allies are relentlessly driving into the German line, are described as the outstanding feature of the week ending Oct. 13, issued today by the War Department.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, October 17.—The British casualties to-day are 136 officers, 24 dead, 1667 men, 254 dead. Regiments suffering are the Royal Garrison Artillery, Royal Field Artillery, London Regiment, Manchester's Somerset Light Infantry, Royal Fusiliers, Royal Irish Fusiliers, Royal Scots Guard and Gordon Highlanders.

GENERAL HAIG'S REPORT.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Oct. 17.—Field Marshal Haig in his report to the War Office today says: "There is nothing of special interest to report."

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

GERMANS HAVE WHOLE ISLAND RUSSIAN BALTIC

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BERLIN, Oct. 17.—Via London—German troops have captured the Russian Island of Oesel, in the Gulf of Riga, in its entirety, it was officially announced today by the German General staff.

FLEET IS READY.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 16.—The Baltic fleet is ready to carry out all orders of the government, according to President Ivanoff, of the Presidium Centretee, the organization which in the fleet corresponds with the soldiers and workmen delegates in its relations with the army. Immediately on receipt of news of the German landing the proclamation of the central committee was issued calling upon the sailors to forget internal strife and take all measures to improve the fighting capacity of the fleet. Commissioners carrying instructions hastened to Helsingfors. "Reports that the fleet is not ready to meet the enemy are untrue," said Mr. Ivanoff, the fleet is full of fighting ardor and is ready to repel the enemy. Stories of evil influence exerted by the sailors committees are greatly exaggerated. The near future will show how honorably the fleet will fulfil its duty to the country."

RUSSIAN FORCES LOSE TOUCH WITH WAR OFFICE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD, Oct. 17.—The Russian War Office has completely lost touch with the Russian forces on the Island of Oesel. It was officially announced to-day. Naval skirmishing is continuing in the waters around Oesel Island, off the Gulf of Riga. Russian patrol boats having had encounters with German torpedo craft. A fleet of Zeppelins is reported over Mogn Sound, northeast of Oesel Island.

BRITISH WAR CABINET CONGRATULATES GEN. HAIG

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Oct. 17.—Premier Lloyd George has sent a message to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commanding the British armies in France and Belgium:

"The War Cabinet desires to congratulate you and the troops under your command upon the achievements of the British armies in Flanders in the great battle which has been raging since July 31."

Halifax Liberals Have Nothing to Say

(Canadian Press Despatch.) HALIFAX, Oct. 17.—The Liberal caucus which opened here yesterday adjourned today, no announcement has been made regarding Nova Scotia's representation in the Union Government.

DIPLOMACY OF FRANCE DEFENDED

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS, Oct. 16.—Delayed—the diplomacy of France was defended eloquently by former Premier Briand in the Chamber of Deputies today during an interpellation on French diplomatic action during the war. M. Briand said that the work of French diplomats must be judged by the results of Germany's ultra-modern diplomacy which has brought the brand of infame on that country's good name. After Great Britain and Italy had taken place beside France there had come Japan, Roumania, the United States and almost every country in the world. "I dare you to find any thing humiliating being said about France," he declared.

GERMANY WILL DECLARE MORE WAR ZONES

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, October 17.—According to news from Berlin in an undated despatch received by the Admiralty by wireless press, Germany is expected to shortly declare the coasts of the United States, Canada and Cuba war zones.

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