

ALLIED ARMIES ON EYE OF GREAT STRUGGLE

OTTAWA TO PUT WAR FINANCING ON BUSINESS BASIS WITH \$75,000

WAR CHEST DRIVE OPENS WITH PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR

PLAN IS NOVEL ONE

IDEA CONCEIVED IN KENOSHA, WIS., WILL BE INAUGURATED HERE—ENDS FURTHER SOLICITATION AND ENDLESS COMMITTEE WORK.

Ottawa today enters a new era of war financing.

Adopting the famous Kenosha plan for financing a war chest the city will from now on be in a position to 'talk business' with Uncle Sam on all war enterprises in need of help from the people at large.

\$75,000 is to be demanded of the community. With that Ottawa's war chest will be snugly filled. Today sees the drive under way with all the machinery well oiled. Citizens will respond to the call freely and liberally before the campaign is over. Local banks will be holding the \$75,000 subject to the government's command, or to the command of those other enterprises which are constant sources of help from private sources. Three of four conspicuous institutions which will benefit under the new order of things here are the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus and Salvation Army. Recreation Centers, Smudge books and Defense Council members will also be taken care of under the new arrangement.

The creation of a war chest grew out of the Kenosha plan of consolidating all its benevolences under one head. La Salle made a \$100,000 drive and acquired itself exceedingly successfully. \$75,000 will answer all Ottawa's needs and permit of the city holding up its quota in whatever manner a demand is made or if by any of the recognized war institutions.

The plan is simple, so simple in fact that it is no one discovered it until the war was half a year old. Committees will circulate through every nook and cranny of the city. They will hit factories from top floor to basements, workshops will be covered, professional men called upon, retail stores visited, retired farmers appealed to, laundry girls asked to help and so on until every man, woman and child in town has been seen personally by some member of the drive management or its representatives. The thing is going to be carried off with whirlwind rapidity. No grass is to be allowed to grow under feet. No person is going to be given a chance to say "no." The committee is after \$75,000 and is going to get it. The quicker they get it the sooner the drive is over.

Each person will be asked to contribute weekly, or monthly, as much as will strain their pocketbooks. The assessments among wage earners will be deducted from their pay and turned over to headquarters where contributions are gained voluntarily in this manner.

For the past year Ottawa gave willingly and in large sums to the Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army and other benevolent always exceeding its quota. Committees were at work every day in the week. Sometimes the solicitations were interlocking, causing not only confusion, but hardship. Under the new arrangement there will be one monumental drive for \$75,000 and then subscriptions end. They end the minute there is a \$75,000 guaranty for the rest of 1918 up to May 1919. The money thrown into the war chest will provide Ottawa means of paying on twenty-four hours notice its quota toward any of the big enterprises. The quota will be paid to the penny, but no more. This gives the soliciting phase of the war a businesslike phase that was lacking until Chairman Pettit started the last Red Cross drive under the same plan, only on a smaller scale.

If La Salle can raise \$100,000 in a few weeks, Ottawa can do its bit in considerable less time. The War Chest proposition has a special ap-

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF OTTAWA

Acting upon the advice and suggestion of the various organizations engaged actively in general war relief work, and after a thorough investigation, I am moved to issue the following proclamation. I am convinced the citizens of Ottawa, with many of whom I have consulted, will fully approve of my action in this matter.

This community, like all other communities in the nation, finds itself at this time confronted with serious problems arising out of the war, which, so far as we can now determine, will be of protracted length. There have been various successful efforts made to meet the financial demands for funds of various war activities such as the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and others of small scope. This city has always patriotically performed its duty relative to these various enterprises. There are numerous organizations and committees, and new ones are constantly coming into existence, for war purposes. The effect of this has been to produce conflict and duplication of effort and those solicited for funds have found it difficult to appraise the relative merits of the various appeals made. Frequent campaigns in which teams canvass a community for money should be abandoned. Various benefit affairs for war relief purposes, meritorious though they may be, should be eliminated, as only a small proportion of the receipts are available for the intended purpose. The amount so expended by the citizens of the community reduces just so much the amounts which are available for direct results. The present system seems certain to break down and fail to meet the demands of the future. It is now apparent that the requirements of the war in which this country is actively participating on a large scale, imperatively demand a systematic, comprehensive and equitable system for the collection and distribution of funds in the various war activities which form an essential part of the war program of the nation.

Whereas a satisfactory plan has been developed and is now in successful operation in cities in this and other countries throughout the country, and has received the endorsement of civic, labor and business organizations of this community representing each element of the community, including workers, merchants and manufacturers:

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of Ottawa, I proclaim that from this time forward until further notice collections for any and all purposes incidental to the war, except Liberty Bonds and War Savings campaigns, (which are investments, not donations) shall be made through an organization to be known as the Ottawa War Relief Association, with the purpose of forming "Patriots' fund."

Collections shall be made through this authorized agency and distributions made by the same agency. To the Executive Committee of this Association all demands for funds for purposes related to the war will be presented, and through the said executive committee all war relief will be administered. The said executive committee of the Ottawa War Relief Association shall also act as a board of trustees of the Patriots' fund.

As mayor of the city of Ottawa, I hereby appoint the following executive committee for the said Ottawa War Relief Association:

- Herbert L. Willet, to represent the manufacturers.
- John F. Berry, president of Building and Trades Council.
- Denals J. Dunn, to represent factory workers.
- Clarence Griggs, president of Chamber of Commerce.
- Reverend Henry F. Ebert and Reverend John P. Quinn, to represent religious organizations.
- Charles H. Kingman, to represent educational organizations.
- L. C. Brand, president Merchants' Association.
- Al. F. Schoch, to represent banking organizations.

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76 STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS FROM HIGH SCHOOL

LIST OF GRADUATES ANNOUNCED TODAY BY FACULTY—COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO BE HELD THURSDAY NIGHT.

Seventy-six students will be graduated from the Ottawa Township High School in the class of '18. The formal graduation exercises will be held on Thursday evening in the school auditorium.

Dr. Herbert L. Willet of the University of Chicago will deliver the commencement address. Dr. Willet spoke in Ottawa last summer at the Chautauqua. His appearance on that occasion is one that will be remembered for a long time by the people who heard the noted Chicago educator. Dr. Willet is a speaker of great eloquence, with great personal magnetism.

In addition to Dr. Willet's address, the high school orchestra will furnish music and Miss Gladys Elliot will sing.

The students will be a very attractive sight again this year in their gray caps and gowns.

The complete program for commencement will be: America, Orchestra and audience. Invocation, Very Rev. John Quinn. Patrol of the Red, White and Blue. Polka—The Orchestra.

(a) When the Boys Come Home. (b) Knitting, Risher. (c) Dixie, Emmett—Gladys Elliot. The Last Spring, Grieg. National Defense March—The Orchestra.

Address by Dr. Herbert L. Willet of the University of Chicago. (a) Rule Britannia. (b) Marseillaise. (c) Star Spangled Banner. Gladys Elliot. Presentation of Diplomas. Class Song. The members of the graduating class are:

- Rachel Hall Bradish.
- Cora Imelda Bradley.
- Howard Bradshaw.
- Louise Carmen Buchner.
- Cora Marie Burdick.
- Leo N. Cardozo.
- Irene Nora Clark.
- Beatrice Connaway.
- Maitland Cooper.
- Gale Edward Copping.
- Harry Harlan Costello.
- Joseph D. Daugherty.
- Edward Lawrence Dwyer.
- Bessie E. Eaton.
- Evelyn Dorothy Ebert.
- Grace Wilson Edwards.
- Cordia Marie Ellinson.
- Elsie Helen Engel.
- Dale Esmond.
- Albert James Finley.
- Sarah Angeline Fowler.
- Lydia B. Franklin.
- Clotilde H. Friland.
- Clair Alvin Gaard.
- Edward Clarence Gault.
- August A. Giebler.
- Gladys E. Green.
- Vernon C. Hadley.
- Marguerite Patricia Haley.
- Lola Mae Hall.
- Lucile Grace Hansen.
- Martha Ellen Hayward.
- Hubert J. Hilliard.
- Elmer P. Hitter.
- Helen Elizabeth Hoff.
- Paul A. Hollaway.
- Orrin Willard Howe.
- Floyd Hoxey.
- Robert Jacks.
- Kathryn Ann Jobst.
- Gertrude Elizabeth Johnson.
- Frederick J. King.
- Charles Stephen Kleiber.
- Rudolph L. Klein.
- Howard R. Knapp.
- Pearl Louise Lane.
- Carl E. Meckenstock.
- Helen Ruth Mercer.
- Helen Louise Milligan.
- Manley Arthur Morley.
- Francis C. Moss.
- Joseph Daniel Mulholland.
- Ruth Arabelle Mullis.
- Ann Louise Nertney.
- Emmett Erwin O'Donnel.
- Lucille A. O'Kane.
- Edna Lucile Ostrander.
- Isabelle Violette Peterson.
- Laura Ione Pool.
- Earl T. Reese.
- Dorothy Elizabeth Retford.
- Charles Edward Reitz.
- William LeRoy Rosencrans.
- Felicia Marion Rude.
- William Chapple Sanders.

EXPLANATIONS



FIVE WILL ENTER REV. BRIGGS LAUDS SPECIAL BRANCHES YOUNG MEN ABOUT TO ENTER THE ARMY

OTTAWA BOARD TO INDUCT SELECTS INTO SERVICE AS MEN QUALIFIED FOR SPECIAL GAS AND RAILWAY WORK.

Calls for enlistment under the Nation's War Reliance Act were made about four weeks ago. The enlistment closed April 27 with 48 enlistments with the Local Exemption Board. These enlistments were forwarded to Springfield, and from there to Washington, D. C. Only five have been accepted. The local Board has been ordered to send under this call one gas plant worker to Washington, D. C., and four railroad men to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind. May 17 other boards have been called upon to fill the other vacancies listed in April.

Van B. Hoyer, of Mendota; Elmer W. Schutte, of Marseilles; Roy O. Laue, of Marseilles and Charles Nicholson of Ottawa are the railroad men who will leave on Friday for Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and Henry J. Baisdorf, of Mendota will go to Washington, as a gas plant worker.

INCREASE DRAFT TO CORRECT QUOTA ERROR MADE FIRST CALL

Springfield, May 13.—State draft board quotas for May 25 call have been changed by Adjutant General Dickenson. It was necessary the General said today, because of errors made in appointments of the first quotas. The total however remains the same and notices of the correct allotments have been sent to all boards.

OTTAWA COUPLE HAVE ONE SON THERE; OTHER ON HIS WAY OVER

A telegram has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scannell from their son, Charles Scannell, from Camp Utton, New York, where he has arrived from Camp Logan, Texas. He is a member of the 122nd U. S. Infantry, Machine Gun Co., Prairie Division, and has been stationed at Camp Logan until sometime during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Scannell's other son, William J. Scannell, of the 65th Engineers Heavy Tank Service, has been in France for about six weeks.

- Kel. Jeth Sapp.
- Paul Richard Schmidt.
- Ina Mabel Snow.
- Chester C. Tepler.
- Louise Deleude Ltd.
- Vera Curtis Verzain.
- Erma A. Wilthoyt.
- Francis King Wilson.
- Grace Marie Wilson.
- William Wood.
- Emma C. Zwickel.

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GERMAN GUNS ARE SET FOR ASSAULT

London, May 13.—All the news from the western front indicates we are on the eve of great events, said the evening News today. "Our scouts know that the enemy concentrations are nearing their completion."

FIND DEAD BODY OF AUSTRIAN LABORER IN GAS FILLED ROOM

FOREIGNER BELIEVED VICTIM OF ACCIDENTAL ASPHYXIATION—WAS GUEST AT HARRISON HOUSE—WOMAN FINDS BODY.

Inexperience with the use of illuminating gas is believed responsible for the death of Frank Brovet, aged 26, an Austrian laborer at the Federal Plate, whose lifeless body was found early Sunday morning in a gas-filled room at the Harrison House, corner of Main and Walnut streets.

Brovet, who had stopped at the Harrison House on one or two former occasions, kept batch with two countrymen, kept batch with two countrymen. But Saturday night because of the inclement weather and the lateness of the hour he started for the settlement west of town, sought and was given quarters for the night at rooming house.

At 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning Brovet's body was found in the hallway. Suspecting that something might have happened to Brovet, Miss Pleskovich opened the door to his room and was drawn back by the strong odor of gas which shot from the room.

Brovet's body lay on the bed garbed only in underwear. From appearances Miss Pleskovich said Brovet looked as though he was dead. Dr. S. E. Blair was hurriedly summoned and after an investigation of the body pronounced the man beyond human aid.

The gas jet was open full wide when Miss Pleskovich looked into the room, while the window was tightly closed. Appearances indicated that Brovet had tried to turn the jet off and in doing so had given it a full turn permitting the gas to escape under full pressure. That he did not detect the odor before falling asleep is the only thing that gives rise to the belief that Brovet might have made a successful attempt at suicide.

The dead man was a resident of the United States for a number of years. He came to Ottawa about eighteen months ago from Texas, where he has an uncle and two cousins residing. He was known as an industrious worker at the Federal Plate Glass plant and Saturday morning after a night turn in the factory, left his friends in good spirits and without any intention he intended ending his life. For this reason those who know him are inclined to believe his death to have been entirely accidental.

DELIVERS GRADUATION ADDRESS

George A. Grabe, bookkeeper at the First National Bank in Ottawa, and former teacher of mathematics and physics in the Summer township high school at Whitaker Ill. delivered the oration at the graduation exercises in Whitaker on May 10.

SIX KILLED DURING ILLINOIS TORNADO

Harrisburg, Ill., May 13.—Six persons are reported fatally injured and many less seriously hurt today in a hurricane and rainstorm which swept this section of Illinois yesterday afternoon.

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