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MORE OF OUR SOLDIERS HAVE LANDED AT HALIFAX.

The Carthaginian Brought Fourteen Monday--Several Were Wounded--They Will Wait in Halifax for the Rosslyn Castle--City Is Decorating.

Halifax, Jan. 7. (Special)--The Allan-Furness steamer Carthaginian arrived today from Liverpool. Her passengers included the following Canadian soldiers, all of whom but the last two named were invalided: Sergt. T. R. Miles, C. M. R.; Pte. D. H. Doust, R. C. D.; Pte. J. G. McDougall, Strathcona's Horse; Pte. J. T. Doonan, C. M. R.; Pte. J. Yule, Strathcona's Horse; Pte. C. F. Biss, R. C. A.; Corp. J. P. Stevens, C. M. R.; Pte. S. Taylor, C. M. R.; Pte. L. Wigle, R. C. D.; Gr. L. Clarkson, R. C. F. A.; Pte. J. Kennedy, R. C. R.; Pte. H. H. Wright, Strathcona's Horse; Sergt. Lauder, artificer; Sergt. W. Dick, artificer. Sergt. Thomas Routledge Miles, who is in charge of the party, left from Finch Creek, Alberta, and left here as a private in the second battalion of mounted rifles. He was wounded in the shoulder in action, by a Martini-Heintz bullet,

but the lead was removed and he is feeling well now. Corp. Stevens is the most seriously wounded of the detachment but on board the steamer he was moving around lively and told a reporter that he was as "gay as a bombshell." At Klip River he was wounded in the back and the lead was never removed, though the X-rays were put on him in England. Another member of the detachment was wounded in the knee by a bullet. The men were escorted to Wellington barracks where they will remain till the Rosslyn Castle arrives, when they will proceed home. Many public and private buildings about the city are draped in bunting and hundreds of flags are flying and everything is in readiness for the reception of the men coming on the Rosslyn Castle. Large numbers of visitors have already arrived to witness the arrival.

A SENSATIONAL ORDER

Aimed at Large Ice Dealers Introduced in Massachusetts Legislature.

Boston, Jan. 7. (Special)--The real work of the legislature began in earnest today, for the presiding officers in both branches were appointed their committees, and the members found their regular seats, two orders of petitions were sent in by the secretary of state to the house, and the day ended with a sensational order aimed at the large ice dealers for the control by the state of the ice business within the so-called metropolitan district. The order was introduced by Representative Carey, of Haverhill, one of the two Social Democrats in the house, but no action was taken and the other order went over until tomorrow.

Mr. Carey stated at the close of the session that the order was the outcome of the attempt by the American Ice Company, a Maine corporation, to control the business in Boston. The order provides that the Metropolitan water commission investigate the plan for taking all the ice properties within the metropolitan district and for the purchase and sale of ice at the lowest cost, and also for the exclusion of all other ice companies from the district.

The interest in the committee appointments and the seat lottery in the house, made the session very interesting and there was a large attendance in both branches. As a rule, the committee appointments gave satisfaction and there was very little complaint at the selections by the presiding officers.

The covered committees this year are three of judiciary, liquor law, metropolitan affairs, election laws and federal relations. A flood of petitions, resolves, bills and orders are expected during the next few weeks, the time limit being Jan. 31.

TORONTO'S NEW MAYOR.

Over A. Howland, Q. C., Elected--People Voted to Buy the Consumers' Gas Plant.

Toronto, Jan. 7. (Special)--The mayoralty election in this city today resulted in the return of A. Howland, Q. C., and a Conservative, by a plurality of 3400 over Mayor Frank Spence (Liberal). Mayor Macdonald ran third in the race. As a rule, the committee appointments gave satisfaction and there was very little complaint at the selections by the presiding officers.

Newfoundland's New Governor. St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 7. (Special)--The weather continues unusually severe. Thus far the winter has been very trying. Snow is piled in tremendous quantities in many sections of the island and enormous difficulty and expense are involved in moving trains, which have a constant struggle in order to combat the storms successfully. Sir Henry Edward MacCallum will leave on the 17th inst. to assume the governorship of Newfoundland. Reports say that he will be succeeded as governor of Newfoundland by Sir John Bramson, who was chairman of the royal commission of inquiry into the French shore question in 1898.

Dangerous to Navigation.

Boston, Jan. 7. (Special)--The tug Ice King, which left here last week towing a raft of spars for the breaking of the raft when off Cape Porpoise. The value of the lost spars was \$2,200 and a tug will be dispatched to search for them. Every effort will be made to recover them, as they are dangerous to navigation and would be likely to seriously cripple any vessel that came in contact with them.

Burned to Death.

Montreal, Jan. 7. (Special)--Sopbie Labrie, aged 71 years, was burned to death here yesterday in her house. The building was only slightly damaged.

A Winnipeg Fire.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7. (Special)--The Baker block, building of brick, veneered, was burned to the ground yesterday. The building was occupied almost entirely by Delees, a dealer in musical effects. The losses in about \$40,000 and is insured.

NEW CANADIAN RAILROAD.

Contractors at Work on the Canadian Transcontinental Line.

Montreal, Jan. 7. (Special)--McKenzie & Mann, railroad contractors and promoters of the new Transcontinental Canadian Railroad, are reported to be actively at work on the construction of the road from both ends. The road will be known as the Canadian Northern and is being built by English capital through a district north of the Canadian Pacific line and taps the rich agricultural lands. The line starts from the head of Lake Superior, running through the Rainy Lake District to Winnipeg. From Winnipeg the line will run south of Lake Manitoba to Prince Albert. It will follow the Saskatchewan river to Edmonton, striking the hills there, and through Yellow Head Pass and the Cariboo district of British Columbia, making its terminus at Fort McPherson.

VOTING BY MACHINE.

Oshawa, Ont., Used the Automatic Device Yesterday--Great Success.

Oshawa, Ont., Jan. 7. (Special)--An imperial automatic machine was used in the municipal election in this town today instead of the ordinary ballot and proved a great success. The result was that the entire poll was announced seven minutes after the closing of the poll. It usually took an hour under the old system. This is the first place in Canada to adopt the automatic system of voting.

OVER \$500,000

Made by Insurance Companies in Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 7. (Special)--Last year the insurance companies made money in Toronto. The total losses will not exceed \$150,000 compared with over \$350,000 in 1900. It is estimated that the premiums for fire insurance in this city aggregate more than \$800,000, leaving a net profit to the companies of over \$500,000.

FOR THE SECOND TIME

Montreal's Chief of Police Has Resigned His Office.

Montreal, Jan. 7. (Special)--Lieut. Col. Hughes, superintendent of police, who was to have been the subject of an exciting debate in the city council this afternoon, has accepted what appeared to be the inevitable and resigned his position. Some time ago the chief sent in his resignation to the council but afterwards asked leave to withdraw it.

MONTREAL BANKS RAISE RATE

On Call Loans in View of a Raise in the British Market.

Montreal, Jan. 7. (Special)--Montreal banks have raised the rate on call loans from 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. in view of the raising of the rate in the British market. Last year's rate was 6 per cent at this time, easing tendency.

SIR CHARLES SETTLED.

He Will Make Vancouver His Government Home.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 7. (Special)--Sir Charles Tupper has purchased a residence here and will make Vancouver his permanent home.

Masonic Visitation.

Moncton, Jan. 7. (Special)--This evening, Hon. Senator Ellis, of St. John, Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templars and Mr. F. Tufts, the grand provincial prior of the Order of the Temple in New Brunswick, visited Imbroke Precinct and installed the new officers.

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CANADIANS IN IMPERIAL SERVICE.

The Seven Men Who Have Been Gazetted Second Lieutenants.

Montreal, Jan. 7. (Special)--The Star's special cable from London says: "The war office announces the following seven Canadians nominated by Lord Minto, have been appointed second lieutenants in the imperial organization: R. Wood, in Royal Warwickshire regiment; P. E. Leach, in Kings regiment, Liverpool; A. Butler, in Norfolk regiment; R. Cockburn, in Suffolk regiment; M. H. Bywater, in East Lancashire regiment; W. R. H. Dana, in Manchester regiment; A. N. Brodin, in Prince of Wales Leinster regiment."

BOERS ARE BOASTING.

Piquette Road, Cape Colony, Jan. 7. (Special)--The Boers boast that their present incursion is only a big patrol preparatory to an invasion in force by Gen. De Wet. The latter's influence over the Dutch is so enormous that there is no doubt his actual presence would result in a general rising.

REPORTED PEACE COMMISSION.

Bloemfontein, Jan. 7. (Special)--It is reported that an influential peace commission is being formed here to interview General De Wet, Mr. Steyn and other leaders, to explain Lord Kitchener's terms and to endeavor to induce them to yield.

CONTRIBUTION FROM ASTOR.

London, Jan. 8. (Special)--In response to the appeal of the Princess of Wales for further contributions to the fund for the families of the men at the front, Mr. William Waldorf Astor has contributed \$25,000.

FIGHTING.

London, Jan. 7. (Special)--Reporting to the war office under date of January 4, Lord Kitchener says: "The report current in Canada that four Canadians had been awarded the Victoria Cross for distinguished bravery in South Africa does not receive confirmation here. The military secretary at the war office says that no awards have been made to the Canadians since Private Lindsay Richardson was decorated several months ago."

WEST POINT HAZING.

More Evidence of Tactics Adopted to Cadets.

MADE TO EAT SOAP.

This the Testimony of Relatives of John Breth, Another Cadet Whose Death Was Caused by Illness Alleged to be the Result of the Hazing Process.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7. (Special)--According to the testimony adduced before the congressional investigating committee, which is inquiring into the charges of hazing at the West Point Military Academy, Oscar L. Boeze, of Bristol, Pa., and John E. Breth, of Altoona, Pa., had a rough time of it during their "pleb" year at that institution. The star witness of the day was former Cadet Anthony J. Burnham, Jr., son of Judge Burnham of the court of appeals of the state of Kentucky, who was Boeze's test mate while in camp. The committee also heard for the first time testimony in regard to the experiences of Breth from the lips of his father, brothers and sisters.

The committee will probably conclude its work here tomorrow and will begin the taking of testimony of the cadets at West Point on Wednesday.

The case of John Breth of Altoona, Pa., who died from an ailment, which it is alleged, he received indirectly as a result of hazing at West Point, was then taken up.

The first witness called was Dr. E. Goodman of Altoona, the Breth family physician. Dr. Goodman said Breth entered West Point in June, 1897, and died last October. His physical condition before entering the National Military Academy was excellent. Dr. Goodman treated him two weeks after he came home from West Point for hemorrhoids. Last October he again treated him for typhoid pneumonia, which he died. Young Breth never told Dr. Goodman anything about hazing at West Point. All the information the doctor had, came from the boy's family. It had been reported that Breth was compelled to eat soap, but Dr. Goodman said he knew nothing about it, but if the boy had eaten soap, it would have explained his physical condition on his return home.

Samuel J. Breth, father of Cadet Breth, testified that his son was appointed by Congressman Hicks in March, 1897, and was dismissed from the academy because of deficiency in mathematics in January, 1898. Mr. Breth said the family had received letters from the son in regard to the hardships at West Point. The father learned that John had been "Choo Chooed" on his last day, when the father said, the boy went through the "Choo Chooing" motions. Harry Breth, the brother, was called and offered to submit copies of the letters to the committee. He said: "The committee decided that I wanted the originals which are now at the Breth home in Altoona, and in order that the committee might see the original letters home and send them to the committee, my testimony was taken. She received a letter from her brother while he was in West Point hospital in which he said the surgeon told him he had a light attack of nervous prostration from overwork. John, however, told other members of the family, when they visited him at West Point, that his condition was due to hazing. On his deathbed he told me that West Point is the cause of it during their 'pleb' year at that institution. He mentioned the names of Bender, Wood and Young as being 'awful hazers.'"

Win. A. Breth, another brother of John Breth, testified substantially as follows: "When John came home he told me that he had to do so much 'ezging' that he often became exhausted. A cadet named Bender had him sit on the point of a bayonet until he fell off. He was made to sit on it again and during this operation Bender played a violin. On another occasion, a hot July day, after a hard day's drill, he was compelled to run a rain coat and hold out dumbbells. One night he was dragged out of bed, leaving the bed clothes behind him and was dragged over rough stones in the company street. My brother considered the West Point Military Academy the best place in the world, but said the upper class men ran the place."

Lucien H. Alexander, secretary of the board of examiners for the admission of law students to the bar, was called to testify as to Boeze's application for admission and got into a legal tangle with the committee as to whether Boeze passed the examination. Mr. Alexander explained that the courts of Philadelphia had made a rule that the matter of how a student came out of an examination should not be made public and he considered it would be in contempt of court if he divulged the information. The committee decided that he must choose between being in contempt of the court of Philadelphia or the United States house of representatives and he was given until 10 o'clock tomorrow to decide.

Mary C. Breth, another sister of Breth, was called and corroborated the testimony of other members of the family. She also said that her brother, while speaking of hazing, said he "often ate soap and chewed rope ends" at West Point.

At 6 o'clock the committee adjourned until 9 tomorrow morning.

MILLIONAIRE MAY BE ARRESTED.

Chicago, Jan. 7. (Special)--Potter Palmer, millionaire social leader and proprietor of the Palmer House, may be arrested tomorrow on a charge of keeping the saloon in his hotel open on Sunday. The warrant for the arrest of Mr. Palmer was issued by Justice Everett today upon complaint of Frank Hall, who recently claimed to have the Sunday theater.

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VICTORIA CROSS.

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NINETEEN CHILDREN LOST THEIR LIVES IN A FIRE TUESDAY MORNING.

The Rochester Orphan Asylum Burned--Little Ones Carried Out, Some Unconscious, Some Dead--Two Nurses Also Succumb.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 8. (Special)--

Fire broke out in the hospital section of the Rochester Orphan Asylum at 1 o'clock this morning and the flames spread rapidly.

It is now known that 19 of the children perished and it is feared that many more victims may later be reported.

The fire was first discovered by two men passing the asylum. They hastily sent in an alarm and then turned their attention to the work of arousing the nurses and the children.

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smoke began to pour out of every window in the main building and the screams and frantic cries of the children could be heard. The work of rescue began with a will, children and nurses were carried from the building all in an unconscious condition, some dead. Ambulances from this city, St. Mary's, Homopathic and Hahnemann hospitals were summoned and the victims were removed to the several institutions.

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