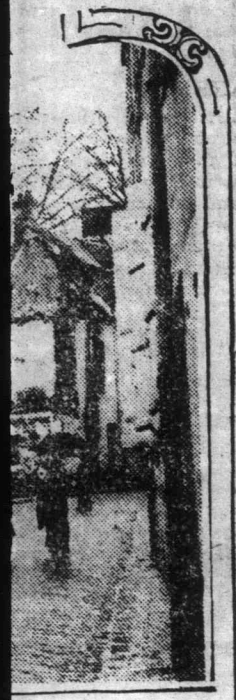


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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

SHOOT ON SATURDAY

The indoor shooting at the armory has been postponed from to-night until Saturday, owing to this being sports night.

FEW ARRESTS

A tribute to the efficiency of Chief Slemm's police force in the city is the fact that very few arrests are made. "Crime prevention" is the best motto, and the timely detention of a suspect will obviate the necessity of perhaps many arrests. Many of the local constables have had no arrests for over two months, and the moral state of the city never was healthier.

SATURDAY SHOOTING

The officers of the civilian rifle club have a plan whereby interest in shooting will be increased and the competitive spirit of the members aroused. The men as they fire will be marked down alternately in two columns, and the idea will be to see which group will attain the highest scores for the day on Saturday.

PULL INSURANCE.

The statement that the Parks Board had allowed all its insurance to lapse including that on the grand stand, is entirely untrue. All insurance policies have been kept in full force since the inception of the board. Only in 1914, there was a small fire at the stand, and about \$300 insurance collected. All insurances as they now exist, are only the result of a readjustment in which the schedule system has been adopted and are carried through to date from October 1st, last. Up until that time the old policies were also kept intact.

A PUBLIC SERVICE

The good work being done by the industrial home, now running under the auspices of the Salvation Army and Adjutant Hargrove, has filled a very much needed part in the city's social work. Many sources of contribution have been opened up, and not the least of these was the contribution of the teachers and pupils of Orono, a Sunday school Number 6. For all their efforts the Adjutant is very grateful, and without trespassing on the goodness of people in the city, he would esteem it as a favor if they will let him know if they have any old magazines, newspapers, etc. If they phone, a wagon will call immediately and remove the same. The work of this home is growing daily, and will be at its greatest pressure from now until spring.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

The school children will be given holidays for the Christmas and New Year celebrations on Tuesday next.

PUDDINGS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

Christmas puddings enough for 200 soldiers have been made to the order of the Y. M. C. A. chapter of the I. O. D. E. for Brantford contingent, at the Toronto training quarters. Russell and Company have completed the order excellently, and the puddings are ready for despatch.

MUCH ANXIETY

Much anxiety was expressed by people making enquiries over the phone to the Courier to-day, as to the casualties incurred on the Yorkshire coast by the cruiser raid. Many people resident in the city have relatives in Whitby and Scarborough. So far, no casualty lists have been announced.

CARPETBALL

The bricklayers and Liberals No. 2 played a game on the Borden floor last night, and the bricklayers won their first battle of the season by 131 to 126 in a hard fought game. The bricklayers were captained by Jas. Townsend, and the Liberals by Mr. F. Brooks. C. Wilkin refereed and kept the game well in hand.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The election of officers of 408A C.O.C.F., took place in their lodge room in the Heyd Block on December 15th as follows: Chief Councillor Mrs. Anna Craig; Vice-Chief, Mrs. R. Hill; Prelate, Mrs. T. Hanes; Recorder, Mr. J. Wakley; Treasurer, Mr. J. Mysur; Marshall, Mr. H. Smith; Warden, Mrs. Geo. Huiston; Guard, Mr. J. Crow; Sentry, Mrs. Smale; organist, Mrs. Mulligan; medical examiner, Dr. E. R. Secord; trustees, E. Sherry and A. S. Pitcher, Rep. to Grand Council A. S. Pitcher and Jos. Johnson.

THE SOLDIERS' CHOCOLATE.

The soldiers' chocolate boxes were to-day mailed to the following: the officers of the allied forces and the Royal representatives to the Dominion were not forgotten: To Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia; to Sir John Fisher and Commander Jellicoe; to Lord Kitchener and Generals Joffre, French and Alderson. The object is that this historic action will be commemorated by the placing of the letters received in reply in care of the Brant Historical Society while duplicates will be placed in each school.

NEW STORM SEWER.

A new storm sewer is being laid from the new Post Office building to the Darling Street sewer in preparation for heavy winter weather.

RECEPTION FOR RECTOR

Rev. E. Softley and Mrs. Softley will be the guests of honor at a reception given to-night by the members of the St. James church congregation.

DRAGOONS OFFICERS

The officers of the 25th Brant Dragoons will to-night confer together at the Burford Headquarters. The subject will be militarism and active service recruiting.

THEIR WINTER REST.

The road roller, the road machine, and the steam shovel are at rest for the winter and owing to this fact it was impossible for the boiler inspector, A. E. Edkins to make his usual inspection.

SUCCESSFUL CLASSES.

The Collegiate School evening classes have completed a very successful half session of study and great progress has been made. The half term will be celebrated by a social evening at the school to-night when an "at home" will be held.

NASTY FALL.

Coming out of the Chinese restaurant on Queen street last night, Neil Gilan slipped and sustained a nasty cut on the back of his head, from which blood oozed freely. He was medically attended and the wound was found to be less than the flow indicated.

FIREMEN OUT

The Firemen were called out to the Bunnell residence upon Wellington street this forenoon. They took the chemical apparatus and found the house full of smoke. The register of the furnace was found to be scorching and burning some wood work, but there had not been an outbreak. This matter was speedily remedied.

NEW ORCHESTRA

An open meeting was held last evening in the Conservative rooms, which has been kindly loaned by the Borden Club, for the Orchestra's weekly practice. A good number were present while Mr. W. J. Sweetman presided, pointing out the object of the meeting and to find ways and means for organizing a symphony orchestra in Brantford. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. J. R. Cornelius be invited to take charge of the baton. It was also decided to hold another open meeting the first Tuesday after Christmas, when the finances will be cleared up and several new members were enrolled, but still need several more in the string section, particularly viola and violin. It was also decided to commence rehearsals immediately after the New Year concert which will be given early in February in aid of local charities. It was felt that to make the orchestra a success, that we must have the public confidence and support.

HAVE GIVEN IN GOOD CAUSE

The Children's Aid Society depends largely upon contributions received during the Christmas season and this year is more than ever dependent on their past friends and many of them for the support of this important work.

The society like hospitals, churches and other such organizations, depend each year upon grants and contributions and is one of the foundation stones of every life year in and year out. During the past year the society maintained 135 children at the S. M. Thomson Home, corner of Chatham and George Sts., being twenty more than ever before cared for. Three hundred and thirty children were benefited and thirty children were placed under the care of Mr. Axford. This alone is worthy of support and it is hoped the public will give a very ready response this year as the battle is an every day one.

The following subscriptions are to hand. Be sure you have done your share: J. G. Cohoe, \$100.00; Chas. Kelly, Cathcart \$1; Mrs. Geo. Winter \$1; Mrs. Smith Echo Place, \$1; Duff Williamson \$1; Little Gretchen Heyd \$5; E. L. Gold, \$2; Lyman Gould \$1; Charlie Gould \$1; Marsden Gould \$1; Brant Lodge A. F. and A. M. \$5; Gore Lodge, I. O. O. F. \$5; Wolfe Lodge, S. O. E. \$5; Onondaga Township Council \$15; J. A. Walker, Onondaga, \$8; T. H. Preston \$5; Mrs. John McGeary \$1; Miss E. Witty \$5; Commercial L.O.L., No. 2425, \$10; G. H. Muirhead \$10; Mrs. Moyle, \$1; H. B. Gardner \$5; G. H. Malcolm \$3; Mayor Spence \$12; A. K. Bunnell \$5; W. Shepper-son \$2; J. L. Axford \$5; Mrs. S. A. Pierson, Cainsville, groceries \$5 Total, \$246.00

THE JOB IN EAST AFRICA
Westminster Gazette.—We have the power to reinforce our troops by sea; the Germans have not. We shall presently have forces in British East Africa sufficient not only to clear the Germans out of our territory, but to Germanize out of the conquest of the neighbouring Germany colony.

ITALY'S DECISION.
London Standard.—Italy has still to decide finally on her attitude toward the belligerent Powers. But the decision is for her Government and people to make; and it should be enough to say that we desire nothing better than that it should be arrived at without anything in the shape of pressure from outside, but solely in accord with Italian interests.

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Notes On the War

By An Unmilitary Critic

Figures show the temperance movement is very rapidly gaining ground in the States. Germany, no doubt, looks upon this as another glaring breach of neutrality.

ONE GREAT FAMILY.

(Sydney Bulletin).
Smith—I say, Isaac, those Russian jokes 'ave the funnest names ain't they?—Michalovitch, Androvich, Jackovitch, Stehanovitch.

Isaacs—That's so; you can't tell vitch is vitch.

The Falkland Island news will put a mourning band on Bernard Shaw's hat.

The Winchester Arms Co. very politely intimates that Count von Bernstorff is a lia (censored).

GERMAN NAVY DASHES OUT OF THE KIEL CANAL

The Kaiser made a bad guess hitching up with the Sultan of Turkey. He should have fallen in love with somebody who had a navy.

Official statement says there are 3,700,000 Russians in the field. Still that is not going to prevent the official scorer in the Berlin War office taking 7,000,000 Russian prisoners in the next battle.

It would just be like the censor to suddenly spring the news that England never had a warship named the Audacious anyway.

No German Life Insurance company feels like taking out a risk on a Berlin editor who has an insane desire to print the truth.

Cartoonists of the Kaiser are barred from the British trenches. It is all right to kill a German, but we must not wound their tender feelings.

OFFICIAL FROM BEDSIDE

As far as can be made out from the different despatches from Amsterdam, Berlin, San Francisco, Rheims, Havana and Lachine, the Kaiser is afflicted with the following fatal diseases: Sore throat, Pneumonia, Sprained ankle, Prostration

Tire trouble
Headache
Measles
Scarlet fever
Up to time of going to press the spavin was worrying him a little and the housemaid's knee was also bothering, but his rheumatism improved, and he was also suffering less pain from his left elbow. Pulse, 27,643. Respiration, 99,808. Temperature, 808 below zero.

(Signed)

Fritz von Carvehimpberg, M. D.
Ralph von Pillesterberg, M.D.

Perhaps the Germans are now feeling a little sorry that they didn't build the Kiel Canal about 400 miles further inland.

However, the German people are still happy. At 3.16 p.m. to-morrow the Berlin War office will probably tell them that the Scharnhorst, Leipzig, Gneisenau and Nürnberg have just captured Canada and are now swooping down to blow Australia full of holes.

The Kaiser's dear old cultured friend the Sultan of Turkey seems to be about as useful to him as a fried pancake in a landslide.

Although wood is getting scarce in Germany the supply will not be totally exhausted so long as the contents of the Crown Prince's head are available.

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