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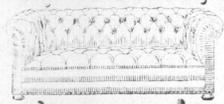
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Membership Campaign Going Full Speed Ahead

Y. M. C. A. is Out to Obtain 1,000 Members During the Remainder of the Week—Fully 200 Men Canvassing Every Available Prospective Candidate With Arguments of Most Persuasive Order.

THE CAMPAIGN IN BRIEF

Starting to-day, the Y.M.C.A. is going into a four days' campaign to enroll 800 to 1,000 new members. Arrangements were completed at last night's banquet, and all is now in full swing. This is how it is being gone about and what is offered:

1. Three sections formed—Section A, Section B, Section C.
2. Each section contains five teams—teams 1 to 5 in A, teams 6 to 10 in B, teams 11 to 15 in C.
3. Names of prospective members allocated to the different teams.
4. Terms: Payment down of one-third of membership fee, and balance in any way desired, but by not later than Dec. 15.
5. Teams meet every night at 6.30 in Y.M.C.A. to sum up results; final meeting Saturday night at 9 p.m.

Last night the finishing touches were put to the preparations for the Membership Campaign of the Y. M. C. A. which will be launched full speed ahead to-day. All the 15 teams gathered in the gymnasium where a most delectable banquet was prepared by the ladies, following which were two speeches by Dr. Barker and Mr. Whitford of the Y. M. C. A. of Buffalo.

Both gentlemen in their speeches endeavored to show the great importance of the Y. M. C. A. to civic life. The Y. M. C. A., said Dr. Barker, was never of such importance in the British Empire as it was to-day.

Twenty-five years ago, he said, the emphasis among medical men was laid upon cure; to-day it is gradually shifting to prevention of disease. No institution is so valuable in preventing disease as the Y.M.C.A.; by its opportunities for physical development offered to young men, it conserves the health of the community. The best defence against disease was a clean, wholesome, straight life.

The speaker made some flattering reference to Canada at War. The people of the United States marvelled at the noble response made to the call of King and Country. As their own Spanish war had shown, Y.M.C.A. men, with their superior physical development were capable of enduring great hardships. He therefore charged the teams assembled to get men into the Y. M. C. A. for this training, for no one knows what the young men of Canada may have to face during the next three years.

Mr. Whitford, who is General Sec-

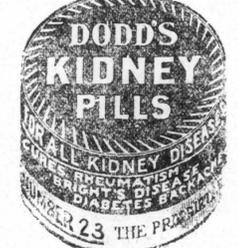
With Italians Amid Peaks of Dolomites

Correspondence by J. M. N. Jeffries.

Italian Front, Sept. 14.—The mid-easterly rim of the Trentino Valley system is the Val Sugana. Starting from Trent it runs a short distance east to Pergine, then turns abruptly south, broadening out into the two lakes of Caldenazzo and Levico, then goes eastward again in a bow-like span, at the centre point of which lies the town of Borgo.

Against this bow, which is a normal Trentino valley, the normal valley action is proceeding. Occupation of the heights on either side, installation of artillery there, artillery fire with periodic infantry advances, patient acquisition of hamlet by hamlet, the whole action developing so slowly and regularly that it seems purely mechanical. Herein indeed lies the absolute triumph of the Italian valley warfare, in this appearance of being a purely mechanical procedure. Gradual as the advance is, it gives the effect of being thought out freely and executed freely; the Austrians do not impress themselves as a retarding factor.

They are there, of course, with spies and foot and artillery, but there is no shock of masses of troops and if every now and then some Austrian village is evacuated, it is under the moral pressure of the enveloping Italian patrols. The Austrians evacuate a village and then they fire on it and then it stands deserted, for the Italians do not enter their conquests too soon. They spread out a little more, scout on and circle a little more, scout on and harass, harass, harass, and thus they advance.



PROGRESS OF THE ITALIANS

In a hundred days these quiet, persuasive methods have brought them in the Val Sugana from the frontier at Primolano to a point just beyond Borgo, the chief town, which has been evacuated and fired upon according to the Austrian times.

East of Fiera di Primiero the war enters the Dolomite country. The Dolomites have been so often described that to attempt it again would be purely indifferent repetition. Any one who has been to those who are not familiar with travellers' books, it may be briefly said that the Dolomites are great limestone masses, not rising as a rule gradually from slopes but rising high and sheer, straight up in strength, like mountain towers. They take the shape of churches and of fortresses; their rigid summits are sometimes cut square like Norman keeps and sometimes as shaped and pointed as the cathedral of Milan. They thrust for some 8,000 ft. to 10,000 ft up in the air.

You would expect the operations in these surroundings to have a puny effect. Yet it is not so. In the splendor of the site you awaken somehow to the splendor of achievement, and creeping up the high roads in the passal, the advance is in miles, at least get a more vivid grasp of the war than has been my lot anywhere else. You hear the distant noise of the guns, you look down on "indistinct encampments and scarcely visible far-off lines of men, and you see the great bulk of war then, the movements over land and sea, the millions moving to the reconstruction of the world.

ON AN OBSERVATION POST: Then you go to some forward post, you are amid the men, the guns fire from close by, the war contracts for you into so much observing and loading and pointing; amid all the wonder of nature more clearly stands out the structure and form of war, the intricate, many details of fighting.

I was in such a spot some hours ago, a spot from which I could distinguish these details well. It was one of those many Italian observation posts clinging with the claws and watching with the eyes of eagles from the fissure of these Dolomite mountains. Away before us was a hostile position. Above us or else below us or to right of us or to left of us, the reader may choose a la carte—were guns engaged with the enemy. From the observation post their fire was directed. An officer stood watching with field-glasses a contributory directions, reproof, congratulation over a telephone to someone intimately connected. I think with the guns. Orderlies in a similar post near by called out news sent in by the messengers. It then passed, telephoning back his answers.

The whole thing was extraordinarily businesslike.

"Fire at intervals of so long," said the officer. "First send me two shots to such-and-such a trench." An interval, then you heard a call on the telephone. "Two shots fired, sir," said the orderly; then boom! boom! and over the enemy's trenches appeared two little white clouds out of the nowhere.

"A LITTLE TO THE LEFT." "Try again, x millimetres to the left" called the officer, "and, senta, raise my millimetres." A moment's silence, and the glasses go up and peer again.

"Two shots fired, sir," comes the cry out of the rock, and more closely to the trench appear the puffs of death.

Through all the frontier region of the Dolomites, the noise of the guns is continuous. The Austrian positions are powerful and cannot be given any respite. North of Mount Cavalazza and still keeping close to the frontier is the central mass of the Dolomites, topped by Mount Marmolata, which rises to nearly 11,000 ft. It is pierced by a single valley, the Val San Pelleggrino, but this the Italians have to the west penetrated, and hold their positions there firmly.

THE PEAK OF MARMOLOTO But the Marmolata mass—is to all intents impassable and fighting begins north of it again on the valley of Livinallongo. The chief Austrian position is that of Col di Lana, the 8,000 ft. peak. Col di Lana as you look at it does not seem so very high. It is not an fantastic Dolomite formation, but an ordinary dull-greenish mountain which spreads a good deal and looks like a hill. Observing it from the east you see that in the end it rises rather sharply in a sudden cone. On a saddle to the east of this are some concentric rings which look like a series of healed cuts, or scars, on the surface. Dull and lifeless they seem, with no hint of the power concealed in them. Below them are the Italian trenches, and so facing each other the trenches curve round the south-eastern slope of the mountain top.

So the position is that the Austrians are wonderfully favoured and the Italians woefully handicapped in every attack. Rifles are no longer used; the Austrians throw bombs and grenades to the front, probably a number together from buckets. They swing a bucket and a whole bevy is discharged upon the Italian positions below.

Onondaga Council

Middleport, Oct. 4.—The regular meeting of the council, with all the business present, was held in Mitchell Hall, at 2 p.m.

Mr. A. W. VanSickle, chairman of the road and bridge committee for division one, after speaking very highly of the work performed by Mr. Thompson, contractor, presented the following report:

To the Reeve and Councillors of the Township of Onondaga:

Geentlemen.—In accordance with previous appointment, your committee met the committee from Brantford Township Council in the month of May, on the township line, and after examination of one of the Dawson and Armour bridges, decided to rebuild the bridges of reinforced concrete the work to be taken in charge by the Onondaga Township committee.

Plans were secured, tenders were called and awarded to Mr. George Thompson, Brantford, at \$7.87 per cubic yard, his being the lowest tender. Work did not begin until about the middle of August. The Armour bridge, with a 10 ft. by 14 ft. clear roadway, was erected, including concrete, reinforcing and filling, at a total cost of \$29,101. The Dawson bridge, with a 20 ft. by 14 ft. clear roadway, contained 75 10-27 cubic yards of concrete, and was erected at a total cost including reinforcing, railing, filling, etc., of \$79,290. Timber from the road bridges was sold to the value of \$8,250, making a total cost of \$107,536, half of which is charged up to Brantford Township.

Your committee has to report the construction of two culverts, known as the Greigg and Merrill culverts, the former containing 25 4-27 cubic yards of concrete. The total cost, including railing, reinforcing and filling approaches, being \$28,894. The Merrill culvert contained 24 5-27 cubic yards of concrete, costing, including railing, reinforcing, etc., \$22,141.

All of which is respectively submitted.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Mr. Thompson, cement work and railing on bridges and culverts, \$86,722; Burlington Steel Co., reinforcing steel, \$39,387; R. Jameson, for Merrill culvert, \$4; A. W. VanSickle, freight on reinforcing \$2,177; William Dinsmore, teaming steel, \$2; Mr. Maloney, filling Armour bridge, approaches, \$15; Mr. Hanks, filling Dawson and Greigg approaches \$34; Mrs. Dawson, for danger light, \$1; Brantford Courier, ad. of voters' list \$3; Geo. H. Patterson, attending Courts Revision and selecting jurors \$10; A. W. VanSickle, overseeing work on bridges (Brantford Township share) \$20; grant to Onondaga Agricultural society \$25.

The council adjourned to meet in Onondaga, on Monday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m.

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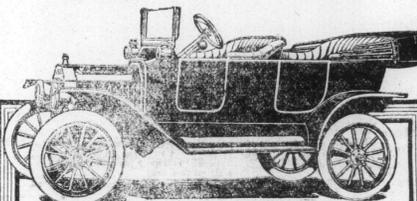
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