

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

COMING HOME ON FURLOUGH.

Mr. W. C. Boddy has received a cable stating that his son, Capt. A. H. Boddy, called for Canada on Dec. 29th on six months' furlough. He is expected in the city the first part of next week.

PLAYED WITH CANDLE.

A small blaze that occurred last night at 159 West Mill street, necessitated a run from the firemen at about half past seven. The fire was caused by some small children playing with a lighted candle, from which the curtains became ignited. However, prompt action was taken by the inmates of the house and the fire was practically out when the firemen arrived on the scene. The resultant damage will amount to very little.

BELGIAN RELIEF.

The response of Brantfordites to the appeal for funds to support destitute Belgian families, has been exceedingly gratifying up to date. A large number of citizens have expressed their willingness to assist in this beneficent undertaking, and it is hoped to at least secure the amount asked for. It is the intention of the Board of Trade to have published, the names of those who contribute toward the enterprise.

POLICE COURT.

Two Frenchmen, Armand Forrest and Joseph Morneau, who recently went down to Montreal and when returning, brought with them some liquid refreshment, and then imbibed of it too freely, were taken in charge here last night. They appeared in the police court this morning, and were faced with a charge of being drunk. They were each relieved of \$10 and costs.

THE MARKET.

The local market suffered a collapse this morning after the two holiday seasons. Practically no vegetables were in evidence, and only very small amounts of apples (that were meted out to the purchaser) in small quantities. Meats, of all kinds were more than usually plentiful, while there was also an abundance of poultry. Dairy products made a slightly better showing than has been the case for some time, and this was reflected in the prices which were slightly lower. A substantial drop was also experienced in potatoes, this being accredited to the fact that there are large stores of imported "mushies" in the city which the dealers are having some trouble in selling.

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The Year
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MILITARY DANCE
IN CONSERVATORY

Enjoyable Social Event
Staged by N.C.O.'s of
215th Battalion

The most successful social military event of the season, and one that will leave its impress on the minds of those who had the pleasure of being present at the occasion, was the dance held in the Conservatory of Music last night by the N.C.O.'s of the 215th Battalion. The auditorium was tastefully decorated with patriotic effects, consisting of flags, bunting, and ensigns, and together with the gay throng that crowded the hall, presented a merry appearance.

With military promptness, the programme was commenced at half past eight, with about eighty couples in attendance, and from then on until the gathering broke up at about three o'clock this morning, joy reigned supreme.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Hon. Col. Cockshutt, Ex-Mayor Spence, Mrs. W. G. Oxtoby, Captain and Mrs. Andrews, Chief and Mrs. Slemin, and a large number of the officers of the battalion.

The programme which was in charge of an able committee composed of B.Q.M.S. T. Thornethwaite, Sergt. S. E. Fairfield, Sergt. H. L. Oldham, Sergt. G. C. Knowles and Bandmaster E. F. Walters, was an admirable one in every respect, being interspersed with musical numbers and dancing.

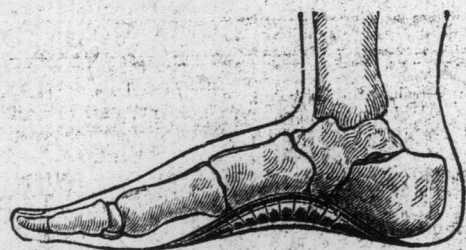
Battalion Sergeant Major Salavenschi, made a most efficient and capable Master of Ceremonies, discharging his duties very acceptably. A violin selection by Miss Marjorie Jones; songs by Sergt. S. E. Fairfield and a duet by Sergt. and Miss Oldham, comprised the musical numbers which were contributed toward the success of the evening.

THE BANTAMS
ARE BACK AGAIN

Recruiting for the 216th Is
Re-Commenced in the
City

"The last hundred" is the objective toward which the 216th Battalion is now striving in its recruiting activities, which are being renewed in Brantford in common with all the other principal cities of Ontario and Quebec. The little fighting force has reached a strength of 925 and now require only between 75 and 100 men to bring the battalion to full strength, when a quick voyage overseas will be the order of the day, and neither time nor energies are being spared in the recruiting efforts of the unit. The Bantams are, too well known in Brantford to require further introduction, and many friends of the little fellows will be pleased to learn that they have opened their office at 124 Dalhousie Street, where all are invited who intend to embrace "the small man's opportunity" while there is still time. The local office is in charge of Ptes. Fotheringham, Cheadle and Brown, while Lieut. P. K. McKissock, who has stationed in the city last spring, is in charge of the recruiting activities of the Bantams in No. 2 Military District. He visited the city yesterday, and completed arrangements for a vigorous campaign to be carried on here, and is overflowing with confidence that the desired number of men will be obtained in the coming two or three weeks.

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Women of City Willing
to Assist the Empire

Plans Discussed at Meeting of Women's Patriotic League
Held Yesterday Afternoon

That the women of Brant County compare favorably with their men folk in their willingness to serve the Empire, was clearly demonstrated yesterday afternoon at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Women's Patriotic League in the Y. M. C. A. During the course of the meeting, plans were discussed as to the most expedient way in which the services of the women of the city who were willing, could be devoted to assisting the nation in its present crisis.

The gathering was presided over by Mrs. W. C. Livingston, who in opening the meeting outlined the principal purpose for which it had been convened—to discuss ways and means of co-operating in the National Service movement. Personally, Mrs. Livingston suggested the re-opening of the registration bureau in the city, where those women who were willing could signify their desire to relieve and replace men, where such was possible. A letter from Premier Borden was read urging that insofar as was in their power, women should take some action, to assist the country through the strenuous times it is now experiencing. Under the existing conditions of labor scarcity, it was the consensus of opinion that there should be no difficulty in obtaining work for those women who are willing to accept it. The opinion was voiced by some of the ladies in reply that a previous venture of a like nature had not been satisfactory as no work could be found for those willing to take advantage of the opportunities had they been offered. It was also brought to the attention of the meeting that in some cases, work could not be procured by returned soldiers, one case being cited where an applicant had visited seven factories, and had been turned down in each case. One of the ladies present thought that some training should be given to prospective workers before they should attempt to replace men, and in this connection, it was moved by Mrs. S. W. Secord, and seconded by Mrs. Dunne, that a committee be appointed to meet with the manufacturers for the purpose of arriving at some understanding.

Not only did the women decide to inayde the manufacturing field, but also to engage in agricultural pursuits, where it was considered that there was an opening for women. It was suggested that the names of those willing to work on farms be enrolled, and the government asked to send an instructor here, and conduct a class in that line. It was thought that the production of the country could be increased if vacant lots throughout the city were utilized, and women and children put in charge of them. Mrs. Malcolm, who has already taken a course in agriculture, offered to supervise one of these lots, if the scheme was adopted, and her generous offer was followed shortly after by Mrs. J. J. Hurley who also expressed a willingness to work in conjunction with Mrs. Malcolm.

Some of the ladies present were also of the opinion that the school children could lend their services to advantage, and in their spare time, assist the ladies in the cultivation of the vacant lots. It was considered advisable to communicate with the board of education for the purpose of ascertaining in what way the scheme of utilizing the services of the children, could be worked out. To this end, a committee was appointed.

The report of Major Blacklock was read, giving a good account of the work of the Canadian Red Cross in France. In spite of the earnestness of those at home, it was pointed out that it was no longer possible to contribute the usual five thousand bales of supplies to the French hospitals, as had hitherto been the custom, the amount of the donations being due to a proportionate decrease in the contributions at home.

The treasurers report was then read, showing that the last meeting a large amount of money had been expended. At the time of the previous meeting there was \$2000 in the treasury, while at the present time the balance on hand amounted to \$931.41, a condition of affairs that warranted immediate action.

The report of Mrs. Labord, containing a statement of the articles sent out of the rooms during the year was read, showing that an immense amount of clothing and other comforts for the soldiers, had been made and sent overseas.

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p.m.

FIRE IN MARQUETTE

Marquette, Mich., Jan. 6.—The business district of this city was threatened with destruction to-day by a fire, which starting from an unknown cause, had by 10 a.m. destroyed seven store buildings and a number of offices, and had caused damage estimated at more than \$200,000. Marquette firemen were aided by companies from Ishpeming and Negaunee.

Dr. Jessop, M.P.E., and Mayor Burgoyne, speaking at recruiting meetings in St. Catharines, declared for compulsory military service.

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NORWEGIAN
SHIP SUNK

Steamer Fama is Victim of
German Sub.; Erica Ar-
rives Safely

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 6.—The Norwegian Steamer Fama is believed to have been sunk, Lloyds shipping agency announces. The Norwegian Steamer Erica, erroneously reported sunk, has arrived in port, says another Lloyds announcement.

The Steamer Fama, of 1,532 tons net, sailed from Portland, Me., on December 8, for Marseilles, putting in at Sydney, C.B., on December 11 with a broken bulkhead, and resuming her voyage on Dec. 21.

A Lloyds announcement on January 31, reported the sinking of the Steamer Erica.

WINTER WEATHER HARD ON LITTLE ONES

Our Canadian winters are extremely hard on the health of little ones. The weather is often so severe that the mother cannot take the little one out for an airing. The consequence is that baby is confined to overheated badly ventilated rooms; takes colds and becomes cross and peevish. Baby's Own Tablets should be given to keep the little one healthy. They regulate the stomach and bowels and prevent or cure colds. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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