

NAVAL RECRUITS, IN TERROR OF DOCTOR, FLEE; REALLY GIRLS

Two Apply at Local Office For
Service.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

But Are Alarmed When Told
They Must Be Exam-
ined.

Two bright looking youths appeared yesterday at the office of B. G. H. Wright, secretary of the Naval Recruiting Committee, and in the usual way, signified their intention to sign up for service in the navy.

One was tall and dark and the other youth was fair. Both wore caps and were neatly, but not stylishly, dressed. They were, to all outward appearance, good material for the navy.

Mr. Wright invited them into his office and began to prepare the required documents.

"They seemed somewhat nervous and a little shy," said Mr. Wright, "but about them that led him to ask whether they wanted to go into the patrol service for boys under 18, or over 18."

"We want to go as seamen," was the reply, and on being asked his age the first chap replied, "Eighteen past."

Mr. Wright noticed a slight hesitancy in his speech.

"Where was your father born?" "I can't remember whether he was born a British subject or not," he answered.

After the other questions had been answered they were told that they would go away on the 9 o'clock train next morning.

"But now you must see the doctor," said Mr. Wright.

"Why, you have to be examined by the doctor before you can be accepted," said Mr. Wright, who was himself taken back by the frightened look on the faces of both.

The two would-be sailors gave one another a look at each other, and then bolted out of the office and ran down the aisle and out of the store.

Mr. Wright stood up and watched them escape.

The small, neat and dainty steps displayed as they ran betrayed the fact that the two prospective sailors were girls.

ENGINEERS DRAFT WILL LEAVE LONDON SHORTLY

Forty N. C. O.'s and Men Going, With
Possibility of More.

An Engineer draft of 40 non-commissioned officers and men will leave London for St. John, Que., at an early date. The date has not yet been fixed.

The draft is not yet fixed. It is probable that it will be personally conducted by the party to the Quebec city.

It is hoped to increase the total of men composing the draft, as recruiting is fairly active in the city.

From which most of the Engineers' recruits are obtained.

These men at present on the list to go are: H. G. S. Wilks, Lance-Corporal, H. S. Alston, Sappers T. R. Carter, F. H. Barker, Geo. Bartholomew, W. A. Redford, Fred. Bort, Geo. Carson, Wm. Jackson, Ben. Cooper, J. F. DeNio, G. N. Duggan, Glen. Ford, F. Gibbons, R. W. Gordon, Ed. Hayes, R. J. Hoare, C. F. Hundy, J. N. Huxley, Ray Jacobs, L. N. Lyons, J. MacMillan, J. Manula, W. Martin, W. C. McKee, Wm. Murrell, P. Noll, A. Peterson, Jas. Ray, J. D. Rogers, W. G. Russell, W. T. Ryan, John Smith, R. B. Smyth, F. W. Springer, C. H. Stamets, A. Strong, E. Wilkins, Geo. Woods, Chas. Young.

KAISER NEVER PLANNED TO MAKE CONFIDANT OF WILSON ON PEACE TERMS

Gave Him No Chances to Learn
Them.

London, Jan. 5.—The Berlin newspapers, Lokal Anzeiger and Vossische Zeitung, as quoted by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, state that any peace terms of the central powers which may have been placed in the hands of President Wilson did not come from official sources. Furthermore, the newspapers state, it is not the intention to give such terms to the president.

Germany, they say, is ready to lay her terms on the table at a peace conference, but will not make President Wilson her confidant in any such manner as was indicated by the recent statement attributed to Count Julius Andrassy, Hungarian premier and leader of the Opposition.

GOOTSON SAYS HE CANNOT RECOLLECT ASSIGNMENT

But Bradstreet's Says His Firm Has
Made One to Trust Company.

Bradstreet's report today says that Gootson & Co., composed of Maurice and Meyer Gootson, junk dealers, have made an assignment to the Consolidated Trusts Company.

Maurice Gootson became heavily involved during the past few months by borrowing money from different people.

Gootson, at the time of his action against the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission for damages claimed because of expropriation of land by the commission for a car barn, testified that he had cleared nearly \$50,000 in the seven years he had been in business in this city.

Maurice Gootson, called by The Advertiser, said he did not know if an assignment had been made. "I don't know," he said, "I don't recollect it," was his answer.

TANCREADE IS QUIET

Waiting Anxiously for Final Word
as to Fate.

Waiting anxiously for the word from which will give him the authority to hang him or will grant him a reprieve, Mike Tancreade remains unemployed in the usual way, waiting for the word from the court.

NEWS

TWO PLEAD GUILTY.—Two persons charged with being drunk appeared in police court today. Each pleaded guilty to a first-time offence, and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

CITY TREASURER ILL.—City Treasurer James S. Bell is confined to his home through illness. He was seized with an attack of the grip the other day, and will not be able to resume his duties for another week at least.

COMMUNION SERVICE.—Quarterly communion service will be held at First Congregational Church tomorrow morning, when several new members will be welcomed to fellowship. Dr. Elmer will preach at both services.

TO PREACH AT CHELSEA GREEN.—Rev. J. W. Crawford of Wilton Grove will assume charge of the Presbyterian Church at Chelsea Green for the winter, preaching there each Sunday evening. Mr. Crawford will begin his work on Sunday evening.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE.—At the New Year service to be held in Adelaide Street Baptist Church tomorrow the pastor, Rev. James H. Boyd, will preach, assisted by Rev. George MacKenzie and Capt. J. M. MacGillivray, chaplain of the 14th Battalion.

DR. SHEARER TO PREACH.—Rev. Dr. J. G. Shearer of Toronto, general superintendent of social service and evangelism, will preach in the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening. Dr. Shearer is one of the big men of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

ANOTHER A. M. C. DRAFT.—A further draft has been asked for by the Ambulance Training Depot No. 1, A. M. C. and will probably issue at an early date. Three officers and 34 other ranks have been offered. No date has been set and the personnel of the draft has not been determined.

S. A. TRANSFERS.—The headquarters of the Salvation Army today announced the following transfers and appointments for the London division. Capt. Keen has been transferred from Clinton to Chatham. Capt. A. Jones has been transferred to Clinton. Capt. Knight has been appointed to Toronto.

DIED IN AMBULANCE TRAIN.—A telegram received today by Mrs. Stella Small, 315 Eglinton street, states that the place of death of Pte. James Gordon Small, who was reported killed some time ago, has been found in the ambulance train. The telegram does not state the part of France in which the death occurred.

PROFESSOR ALEXANDER SPEAKS.—Professor W. G. Alexander of Chicago, who is known all over Canada and the United States as a lecturer on the theme, "The Ways of Society," will be one of the speakers at the open meeting in the Lyric Theatre Sunday afternoon.

THE SMALL COT.—The small cot, which is a noted phenomenon and physiognomist, and his scientific information on his theme, "Crime and Criminals," will be of intense interest.

BUYING HORSES.—Isaac Watson and Percy Pearson, representing a party of buyers, were in the city today buying horses for use in the French army. They inspected the horses at McCartney's repository. Owing to the very high prices, many of the horses were brought in as usual, however, considerable purchasing has been done of late, as Messrs. Watson and Pearson have been buying large loads of horses from Western Ontario during the past week.

"GRANDPA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY."—A delightful programme of 35 old songs, stories and instrumental music will be given by some of London's most talented artists in the lecture room of Dundas Central Church Tuesday evening next, January 9. The entertainers will wear costumes of sixty years ago.

MOTOR CAR STRUCK.—Struck by a street car when his automobile stalled on the main track, J. B. Campbell escaped without injury, although his automobile was badly damaged this morning. The doctor was coming west on Dundas street, and in an attempt to pass the stalled car, he was struck by the motor car, which was turning completely around. The engine then stalled, and a car which was a short distance away could not be stopped in time to save the machine.

118TH BATTALION WILL BE LESS THAN 400 STRONG

Undergoing Stiff Medical Exam. Before
Proceeding Overseas—Some
Changes Made.

The 118th Battalion will leave for the east at an early date. A report in Toronto papers states that the men are not being given any last leave owing to the trouble in Kitchener on Monday last. Col. L. W. Shannon states that such is not the case.

The men are being given a stiff medical examination to eliminate all men who might be rejected on arrival in England. So many men have been found to be unfit for trench warfare when examined overseas that the medical examinations here are being made with the utmost care.

The result will probably be that the 118th will take considerably less than 400 men with it on the trip.

Lieut. Col. Lockhead will go as commanding officer. Major Martin, second in command, declines to accept a reduction of rank in order to go, and will consequently remain at home. Major Lockart will be permitted to resign his commission. The medical examination will probably eliminate other officers.

Major Kingmill, who has been acting medical examination officer at the recruiting office in the Americas, is being called to be appointed medical officer to the unit, vice Capt. Walters, who will not accompany the battalion. As it is not customary to send medical officers with a rank above that of captain, it is not known whether Major Kingmill will secure the appointment, especially as he does not wish to be reduced. His application has been at Ottawa for some time, but has not yet been accepted.

2-CENT ILLINOIS FARE IS LEGAL

Judges Refuse to Give Railways Any
Leeway on It.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Judges Evans, Carpenter and Landis of the United States district court today denied the petition of 28 railroads operating in Illinois to restrain the Illinois state public utilities from enforcing the Illinois 2-cent fare law.

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WILHELM TELLS HIS TROOPS THAT ALLIES WOULD END GERMANY

Desire for Country's Destruction
Reason for Peace Re-
fusal, Fumes Kaiser.

London, Jan. 6.—The German emperor, according to a copy of an order to the German army and navy received here, charges the Allies with rejecting his offer of peace, because they desire the destruction of Germany. He declares that all responsibility for further sacrifices falls on his enemies, and that "with God's help German arms will enforce the understanding they have rejected."

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Starving Deported Armenians

Story of Eyewitness, Who Tells of Horrible Atrocities Practised
Upon These Unhappy and Defenceless People.

The committee on Armenian Relief appointed by the Ministerial Council in London asks the thought and interest of the readers of this paper, and invites their gifts to save the perishing remnants of the Armenian nation.—F. A. STEVEN.

A remarkable report by a citizen of a neutral country—not an American—whose name must be withheld for obvious reasons, is now available. This man has been an eyewitness of the terrible aftermath of suffering resulting from the Turkish atrocities in Armenia.