

## THE DOMINION OF CANADA CALLS FOR MEN NOW---WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? ENLIST TO-DAY IN THE 125TH BRANT BATTALION

### GREAT DRIVE COMING IN SPRING THINKS RETURNED CANADIAN

Lieut. Col. O'Dell States That Germans Will Surely be Cleared Out of Belgium by Spring, But Does Not Think Allies Will Ever Get Beyond Rhine—Should Strike at Germany Through Holland.

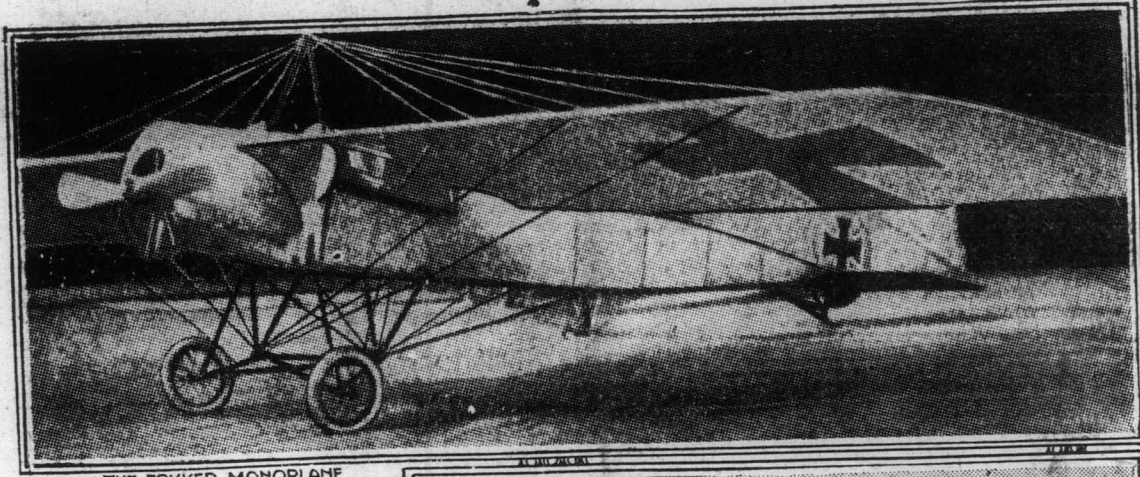
By Special Wire to the Courier.  
St. John, N.B., Jan. 28.—"The Germans will be driven out of Belgium in the spring without a doubt," said Lieut. Col. O'Dell, a former Canadian, who arrived yesterday from the Pretorian.

"Although I would like to think otherwise, I don't believe the allies will ever get beyond the Rhine. Since 1878 the Germans have been fortifying the River Rhine and I don't believe the allies can ever get by these forts. The only route which looks probable for the allies at the present time is through Holland. It is like the situation at Ladysmith, which Lord Roberts wanted to relieve. Buller had been trying to get through and when Roberts came he took a new route and got there. A new route will have to be taken by the allies before they ever get through. "The very physical features of the country along the Rhine will keep the allied armies from getting into the real fighting territory. The Germans know that they will have to get out of Belgium and France in the spring, but they are banking on those Rhine fortifications all the while. "I believe that the allied armies on the western front will push forward at least twenty-five or thirty miles with the opening up of the spring.

but when they come to the Rhine they will find a big barrier which it will be well nigh impossible to get over."  
**BANKS ON SCOTCHMAN**  
Speaking of the new command on the western front, Colonel O'Dell said: "Sir Douglas Haig is a Scotchman, and I bank every time on the Scotchmen. They will stick to it; they are men of action, and I believe that Haig will make a splendid commander on the western front."

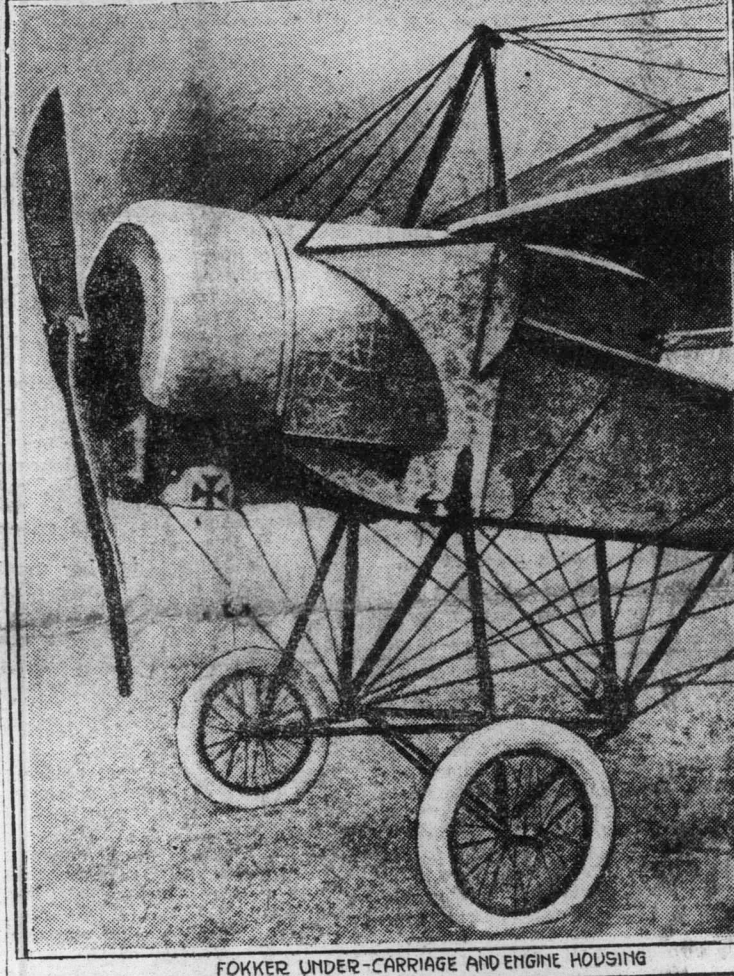
**LOST AN ARM.**  
Carrying an empty sleeve as a memento of the battle of Festubert, Lieut. J. R. Bell, a Toronto man, who was also on the Pretorian, says he was wounded about six o'clock in the morning on the day of the battle that he was struck. Shrapnel shell burst near him and wounded him in no less than eight places. One of the wounds was so severe that it was necessary to amputate his left arm. He has been in an English hospital for the past eight months, and said on landing: "Well I am glad to feel good Canadian soil under my feet once more, and although I left one of my arms over in France, I am glad that I was there and did my bit for the empire."

### GERMANY'S LATEST TERROR OF THE AIR



THE FOKKER MONOPLANE

The new German Fokker aeroplanes have been hailed by the German press as the war machines which will destroy London and Paris and any other town which the Germans want to attack. According to Mr. Henry Woodhouse, secretary of the Aero Club of America, the new Canada type of biplane, of which the British are building large numbers will more than offset the Fokker "terror." should the new German machines attempt an attack on London or any other city removed far from a German base. "The Fokker monoplane comes in the class of aeroplanes known as the 'pusher' type, in which the propellers are mounted in front of the wings, and are capable of making between 95 and 100 miles an hour, carrying a pilot and gunner, or pilot alone, who acts as gunner," Mr. Woodhouse said. "The usual Fokker monoplane is only 29 feet 9 inches in length, 24 feet 6 inches long equipped with an 80-horse power motor, and with the exception of the wings, the construction is entirely of steel tubing. Perhaps the German machine shown here is a larger one, and the same monoplane, housed in size a few feet and equipped with a 200-horse power motor, ought to be capable of making 160 miles an hour or more. Both the British and French have aeroplanes capable of such a speed, but they have not used them extensively because it has not been necessary, since the Germans have not been using them."



FOKKER UNDER-CARRIAGE AND ENGINE HOUSING

### GRAND RIVER BREAKS OUT ON RAMPAGE AT GALT

Property Damage is Estimated to be One Hundred Thousand Dollars or More—Fire Department Rescued People in Houses Surrounded by Water—Bridges Backed the Water Up.

(Special to The Courier.)

Galt, Jan. 28.—This city is suffering from the effects of one of the worst Grand River floods ever recorded in its history. The ice broke above the dam during the night and this morning between 9 and 9.30 a tremendous mass came down the whole distance from Elora. In short order the river rose to a height of several feet and rushed over Water street, and through the sewers on to Almaine and other streets. "All the factories along the river front were badly flooded out in the basements. The heaviest losers were Getty and Scott, who have a shoe factory at 104 Water street. Their large basement was filled with leather and other materials and the loss is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Turnbull and Co. (underwear), 104 Water street, sustained a loss of about \$1,000 in the same way, and other Water street concerns also received damage of from a few hundreds to a thousand.

ANOTHER VERSION.  
(Associated Press Despatch.)

Galt, Ont., Jan. 28.—As a result of the mild weather of the past few days the ice on the Grand River here broke up during the night and the water rose several feet. It passed down, however, without doing any damage and this morning, although the river was still high, it was expected that no damage would result from the flood. It was about nine o'clock this morning when the ice from further up the river reached Galt and in less than half an hour cellars were flooded and the basements of factories along the river flooded. The bridges had the effect of backing the water up and a good part of Water street was inundated to a depth of from one to three feet. Backing up in the sewers the water overflowed on the streets, a block from the river. People in the houses surrounded by the water were taken out by the fire department. All three municipal bridges which cross the river at Galt were damaged. The flooring was torn up on one side of the Main Street bridge, and guards had to be placed to prevent people from crossing. The basement of the Schlarbaum Block which is alongside the river was partly torn away. Manufacturers who had stock in their basements will suffer to a considerable extent. No estimate of the damage has yet been made, but it will run into thousands of dollars. One hour after the flood reached its height the water had subsided and everybody affected was busy salvaging stock and repairing the damage.

### WILSON SOUNDS NOTE OF DANGER TO HIS COUNTRY

America Should Insist Upon Having Ready Half a Million Soldiers.

**FUTURE NONE TOO BRIGHT**  
International Relationship Uncertain, Asserts the President.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
New York, Jan. 28.—President Wilson returned to Washington early today, leaving a message to Americans to prepare for a time when the international relations of the country may not be so bright as today. Frankly admitting his change of mind on the preparedness issue within the year, he called upon Americans to insist upon a body of 500,000 trained citizens who will serve as a national military reserve immediately available under conditions of danger. His utterances here were regarded as expressing the keynote of the preparedness campaign which he starts late today. He spoke before the Railway Business Association, before a gathering of 700 clergymen and at the banquet of the Motion Picture Board of Trade.

"I cannot tell you what the international relations of this country will be to-morrow," said the president at the Railway Business Association banquet, "and I use the word lightly. And I would not dare keep the people in a state of suspense, that to-morrow was certain to be as bright as today. "Applause greeted his assertions, that 'I always accept, perhaps by some impulse of my native blood, the invitation to a fight,' and that while America stands for peace, its people are 'ready at any time to fight for the vindication of their character and their honor.' "Suffragists who attempted to obstruct the president's promise to support a woman suffrage amendment to the federal constitution, were disappointed today by their failure to elicit anything more than a re-assertion of his opinion that the suffrage issue should be settled by the states.

Not the least interesting phase of the president's visit, was his speech to the Motion Picture board of trade, where his outspoken comments on the "liars" and their efforts to deceive him as to the Mexican situation and the expression of his views of men who attempted to "humbly" stir his audience to laughter.

### Pomeranian in Harbor

Allan Liner, Disabled in a Storm, Arrives Safely at Queenstown.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Queenstown, Jan. 28.—The Allan Line Steamship Pomeranian arrived here yesterday in tow.

A dispatch from Queenstown on January 25 announced that the Pomeranian, outward bound from Glasgow for Canada had been disabled in a terrific gale, had lost one of her propellers and her rudder and was making for Queenstown escorted by another vessel. It was stated all on board were safe. The Pomeranian was last reported as having left Portland, Me., for Glasgow on January 12, She probably was not far out on her return voyage when the accident happened.

### OVER HALF MILLION TO DATE

LONDON, Jan. 28.—More than half a million casualties have been suffered by the British forces so far in the war. The official figures giving the total up to January 9, made public to-day, place it at 549,467, the number being made up of 24,122 officers and 525,345 men.

### SUPPORTS LEADERS.

BRISTOL, Jan. 28, 10.44 a.m.—The Labor conference to-day, by a card vote of 1,674,000 against 269,000, confirmed the action of the executive committee of the Labor party in Parliament in allowing Labor representatives to assume office in the coalition government.

## NEW HIGHWAYS ACT AS AFFECTING BRANT COUNTY ROADS EXPLAINED IN LETTER TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Deputy Minister of Highways Sends Long Explanatory Letter to Mr. Watts Showing System by Which Brant County Roads Can be Improved—A Suggestion as to Cost of Same, How Money can be Raised, and What Roads Should be Made Better—Brantford Can be Called Upon to Pay Its Share.

The following communication on the construction of County Highways has been received from Toronto by A. E. Watts, K.C., County Clerk, from the Deputy Minister of Highways. "The Ontario Highways Act, having been brought into effect by recent proclamation, I am directed by the Minister of Public Works and Highways, Hon. F. G. MacDermid, to call the attention of your council to the leading features of county road legislation of county road improvements to the extent of 40 per cent. for maintenance and 60 per cent. for construction. At the present time there are twenty counties in Ontario carrying on this work.

**PLAN OF ROADS.**  
A county council is authorized to assume, by-law, a system of roads to be constructed and maintained by the county. The total length of such a system varies according to local circumstances; but is ordinarily about 15 per cent. of the total road mileage in the county. Thus in Brant with a total of about 815 miles of township roads, a system of county roads might comprise about 100 miles.

In selecting a system of roads, it is advisable: (1) That the roads should be limited to the least possible mileage in order that the completion of the system would not take too long a period, to be served as equitably as possible. (2) That all parts of the county should be especially of county importance, extending to local markets and shipping points. In considering any proposed plan of roads, I would point out that it is not always desirable to select the roads which are at the present time the most heavily travelled, but that consideration should be given to the roads which, if properly improved and constructed, would best serve the traffic and would become the most heavily travelled market roads. At the present time many roads of the Province are travelled to a considerable extent, merely because other roads more favorably located, are not improved and therefore impassable. In distributing the roads among the townships it should be endeavored to combine the mileage with the probable cost per mile, so as to make the total expenditure in each township proportionate to its equalized assess-

ment. On such a scale there will ultimately be expended in each township an amount equal to what it has contributed, plus the Provincial subsidy. **METHOD OF FINANCE.** Should your county undertake the improvement of such a system of roads, I would strongly recommend that it be paid for, as far as the feeling of the people will permit, by an equal levy; the amount so raised to be used for the purpose of raising a small debenture issue such as will not tend to accumulate a large municipal debt. By once imposing an annual levy of one mill or one and a half mills on the county assessment, a very sound scheme of finance might be created. Using 1 1/2 mills as a basis, funds for construction would accrue as follows: Levy of 1 1/2 mills on \$15,000,000 assessment . . . . . \$17,500 Debenture issue . . . . . 10,500 Provincial subsidy, 40 per cent. of total . . . . . 20,000 Total amount expenditure . . . \$50,000 The small expenditure created in the manner described would in ten years produce an asset in improved roads of \$500,000.

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### SPECIAL MEETING

City Council Will Hold One For Third Reading of Railway By-Law.

A special meeting of the City Council has been called for to-night to again consider the third reading of the by-law to sell the Paris Hotel and the end of the Municipal line to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway. It will be remembered that this reading was not given at the regular meeting because, backed by Mayor Bowlby, the claim was raised that there should have been a general meeting instead of by property owners only. As a matter of fact the Municipal Council clearly shows that the vote was legally taken—that property holders, whose vote said the Grand Valley and City systems should be purchased to sanction, or refuse, the sale of said property or any part of it. Under the circumstances, the Councilors would seem to have no option but to pass the measure.

### BRANTFORD AND PARIS BOTH SAY STORY UNTRUE

No Juggling of Hockey Games as Charged by Hamilton.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Toronto, Jan. 28.—Both the Brantford and Paris hockey clubs have asked W. A. Hewitt, secretary of the O. H. A., to investigate the charge that they endeavored to juggle the Rifeles team of Hamilton so that a play-off for the group championship would be necessary. Officers of the clubs under suspicion, indignantly deny that there was any "framing" and demand that the matter be probed to the bottom. Brantford and Paris were equal in the league standings until Wednesday night when the former team lost to the Rifeles of Hamilton. It was the first win for the latter team in seven played.

### COUNTY COUNCIL HAS CONCLUDED FIRST SESSION

Busy Day Yesterday Clearing Up Routine Matters.

MANY REPORTS WERE RECEIVED

Council Inquires Why Government Does Not Equip Battalions.

The final sitting of the County Council was held yesterday. Much important business was transacted, and besides the numerous resolutions and reports, many important by-laws were read and carried.

It was moved by Mr. T. Evans that leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint two auditors to audit the accounts of the county for the past year, and that by-law No. 349 for that purpose be now read a first time. It was finally passed.

**HOUSE OF REFUGE GOVERNORS.**

It was moved by A. J. McCann that Messrs. Burris and Atkin be appointed the Board of Governors for the House of Refuge for 1916. Carried.

By-Law No. 330 for the appointment of one Councillor to the Board of Audit for the current year was read a first, second and third time and passed. Mr. Rose was appointed.

Another By-law, No. 331, was read a first, second and third time and passed for the purpose of borrowing a certain sum of money to meet the expenditure of the county for the current year, until such time as the taxes to be levied can be collected.

**KEEPING OUT THE COLD.**  
Mr. Thomas Evans moved that the chairman of the buildings and grounds committee be instructed to affix a check on the outer front door of the Court House to insure proper closing. Carried.

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