

WITH THE SOLDIERS

Battalion Orders by Lt.-Col. W. T. Stewart, commanding 84th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F. Captain of the week commencing December 20th, Capt. G. D. Lee. Duty platoon for week commencing December 20th, No. 14; next for duty, No. 15. Leave is granted Lieut. A. H. Monteith from noon 16-12-15 until noon 23-12-15, pending his transfer to the 110th Battalion.

KNOW VERY LITTLE OF WHAT IS GOING ON So Says Lieut. Harold Brewster in a Letter Home.

At the Christmas celebration at Brant Avenue Methodist Sunday School yesterday, Rev. A. E. Lavell read a letter he had received from Lieut. Harold Brewster, son of W. S. Brewster, K.L. Lieut. Brewster is with the Royal Canadian Regiment "somewhere in France." Following are some extracts from the letter: "The worst feature is that we hear very little of what is actually going on except of course in our own little sector. The front here is very quiet except for heavy artillery bombardments, in which we usually hand the wily Hun more than he sends our way. Our artillery has the ascendancy, both as regards metal and amount of ammunition. We fire at least five to their one and have them pretty well in control. After all the tales of "no shells" the surprise to me on my first arrival at the front was indeed a pleasant one. In the last two months we have added greatly to our artillery, and there is still more on the way.

Never during the whole course of the war have I felt so confident of the outcome as at present. The end is a long way off yet, but the optimism over here is born of faith in our power to win, and in the long run the spirit of the army is bound to tell. One cannot but admire the men over here. What they go through, especially now, during cold weather, can scarcely be realized and they stand it all with a grim determination and usually a cheery smile. Its really wonderful."

Rubbers! Rubbers! The sidewalks are wet and slippery now and we have the good rubbers to keep your feet warm and dry. Colles' Shoe Co., 122 Colborne St. Capt. Boy-Ed's secret agents stole from the White House shadow digest of a secret navy report made to the president. Boiled beer glasses will be the only ones permitted in the saloons of Montclair, N.J. by an edict of the health department. Bitten by a man he ejected from a branch public library, Jack Smith demands damages from the city of Minneapolis.

LOCAL OPTION BULLETIN FACTS!

The booze business has at last come into print and is appealing to facts. Come on, old sport. We like to meet you on that score.

FACT NO. 1. Outside professional agitators brought in. Name, please? Mr. James Haverson, Toronto, Solicitor Licensed Victuallers' Association, telling Brantford people to keep booze on sale.

FACT NO. 2. Four drunks in Saturday's police court. A drunk is a man who can't stand up or is disorderly. These four men were made so drunk in Brantford's bar-rooms that they could not stand up or were disorderly. IS THAT KEEPING HOTEL? NO; IT IS SELLING BOOZE. IS IT DECENT? NO; BOOZE-SELLING BAR-ROOMS CAN NEVER BE DECENT.

FACT NO. 3. 677 times during 1914 Brantford's bar-rooms turned out "drunks" or "disorderlies," who were arrested. Each selling day last year Brantford bar-rooms turned OUT TWO MEN WHO WERE EITHER UNABLE TO STAND UP OR DISORDERLY. (Chief of Police's annual report for 1914). IS THAT KEEPING HOTEL? NO; IT IS SELLING BOOZE.

FACT NO. 4. Four convictions for illegal selling and keeping blind pigs in Brantford since Nov. 4th, 1915. One case Saturday morning.

More blind pigs and unlicensed dives in licensed municipalities than in Local Option territories, says Ontario's Government Statistics. Licensed bar-rooms conceal and create favorable conditions for blind pigs. They are most frequently found where there are bar-rooms.

FACT NO. 5. WE ARE AFTER THE BOOZE BUSINESS. The hotel business is not under discussion. Let us keep to the point. Hotel-keeping is a fine business. Booze-selling is a mean, low, soul-damning business. WE ARE AFTER THE BOOZE BUSINESS.

(Signed) LOCAL OPTION COMMITTEE

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 576. LT.-COL. FRANK HOWARD. Mrs. T. J. Mailing, and son, Jack, leave on-morrow for St. Thomas to spend Christmas. Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Nelson street, is spending a few days with relatives in Toronto. Miss Gretchen Heyd, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Nelson street, returns to her home in Toronto this morning. Miss Marion Karn of Woodstock, has been visiting Mrs. A. G. Hackett of 24 Lorne Crescent for the past week. Mrs. Geo. A. Sigman, Jr., of Sarnavon, Sask., arrived in the city on Saturday with her two children and will remain for three months among her relatives. They are staying for the present at 15 Dufferin avenue. Miss Barbara L. Fraser who is at present the guest of Mrs. L. A. Clark, Mary street, leaves the city in a few days for her home in Toronto. Mrs. Thomas Stone and children will accompany her, and will spend the holidays with friends in Toronto.

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ing county. This has been built up by brave men since Chief Brant's time. It is up to you to maintain this reputation. It is remarkable that the first man to die from this county, at the front, was a descendant of the famous chief, a Lieutenant Brant. You men think you are going to get killed, but it takes a good deal to kill a man. One soldier who has been killed and is again working at his business on Colborne St. as if nothing had happened. Another, a representative of one of the best Canadian families, lay for 48 hours on the battlefield and taken as dead. He is now as healthy as ever. The cause is worthy of all the efforts every man can make. The call is supreme-urgent. The crisis is upon us. A few months ago you were told that you were fighting for the neutrality of Belgium, but the real reason can now be told. You are fighting for the preservation of your country. It is not too early to consider the consequences of defeat. The honor of the country, built up for hundreds of years by brave forefathers, is at stake. The Christian religion is also at stake. While you are here from the shot and shell, the whole of Europe is shaking with the tremendous campaign being waged there to-day. There are trenches from the North Sea to Switzerland, and every inch is entrenched and protected by soldiers. From the shores of the Baltic to the Black Sea also extends an unbroken line. Belgium is a mere shambles to-day, while in Serbia the people have been driven out of homes as dear to them as ours are to us. Even the Holy Land is under the influence of this terrible struggle in which about one half of the inhabitants of the world are at war. Can we sit idle here and let the call of King and country go unheeded? At a recruiting meeting held last Sunday night in Paris, 15 men marched up and joined the colors immediately. If you live 1000 years more, you will never have a better opportunity of distinguishing yourself. Will your grandson see your name on the roll of honor of the country? Your worth will be measured by what you did when the call came. "Come over and help us." Is this call not enough to arouse you young men? "We want not yours but you." It is a call for the young men. The women are doing the duty. They are and women who have offered that there are places for them. There are places in the 125th for you though. In Col. Cutcliffe you have a man worth serving under. Are you going to allow the girls to beat you. Mothers, sisters and sweethearts are telling their men to go, and they are slaving for soldiers at the front in making socks every week. There are some people who think that good men should not go to the front. There is no young man in this city too good to go. A man can be both a Christian and a soldier. The finest soldiers in the world are the Christians, such as General Wolfe, Sir John Moore and Chinese Gordon. If you are a Christian the job is not too good for you to do. It takes some courage, no doubt, to face the guns, but there have been some wonderful things done at the front. Think of Miss Cavell who was killed with the spirit of the great Florence Nightingale—the first woman war nurse. Men of Brantford will you let the cry of this sister come out to you—avenge. Think of it and say if you can, "There is no call for me yet." The call has gone out. You must answer. Conscription is threatening in England, and Canada has aimed at raising 450,000 men. That is the reason the 125th Brant Battalion is being raised. It is all Brant, and there is a place for you Brant men. But don't be too long in answering the call, for that place will be filled, and you will have to wait for an inferior battalion. Don't let the town of Paris beat you in recruiting. I want fifteen men immediately. Are you coming up? And to this plea, five went up on the stage, and were greeted with very loud applause. Then in two's and three's, more followed, as soldiers in the audience, as well as those on the platform, got busy, until fifteen men had gathered. Among the first to come was Mr. Clifford Todd, a well-known resident. He has been employ-



Returning home next week for a visit in charge of convalescent soldiers.

Obituary

HUGH DAVID MCCLINTOCK Rev. and Mrs. D. T. McClintock of Alexander St. Presbyterian church, received the sad news this morning from Toronto, that their little son, Hugh David, was dead. The little baby was only four months old, and the parents are bereaved that he should be taken from them so early in life. The body will arrive this evening at the G. T. R. station on the 8.15 train. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon from the residence, 342 Dalhousie street to Mt. Hope cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN DETAIL OF THE PEACE TRIP

It Was Made Yesterday in Christiania University.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Christiania, Dec. 20.—The first detailed announcement of the plan for the peace expedition, headed by Henry Ford, was made Sunday at a meeting held under the auspices of the students and professors of the University of Christiania. Besides the 150 Americans already in the party, ten people are to join from each of the following countries: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Spain and Switzerland. After Stockholm and Copenhagen have been visited, all will assemble at The Hague. There the entire body will choose three delegates from each country. It is stated that William Jennings Bryan will be among the Americans if he accepts the invitation. Twenty-one delegates will be empowered to sit indefinitely. They will have a twofold mission: "First, to suggest possible means of peace; second, to receive overtures for peace directly from the belligerents." Mr. Ford, it was publicly announced, would place unlimited funds back of the permanent peace delegation at The Hague. Augmented by the Norwegian delegation, the peace party will leave Wednesday for Stockholm.

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GERMANS ARE

(Continued from Page 1) majority, according to the Athens correspondent of the Times. WEST, NOT EAST. Rome, Dec. 19, via Paris, Dec. 20.—The Zurich, Switzerland, correspondent of the newspaper, Correspondenzia says it is semi-officially confirmed that Emperor William planned to be at Brussels to-day, which disposes of the report that the Emperor was meet to the Sultan at Adrianople. This Not a Year to Reduce Revenue The hotel and allied interests of Brantford pay more than \$25,000 a year into the city treasury in taxes and other assessments. If the hotels are closed this source of revenue will be cut off and the small property owner will have to make up the difference. With the debenture debt and tax rate increasing yearly and other demands on the public purse increasing is this a year when this source of revenue should be cut off?—Advt.

SCENE OF EARLY STAGES OF ALLIED MOVEMENT AGAINST BULGARIANS



FRENCH AMBULANCE TENTS ON USBUB - SALONIKA LINE NEAR STRUMNITZA STATION Strumnitza Station, where the French troops first went into action against the Bulgars, was the scene of an enemy attempt to cut the line connecting it with Uskub. This was frustrated by the French, who came up by train at the critical moment and immediately went into action, driving back the enemy. The ambulance tents seen in this view are ordinary canvas erections constructed on a wooden frame and pegged down to the ground. To the right is the single track line of the Salonika railroad.

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Good going Dec. 21-22 1915. Also good going Dec. 23-24 returning 25. FARE AND (Minimum) Dec. 25-26 1. 1916; returning 2. ON SALE TO T. H. & B. M. C. (Minimum) Dec. 25-26 1. 1916; returning 2. H. C. MARTIN, G.P.A., Hamilton

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