EIGHT HUNDRED DIE ON TWO STEAMERS

British Soldiers Sing as Torpedoed Transport Aragon Goes Down.

ESCORT ALSO SUNK

Eight Nurses Are Numbered Among Missing — Mediterranean Disaster.

London, Jan. 30.—The transport and the fleet auxiliary which were sunk late last month in the Mediterranean, as announced in the house of commons last week, were the Aragon and the Osmanieh.

An official statement concerning the sinking of these vessels says:

"The transport Aragon, Captain Francis Bateman commanding, was torpedoed and sunk in the eastern Mediterranean on December 30. A British destroyer while picking up survivors from the Aragon was herself torpedoed and sunk, as reported Jan. 7.

"The mercantile fleet auxiliary Osmanieh, Lieutenant Commander D. R. Mason commanding, struck a mine and sank approximately in the same locality Dec. 31. These are the vessels referred to in the house of commons on January 23.

"The casualties on the Aragon were: Officers, four; crew, 15; military officers, 10; soldiery, 581.

"Osmanieh—Officers, 3; crew, 21; military officers, one; soldiery, 166; female nurses, eight.

"Both captains were casualties."

Troops Singing.

A nurse who was on board the Aragon when the vessel was torpedoed writes: "When the stern was down in the water and the bows were in the air the troops on board were singing."

The nurse, with other sisters, previously had left the doomed vessel in a lifeboat, which succeeded in picking up many of the men who had escaped from the Aragon on life rafts. Later, according to this nurse, the destroyer which was escorting the Aragon was torpedoed "right amidships."

"She went clean in half," said the nurse. "She was close by and had picked up hundreds of Tommies.' They had to go down again, and that, to my mind, was the worst of all."

According to the narrative of the nurse, the Aragon was torpedoed soon after leaving (place not named), with destroyers as escorts. The day following the landing of the survivors, the nurse writes, another ship with 40 nurses on board was torpedoed at exactly the same place, sinking in five minutes.

AIRPLANES COLLIDE

Two Aviators Killed at Training Camp in Texas.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 30.—Edwin D. James of Toledo, Ohio, and Carl S. Mather of Paw Paw, Mich., second-lieutenants, were killed late today when the airplanes in which they were flying collided head-on and fell from a height of 2000 feet.

The machines were locked together when they struck the ground. The bodies of the two men were badly mangled. The machines were traveling at a high rate of speed at the time of the accident, according to reports of observers.

British Again Bomb Zeebrugge In Unusually Sharp Attack

Amsterdam, Jan. 30—An aerial attack of unusual severity was made Tuesday afternoon at Zeebrugge, the German submarine base in northern Belgium, according to The Telegraaf's frontier correspondent.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The Berlin workmen who are out on strike have served an ultimatum on the German Government. They demand, among other political reforms, the signing of peace on the terms of no annexations and no indemnities, the sending of delegates from the workmen of all belligerent countries to the peace conference, and the abolition of military control and discipline in German workshops. It is also said that they have set up a council of workmen on the Russian model. These are followers of the independent Socialist party, and they manifest Bolshevik tendencies.

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The burning of the grain warehouses of Vienna and the burning down of the largest flour mill in Kaiser-Ebersdorf, a Vienna suburb, mark the latest success in the campaign of sabotage in the central empires. Germany and Austria began this business by burning and blowing up American munition plants and by placing bombs on allied ships. Now the tables are turned. Germany and Austria in turn are suffering from the destruction not only of munition plants, but of food plants. The vehicle employed for this purpose appears to be the international anarchists, with their headquarters at Geneva and Berne, and their agents in every port. At first these worked on the side of Germany; latterly these appear to be playing their own hand and working against Germany. The ascendancy of men of their cult at Petrograd may be fostering in them the ambition of universal empire. Contributions of millions of dollars to their funds by subjects of the allies, like the gift of William B. Thompson of New York to Trotzky, for propaganda in the central empires, are furnishing them with the sinews of class warfare.

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Anarchists and extreme socialists have now a fertile field for their propaganda in Germany and Austria-Hungary owing to shortage of food, brought on in part by real scarcity and in part by large movements of troops, clogging the railway service and holding up supplies in transit. The most of the German workmen who are out on strike in important munition factories appear to have stopped work because they have not enough food. The German beer supply, moreover, is failing. Illicit distilling of ardent spirits is likely to ensue, as it did in Russia, leading to drunkenness and revolution.

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In the mountain wall of northern Italy the Italians, on the repulse of German and Austrian counter-assaults, have continued their operations and rounded off their previous gains by capturing Monte di Val Bella. They had carried the two peaks of Del Rosso and Col Dechele on the first day of the assault and made in all 2600 prisoners and captured six cannon and 100 machine guns. The enemy admits the loss of the three peaks. These stand on the descent towards the western edge of Frenzela Valley, and their possession considerably improves the Italian positions in this region. The allies have succeeded in thrusting back the enemy from a serious danger point to the plains.

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The especial value of the country the Italians are defending consists of its industries. Italy has hardly any coal deposits, and her workshops have to depend on electrical power. So Italian enterprise has harnessed the many swift and torrential streams which flow from the Alps to the Adriatic, and these provide electrical energy for the war factories. If the enemy could gain possession of this industrialized country he would rob Italy of her munition industry and make her armies dependent on the workshops of Britain and France for their support. This would increase the strain on the allies almost to the breaking point, and it is to prevent this disaster that the allies are supporting the Italians with men and guns.

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At Washington a shipping control board has organized in order to make the best economical use of allied and neutral vessels in the transatlantic transportation. Instead of sending a plethora of freight to New York to blockade docks and warehouses before shipment, the new board will divert shipments to southern ports and will thereby save a million tons of shipping. This measure will release more ships to carry American troops to France. The amount of tonnage required for American military purposes may be guessed from the fact that it takes about six tons of shipping for the transport of each soldier.

CATHOLIC JOURNALIST AT COLUMBUS HALL

Rev. M. J. Wynn Traces Attitude of Church Towards Social and Religious Problems.

"The Church as the Guardian of Liberty," was the subject of an address given by Rev. M. J. Wynn, of New York, former editor of "America," and editor-in-chief of The Catholic Encyclopedia, at Columbus Hall last night before members of the Catholic Truth Society.

The speaker traced the attitude of the Catholic Church towards social and religious problems from the early ages of Christianity to the present. The lecture was illustrated by a number of views, among which were Napoleon debating the closure of the seas to England with Pius VII., whose reply is historic, "The seas must be free." Among those of modern times who stood for freedom were Pius IX. and his successor, Leo XIII., whose encyclicals on labor and socialism, declared the speaker, would be the ultimate solution of problems that have disturbed the world for four centuries. Another among the late guardians of liberty thrown on the screen was the now world-renowned Cardinal Mercier.

Father Wynn was introduced by Rev. Dean Harris, and the thanks of the audience to the lecturer were expressed by Mr. Justice Kelly. The lecture was under the auspices of the Catholic Truth Society; and Mr. James Murray, the president, appealed for a larger membership, as the society supplies 120 missionaries in different parts of the continent with literature, for which funds are needed.

Among those present were Mr. Justice Latchford, Rev. L. Minehan, Rev. M. Clive and T. J. Ford.

ASSAULTED IN LANE.

Robbery Was Object of Two Youths Whom Police Seek.

Lured into a lane by two youths who said they had some jewelry to show him, Aaron Copperbody, 3 Elm place, was severely cut about the head when he was hit with a piece of iron pipe in the hands of one of the pair.

According to the police, Copperbody was accosted by the youths, who asked him to step into the lane, and while one of the youths kept him in conversation the other sneaked up behind and hit him over the head, afterwards going thru his pockets, but obtaining nothing. Copperbody was seen to stagger from the lane by the policeman on the beat, who took him into 71 Collier street, behind where the alleged assault took place.

Copperbody was removed to the General Hospital, where several stitches were necessary to close the gash in his head. His condition was reported as favorable by the hospital authorities last night. He is 50 years old.

Sweden to Send Ships at Once To Bring Subjects From Finland

London, Jan. 30.—A Reuter despatch from Stockholm says the government has taken measures for the immediate despatch of ships to Finland to bring back the Swedes resident in that country back to Sweden.

LIEUT. CONN SMYTHE AT HALLE

London, Jan. 30.—Lieut. Conn Smythe, prisoner of war, who was interned previously at Burg bei Magdeburg, has been transferred to Halle.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Died of wounds—C. Longhurst, England.

Died—138122, C. A. Barclay, 59 Fairview Blvd., Toronto.

Wounded—W. H. Vernon, Vancouver; C. S. Dorals, Winnipeg; D. Watkins, Ardoch, Ont.; J. Plunkett, Ottawa.

Ill—W. Chapman, Rapid City, Man.; W. Jepp, Edmonton; J. Gambler, Pine Creek, Man.; 249747, P. S. White, 213 Sherbourne street, Toronto; W. J. Igguldon, Brantford; E. Ryan, Badger, Man.; C. Barker, J. Schofield, England; Peter Thomas, Tracadie, N.B.

ARTILLERY.

Died of wounds—G. C. McKay, Darnley, P.E.I.

Wounded—T. H. Gilles, Renfrew, Ont.

Ill—C. Smart, Montreal.

RAILWAY CORPS.

Died—E. C. Wray, England.

MEDICAL CORPS.

Ill—Lt.-Col. John McCrae, Guelph, Ont.

FORESTRY CORPS.

Ill—W. H. S. Hernden, Goodlands, Man.

RAILWAY CORPS.

Ill—A. J. Carter, England.

MORE CANADIAN VALOR

London, Jan. 30.—Particulars are available of the deeds for which the following Canadians have received the Distinguished Conduct Medal:

Sergt. W. H. Young, machine guns.—He refused to leave his post, altho wounded. After reaching his objective he helped to repel a counter-attack.

Sergt. S. A. Watson.—This non-com crawled on his hands and knees, leading a bombing party, killing many of the enemy in their dugouts. He led the men back thru gas shell fire.

Sapper G. W. Shank, railway troops.—He extinguished a burning ammunition truck with sandbags, standing on a burning train, completely regardless of his own safety.

Sergt. H. Somerville took command of a platoon, and tho severely wounded, carried a wounded comrade back.

Sergt.-Major A. Ross cleared the enemy from dugouts, despite vastly superior numbers; barricaded a trench, holding it till the position was consolidated.

Corp. A. Palmer advanced across the open, in full view of the enemy, to reconnoitre a mine crater.

Corp. F. Martin, altho his machine gun team was all wounded, consolidated a position and held it until relieved.

Sergt. Keller rushed a position, capturing a machine gun and killing the crew.

BRAZIL'S FLEET WILL AID IN WAR

Commander Appointed and Aviators Will Also Go to England.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 30.—Commenting on notes exchanged between the Brazilian foreign minister, Senor Nilo Pecanha, and the British minister, Arthur Peel, on the subject of Brazil's naval contribution to the war, The Jornal do Commercio lays stress on the firm determination of Brazil to act, on the one hand, by means of aviators sent to England, and on the other, by cruiser and destroyer squadrons.

Admiral Pedro Prosti has been appointed the commander of the Brazilian fleet which will co-operate with the allies in European waters.

For a long time it had been known that the Brazilian fleet would assume the responsibility of patroling the entire coast line from the Guiana border to the southern boundary of Brazil, but this is the first indication that the Brazilian fleet would co-operate in European waters with the warships of the allies. Brazil in her navy has been considered equal in strength to the combined power of Chile and Argentina. The pride of the Brazilian navy is her two modern dreadnoughts of 19,281 tons, the Minas Geraes and Sao Paulo, both of which were built in the United States. Both of the vessels carry twelve 12-inch guns and subsidiary batteries. In addition Brazil has two coast defence ships, a number of cruisers and gunboats, torpedo boats, torpedo boat destroyers, submarines, mine layers, river monitors and miscellaneous vessels belonging to the navy.

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Military and Civil Police Gather In Draft Defaulters

Charged with a breach of the Military Service Act, three men were taken into custody yesterday by the military and civil police. Andrew Kudaresoko, 17 Mutual street, an Austrian, who is a naturalized citizen, was arrested by Detective Maurer. Jeremia Scheinkman, 37 Wolseley street, a Russian Jew, was arrested by Pte. Gregory of the military police, and Lyle Doherty, no address, was apprehended by Sergt. Segel of the military police on the same charge and one of refusing to be examined for military service. The three men will appear in the morning police court.

T. B. MACAULAY RESIGNS

For Three Months Chairman of Committee on Food Resources.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Mr. T. B. MacAulay, who for three months has served as Dominion chairman of the national committee on food resources, has tendered his resignation to the food controller, and it has been accepted. In his letter Mr. MacAulay said that he felt that the food controller should be free to reorganize the department in any way that he might find desirable.

WILL COLLECT TAX ON FLOUR MILLS

One and Half Cents a Bushel on All Western Wheat Ground.

APPLICATION OF FUND

Carrying Charges Shall Be Paid on Wheat Held in Store.

Winnipeg, Jan. 30.—New orders connected with grain regulations were today issued by the board of grain supervisors.

The first, No. 24, imposed upon all flour mills in Canada a tax of one and a half cents a bushel on all western wheat ground into flour or other wheat products.

The second order, No. 25, provides that all moneys collected under No. 24 shall be used in certain ways, and No. 26, that out of the fund created there shall be paid upon wheat held in store by flour mills of Canada carrying charges, these varying for the public terminal elevators at Fort William, Port Arthur, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Calgary, Vancouver, etc.

Order No. 27 calls upon the Canadian Pacific Railway to restrict the shipment of wheat from certain points in the west, and No. 28, is to the effect that the payment of carrying charges at the rate of one twenty-fifth of a cent. per bushel as provided in order No. 14 shall cease upon wheat owned by certain elevators and stored at certain points.

BRANTFORD CLUB OFFICERS.

Special to The Toronto World.

Brantford, Jan. 30.—The Brantford Club has elected the following officers: President, C. A. Waterous; vice-president, A. Towers; secretary-treasurer, Fred Frank; committee, A. K. Bunnell, Geo. D. Watt, J. E. Baker, E. J. Mabon, N. D. Neill.

FLYING CORPS MEN BOX EXTRA ROUNDS

Middleweight Morrison Won Best Bout in Tourney in the Fourth.

The Royal Flying Corps staged a big boxing tournament at the transportation building, Exhibition Camp, last night, and some clever boxing was shown by cadets and mechanics from the Toronto depots, Deseronto and Camp Borden. A crowd of about 1200, including both R. F. C. and C. E. F. men, saw the bouts, and the Flying Corps band was on hand.

In the 115-lb. class Third Air Mechanic Palmer, of the 44th Wing, outpointed Cadet Patterson, of the School of Military Aeronautics. Palmer was too husky for his opponent and used a left jab with success. The second bout was very fast, Second Air Mechanic Eddie Harling defeating Second Air Mechanic Howley, of the 44th Wing. Harling was too clever for Howley, and danced in and out. Harling is the boy who gained the decision over Frankie Russell at Massey Hall on the 23rd, and has promised Russell a return ten-round bout at the next big boxing night.

In the 125-lb. class Second Air Mechanic McGillivray, of the 44th Wing, succumbed to Second Air Mechanic Garrow of the 92nd C. T. S., Armour Heights, in the first round. Second Air Mechanic Smith, of the Stores Depot, also stopped his man, Cadet Conley, of No. 4 School, S. M. A., in the third round.

As the weights became heavier the hitting became harder, and several of the men were unable to go the full route. In the 135-lb. class Second Air Mechanic Miller of the Engine Repair Park stopped Cadet McConnell of the 92nd C. T. C., Armour Heights, in the second round. Second Air Mechanic McConnachie, E. R. P., and Cadet Rigby, of Deseronto, put on a slugging mill, after leafing thru the first round, and McConnachie outpointed his opponent. Second Air Mechanic LeGault, E. R. P., stopped Cadet Allard, of the R. E. Section, Camp Borden, in the opening round. Allard started out well, but LeGault sent in two stiff punches to the wind, and Allard gave it up.

Cadet Delaney of Deseronto defeated Second Air Mechanic Haley, E.R.P., in the 145-lb. class. Delaney packs a heavy wallop and was too good for his opponent. Second Air Mechanic Breary of the E.R.P. convinced Cadet Logie of the S.M.A. that he was outclassed, and Logie was willing to admit it.

One of the best bouts of the night was in the 158-lb. class, between Second Air Mechanic Blackburn of Camp Borden and Second Air Mechanic Morrison of the F.T.S. These two slugged one another merrily, and the fight was so even at the end that the judges decided another round was necessary. Morrison appeared the stronger in the extra round and used a straight left with telling effect, gaining the decision. Second Air Mechanic Machon of the 4th Squadron won his bout with Second Air Mechanic Strafford of the 44th, winning in the second round by the knockout route. Machon has a beautiful straight left and repeatedly rocked the head of his opponent, and suddenly crossing his right to the jaw dropped his opponent for the count.

The heavyweight battle was very close. Cadet Attwater of the S.M.A. and Cadet McDougal of Deseronto mixed it so evenly that the judges ordered another round, but McDougal declared that he had had enough and Attwater was given the bout.

These tournaments will be a monthly occurrence among the R.F.C. and they expect to develop some fine boxers. The semi-finals of tonight's bouts will be held in the gymnasium on next Thursday night, and some good boxing will be on the bill. The officials were: Capt. Collis, S.M.A., timekeeper; Lieut. Hare, S.M.A., and Corp. A. Palmer, C.E.F., judges; Capt. Lou Scholes, referee. R.S.M. (W. O.) J. D. Flynn, C.A.G.S., and Pte. A. Jones of the R.F.C. were the whippers-in, and there wasn't a minute's delay between the bouts.

CHOIR CONCERT SUCCESS.

High Park Avenue Methodist Church Singers Score Triumph.

The annual concert given by the choir of the High Park Avenue Methodist Church, before a capacity audience in the church last night, met with its usual triumphant success. The program rendered, which was one of considerable talent, included selections from the following artists: Miss Jessie Alexander, Mrs. F. Danks, Mrs. F. Montgomery, Herbert Rutherford and S. Smith. Several splendid choruses were contributed by the choir. H. S. Martindale, conductor of the choir, directed the program. Rev. R. H. Bell was chairman. The proceeds of the concert are in aid of the church branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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YORK COUNTY —AND— SUBURBS

VARIOUS HIGHWAY RULES DISCUSSED

Townspeople Would Tax Milkmen, and Farmers Charge 'Bus Drivers.

TO INCREASE SPEED

Representatives of Municipalities on Toronto-Hamilton Highway Met Yesterday.

Representatives of all the municipalities interested in the Toronto-Hamilton highway met at the parliament buildings yesterday to discuss various matters connected with the maintenance and operation of the highway. A proposal to license commercial vehicles was as unpopular as it was popular. While the townspeople thought farmers should be taxed who drew milk, the farmers said bus drivers should be treated likewise. In the end the matter was left with the commission.

A feature of the maintenance statement presented was the portion which dealt with fines. These totaled $19,296.12 from November 1, 1916, to October 31, 1917. The general cost totaled $18,974, thus the revenue from fines met all expenses and left a balance of $321.94.

To Increase Speed.

It is the intention to increase the speed limit outside of towns and villages to 30 miles an hour, and a resolution was passed asking the government to change the Motor Vehicles Act to that effect. In case the clause does not carry the resolution asks that the commission be given power to regulate the speed on the highway.

Another resolution requiring all vehicles to carry head and rear lights was presented in the same manner, asking that in the event legislation does not carry that the commission have the power to enforce the regulation on the highway.

Standard Plans for Bridges.

A statement was submitted regarding the Mimico, Etobicoke, Port Credit and Bronte bridges as to their condition or repair and progress was reported. Standard plans are to be drawn up for all bridges in future. The matter of pathways adjacent to schools, churches and other public buildings was brought to the attention of the board and George H. Gooderham, chairman, said such were being built gradually, the idea being to keep pedestrians off the roadway.

A resolution was brought forward asking the government to assist municipalities to tile drain the roadway so that open ditches would be filled with consequent safety to the public. The suggestion met immediate protest, some municipalities claiming that they had already done their share in this regard and refusing to undertake further expenditure along the lines indicated. The resolution was not even voted upon.

NORTH TORONTO CONCERT.

Women's Christian Temperance Union Raises Funds for Extension.

An excellent concert was given in the North Toronto Town Hall last night under the auspices of the North Toronto W. C. T. U. The object was to raise $100, the allotment of the North Toronto branch toward the purchase of property for the extension of the work in connection with Willard Hall, the headquarters of the society.

Mrs. Jessie Alexander Robertson, with all her old-time popularity, was the chief feature of the program, and responded generously to the numerous recalls, appearing no less than nine times before her audience. W. W. Demmary, J. E. Doddington and Miss Crossley contributed vocal numbers with Miss Porter as accompanist.

Little Miss Edith Palmer, the seven-year-old musical prodigy from Roehampton avenue, who has the distinction of being a gold medalist on the violin, delighted the audience, her sister Rose accompanying her on the piano. An unusual but delightful part of the program was the whistling of W. W. Demmary. The committee, of which Mrs. Wishart is president, and Mrs. James Smith treasurer, were greatly encouraged with the financial success attending the affair. The hall was crowded to the doors.

REV. DR. RANKIN BETTER.

In a letter received by a friend from Rev. Dr. Rankin, pastor of Eglinton Methodist Church, who is spending winter in California in the hope of recovering his health, the doctor, as evidence of his greatly improved condition, refers to the fact that he has not opened his medicine chest since his arrival in that sunny land, and hopes for complete restoration to health. Dr. Rankin's parishioners in North Toronto will learn with infinite pleasure of the excellent progress made by their pastor.

DR. GRENFELL AT WESTON.

Labrador Lecturer Entertains Large Audience at Westminster Church.

The long-looked-for illustrated lecture to be given by Dr. Wilfrid T. Grenfell in Weston, arranged by the Grenfell Association of Weston, was witnessed last night in the spacious auditorium of the Westminster Presbyterian Church by a vast audience. Every available seat and even standing space was occupied. Dr. Grenfell was introduced by Mayor Charlton, who occupied the chair. Seated on the platform were members of the council and board of education, the resident clergy, representatives of the various local societies and others.

For over two hours Dr. Grenfell spoke upon his subject, "On Two Fronts," which was supplemented by diversified stereopticon views, and which was listened to with intense interest.

LUNCHEON AND CONCERT FOR TODMORDEN HEROES

Returned Men and Friends Honored at St. Andrew's Hall by People of District.

When the people of Todmorden start out to do anything, they never let up until they have carried it to a successful conclusion, and they never set out on a better mission than that of last night, when about thirty returned heroes and their wives, and in many cases their families, were treated to one of the best luncheons and concerts ever given in the district.

The scene of the festivities was St. Andrew's Hall, at the head of Pape avenue, near the Don Mills road, the building being crowded to the doors, while numbers were unable to gain admittance. The chair was occupied early in the evening by Rev. A. A. Bryant, rector of St. Andrew's Church, and later by Quartermaster Walker of the Great War Veterans' Association.

The supper was, of course, the first order of the night, and, following this, the concert, at which four returned soldiers from Exhibition Camp, Ptes. Pike, Harrichizie, Margrine and Mone, were among the chief performers. Others who assisted were Miss Marr, in dancing, and Miss Adams, Miss Anderton and Miss Moffatt, in vocal selections.

W. F. Maclean, M.P., South York, who was present during the evening, spoke briefly, referring to the splendid record of Todmorden and the great sacrifices made by the men of that and every other district in and around the city. "I believe," said Mr. Maclean, "that a good deal of our success is due to the fact that as a people we have a keen sense of humor, and can see the bright side of things in life." He paid a tribute to the splendid work of the women in carrying out the reception.

Others who took part in the concert were George Maynard, who did some conjuring tricks, while Mrs. Buttress, Mrs. Briggs, Master Elams, and Mr. and Miss Thoroughgood and R. G. Roberts, president of the Great War Veterans' Association, contributed songs. The pianist of the evening was Mrs. F. E. Webb.

MILITARY WEDDING.

Pte. Frederick Arthur Hoskins and Elizabeth Small Married.

A military wedding which aroused much interest in the Earlscourt district, took place last evening at the residence of the bride, 23 Goodwood avenue. The contracting parties were Pte. Frederick Arthur Hoskins, C.E.F., recently returned from overseas, and Elizabeth Small. The Rev. Peter Bryce, pastor of Central Methodist Church, performed the ceremony, in the presence of relatives and many soldier friends.

Pte. Hoskins is a native of London, England, and his bride is of Scottish birth, and has resided in Canada for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins will take up their residence at 23 Goodwood avenue, Earlscourt.

McCORMACK LODGE EUCHRE.

Gold Wrist Watch Given Mrs. J. H. Hopkins, Retiring Officer.

McCormack Lodge, No. 191, L.O.B.A., gave a patriotic euchre in the lodge room, Colvin Hall, last night, which was attended by a large number of members and their friends. Prizes were awarded the successful players. Following the euchre playing, refreshments were served, during which the presentation of a gold wrist watch was made to Mrs. T. H. Hopkins, who is vacating the chair of worthy mistress after being in office three years. Mrs. McDonagh, who was recently elected worthy mistress, and Mrs. Hopkins' retirement, made the presentation. Harry Lovelock, past grand master of Ontario West; F. C. Woolner, past district master, and J. K. Beamish, county master, gave addresses. Ald. Ryding also spoke.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Members of the Men's Association of St John's Anglican Church heard with intense interest Major (Rev.) R. Macnamara's illustrated lecture, "An Evening With Our Boys Overseas," given last night in the parish house.

OBSERVING POWER ORDER.

Earlscourt Storekeepers and Public Building Owners Keeping Down Light.

Patriotic in everything to help win the war, the Earlscourt residents are loyally observing the new power commissioner's order with regard to conserving light. In not a single instance have the storekeepers all over the section used an unnecessary light during business hours in the evening since the command was issued, and the same order is observed by the theatres and other public buildings, and not a single verandah or outside light has been used on private residences anywhere in the district.

CLUB ROOMS POPULAR.

Earlscourt Branch G. W. V. A. Firmly Entrenches With People in District.

The popularity of the Earlscourt branch G. W. V. A. club rooms, Belmont Assembly Hall, West St. Clair avenue, is now well established in the district. Thru the untiring efforts of President D. Campbell, Secretary Chas. T. Lacey and members of the committee of management the rooms have been furnished with pool and card tables and other amusements, and everything has been done for the pleasure and comfort of the members, the number of which is steadily on the increase.

The weekly dances which are a special feature of the branch and a source of income for the upkeep of the premises are being well patronized by the residents.

COUNTY ADOPTS BYLAWS.

Bylaws licensing junk dealers and appointing Industrial Home commissioners, were brought in by the legislative committee of the county council yesterday afternoon and adopted by the council.

FARMERS OBJECT TO OIL LICENSE

Ask for Decrease in Price for Tanks, Rather Than Increase.

ABOUT SPIKED WHEELS

Fifty, Out of Eighty-Five Threshers Already Comply With Law.

The York County Council chamber was packed with a deputation of farmers yesterday afternoon, who were objecting to the coal oil license of $300 from tank cars, and the act of the legislature which said that no traction engine could operate on the public highway if it had on the wheel any flange or spike which would injure the road.

J. G. Whitmore, reeve of Vaughan Township, introduced the questions on behalf of the farmers. He drew the attention of the council to the facts of the case. Motor trucks selling oil to consumers and using the roads paid a license of $100. Tank cars on the railway paid a license fee of $300. The Columbus Oil Co., who have done the business during the past three years, refuse to pay the high fee any more, and the farmers valuing the service ask the council to reduce this fee to $50.

Already Lack of Threshers.

In reference to the threshing engines, Mr. Whitmore drew attention to the lack of threshers as it was, and to the impossibility of such a heavy vehicle travelling on a slippery road without something to act as a help. He said as motor cars were allowed chains, so threshing machines should be allowed some stop on the wheel.

Others who spoke on the resolutions were George Padget, reeve of Markham; I. H. Baldedon, V. C. Longhouse, C. Smith of Edgely, J. Morrison of United Farmers' Co., George Brodie of Newmarket, George Richardson of Queensville, Alex. Dick, Mr. Woolner of the Waterloo Engine Co., Albert Ireland and Mr. Adams.

At County's Request.

Engineer E. A. James spoke on the matter of traction engines on the highways. He said the act was passed after the legislature had been asked to do something by the county council. In framing the legislation the form of the bill was changed to its present reading. Mr. James said during the winter months was the proper time to get this fixed, and for this purpose the commission sent out a circular letter bringing the law to the attention of the threshers.

Of 85 threshers in the county over 50 were within the law, so Mr. James showed that it was not hopeless to comply with the law.

A committee of three members from the threshers was asked for, to join a committee of the county council to go before the legislature and ask for a change in the act.

Further discussion of the coal oil license will take place tomorrow.

CITY MEN AND BOYS MAKE GOOD ON FARMS

Government Employment Bureau Representative Tells County Council They Need Only Encouragement.

J. A. Miller of the Ontario Government Employment Bureau spoke yesterday before the county council and the farmers who were present, on the question of farm labor for the coming season. He said the service of linking up the city and country for greater production was done free by the government.

Speaking of last year's work, he said nearly 7000 high school boys were placed on farms, nine out of ten having made good. Of the men sent out, he could not speak quite as well, but he said three out of four had given splendid service to the farmer. The farmers were prejudiced last year as to what a city man could do to help, but with a little patient coaching from the farmer the willing city man made good.

Mr. Miller said that last year's work was only the beginning. Many more men were willing to help the farmers than he could place without much telephoning, but now that the farmers knew what the city boys and men could do, he hoped that more farmers would use the service of the bureau. And he urged the farmers to let them know early in the season how much help they would need, in order that the best service possible could be given the farmers by the government.

NORWAY RATEPAYERS OPPOSE USING STABLES

Norway Ratepayers' Association held a meeting last night at St. John's Parish Hall, Woodbine avenue, to protest against the use of and enlargement of the old stables on Dixon avenue, near Kingston road. J. Adams, president of the association, was chairman. Addresses were given by Controller McBride, Ald. Hiltz and Ald. Johnston. They gave assurances that they would oppose the use of the stables there by the city and favored as an alternative their location on city property, near Morley avenue.

The meeting appointed the executive and as many of the association as possible to attend the meeting of the board of works on Friday afternoon as a deputation to protest against the establishment of the stables in Norway district.

HELD UP BY WRECK.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bell, 2167 Gerrard street east, arrived home yesterday after almost two weeks in Elmora, N.Y., whither they had gone with Mrs. Wood and the body of her late husband who died so suddenly while on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Bell.

Mr. Bell's son, Kenneth C., who is engaged in the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Devins, in connection with the American army, spent 10 days with his parents.

Mr. Bell was delayed for eight hours by a wreck near Stony Creek on the return trip.