

GETS ONE GERMAN TO EVEN SCORE OF BROTHER'S DEATH

London Man Going Back To Get Another.

FOUND CROSS AND GRAVE

Pte. A. Skeetes of 33rd Ready To Avenge Killing of His Brother in 34th.

"I've got one German for Dick's death and I'm going back to get another."

So wrote Pte. A. Skeetes, a London soldier who left with the second detached company of the 33rd and who is now in the trenches with the 34th Battalion, to Rev. W. C. Riddford of the Egerton Street Baptist Church.

"Dick" was Pte. Richard Skeetes of the 34th who fell before a German bullet.

By a peculiar coincidence, on Pte. Skeetes' first relief, after he got to trenches, he wandered into an army graveyard. The first grave he came across, stopping when he saw a cross in arms lay sleeping the last sleep beneath the soil of France he read the name of his own brother, Pte. R. Skeetes, 34th Canadian Battalion.

Pte. Skeetes is now a sniper and he is, so he writes his former pastor, determined to make up for the loss of his kin. There was one notch on the butt of his gun when he wrote and he declared there would be others before a German bullet placed him beside his dead brother in the army graveyard.

HOTELMEN TALKING INCREASE IN RATES UNDER PROHIBITION

Say They Have Lost Money Hitherto On Rooms.

PREMIER NOT POPULAR

Liquormen Say They Spent Half-Million for Election.

Hotelmen and brewers are not in a conversational mood today, following the announcement that prohibitory measures would be passed at once.

They recognize that the prohibitory bill at hand, that they must submit, no matter how they feel on the matter. Already there is a discussion of an increase in rates. George H. O'Neill of the Tecumseh House, stated today that his rates would be advanced, as he had lost money on his rooms and dining-room under the present system.

Other hotel proprietors are considering the same thing and concerted action may be taken at once.

Down On Tories.

Premier Hearst is not the most popular person in the province and the liquor men at the present time. They point out that it cost them \$500,000 at the last election to elect the Conservative party, and to be thrown down by the drugists is not wholesome medicine.

"It cost me \$500 to elect Mr. Hearst and his party," said a liquor man, "and I have spent my last cent and my last vote for them."

For years, the hotel men have contributed regularly to party funds, and have sided either with the Tories or the Liberals. The brewers are not satisfied, being of the opinion that some compensation should be given them for the loss on property that will fall to them.

"The drugists are not pleased, as it will increase their troubles in much greater proportion than it will enhance their revenues."

"It will increase the problems of the drugists, wholesale and retail," said E. C. Mitchell, manager of the National Drug Company. "However, the law will be relative to poisons. We are not anxious for the business, but at the same time we will have to make the best of it."

"I think the Government is giving the liquor men plenty of notice to get out of the business, and in favor of compensating the hotelmen. That does not seem to be the popular conception, but that is the way I look upon it."

"We have nothing whatever to say," said T. H. Carling of the Carling Brewing and Malting Company. "We will simply have to await developments."

"Breweries will simply mean that the breweries will be wiped out of existence, with all their property and assets," said Jack Labatt of the Labatt Brewing and Malting Company. "What more can I say?"

Let Drugists Supply Rooms. "If the city drugists are to have the greater part of our trade they must have a supply of rooms and provide accommodation for the travelling public," said W. S. Lashbrook of the City Hotel. "Our greatest difficulty is keeping help and conducting the rooming part of a hotel. If hotelmen are to be deprived of this source of revenue, they might as well take the rest away from us."

DOMINION ALLIANCE WILL WORK HARDER THAN EVER H. Sutherland, One of Committee of 100, Glad of Direct Legislation.

H. Sutherland, Toronto, president of the Equity Life Assurance Company of Canada, was in town today on a brief business visit. Mr. Sutherland, who is also chairman of the finance committee of the Dominion Alliance, and a prominent member of the organization, said in a determined fight on the part of the opposition forces. The liquor interests will work harder than ever, and we don't intend to be caught napping.

WILL BE EXAMINERS.—Lieut.-Col. Cochoe of the headquarters staff, and Captain E. B. Nelson of the 7th Battalion, left the city for Stratford, where they will conduct examinations for an N.C.O.'s class.

WAITING ON ESTIMATES.—No meetings of any importance are scheduled for this week at the city hall. The estimates will be done until the estimates are struck.

LECTURING AT SPRINGFIELD.—Tuesday evening, Rev. Dr. F. Louis Barber of Colborne Street Methodist Church lectures in the Springfield Methodist Church on "Our Escape from Germany."

AUTO STRIKES HORSE.—An auto driven by Dr. Geo. McNeill, 245 Queen's avenue, struck a horse belonging to J. Moorehead, a colored drayman, King and Waterloo streets at noon today, breaking one of the animal's legs. The horse was shot by Patrolman Martin.

HIKE CALLED OFF.—Owing to weather conditions the hike of the 7th Battalion, which was to have been held to Delaware on Thursday will not materialize. A party from the 70th went over the roads yesterday and found them impassable in many places for the field kitchens.

EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINED.—The Forest City Chapter, No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star, was entertained by the officers, after the meeting last night in the city hall. There was a fine program of music, recitations, etc., followed by dancing. At the conclusion refreshments were served.

REPEATING PROGRAM.—Owing to numerous requests the officers of the First Methodist Church has decided to repeat the performance of the mirth-provoking entertainment, "A Ladies' Aid Meeting at St. James' Cross Road," on Tuesday evening next in Wesley Hall. About thirty well-known young women of the church take part in the presentation into which a number of local hits are introduced. Several new features are to be added for the second performance.

FIRST OFFICER WHO LEFT CITY FOR WAR IS NOW RETURNING Capt. Cameron Wilson Lands at St. John.

Months of hard work Strain of Thousands of Hospital Cases Forces Him To Take Rest.

Among the officers who returned on the Corinthian which has just docked at St. John, N.B., is Capt. J. Cameron Wilson of A.M.C. of this city. He was one of the first to leave London after the declaration of war, having, with Capt. Fisher been in command of the detachment of the 15th Field Ambulance, the first of the local troops to leave for overseas in August of 1914.

For many months he has been working long hours in the hospitals of London, and has suffered from the terrific strain and while he is not seriously ill he is badly in need of a rest. It is understood that he has party for two months but may stay longer.

His uncle, Major George Wilson, medical officer of the 70th Battalion, which is leaving shortly for England, is spending a few days in the city. Friends stated today that since going to the hospitals of France, Dr. Cameron Wilson has handled many thousands of the most serious cases, and has made for himself one of the finest records of any of the medical men who went from Canada.

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STUDENT OFFICERS TAKING COMMAND OF CLASS IN TURN

New Feature Introduced in Instruction Course.

TASTE WAR CONDITIONS

Snow and Biting Winds Make Field Work Somewhat Unpleasant.

The 300 men from all over this district who are here attending the Royal School of Instruction are getting a taste of real war conditions. All this week they have been getting instruction in practical field work on Carling Heights. The weather man has been anything but kind, and in addition to working in deep snow the men have had to face biting winds.

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G. A. S. ASKED TO HELP FAMILIES OF FORMER SOLDIERS

Men Discharged in Quebec for Ill-Health. ALL OF GOOD CHARACTER But No Provision for Assistance in Regulations of Patriotic Fund.

Applications for assistance have been made to the Children's Aid Society by the families of three soldiers who were discharged as medically unfit from the 33rd Battalion, while the battalion was stationed at Quebec. The men enlisted in this city, trained here, and were prepared for overseas service, but were discharged as medically unfit and discharged as unfit for service. With their discharge their pay ceased, and the allowance which their families had been receiving from the Patriotic Society also ceased. The men are unable to work and their families are fast approaching the stage when they will be in want.

No Provision. The provisions of the Patriotic fund make allowance for men who have been returned from overseas as unfit for duty through illness, and have several men in this city who are drawing an allowance from their families under these circumstances, but the regulations for the assistance of those who have been taken ill and discharged from the service before they left Canada have not been mentioned. This is the first case of this nature with which the local fund has had to deal.

All Good Characters. The men all produce evidence of good character, and are in every way deserving of aid. One man has one child, the second four, and the third man seven children, all of whom are under the age when they can support themselves.

The Children's Aid Society will probably take care of the children, and it is likely that the patriotic fund will alter its regulations to include such cases, and render some aid to the men who offered themselves for active service for their King and country, but who were unable to go to the front through no fault of their own.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS OLD RESIDENT BURIED. The funeral of James Doyle, who died at the home of his son in Detroit on Monday last, was held this morning from his late residence, 375 Bathurst street, to St. Michael's Church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Father Hanlon. Interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Jos. Benson, Thomas Taylor, John Mason, John Sherlock, Thomas Burke, and Thomas Jordan.

For more than 70 years Mr. Doyle had been a resident of this city. He was born on Taffay's day, 1842 in the city of Montreal and as a consequence his mother was presented with a gold medal by the officers of the Royal Warrant Fusiliers, then in garrison in that city.

During the last 40 years Mr. Doyle has been an active member of the Iron Workers' Union. He served during the Fenian raid and was one of the best known local veterans.

Lieut.-Col. Moore Dead. Hamilton, Ont., March 22.—Lieut.-Col. A. H. Moore, prominent in the social, business and military life of Hamilton, died at his home here today of a long illness. He was born in Rathfriland, Wicklow, Ireland, in 1842, and came to Hamilton when a boy. He was former manager of the old Stinson bank, and later engaged in insurance and real estate business. He was a graduate of the Royal Military College, served with the 18th during the Fenian raid, and for a time was lieutenant-colonel of the 3rd Division, No. 2 Military District.

In politics he was a Conservative, and religion a Catholic. His brother, Lieut.-Col. E. W. Moore, is serving overseas.

Story of a Newspaperman Who Had "Appendicitis" Often

His Weird Poem About a Struggle With a Serpent Had a Personal Application, as We Knew After Meeting the Doctor.

He was one of those fellows who can make the English language sit up on its hind legs and go through almost every trick it knows. You at least if you were used to certain types of the newspaper business—would have sized him up as a writer man. There was something over-trained and keen and worn about him, not the worn look of the down-and-out, but the worn look of old ivory or gold that has done long service and is rubbed very thin, but never broken. There was also something strangely different about him.

He dropped into The Advertiser editorial rooms and explained that he had been in a hospital in this city for some weeks "with appendicitis." It was unnecessary for him to add that he was a newspaper writer or after he had chatted a while that he had seen and worked in, and been part of the big game of newspaperdom, the great, cynical, cold-blooded game that paradoxically must drain the warm-blooded genius of a thousand youths every year, the great game that takes rich fruit and leaves rinds fit for the alley cats.

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EGERTON ST. CHURCH HONOR ROLL TO BE UNVEILED SUNDAY

List of Members Serving King Is Long One.

MANY ADHERENTS, TOO

Ceremony To Be Carried Out by Wife of Col. Graham and Mrs. Wright.

Involving of the church honor roll with its long list of adherents and members who have donned the khaki for king and country, will be carried out in the New Egerton Street Baptist Church on Sunday night, Mrs. C. M. R. Graham, wife of Lieut.-Col. Graham of the 42nd Battalion, and Mrs. Gordon Wright, president of the Women's Emergency Corps, will unveil the list. Col. Graham is to give an address.

Rev. W. C. Riddford, pastor of the church, has been elected an army chaplain with the rank of captain, and has volunteered for active service. The names on the list follow:

- Adherents: C. Bullen, Arthur Evans; R. Sages, A. M. C. L. Evans; C. Ross, R. Freedland; D. Smith, C.M.R. R. Freedland; R. Davis, I. J. Parker; P. Knight, Corp. Paper; H. Harding, C. Manning; E. Harding, A. Brodie; A. Hollbrook, F. Lewis; A. Brook, J. Rossau; A. Beare, Gordon Harvie; F. Plumridge, H. Finlayson; J. Ashley, W. Plumridge; Frank Paxman, R. Subby; James Paxman, R. Griffin; A. Rasset, R. Jackson; H. Ashley, G. Brooks; W. Wilson, S. Small; H. Leaman, H. Hastings; J. Rutherford, Gordon Small; J. Smith, A. Webb; James Bullen, George Nixon.

Members: Gunner P. Blackwell, 5th Battery; H. Gould, 1st Battalion; Pte. A. Stinchcombe, 135th Battalion; Pte. A. Gosse, 135th Battalion; Corp. A. Smith, 142nd Battalion; 33rd Battalion; Corp. Chas. Finch, 142nd Battalion; 13th Battalion; Pte. Malone, 33rd Battalion; Pte. W. Falconer, Pte. Ed. Beason; 33rd Detachment; 33rd detached co.; Sergt. J. Burrows, Pte. Leonard Beaton, 42nd Batt.

ATTACK MADE ON GIRL BY SOLDIER, FATHER DECLARES Colleague Pupil Thrown Down On Sidewalk. CRY FOR HELP ANSWERED Neighbors Arrived On Scene and Assailant Fled, Says Joseph Hill.

Joseph Hill, 22 Linwood street, Knollwood Park, declares that his daughter, Marie Hill, a pupil at the Collegiate Institute, was brutally assaulted by a young soldier on a Wednesday night, while coming home from the Collegiate. This is a statement he made to The Advertiser over his own signature.

"This is a warning to the public. When my daughter was returning home last night from the Collegiate Night School she was brutally assaulted by a young soldier, who had just alighted from an Oxford car, and who was presumably returning to the barracks in company with another soldier.

"One man entered the barracks, but the other hastened to follow my daughter Marie. He ran behind her, put his hand over her mouth and threw her violently to the sidewalk, and then threatened to kill her if she made a noise.

"She struggled, and in the struggle screamed so loudly that she attracted the attention of Mr. Legg, who lives at the corner of Elliott and Oxford streets. With his gun, he ran out, and the soldier fled across the fields.

"This kind of thing has to be put down or Knollwood Park will organize some champagne party."

Mr. Hill adds that he is "An Englishman."

ATTEMPT AT UNSEATING ALDERMAN AGAIN BLOCKED Mayor Says Judge Refused to Try Case and Mandamus Asked.

Action to unseat Ald. A. M. Hunt of No. 1 Ward because he is alleged to have contractual relations with the city council by virtue of his office as secretary of the Western Fair board, has been blocked again. It is said Judge Talbot Macbeth threw out the first case, brought by William R. Stephenson, because it had not been entered within the prescribed time limit. Another writ was issued by W. G. R. Bertram, Stephenson's solicitor, and it is over this that the snag has occurred. Judge Macbeth is said to have refused to hear the case and Mr. Bertram is reported to have taken action to have a mandamus served on the judge compelling him to hear the case.

Mr. Bertram refuses to either affirm or deny the story that he has applied for a mandamus. The said story is in circulation at the court house, but the lawyer declines to make any statement.

Sir George Gibbons, attorney for Ald. Hunt, and other members of the legal firm of Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, declared they knew nothing of the reported application of the plaintiff's solicitor.

REEVES SLOW IN ACTING; HELP TO FAMILIES DELAYED Middlesex Executive Has Trouble in Dispensing Patriotic Fund Assistance.

The executive committee of the newly-formed Middlesex branch of the National Patriotic Fund is being considerably delayed in the issuing of aid to the families of soldiers of the county who have made applications for assistance, because of the lack of promptness on the part of several of the Reeves in investigating cases sent to them by the executive of the society for confirmation.

At the last meeting of the county council it was decided that the applications for aid could be more promptly dealt with if the county severed its connection with the city branch of the fund and organized a separate branch to deal only with applications from soldiers to live in Middlesex County. The councillors enthusiastically agreed with this plan and the Reeves in the local municipalities were appointed to inquire into the applications received at the head offices in the county building, and hand in reports on the conditions of the families applying for aid.

Several families have been slow to receive aid because of the lack of promptness on the part of the Reeves in forwarding the results of their inquiries to the head office.

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135TH NOW NEEDS LESS THAN 100 TO REACH COMPLEMENT

Present Strength Is 1,047 of All Ranks. RECRUITING FLOURISHES Companies Located in County Are Being Rapidly Fitted.

1,047. This is the strength of the 135th (Middlesex) Battalion, as recorded today in the orderly-rooms of the unit, and represents officers, N. C. O.'s and men from the county who have enlisted for service overseas. The record attained by the battalion is regarded as phenomenally good, in view of the large number of Middlesex men who have enlisted in previous units and who are now overseas or in training in battalions still in Canada. Staff officers believe that if the present rate of enlistment holds, the unit will be filled up within a short time. When orders are issued for a concentration of the several companies in this city to go under canvas, headquarters of the unit is certain that a full complement of men will be on the parade strength.

Companies Fitting Up. Reports from the district, where three companies of the four required for the battalion are being recruited, are considered very encouraging. At Glencoe, Major Tanton requires only a few dozen more men to fill his company, quarters there. Major Somerville at Str. broy, where the base company of Indians is billeted, has practically a full complement of men. Captain G. C. Parkhill has three full platoons and a good nucleus for the fourth, to complete his command.

The London company, under the command of Major Gregory, holds the record for recruiting, having long since attained its strength, although more than a platoon of men have been transferred to outside companies.

More Recruits. Recruits taken on the strength today are: Frederick Martin, London; John Stewart McClarty, London; William McKenny, Parkhill; Earl M. C. Whiting, Parkhill; M. H. Elliott, Parkhill.

The following members of the battalion have been struck off the strength for leave: Sergeant W. G. Whiting, Parkhill; Sergeant W. G. Whiting, Parkhill; Sergeant W. G. Whiting, Parkhill; Sergeant W. G. Whiting, Parkhill.

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AGAINST BRINGING BACK OFFICERS NOW AT FRONT

Divisional Commander at Toronto Believes It Inexpedient.

Considerable interest is being taken by local militia officers in the order issued by Brig.-Gen. C. Whiting, divisional commander at Toronto, stating that, in view of the large number of supernumerary officers in his division, he thinks it inexpedient to bring officers back from the front to accept appointments in battalions now being organized.

There are a large number of supernumerary officers in No. 1 District, and while no action along the line of that of General Loche has been taken here, many officers have felt that officers qualifying they were entitled to appointments, especially as officers now on overseas service were reported to be needed badly at the front. Why officers not unfitted physically for further service overseas, should be sent back has been puzzling many.

REPORTED MISSING; STILL AT THE FRONT

Kingston Lady Receives Happy News as to Her Son. (Canadian Press.) Kingston, March 23.—Mrs. M. Sinclair of York street has received word from the militia department that her son, Archibald J. Sinclair, reported missing last April after the battle of Langemarck, and who had not been heard of, is still fighting at the front. As his pay was still being issued, Mrs. Sinclair instituted further search, and reports came from Germany that her son was neither a prisoner of war nor in hospital.

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EMERGENCY CORPS HAS GOT DOWN TO BUSINESS

Office Opened and Some Applications Made for Membership