

## BRANDON MEN WIN HONORS AND PROMOTION ON THE FIGHTING LINE

Recognition Accorded Brandon's Gallant Fighters is a Matter of Gratitude and Pride for Loyal Citizens — Many Brave Fellows Never Knew of Honor Awarded Them

Brandon citizens may well be proud this Christmas season of the part the men of this city have played in the defence of their King and country. They have brought untold honor to themselves and to their native city during the great war. From all classes and from all walks of life the heroes have come forth, and yet when the test came, that time, facing death, when all men are equal, these men gave willingly their lives, if need be, for the cause of freedom.

It is impossible to estimate just how many Brandon men made the supreme sacrifice in this great war, but the number would surely equal the record of any other city of this size. Others have come back and are arriving home daily from the battle line maimed for life yet bearing their burdens without a murmur. A very few have come through without a scratch after doing their bit nobly for the Empire.

### Everyone Deserves Decoration

Of the soldiers who have gone overseas from Brandon, many have enlisted as privates and won promotions to higher ranks, others have not only done this, but have also received the Military Cross, Military Medal, Distinguished Service Order, Distinguished Conduct Medal, or some other decoration. These, of course, are the soldiers whose valor while on active service was particularly noticeable or who, owing to special work earned the decoration. But as Major Thurlow Fraser said when speaking in Brandon, "Every man who goes over the top deserves a decoration, and half of the bravest things done on the battle field are never mentioned by the soldiers or their officers."

A list of those who are known to have won promotion or decoration is given below. In the case of any soldier, if it is requested that the name and particulars be sent to the office of The Sun immediately.

### The Honor List

Col. C. P. Templeton, D.S.O., mentioned in dispatches 1918, A.D.M.S. of the 3rd Canadian Division; Lieut.-Col. James Kirkcaldy, D.S.O. and two bars, mentioned in dispatches; Lieut.-Col. the Rt. Rev. A. U. de Pencier, O.B.E.; Lieut.-Col. H. I. Stevenson, D.S.O. and bar; Major J. S. Matheson in charge of hospital at Etaples; the late Major F. H. Heslop, promoted from Captain to Major; Capt. T. A. Lane, M.C.; Capt. J. E. Lee, mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches; Capt. H. H. Hepburn, M.C.; Capt. J. A. Kirkcaldy, promoted from private to present rank; Capt. G. W. Epton, M.C.; Capt. P. B. Tucker, M.C.; Capt. L. W. Townsend, promoted from Lieutenant; Capt. G. A. Caldwell, promoted from Lieutenant; Lieut. MacGregor, M.C.; the late Lieut. Charles H. Casey, M.C.; the late Lieut. Frank Sherriff, mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches; Lieut. J. A. Hamilton, M.C.; Lieut. Allan McGregor, M.C.; Lieut. J. P. McKinnon, M.C.; the late Lieut. R. J. Hosie, M.C.; Lieut. E. C. Whitehead, M.C.; Lieut. V. Curran, promoted to captain; Lieut. J. R. Hardy, M.C. and bar; Lieut. Gordon Graham, mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's New Year dispatches; the late Lieut. J. S. Douglas, M.M.; Lieut. E. A. Young, promoted from private; Flight-Lieut. J. G. Bertrand, promoted from private; Lieut. A. W. Meadows and Lieut. C. H. Meadows, promoted from privates; Lieut. F. W. Crawford, promoted from private; Lieut. G. S. Christie, M.C., D.C.M.; Lieut. George Irving, promoted from private; the late Sergt.-Major Wm. Easement, promoted from private; the late Sergt.-Major S. Tindall, Croix de Guerre, promoted from private; the late Sergt. Alf McLachlan, M.M.; Sergt. James M. Bain, M.M.; mentioned in dispatches and the King's honor list, New Year's Day, 1918; Sergt. C. F. Blackburn, promoted to commission rank; Sergt. Frank Corley, promoted to commission rank from private; Sergt. R. B. Dunstire promoted to ranks from Sergt.-Major and won promotion on field to present rank; Sergt. Alfred Hulme promoted to Staff Quartermaster in London; Sergt. J. H. Mault, M.M.; Sergt. H. T. Jones, D.C.M.; Sergt. D. J. Robertson, Medal Militaire; Sergt. Bert Finch, promoted from private; Sergt. J. Curry, M.M., promoted from private; Sergt. V. W. Mitchell, M.M. and bar; Sergt. Edward Ward, promoted to commission rank; Sergt. A. W. Price, promoted to commission rank; Sergt. H. W.

Thornborough, reverted to ranks, promoted to present rank; Sergt. James Johnson, D.C.M., promoted from private; the late Lieut.-Sergt. F. R. Moffatt, promoted from private; Corpl. Robert McChesney, M.M.; Corpl. M. Rourke, promoted from private; Act. Corpl. R. H. Wilson, promoted from private; Corpl. A. P. Holland, M.M.; Corpl. George Secord, M.M.; Lieut.-Corpl. W. R. McKee, M.M.; Lieut.-Corpl. W. C. Aberdeen, promoted from private; Signaller T. C. Jones, M.M.; Pte. L. J. Graham, D.C.M.; Pte. Geo. Oliver, M.M. and two bars; Pte. Alex. McLean, M.M.; Pte. Ernest Howard, M.M.; Pte. P. S. McKenzie, M.C.; Pte. Nelson McGregor, D.C.M.; Pte. Andrew Hosie, to commission rank; Pte. W. Ross, D.C.M.; Pte. C. W. Moore, M.M.; Pte. Alfred Gurlion, M.C.; Nursing Sister S. P. Johnson, R.N.C. and Nursing Sister Mina Mowat, R.N.C.

## RUSSIANS IN PARIS WORKING TOWARD UNIFYING RUSSIA

### Men Representing Different Parties, Differences Forgotten, Work Together

Paris, Dec. 24.—Prince Georges E. Loeff and Vladimir N. Kokovtsov, both former Russian Premiers, are among the prominent Russians who have arrived in Paris to assist the movement of unifying Russia, and restoring order there with Entente aid. The Russians here representing many parties, apparently are reconciled in their political differences and are working toward a common end.

## FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPPING IS TO BE GREATLY INCREASED

Paris, Dec. 24.—It is understood that the French ship building program calls for six million tons within the next three years. The French Government has placed orders for 500,000 tons in British yards and hopes to place orders for 800,000 tons in American yards. The aggregate after three years would be about three times the merchant tonnage of France previous to the war. The increase is said to be due largely to changes by which the Mediterranean ports will become the centres of commercial penetration of Europe instead of the North Sea ports.

### RASPUTIN'S SLAYER RETURNS TO RUSSIA

New York, Dec. 24.—Dr. Stanislaus De Lazorvet admitted one of the slayers of the Monk Rasputin, and a member of the Russian Duma under former Czar Nicholas left here Monday aboard the French steamship La Lorraine, intending to return to Russia to assist in the organization of a new government at Odessa.

## BRITISH LABOR ASKS FOR 44 HOUR WEEK AT PRESENT WAGES

Workers Anxious to Secure Half Holiday on All Saturdays

### KEEP UP OUTPUT

Shipbuilding and Engineering Trades Agree to Maintain Large Output

London, Dec. 24.—Labor Unions throughout the United Kingdom are agitating for a forty-four hour week. This would mean eight hours a day on five days of the week and four hours on Saturday.

The National Transport Workers Federation has presented to all municipal and privately owned tramways a demand for a working week of forty-four hours at present weekly wages. Representatives of the Federation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades, and representatives of the employers recently held a meeting, at which it was decided that a forty-seven hour week without any reduction of existing wages constituted a reasonable attempt to readjust working conditions. An agreement was entered into between the employers and the men providing that the unions should make all effort to insure, in the unsettled state through which the country has to pass, that the greatest possible output should be maintained.

## AUSTRALIANS WANT NO GERMAN MADE GOODS IN DISGUISE

Victoria Legislature Requires All Imported Goods to be Clearly Labelled

Melbourne, Dec. 24.—The Victoria Legislature has passed a bill requiring that all goods be marked clearly with the country of their origin. This bill prevents German goods, after passing through the customs, from being labelled "Made in Australia," and goods improperly labelled, are liable to forfeiture and also the dealer is liable to substantial fines.

### BREAD PRICES STATIONARY DURING OCTOBER

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Cost of Living Branch reported to the Minister of Labor that the average cost of bread in the Dominion for October did not show any appreciable increase, being about seven cents per pound delivered. The report shows further that nearly 24,000,000 pounds of bread were baked and delivered at a cost of nearly \$1,700,000.

## DUBLIN UNIVERSITY TO BE REPRESENTED BY SINN FEINER

Prof. John MacNeill Defeats Nationalist Candidate For Seat in British Commons

Dublin, Dec. 24.—Sinn Fein scored a marked victory today by the election of Prof. John MacNeill of Dublin University representative in parliament. He received twice as many votes as Professor Conway, the Nationalist candidate.

### UNITED STATES SENATE PASSES WAR REVENUE BILL

Washington D.C., Dec. 24.—Without a record vote the Senate passed the war revenue bill to raise about six billion dollars in 1919 and four billion in 1920, as compared with the levy of \$8,200,000,000 for next year, proposed in the bill passed by the house three months ago.

## BOLSHEVIKI FORCES ARE ADVANCING IN ESTHONIAN LANDS

German Forces in Region of Lake Peipus Falling Back on Riga

Stockholm, Dec. 24.—The Bolsheviks are making considerable progress with their penetration of Esthonian territory. They have taken Dorpat, about 25 miles West of Lake Peipus and forced the Esthonian forces back on the Western front, Northwest of Lake Peipus. The German forces in this region are continuing to fall back on Riga.

## CHEERING MESSAGES TO CANADIAN FORCES

Sent by Premier Borden and Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia

London, Dec. 24.—Sir Robert Laird Borden's Christmas message to the Canadian forces, as published through the Canadian Daily Record, is as follows:

"To all members of the Canadian forces in France and Britain I send warm Christmas greetings. Their invincible valor and determination have enabled them to play a great part, especially during the last hundred days of the struggle, which has happily come to a just conclusion in the triumph of right and justice."

"After many weary years, we celebrate this Christmas season in the state of an unbroken peace. In our rejoicing, let us not fail to recall to reverent memory the sons of Canada who made the last sacrifice that civilization and Christianity might endure; they have passed into eternal peace, but let us pray that their unselfish, devoted spirit may animate all true Canadians in the task lying before us in the years to come, to the end that we may fulfill worthily, and not for ourselves alone, but for future generations as well, the trust which our great heritage has imposed upon us."

### Gen. Mewburn's Message.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Major-Gen. Hon. S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia and Defense, has sent the following Christmas message to the Canadian troops overseas:

"On behalf of your comrades in Canada, I have the proud privilege of sending Christmas greetings this year to a victorious Canadian army, occupying the territory of a conquered foe. Last year you looked back upon a year of desperate, if glorious, fighting, and forward to a doubtful issue, for the enemy was known to have gained new strength and to be meditating a tremendous blow against us. Today you can look back upon a year in which the British arms bore adversity with fortitude, refused to despond when things were at their darkest, returned to the offensive at the critical moment, and in three months of fighting such as the world never had seen before, won a victory unexampled in the history of war and for the service rendered by it."

"In this warfare of the giants you have borne a part which fills us with pride and gratitude which we cannot express. Amiens, Arras, the Queant, Drocourt Line, the Canal du Nord, Cambrai, Valenciennes and Mons are words which will inspire Canadians for centuries and you are the men who have done these resounding deeds. Our homage of love and pride is tendered to the men who fell in winning these triumphs."

## UNCLE SAM FIRST TO NAME DELEGATES

Paris, Dec. 24.—Almost on the eve of the assembling of the peace congress delegates the United States is the only country which has definitely and officially announced the composition of its delegation. Now reports have contained names of British, Italian, Belgian and Japanese delegates, but the French Foreign Office has received no notification of these appointments.

## U.S. SENDS WHEAT FLOUR SUBSTITUTES TO FEED BELGIANS

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Fourteen million pounds of cereals formerly used as substitutes for wheat flour have been purchased in Illinois by the Food Administration and will be sent to Belgium and other countries. The substitutes were in the hands of retailers when government restrictions relating to the sale of cereals with wheat products were removed.

## MOONEY'S CO-DEFENDANT FREED ON THREE CHARGES, FIVE OTHERS TO BE TRIED

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—Three charges of murder against Edward D. Nolan, co-defendant of Thomas J. Mooney, in the Preparedness Day bomb murder case, have been dismissed by Superior Judge Franklin A. Griffin, because of lack of evidence. Judge Griffin is the judge who tried and sentenced Mooney to be hanged following his conviction as one of the bomb murder directors. Mooney's sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment. Five charges of murder remain against Nolan in two other counts.

## LONELY SOLDIER'S APPEAL DIRECTED TO RIGHT QUARTER

Generous Brandon Folk Respond Heartily to Neglected Fighter's Request

### THE SUN HELPED HIM

Publication of Letter Awoke Sympathetic Response—Soldier is Grateful

In the issue of The Sun for November 4th, a letter from Private C. H. Stromer, 150630, of the 31st Canadian Infantry, 21st Alberta Reserve Battalion, Bramshott Camp, England, was printed in which he stated that he had no relatives and would like to receive an occasional parcel or letter from someone in Brandon. Many generous people read that letter and as a result thirty-seven letters and a great many parcels were sent across the seas to the lonely soldier.

A letter received from Private Stromer this morning by The Sun follows: "I am sure that I cannot thank you enough, and the good people of Brandon, but I beg to give my heartiest thanks to all, who took the trouble to send letters and parcels. I received thirty-seven letters and a few parcels the last three days I was in Bramshott. I am now on the way to Canada and some of the lonely boys who are still in Bramshott will have the pleasure of receiving some nice Christmas parcels in my place, as from the letters I understand a good many are on the way."

"I feel quite ashamed to receive all the kindness and I was utterly surprised to get such a heap of letters and such splendid parcels. Had I known you would publish my letter I would never have written it. All I wanted was a small advertisement so as to get in touch with one or two good people willing to send some little parcel of candy, etc., which I wanted to pay for. The war was then going on and I expected to be sent back to France, where a parcel once in a while is highly appreciated."

"I expect to be in Canada by Christmas or shortly after and shall then, at the first opportunity write to thank all for their kindness. I am sure that I have no time before I would like to do so."

## UNEMPLOYMENT IS BECOMING ACUTE: TORONTO PROBLEM

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—The unemployment question is beginning to reach serious proportions, according to J. L. Young, of the local union of the International Association of Machinists, who has replied on behalf of the local unions to a speech of the Hon. A. E. MacLean, which was made in the Chateau Laurier recently.

Mr. Young says it has been conservatively estimated through the books of the local unions of machinists that there are now at least 35,000 unemployed workers in the city of Toronto and the vicinity.

"May I say that your opinion is far from being correct," says Mr. Young in a letter to Hon. Mr. MacLean. "In this city alone there is more unemployment than you credit to the whole of Canada."

"At the present time we have in this city 2,000 skilled mechanics, 27,000 semi-skilled employees and 10,000 unskilled employees who are out of work."

Mr. Young states that the exact number of unemployed is being compiled by his organization, and will be furnished to the Labor Department at an early date.

## OBNOXIOUS MINISTER TO MEXICO RECALLED BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Washington, Dec. 25.—An indirect warning from the American Government has resulted in the decision of the German authorities to disavow the services of notorious minister von Eckhardt at Mexico City. It is learned officially that a hint was transmitted to Berlin recently that it was difficult to reconcile Eckhardt's continued anti-American and anti-Allied propaganda with the new German Government protestations of regard for the United States and repeated appeals for food supplies.

Evidence of Eckhardt's influence in the Mexican capital was seen in a report from Ambassador Fletcher that El Pueblo, a government organ, had published a denial of the minister's recall.

The State Department has been advised of the recall, although evidently there has been no official announcement of it at Mexico City.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO GET THE MEMORIAL PROJECT UNDER WAY

City of Brandon and Municipalities in Western Manitoba to be Linked up in Effort to Establish a Worthy Memorial

With the arrival of peace, the long thought of project of raising a fitting and lasting memorial bids fair to assume definite shape. The committee, which has had the matter under consideration for some time met at the call of Mayor Cater on Monday night and preliminary steps were taken whereby a strong organization comprising representatives of all sections of the local community and scores of surrounding municipalities may combine to erect a memorial that will tell its tale of the sacrifices made in the great war for many generations to come.

be in honor of all who have served in the Great War.

Mr. J. S. Willmott strongly urged the idea would lose a great deal of its significance if the memorial was erected for any other purpose than in honor of the men who made the supreme sacrifice. Mr. Dorrett, Mr. Winters and others contended that never had a memorial been erected in honor of the living, but at all times, for the heroic dead.

It was when the Rev. A. E. Smith undertook the task of drawing up a resolution embodying the views of the meeting that the diversified opinions became apparent.

Remember the Living  
Mr. Bert Ryder moved that the words "Of those who have served overseas" be inserted to define those whom it was designed that the memorial should honor.

Considerable discussion followed until the happy idea was struck upon by Mr. Dorrett, who suggested that the words: "A memorial to those who have fallen and in honor of those who returned," be used. Mr. Dorrett, however, stated that he had never in the course of his travels seen a memorial erected in honor of a living man.

It is intended that a great public meeting of Brandon citizens shall be called in the near future, when the subject of the memorial will be discussed, and a campaign committee will be appointed.

Brandon District Effort  
The following resolution submitted by the Rev. A. E. Smith was agreed to:

"That in the opinion of this committee, a memorial should be erected in the city of Brandon as a tribute to the soldiers who have fallen and as an honor to those who have served in the great war. And, providing co-operation can be secured in other municipalities adjacent to Brandon, that a wider area be constituted to share in the undertaking."

"That the area should be constituted of the city of Brandon and as many of the municipalities around as can be interested in the scheme to be known as the Brandon District for the purpose of establishing a fund for this memorial."

"That in securing the co-operation of the municipalities within the area that may be finally described, a beginning be made with those municipalities adjacent to Brandon city and therefrom proceed to others."

"That whenever a fitting number of municipalities have signified co-operation, a standing committee should be appointed from these bodies to carry forward the whole project to completion."

"That a sub-committee be appointed to inaugurate a campaign of education in Brandon city and the area described in support of the above memorial."

## GERMAN MINISTER TO LUXEMBURG HAS BEEN EXPELLED

Luxemburg, Dec. 23.—K. Von Bugh, German Minister to Luxemburg since March, 1914, has, together with his advisers, been expelled from the country by the Grand Ducal Government. Three Luxemburg ministers of state left the capital for Paris.

### BRANDON MARKETS

Thursday, December 26th, 1918.  
36¢, dressed carcass, per lb. .... 16  
41¢, dressed carcass, per lb. .... 21  
41¢, dressed carcass, per lb. .... 15  
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41¢, dressed carcass, per lb. .... 50  
41¢, dressed carcass, per lb. .... 66  
41¢, dressed carcass, per lb. .... 25.00