THOUSAND MEN TO FILL UP BATTALIONS

Four Hamilton Units Are Still Below Their Strength.

STRIKES UNSETTLED

T., H. and B. and Electrical Men Are No Nearer to Settlement.

HAMILTON, Wednesday, June 7.—Approximately 1000 men are needed to bring the four battalions that started recruiting here up to their full strength. The 120th and the 173rd Battalions are at Niagara camp, and the Mounted Rifles and the 205th are at present camped here. As recruits are being taken on for these units, they are equipped and sent to the battalions with which they signed up. The Bantam Battalion is completing arrangements for a big recruiting rally on Saturday night. It is likely the battalion's band will come up from Toronto to take part.

The T., H. & B. strikers have extended their picket system near the Garth street roundhouse, and from now on will keep a closer watch on those going in and out of the company's works. It was announced yesterday at a mass meeting of the strikers that a complaint had been made to the railway commission that trains and locomotives passing thru the T., H. & B. yards are not being inspected. It is not known what action will be taken by the department in regard to this allegation.

The shareholders of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company held their annual meeting here yesterday. The following directors were appointed: Alfred H. Smith, W. H. Newman, Henry B. Ledyard, John N. Beckley, Lord Shaughnessy, William K. Vanderbilt, jr., Sir Edmund Osler, Dyce W. Saunders, Wm. B. Torrance, William L. Scott and Geo. Bury.

The Women's Wentworth Historical Society held a successful fete at Stony Creek battlefield yesterday afternoon, to celebrate the 104th anniversary of the victory won at that place. A splendid program was arranged by the ladies, and an admission fee was charged for entrance to the old house, which was the headquarters of the American officers in 1813.

The electrical strike is no nearer a settlement yet. The men are persistent in their demands, and the bosses are likewise. An official of the strikers' union said that the advanced cost of living was the reason the men had gone on strike, as it cost people 15 per cent. more to live in Hamilton than any other city in the Dominion.

REPORT OF DEATH MISTAKEN.

CHATHAM, June 6.—Thomas Codyre, reported to have committed suicide last night at Windsor, has turned up with an explanation. He declares he gave his coat containing proofs of his identity to a friend who evidently left the garment lying on the dock. Codyre denies he had any thought of committing suicide.

DEEP SORROW AT MONTREAL

MONTREAL, June 6.—The news of the loss of Earl Kitchener caused profound sorrow in this city and many flags are at half mast in memory of the great soldier and administrator. Immediately upon learning of it, the board of control ordered the flags in the municipal buildings to be flown at half mast.

New Methodist Stations

The first draft of stations for the Toronto district were submitted yesterday afternoon by the stationing committee at the Methodist conference, which commenced in Carlton Street Methodist Church.

The changes decided upon were as follows:

Toronto, east—Rev. W. F. Bowles, assistant to Rev. R. H. Burns, Berkeley street; Central, Rev. E. B. Lanceley; Hope, Rev. A. J. Terryberry; Scarboro, Rev. A. E. Black.

Toronto Central—Timothy Eaton Memorial, Rev. C. S. Applegath (assistant); Asbury, Rev. F. T. Hickson; Thornhill, Rev. R. B. Beynon.

Toronto West—Parkdale, Rev. V. M. Emery; Euclid avenue, Rev. J. E. Hunter (assistant); College street, Rev. John Locke; Howard Park, Rev. Dr. S. Cleaver; Humber Crest, Rev. John Line; Davenport road, Rev. E. W. Robinson; Earlscourt, Rev. H. Pawson (assistant); Lambton Mills, Rev. A. J. Toy; Islington, Rev. H. L. Partridge.

Brampton District—Port Credit, Rev. W. N. Chantler; Bolton, Rev. E. W. McBrien.

Orangeville District—Orangeville, Rev. E. R. Young; Honeywood, Rev. H. H. Eaton; Hornings Mills, Rev. E. F. Bamford; Mansfield, Rev. C. P. Shapter; Rosemont, Rev. R. K. Lambert (enlisted), Rev. J. W. Holmes; Caledon East, Rev. J. H. Oke.

Owen Sound District—Westside, Rev. S. J. Kelly; Chattsworth, Rev. C. B. Jeffry; Rockland, Rev. W. L. Trench; Walter's Falls, A. L. Atton.

Uxbridge District—Uxbridge, Rev. J. J. Coulter; White Vale, Rev. A. E. Owen, Lemonville, Rev. H. E. Payne; Sutton West, J. W. Arnott.

Bradford District—Bradford, Rev. D. F. Douglas; Schomberg, Rev. F. A. Nourse.

Alliston District—Avening, Rev. Jos. Dudgeon; Cookstown, Rev. J. H. Moore; Beeton, Rev. E. E. Fugsley (enlisted), Rev. T. W. W. Lane; Palgrave, Rev. G. Embroough.

Collingwood District—Collingwood (second), Rev. Eric Johnston (enlisted), Rev. Sidney Martin; Thornbury, Rev. A. N. St. John.

Barry District—Penetanguishene, Rev. R. S. Pralick; Victoria Harbor, Rev. A. B. Hames.

Bracebridge District—Bracebridge, Rev. A. Bedford; Gravenhurst, Rev. W. L. L. Lawrence (enlisted), Rev. C. Langford; Utterson and Madill, Charles Jarratt; Windermere, Rev. F. Sullivan; Uffington, Rev. A. Halbert.

Parry Sound District—Magnetawan, Rev. A. A. Jenner; Sprucedale, Rev. H. Kippen.

Sudbury District—Nairn Centre, Rev. W. J. Butt; Webbwood, Rev. R. J. McCarten; Massie, Rev. W. J. Johnston.

Sault Ste. Marie District—Tarentorus, Rev. L. Pickering; Echo Bay, Rev. L. King; Bruce Mines, Rev. George Burry; St. Joseph's Island, Rev. T. W. G. Andrews; Thessalon, Rev. J. Denny; Ironbridge, Rev. H. Kennedy; Little Current, Rev. C. J. Elliott.

North Bay District—Trout Mills, Rev. B. Parkhouse; Sturgeon Falls, Rev. E. Moddle; Warren, Rev. N. Partridge.

New Liskeard District—Thornloe, Rev. G. Richardson; Earlton, Rev. G. Sonmerby, Englehart, Rev. H. V. Ellison, Charlton, Rev. E. Heaslop.

Cochrane District—Jacksonsboro, Rev. W. W. Rackhan.

OKUMA'S ASSASSINATION WAS MERELY A YARN

Japanese Premier is Quite Hale and Hearty, Tokio Says.

TOKIO, June 7, 11 a.m.—The report circulated in the United States yesterday that Count Shigenobu Okuma, the Japanese prime minister, has been assassinated, was without fundation. The secretary of Count Okuma said this morning that the premier was hale and hearty, and that he was then in conference with the emperor.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

(Continued From Page 1.)

Russians in their great offensive just begun against the Austrians on the 275 miles of front between the Pripet marshes and the Roumanian border. This engagament is not a partial one, but a general attack along the whole line, and Petrograd reports that the Russians everywhere carried the first chain of Austrian defences. The Austrians are said to have 40 infantry and 10 to 15 cavalry divisions stationed on this front, or about 600,000 men. This gives them a concentration of a little over 2000 men a mile, or hardly enough to hold so extended a front. The sudden appearance of big Russian forces, concentrated in Bessarabia, beyond the observation of spies and aeroplanes, is said to have taken the enemy completely by surprise. The bulk of the Austrian and German forces are concentrated in France, the Italian war zone or the Balkans. The enemy, in this battle, has yielded territory before the Russian attacks without even endeavoring to counter-attack, a new thing in this war.

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Brusiloff, the Russian commander, is imbued with the true offensive spirit. He is noted for quick decision and rapid action. His plan was adopted by General Ruszky at the battle of Lemberg at the beginning of the war and it won for the Russians a brilliant victory. He is pushing his men forward in this new offensive with great audacity. It is probable that Earl Kitchener was on his way to Russia to see the development of this grand advance. It is too early yet to attempt a forecast of what the Russians will do, but the effects on the general situation of the war can be imagined if the Russians break the Austrian front and send a big force of Cossacks on a raid into Hungary. A great outcry would be raised to Germany for assistance, and the German general staff could not disregard the call. Troops might be hastily sent from France and the Italian front and an opening given for the allies to begin the offensive war against Germany.

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The capture of 25,000 Austrians probably represents the infliction of 100,000 to 150,000 casualties on the enemy by the Russians. Three or four more days of such a pounding and the Teuton army will be in grave danger of being destroyed. In the meanwhile the pounding which is being given the foe is likely to attract all available hostile reinforcements to the theatre of the offensive. If the enemy starts to withdraw big forces from France then the time will come for the allies to strike him all along the line. The Russians already claim that the initiative belongs entirely to them in Galicia and Bessarabia. Startling developments may therefore be looked for in the next few weeks, either in the east or the west, or, perhaps, in both theatres. The Russian offensive is expected to have an immediate effect in the Balkans and on the Italian front.

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The Italians with great energy still continue to hold their front unbroken against the rain of heavy blows hammered on their lines by the Austrians in the mountains of the Trentino. Altho a heavy snow storm is raging the fighting goes on without intermission. A dozen heavy Austrian attacks were repulsed during one night and day, according to yesterday's official communique issued at Rome.

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Only a heavy artillery action was fought all yesterday in the region of Fort Vaux and Damloup Village, north of Verdun. The French Government has created Major Raynal commander of the Legion of Honor for his indefatigable energy in defending the position. Two German attacks launched against the lines of the French in this region on the preceding night were repulsed.

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In an attack on the Canadians on the front north and south of Hooge and east of Ypres yesterday the Germans penetrated the front trenches at Hooge and immediately north of it after the explosion of mines at various points on a 2000-yard front. Attacks on the front between Hooge and the Ypres-Comines Canal were repulsed. The general Canadian line is still intact. The onsets of the enemy were preceded by a heavy bombardment about Hooge and for some distance further north, and also about the line between the Ypres-Comines Railway and the Ypres-Comines Canal.

WEEK-END PASSES FOR MARRIED MEN

Whenever Possible These Will Be Allowed Twice a Month.

OFFICERS' COURSE

For Captains and Field Certificates Will Commence June Twelfth.

Special to The Toronto World.

NIAGARA CAMP, June 6.—Following along the lines that every consideration should be shown the comfort and convenience of soldiers, a camp order tonight says: "Officers commanding units will take into consideration the married men of their unit, and where possible endeavor to permit such men to have week-end leave twice each month."

The 123rd Grenadiers are in need of a farrier and saddler and men qualified who wish to transfer to this battalion are asked to submit applications to their commanding officers.

The address of the 164th Battalion is now "Exribition Grounds, Toronto."

At the School of Infantry, 149 College street, Toronto, a course of instruction for captains and field officers' certificates will commence June 12th. For lieutenants' certificates examinations in these subjects will be held—Tactics, June 12th, 8 p.m.; musketry, June 13th, 4 p.m.; duties, June 13th, 8 p.m.; practical, June 14th, 9 a.m. Officers who have failed in any of the above subjects may attend for re-examination on approval from this office.

Ninety-Eighth Non-Coms.

Following non-commissioned officers and men of the 98th having qualified at an examination held at Welland on the 18th of February, 1916, are awarded certificates: L.-Corp. G. F. Chatt, Corp. J. E. Downes, Corp. W. T. Dolby, Sergt. C. N. Hurd, Corp. C. Holmes, L.-Corp. A. Jackson, Corp. A. D. Lawrie, Sergt. T. Littlewood, Sergt. G. F. Medland, Sergt. J. T. Mercer, Sergt. W. R. Phillips, Corp. E. Richardson, Corp. A. E. Stevens, Sergt. H. A. Slade, Corp. J. Smith.

All as sergeants—Corp. H. Alvin, L. Corp. C. C. Alward, Corp. R. E. Bandur, L. Corp. R. M. Barnes, L. Corp. J. Cohen, Corp. J. Chambers, Corp. B. Clarkson, Corp. W. Dunn, Corp. H. R. Dickson, Pte. A. J. Dobson, Corp. F. L. Edwards, Corp. W. H. England, Corp. C. A. Gaut, Pte. R. Gallacher, Corp. H. W. Hales, Corp. G. Joyce, Corp. J. H. Lay, Corp. V. E. McKay, Pte. H. L. Marsh, Pte. G. McQueen, Corp. J. McLeish, Corp. A. McPherson, Corp. A. D. Neff, Pte. A. Ness, Corp. H. I. Suthren, Corp. A. Sargent, Corp. A. Swinson, Corp. J. V. Wright, Corp. L. A. Warner, all as corporals.

Seventy-Sixth Non-Coms.

The following N.C.O.'sof the 76th having qualified at examination held at Barrie are awarded certificates: Sergt. P. Benson, Corp. W. E. Canobeer, Sergt. J. A. Gibson, L. Sergt. C. G. Filgiano, L. Sergt. E. L. Fleming, Sergt. F. Healy, L. Corp. D. Jeffrey, Sergt. J. McLachlin, Sergt. S. A. Merriam, Sergt. F. J. Mitchell, C.S.M. A. J. Plant, Sergt. H. B. Smith, Corp. F. W. Ambrose, Corp R. H. Best, Corp. T. Puck, Corp. H. L. M. Cattermole, Sergt. G. C. Champ, L. Corp. H. D. Compston, Corp. S. G. Elms, L. Corp. A. H. Fleming, L. Corp. F. J. B. Frith, L. Corp. J. A. Gauthier, Sergt. T. Hession, L. Corp J F Hill Corp. H. S. Johnson, Corp. C. F. Jones, L. Corp. J. P. Lecocq Corp. R. H. Lundy, Corp. B. McKay, Sergt. F. J. Noble, Corp. G.H. Riddle, Corp F. Shipley, Sergt. W. D. Street, Corp. F. Waterhouse, all as corporals.

Hundred and Fourteenth N.C.O.'s.

Following N.C.O.'s and men having qualified at an examination held at Dunnville in March, 1916, are awarded certificates: Sergt. H. Brockman, Sergt. A. Brighton, Corp. J. Bettridge, Sergt. B. Clinch Sergt. E. V. Dyke, Corp. P. Duffy, L. Corp. H. P. Dabbs, L.Corp. A. L. Gapes, Corp A. Gilap, L. Corp. L. V Martin, Sergt C. Meadows, Sergt. G. F. Morris, L. Corp. E. G. MacKean, Sergt. W. F. Powless, Pte. W. M. Rennick, Pte. J. E. Reid, Corp. H. Stabler, L. Corp. H. F. Wallace, Sergt J. Butler, Pte. J. Chapman, L. Corp.A. C. Fraser, Corp. E. A. Fisette, Pte. E. B. Groat, L. Corp. H. Jones, L. Corp. J. MacKness, Corp. A. Osborne, L. Corp. S. T. Quee, L. Corp. J. J. Randall, L. Corp. J. U. Sheppard, L. Corp. J Smith, L Corp H. J. Tice, Corp. J. H. Young.

FOE HEAVILY BOMBARDS REGION OF FORT VAUX

Germans Abstain From Making Infantry Attacks After Night Repulses.

MAJOR GETS REWARD

Defender of Fortification Becomes Commander of Legion of Honor.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, June 6.—After the Germans suffered two repulses in attacks against the French positions between Fort Vaux and Damloup Village during the night, they kept their infantry under cover today, but they fought a violent artillery action with the French.

In recognition for his valor and skill in defending Fort Vaux, the French Government has made Major Raynal commander of the Legion of Honor.

The Germans are directing their energies to the bringing up of masses of reinforcements thru the ravines between Vaux and Damloup, with the object of gradually wearing down the resistance of the French. The two infantry rushes made by the enemy yesterday were less vigorous than preceding rushes.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Midnight List.

INFANTRY.

Wounded—432318, George Matheson, Scotland; 81566, Harold W. T. Mathias, England; 81631, Donald Alex. McDonald, Scotland; 432795, Donald K. MacKenzie, Scotland; Lt. Donald R. McD. McLean, Ottawa; 463795, Pioneer Angus McLellan, Scotland; 47915, Clarence Newdick, England; Lt. Alfred G. Pearson, England; 424284, Walker Kingsville Manley, England; Lt. Fairburn Andrew Rayner, Scotland; 154884, Pioneer Percy Robinson, England; 19967, Geo. H. Browne, England; 23406, Samuel Laycock, England; Capt. Colin K. Lee-Fyman, England; 140134, Arthur H. March, England; 416592 Richard Marshall, England; 432569, Alfred Fetherick, England; 436687, David W. Rorser, South Wales; Lieut. Louise Scott, England; 420458, Samuel Stewart, Ireland; A2421, Alfred Walker, Scotland; Lieut. Geo. A. Watson, Scotland; Lieut. Stanley Wharton, England; Lieut. Richard Worrall, England.

ENGINEERS.

Missing—Lieut. Robert B. Ford, England.

Wounded—500011, Sapper Fred Smith Binns, England; 408409, Sapper Harry J. Hyland, England.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Died of wounds—443886, Fred V. Barnes, England.

Wounded—Lieut. Arthur V. Evans, India; Lieut. Leonard W. Fish, England; 107376, Geoffrey Horner, England; Lt. Wm. A. Kenny, England; Lt. Chas. Lambert (on duty), England; Lt. Cecil John Lewis, England; 426365, Francis McCormick, Scotland; Lt. Hugh G. Scott, Scotland; 110555, Chas. H. Walker, England; 107615, Lance-Corp. David J. Wilson, Ireland.

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Seriously ill—328, John Campbell, Scotland.

Wednesday Mornin List

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—A151, Homer A. Canteion, Clinton, Ont.; 73780, Eric Foster, Arcola, Sask.; 147380, Frank Harty, Washington, D.C.; 415726, Pioneer M. McDonald, New Aberdeen, N.S.; Lieut. Chas. McGowan, Elora, Ont.; 74275, John Mowbray, Winnipeg; 439800, Albert Schram, Stratton, Ont.; 415201, Farquhar McRae, Quebec.

Died of wounds—436660, Clarence E. Gordon, Edmonton; 457180, Enoch Hughes, Montreal; 153764, Geo. Reid, Winnipeg; 475195, Geo. H. Rushworth, Winnipeg; 408219, Corp. Arthur I. Tandy, North Bay, Ont.; 44218, Whitney Tope, Campbellton, N.B.

Seriously ill—219853, Wm. A. Smith, Porterville, Ont.; 25657, John Welsh, Mira Cut, N.S.; 27878, Thos. Dare, Collingwood, Ont.

Dangerously ill—446785, John Davidson, Calgary; Maj. Andrew H. Gault, Montreal; 430269, Fred C. Haggart, Peterboro, Ont.

Wounded—Capt. Herbert S. Adam, Markham, Ont.; Capt. Edward W. Bickle, 457 Indian road, Toronto; 24109, Percy Robert Briault, England; Lieut. Richard A. Brown, 181 Crescent road, Toronto; 477099, Wm. E. Braid, Centre Village, N.B.; 477158, Chas. W. Carrothers, Wilton Grove, Ont.; Capt. Jos. E. Cauchon, Cornwall Apts., Winnipeg; 622789 Harry Chapman, Greyston, O.; 27870, Fred H. Choles, 2½ Marshall street, Toronto; A44046, James Francis Cody, Milltown, N.B.; 426332, Harry Ball, Waseca, Sask.; Lt. M. Beck, Vancouver; 458114, Findlay Buchanan, Montreal; 435657, Geo. Alex. Doty, Markerville, Alta.; 452456, Harry Hunter Jones, Hawkestone, Ont.; 458368, John Lawson, Amherst, N.S.; Lieut. Montreal; 477627, Clifford P. MacArthur, Vancouver; 77885, Robert Motion, Victoria; 438225, Luke Rogers, Neil's Harbour, N.S.; 404453, L.-Corp. Wm. A. Skinner, 9 Olive avenue, Toronto; 9490, Noble Sproule, 14 Sullivan street, Toronto; 432561, Alick Sinclair, Edmonton; 435292, James McLean, Calgary; Major Stanley Coreatine, Montreal; 232560, E. Compagnat, Lake Megantic, Que.; 417772, Geo. Couture, Montreal; 552634, Kenneth Craig Corsan, Fernie, B.C.; 14048, Wm. Crane, 2418 Yonge street, Toronto; Capt. Walter Ross Creighton, Brantford; Lt. Fred Fletcher, Vancouver; 418689, L.-Corp. Alex. A. Emmett, Buckingham, Que.; 68298, James England, Grace Bay, N.S.; 448023, Alphonse Baudin, Lake Megantic, Que.; 25020, Harry Ette, Montreal; 439561, Lionel Dupuis, Quebec; Major James W. Forbes, Winnipeg; 439641, Robert Goldie, Schreiber, Ont.; 69353, Henry W. Graham, St. John, N.B.; 47354, Jack Grant, Fort William; 445120, James H. Good, Bathurst, N.B.; Capt. Wm. R. Hudson, Belleville, Ont.; Lt. Markland S. Hunt, Greenfield, N.S.; 104676, Frank E. Joyner, Montreal; Capt. Norman P. Kelley, 317 Walmer road, Toronto; 422101, Elmer L. Kenny, Winnipeg; Lt. Percy Norman McDougall, Montreal; Lt. Rene Marion, Montreal; Lieut. Cecil Rhodes Mersereau, Chatham, N.B.; 22902, L.-Corp. Thomas Michaud, Quebec; Captain Percival Molson, Montreal; Capt. Hugh W. Niven, London, Ont.; Arguill P. Norman, Vancouver; 23041, David W. Piggott, Quebec; Capt. Harry Price, Kamloops, B.C.; Lieut. Volney Godden Rexford, Montreal; 457504, Albert Robinson, Montreal; Capt. Alex. J. Sinclair, 248 Beatrice street, Toronto; 192599, James Smith, 517 Jones avenue, Toronto; Lieut. Robert Douglas Torrance, Guelph; 477926, Jos. P. Trimble, Midfield, Ont.; 61409, Omer Trottier, Montreal; Maj. Chas. Yardley Weaver, England; 458732, John Wilcox, Birch Grove, N.S.; 7050, Corp. Harley Labert Wright, Quebec; Major Allan Torrance Powell, Ottawa; 453291, Hugh H. Burnside, Ottawa.

Prisoner of war at Friedrichsfeld—76102, James Newell, Calgary, Alb.

Previously reported killed in action, now unofficially prisoner of war at Giessen—76061, M. Carnsew, Vancouver.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Died of wounds—112095, Harry Money, Norwich, Ont.; Capt. Harry J. Pitts, Montreal.

Dangerously ill—107083, Clarence J. Barsette, Lumby, B.C.; 117511, Chas. Edward Hope, Ogden, Alb.; 110605, Lieut. Harris Jessiman, Sherbrooke, Que.; 110290, Henry J. Kelly, Norwood, Ont.

Wounded: Major Merrill V. Allen, Norwich, Ont.; Lieut. Wm. R. Latimer, Battleford, Sask.; Lieut. Cyril Goffrey Lloyd, Morden, Man.; Lieut. Wm. H. Fue, Calgary; Capt. Barry Wentworth Roscoe, Kentville, N.S.; Lieut. Wm. H. Warmington, Saskatoon.

Seriously ill: 463324, Kenneth James Marshall, Vancouver; Lieut. Henry Albert Smith, Maple Creek, Sask.

CAVALRY.

Seriously ill: 14611, Rupert Wise Sherlock, Erinview, Man.

ARTILLERY.

Killed in action: 60, Gunner John Fairgurst, Port Hope, Ont.

Wounded: Lieut. Edward Douglas Hiyoke, Peterboro, Ont.; Lieut. Chas. H. Joyat James, 437 Huron street, Toronto; Major Franck C. Magee, St. John, N.B.; Lieut. Gilbert Tyndale-Lea, Philadelphia.

ENGINEERS.

Missing—Lt. Alfred John Gaul, Edmonton, Alta.; Lt. Jos. Douglas Wilson, Vancouver; Lt. Wm. E. Massey-Cooke, Peterboro.

Dangerously ill—16216, Albert Walters, Vancouver.

Wounded—201, Sapper David Stocks, 72 Boultbee avenue, Toronto; 47, Corp. Geo. J. Cross, England; 117441, Frank M. Nelson, Sunnyslope, Alta.

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Dangerously ill—236B, Albert Retson Murray, London, Ont.

Wounded—530107, Alex. W. Cosgrove, Calgary, Alta.; Capt. John J. Jamieson, Calgary; 61797, Emile Bélanger, Montreal.

VETERINARY CORPS.

Seriously ill—447999, Donald Pollock, Foster, Calgary.

ASQUITH PRAISED KITCHENER HIGHLY

Premier's Speech in Commons Last Wednesday Was Vigorous Defence.

REMARKABLE RECORD

Raising of "Kitchener's Army" One of Greatest Feats Recorded.

LONDON, June 6.—Premier Asquith's speech defending Earl Kitchener from criticisms reflecting unfavorably on the conduct of the war was made only last Wednesday. Sir Ivor Herbert had introduced in the house of commons a motion for the reduction of the war secretary's salary, which is a customary method when finances are discussed of giving an opportunity for criticizing any official. The premier said:

"I come to the motion which has been made to reduce the salary of the secretary for war. I think the whole of this discussion might have taken place with as much freedom if such a motion had not been made, but every member of the house must exercise his own discretion in that matter; and since it has been made, I am bound to say—and I say it with the utmost sincerity and earnestness—that I think the army, the country and the empire are under a debt which cannot be measured in words for the services Lord Kitchener has rendered since the beginning of the war.

Didn't Seek Office.

"This was not, heaven knows a task which was sought by Lord Kitchener for himself. He was on his way back to Egypt to resume the functions which he has discharged there with such conspicuous value to the empire for so many years. My telegram to him asking him to stay and to come to see me reached him only as he was stepping upon the boat at Dover. He returned. He told me in the frankest possible terms of his indisposition, except to the call of duty, to undertake the task which I proposed, with the consent of the Sovereign, to lay upon him.

"Like every good soldier, duty came first with him. He subordinated everything to that. From that moment to this there has not been one single day in which Lord Kitchener has not laboured with an assiduity, zeal and patriotic self-devotion, I can say from personal observation of daily contact with him, which is beyond all praise.

"I am not going to say—I do not know that I can say it of any of my colleagues, much as I respect and value them—that Lord Kitchener has never made a mistake. His was one of the most arduous undertakings that were ever laid upon a human being, I am sure there is no single critic here who is not generously-minded enough to say that if there has been a mistake, it is just possible that he himself has made mistakes. The charges, such as they are, which have been brought against Lord Kitchener, are charges not against him only, but against the government, of which he is a member. I have been more than any of my colleagues since the first day closely associated with Lord Kitchener in all he has done, and I accept and share full responsibility.

"There is no other man in this country, or in this empire who could have summoned into existence in so short a time, with so little friction, with such satisfactory, surprising and even bewildering results, the enormous armies which now, at home and abroad, are maintaining the honor the the empire. I am certain that in history it will be regarded as one of the most remarkable achievements of the kind that have ever been accomplished, and I am bound to say, and I will say it in all sincerity, that for that achievement Lord Kitchener is personally entitled to the credit.

"My honorable friend dwelt not unnaturally on what he conceives to have been errors in the early stages of the war in the provision of munitions, and in the failure of our recruiting machinery. There is a good deal to be said on the other side, but I will not say it now. More provision, some fair-minded critics might say, might possibly have been shown. The machinery for recruiting in particular, well enough adapted as it was for raising a voluntary army on a small scale, was machinery which got choked and encumbered and to some extent broke down when it was called to discharge a task for which it was never intended and for which in some respects it was not fully adapted.

"I ask the committee to look back on the 22 months of war and the strange and unforeseeable emergencies, dangers and hazards which those months, as they have rolled along, brought into being with almost kaleidoscopic variety and unexpectedness. I ask them to remember that we started the war upon a military system which had the consent of all parties in the state, and which only provided for the despatch abroad of 150,000 men; and to realize what we are doing now, both at home and in all theatres of war. Fair-minded and fair-judging men ought to view the whole of this strange and unprecedented scene, with all its episodes and possibilities, and I think they will not be indisposed, I will not say to be indulgent and generous, but to be just and fair in their appreciation of the enormous service which has been rendered."

LIEUT.-COL. MORRISON PROMOTED.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, June 6.—Lieut.-Col. Morrison, D.S.O., has been gazetted brigadier-general, attached to headquarters' units.

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JOHNSTON WAIVES RIGHT TO SUM UP

Liberal Counsel in Fuse Inquiry Makes Unexpected Announcement.

HIS STATUS A PUZZLE

I. F. Hellmuth Will Begin His Address to Commissioners Today.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, June 6.—After the Meredith-Duff commission concluded the taking of evidence into the Kyte charges this afternoon, E. F. B. Johnston, the counsel nominated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, created some surprise by stating that he would be unlikely to address the commissioners. All along there has been some doubt as to Mr. Johnston's status. He has not actually been in the position of an attacking counsel, altho his role has verged closely upon this.

Sir William Meredith summed up his attitude this afternoon thus: "Mr. Johnston has not been vicious at any stage."

"I made no charges," said Mr. Johnston, when the question of his addressing the commissioners arose.

"You must be neutral," remarked Mr. Hellmuth, the government counsel.

Hellmuth First.

Mr. Johnston said he did not know what he would discuss and added, smiling: "If General Hughes was here he and I might discuss the question of fees."

When Mr. Johnston claimed that he was not acting in the capacity of a lawyer making charges, but rather as an investigator, Mr. Hellmuth remarked: "I have never assumed you were my colleague."

Mr. Hellmuth, therefore, will address the commissioners first, and will probably be followed by Mr. Carvell.

Before the commissioners rose today the commissioners asked counsel if there was any question upon which they desired further investigation.

Carvell Persistent.

Mr. Carvell asked the right to investigate all contracts that made up the five million order for shells, of which the fuses formed a part. This is a question which he has brought before the commissioners more than once. Judge Duff replied that both the commissioners were quite clear that "contracts for parts were not suitable matters for investigation here, and therefore as such they were not to be investigated."

Sir William Meredith remarked: "It is most undesirable when evidence is understood to close today, that this should be sprung."

Mr. Carvell resented this, and pointed out that he had already brought this matter to the attention of the commissioners.

Mr. Ewart then asked Mr. Carvell about Mr. Kyte, and if he intended to be present.

Mr. Carvell replied that he regarded the question as "a little hot air from my friend, and I take it as such."

Exit Mr. Kyte.

Sir William Meredith remarked that Mr. Kyte was reported to have said that one witness committed perjury and one lied. "If there is anything in that statement, it ought to be investigated," he said.

Mr. Carvell said he hadn't any knowledge of the statements attributed to Mr. Kyte. Mr. Kyte had gone to Nova Scotia to take part in the provincial elections, and Mr. Carvell stated that he had in his possession a letter from Mr. Wallace Nesbitt saying that the presence of Mr. Kyte was not necessary.

Sir William asked if he had any knowledge from Mr. Kyte that there was a matter not enquired into which she should have been.

Mr. Carvell replied: "Not so far as I have been allowed to get."

A Point of Law.

Mr. G. F. Henderson, mentioning that he was anxious to be out of the city tomorrow, claimed that anything which affected his client, Col. Allison, affected also the minister of militia and the shell committee.

York County and Suburbs

WELL ADAPTED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC

Good Business is Expected When New C. P. R. Station is Formally Opened.

The inauguration of the new C.P.R. train service at the North Toronto station has already had a wonderful effect in drawing attention to the adaptability of the new depot to serve the traveling public. All day yesterday there was a lively atmosphere around the new terminus, indicating good business when the building is formally opened.

All the east and west bound trains from Montreal, Ottawa, Peterboro, Owen Sound and Teeswater arrived and left sharp on time. More passengers were carried than on Monday, and there was a lot of express matter and heavy consignments of milk from all along the line.

The idea of a central market has taken firm hold of the business men and citizens and it is now practically assured that the idea will be carried out very shortly. Numerous plans are being evolved to get over the Yonge street railway difficulty and bridge the "gap" at Farnham avenue.

THE HONOR ROLL OF YORK MILLS SCHOOL

The following is the honor roll of York Mills School for May, 1916:

Fourth—1, Donald Strathdee; 2, Cyril Fulton; 3, Frank Little; 4, Edwin Perry.

Senior third—1, Lucy Pratt; 2, Mary Jackson; 3, Bella Wright; 4, Bessie Moynihan.

Junior third—1, Percy Wood; 2, Laura Pratt; 3, Gladys Little; 4, Clarence Bales; 5, Earl Crow; 6, Ollie Pratt; 7, Clara Wood; 8, Bob Taylor.

Second class—1, Dorothy Villiers; 2, Annie Moynihan; 3, May Risk; 4, Stanton Moriarty; 5, Arthur Crowley; 6, Frank Taylor; 7, Otto Mercier.

First class—1, Ruth Moynihan; 2, Willie Jackson; 3, Eric Moynihan.

Primary B—1, Marjorie Little; 2, Doris Crow; 3, Inez Fulton.

Primary A—1, Nellie Crowley; 2, Margaret Valliere; 3, Wallace Moriarty.

TO HELP YORK RANGERS.

A very successful open air patriotic meeting, under the auspices of the 220th York Rangers' Overseas Battalion was held in Silverthorn last night. Music by the recimental band and addresses by R. B. Henderson, Rev. E. J. McKittrick, Sergt. Gibbon and Lieut. Stoneham were features of the evening. At Runnymede on Monday evening a number of fine recruits were obtained.

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