

EDWARD H. ROBINS BACK IN TORONTO

Popular Actor Has Been Training With New York Giants.

BENEFIT FOR HEROES

Stock Players Anxious to Do Something for Returned Soldiers.

Edward H. Robins, accompanied by the members of the Robins Players Company, which begins its third summer season of stock at the Royal Alexandra Theatre commencing next Monday evening, arrived in Toronto yesterday and is registered at the King Edward Hotel.

Am glad to get back here particularly at this time, because of the close affiliation of Canada and the United States. Nothing has pleased me so much as when President Wilson severed diplomatic relations with the Kaiser and when war was declared on Germany.

I saw this great country prepare for the successful prosecution of the war. I have watched the training of the Canadian military authorities growing more and more efficient.

Last week in New York City I marched in the "Walk up America" parade, which took place on the 24th of June. In that parade I was one of the thousands of men and women who saw the Stars and Stripes side by side with the flag of Canada.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAYS' EVENTS REVIEWED

their way forward a considerable distance. Owing to the importance of this road, which will permit them to debouch on the Craonne Plateau, they are meeting with rather stiff resistance from the Germans.

A railway which runs laterally a short distance behind this front of the Champagne front in the hands of the French, even to the eventual forcing of a retreat to preserve the liaison of his forces in this region.

The significant feature of the Franco-British operations of the past two weeks has been the capture of 330 guns with the 33,000 prisoners; that is, the high proportion of guns to prisoners taken.

Stewart Lyon telegraphs from the Canadian front that the German shells and high explosives have shown great deterioration in quality, and that their hand grenades from bombs, the noise as before, do not give the same efficient results as they formerly gave.

In their operations in France during the past two weeks the British fired four million shells, according to Lord Curzon. In a speech he said that the operations of the past 14 days constituted a considerable military victory.

Latest news from Mesopotamia shows that General Sir Stanley Maude is attacking the Turks at the Istabulat position on the right bank of the Tigris River.

The British army in Palestine has established contact with the Turkish main line before Gaza and a battle for the possession of this point is imminent. It has not already been joined.

It was a great deal more than blind luck which delivered two and probably three German torpedo boat destroyers over to destruction on Friday night from two British patrol boats.

Lettin' Out Rattell Snails to Bite Billy.



The Lan'mark: Now, look here, Mister, keep good an' mum if yuh know anything about 't' delegation that was sent from Kandy some years ago to get Kaiser Bill to 'aid Ireland' on a white horse, cross th' Boyne, an' put King George off th' throne th' might he give home rule to Ireland; an' to bekum King William of Germany, Britain an' Ireland.

Yok: Well what about the Kaiser having Canada's nickel mines? Are you for that? And should the Germans pay for their tin mining taxes on our nickel?

Lan'mark: Yuh been readin' Billy's paper. He got to that by chance. Any way I'd sooner let th' Kaiser have th' hildern mines than Billy should show up th' game. He ain't got no rite to hurt th' Ferguson or Nasseus. They were lined up in sun way with King William. An' becuz Billy showed up how the Kaiser got our nickel, he gettin' all th' rattell snails in tin ret to let loose in South York; an' I'm lettin' them loose. Billy knows about the plot to get th' Kaiser to put King George off th' throne. An' don't yuh let out a peep, mister. I kin put more rattell snails loose 'n th' on more tin cans in yuh bet. Rattell snails an' tin cans is my big hot, mister.

Hok: What about hotels doing business without selling liquor?

Lan'mark: Yuh kin no more run a hotel without likker than yuh kin a nooseeper without likker ads. Don't I know!

case of this large number so far in excess of the generally accepted strength of the German army, that for thirty years the German Government has never given out a true census. There is a consolation to us in this fact that Germany may find some difficulty in feeding such a collection. And the feeding problem is a tough one, lan' it?

To the sport-loving readers of your paper it might be of interest to speak of my training trip with the New York Giants.

THE TORONTO WORLD

Yok Giants. As the guest of Manager McGraw that was there in the greatest baseball general in the game, past or present, and I dare say future, I spent six and a half weeks in Texas at Marlin Springs.

Reduced eighteen pounds and discovered muscles I never knew existed. Just try strenuous exercise for a couple of days and discover in how many places you can ache at once.

And what a fine bunch of men—all real fellows. Played ball with them every day. Saw the regrettable Cobb and Herzog incident, in which the Georgian pulled the dirtiest trick ever known in baseball.

Regarding the Robins Players, just say we are here to do our best with the most attractive company we have ever had and with the most generous anyone of which I'll guarantee to be of higher plane of attractiveness. The first benefit we want to give is for the soldiers from the front.

York County and Suburbs

BODY FOUND IN STREAM NEAR MIMICO ASYLUM

Marks on Body and Face Would Seem to Indicate Foul Play.

While walking along the sidewalk, opposite the second entrance to Mimico, about 6.30 on Sunday morning, on her way from New Toronto, a young woman passing and noticed the body of a man lying in the little stream which passes through the Asylum grounds, at a point where the culvert crosses underneath the main road.

NEW METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Archer Wallace, M.A., of the Central Methodist Church, Ascot Avenue, presided at the cornerstone turning the first sod in connection with the new North Earlscourt Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon.

MEN'S OWN BROTHERHOOD.

"Honesty of Purpose in Public Life" was the subject of an address given by Comptroller Cameron at the meeting of the Earlscourt Men's Own Brotherhood in Central Methodist Church, Ascot Avenue, yesterday afternoon.

PATRIOTIC SHOWER.

A successful patriotic shower, on behalf of the soldiers at the base hospital, Toronto, was recently held in St. Michael and All Angels' rectory, Wychwood, under the auspices of Mrs. J. Brain, wife of the rector, and a committee of women of the patriotic society.

SCARBORO MAN WOUNDED.

A telegram received by H. A. Bolton, G.T.R. night operator at Scarborough Junction, from Ottawa, yesterday, conveyed the intelligence that his son, Private Frank Bolton, who was one of the first to leave from the county for overseas service, had been wounded. The telegram conveyed no further information.

Seeding Makes Good Start With Land in Good Shape

Saturday was a big day for the farmers, practically the first real seeding was made all thru the counties of York, Ontario, Peel and Halton, thousands of acres being sown with wheat, corn, and other crops.

BOYS AND GIRLS

Time you hurried up into those gardens; the warm weather is coming along. See Sunday World.

TORONTO FIREMEN BADLY UNDERPAID

Receive Lowest Wages of Any American City of Same Size.

HOURS ARE LONG

Home for Meals Only for Six Days of Every Week.

Toronto's firefighters are the poorest paid and work the longest and most exacting hours of any fire department in any city of the same size and population in America.

Most of the American cities employ the two platoon system, with 12 hours on duty and 12 hours off. This gives the men a chance to be at home a greater number of their hours of duty.

Table with 5 columns: City, Pop., Cap., Lat., and Grade. Lists cities like Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Los Angeles, etc.

BUDGET STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL

Finance Commissioner Today Lays His Annual Report Before Aldermen.

ECONOMY NECESSARY Revenue From Assessments Has Shown Little Increase in War Years.

In the budget statement as finally amended, which will be submitted to the meeting of the city council this afternoon, Thomas Bradshaw, commissioner of finance, brings to the attention of the council many important matters that are worthy of the attention of the citizens who have to meet the city's expenditures by the payment of taxes.

Thru the exemption from the business tax, granted by the legislature, to brewers, distillers and hotelkeepers, the assessment for 1917 has been reduced to the extent of \$2,322,697.

While the assessments have been more than doubled since 1910, for the past three years assessed values have been almost stationary. This condition, says the finance commissioner, is an added reason why the city must resort to other means to undertake any fresh capital expenditure.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Lists various departments like Debt charges, Schools, General administration, etc.

If the policy adopted by the council is adhered to, the commissioner believes the tax rate should not be increased in the near future, but a reasonable reduction may be looked for thru the additional revenue that should be obtained thru the abattoir, water works system, civic car lines, registry office, Exhibition park and other sources that are at present being considered.

During 1916 the debentures sold by the city amounted to \$12,385,914, the price realized being such that the average rate to the city of 6.03 per cent. Two public offerings were made and the businesslike manner in which the debentures were sold was most favorably commended.

Mr. Bradshaw warns the council that the prolonged continuance of the war is moving as it does the keen demand for capital resources. It more difficult to find a satisfactory market for all municipal securities and it cannot be expected that the city will be able to float its debentures on such favorable terms as it did last year.

The existing funded debt of the city up to the end of last year amounted to \$97,730,920.83, which is an increase of \$11,554,896.40 during the year.

equaled only by one other city on the list, namely, Los Angeles. However, the maximum reaches \$1,200 a year, and the grade increases are better than those given to Toronto's men, while Toronto's population is only 95,335 as compared with Los Angeles, the same population as Toronto it might be noted that Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Seattle start their firemen at \$864, and when one becomes a captain he is paid \$1,500, as compared with Toronto's salary of \$1,300.

Mechanics Better Treated Another issue which the Toronto firefighters find grievance is that fire department mechanics and fire alarm men work only eight and ten hours a day. Also in one hundred and five American cities, fifteen Canadian cities, Toronto is the only city that requires the deputy and district chiefs to serve in a grade. Another item pointed out is that deputy chiefs reach the maximum salary in three years, while a district chief is compelled to serve four years.

Because of the depletion of the ranks of the fire brigade by enlistments, Toronto mechanics also now confronted with a more severe task than ever. Before the war they claim that attention on this subject by the city of Detroit and the strength of their fire brigade, Toronto requires 185 more men, while the following cities with a population of 147 more men. The following is a schedule of salaries in nine American cities for the grades and ranks of firemen, and it is interesting to note in view of the Toronto firemen's plea for more money, that Toronto holds the proud position of the stingiest.

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murder of Nurse Edith Cavell appears to have accepted the intelligence with composure, if not with satisfaction, says the statement.

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Good year Wingfoot Heels Guaranteed

We guarantee Goodyear Wingfoot Air Heels to outwear any other rubber heels you have ever worn, or any others you can now buy. Should they not meet this guarantee, return them to us at Toronto, or to any Goodyear Branch, and get a new pair free. The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. of Canada, Limited, Toronto, Ontario.



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Building New Roads Tens of Thousands of Men Prepare for Another Advance.

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SIXTY CENTS

a pair put on black or chocolate—late—12 stores or shoe repairers. A proof of quality on new shoes, too.



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