scale. The damage they have done to the coal mines in northern France, in the Lens district, is of a most serious nature. From information at hand it would appear that the Germans have done their work so thoroly that it may be impossible to get the mines in operation for a long time.

More towns are burning. Even the farm houses of the peasants in the area northwest of Lille have been set ablaze, and the enemy seems determined to devastate completely the country and destroy everything they can reach. Long clouds of smoke and sparks are being blown across the horizon.

The Troubles of a Confettieer.

John: You look like an undertaker, Mr. Mayor, tho walking on confetti.

Tommy: I'm going too much with Josephus. But the boys are after me for speaking one way at Hocken's dinner and the other way in public.

John: When is the viaduct to be opened and street cars got to Leaside?

Tom: It's better to be late and sure than to do anything contrary to the orders of the day that come to me every morning over the phone.

John: Don't you do the hand-outs that you pass along to the reporters every morning?

Tommy: I hand them out. Lots of those things they print I read them first in the sporting editions.

John: Then, are you the coat-hook?

Tommy: Yes; Sam McBride doesn't look like an undertaker, but he can weep like one.

John: Yes, Sam said yesterday that you were a confettieer.

The "Flu" and the Viaduct.

Crowded street cars are nests for influenza. Colonel Roy Harris should open the Bloor street viaduct at the earliest moment, because the cars, once they are running over it, carry traffic both ways at the crowded periods, instead of only one way, as at present. This will be an immense relief. But it may not be according to Hoyle, and Hoyle goes with Roy more than anything else. Dr. Hastings should give the great man a hint.

THREE IN THE FIELD IN NORTH HURON

Wingham, Oct. 7.—Three candidates were nominated here today to contest the seat, made vacant by the retirement of H. A. Musgrove, for the legislature.

Dr. Thos. E. Case of Dungannon was nominated by the Conservatives, W. H. Fraser, reve of Morris Township, by the Liberals, and George Spotton of Wingham, representing himself as an Independent Conservative. Geo. Walker of Gorrie, returning officer for the riding of North Huron, presided.

COUNCIL PASSES SALARY INCREASES

$60,000 a Year Added to Payroll of Inside Service.

DOUBLE PLATOON PLAN

Mayor Describes Increases as "Raid on Treasury," and Leaves Chamber.

Salary increases in the inside civic service totaling about $60,000 a year were granted by the city council yesterday after an acriminous debate. The double platoon system for the fire department, to become effective on Dec. 24, was also adopted. It took hours of discussion before the salary increases were granted, and they were made in the face of particularly strong protest from the mayor, who claimed they were all out of order and quoted from the city finance commissioner that they constituted a raid on the treasury. A feature of the session, which lasted from two-thirty o'clock until after midnight, with an intermission for dinner, was the unusual moderation of Controller McBride and also his little homily against the use of slang in debate. The mayor would only approve of the increases in his own and the city clerk's departments, and finally towards the close of the session, when his objections were without avail, he left the chamber as a protest. His worship's "confetti"-throwing proclivities were also humorously referred to.

Bylaw is Withdrawn.

Disaster was the fate of the smooth effort made to secure the passage of a bylaw to prohibit the erection of moving picture theatres on Danforth avenue. The board of control sought authority to introduce such a measure, but council declined to extend it. Ald. Honeyford also presented a petition signed by property owners on Danforth avenue protesting against the passage of any such bylaw.

The Double Platoon.

There was no doubt among members of council as to the advisability of adopting the double platoon system in the fire brigade. The board of control had recommended that it be inaugurated on January 1 next. But there were those who wanted it instanter. It should be adopted at once and not allowed to stand until the first of the year. Controller McBride wanted Dec. 24 next, fixed as the date for the adoption of the system, and for the providing of the necessary funds. He made a motion to this effect, and Ald. F. M. Johnston came along with an amendment that on or before January first the system be adopted. On the other hand the mayor asked council to approve the double platoon system, leave the details of its working out to the chief of the brigade and that its final adoption be taken up when next year's estimates are being considered. There were no funds to permit of the adoption of the system, the mayor said, and, therefore, it would be out of order for council to order the double platoon system. Further, the firemen themselves had stated to him they did not want the change made until the first of the year. The mayor doubted the matter would have been considered were it not for the fact that the elections were approaching.

Ald. Johnston subsequently withdrew his amendment and council voted on the mayor's amendment, which, however, had only two supporters—Ald. Plewman and Hiltz.

Controller McBride's motion was then carried ordering the double platoon system established on Dec. 24.

Says Account Was Padded.

Charging that the account was padded, Ald. Ball and others opposed the payment of $2500 to J. H. McKnight, of Lancaster avenue, in full of any claim he may have for damages as a result of the withdrawal of his permit to erect a public garage on Lancaster avenue. Council agreed with them to the extent of having the city's legal department take the matter under consideration.

The amount for $1550 from the royal commission which made the award in the matter of increased salaries for civic employes was the subject of a long discussion. It was recognized that the city was bound to pay it, but strong objection was taken to the fact that the commissioners had not or would not furnish a copy of the evidence taken during the hearing. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the award was binding on all parties concerned and no good could come from a production of the evidence.

Ald. F. M. Johnston wanted the opinion of the city solicitor as to whether the city could legally pay T. A. Stevenson and Fred Bancroft, the two labor representatives on the commission, each $210.

Controller McBride said he for one would not vote to pay a socialist any such sum, and further, he would like to know how it was there were aldermen present who would pay Bancroft the money, but who would not vote a grant for patriotic purposes. He moved to have the whole matter referred back and Judge Coatsworth asked for a copy of the evidence, but the motion was lost, as was also Ald. Johnston's, and the original recommendation of the board of control, that the account be paid, was adopted.

The increases of salaries themselves, as recommended by the various heads of departments, gave rise to a motion by Ald. F. M. Johnston that no increases be granted to any civil servant who was at present drawing $1800 a year or more.

Not Properly Considered.

The mayor complained that some of the recommended increases were not considered by a full board of control and he, therefore, did not feel inclined to vote for any of them other than those in the mayor's and city clerk's offices.

Controller McBride took occasion to observe that the mayor's office was much over-manned.

Ald. Sykes moved that no increase in excess of $200 a year be granted.

Controller McBride expressed abhorrence at Ald. McMulkin's choice of language. That gentleman had used the expression "You can't put that stuff over on me," when Controller McBride observed that such slang was improper at such a gathering as a meeting of the Toronto City Council. His colleagues were so surprised at this little lecture on the proper conduct of debate, coming as it did from Controller McBride, that they could only sit in amazement.

Ald. Sykes at this point had another proposal, which was to refer the matter back to the board of control, who would confer with the heads of departments and report to a special meeting of council.

Ald. Ball: If we are justified in making any increases whatever, we should then make a survey of the whole civil service, and for that reason I would favor considering this matter at a special meeting.

Ald. Graham moved that no increases in excess of $1500 be granted, but that those increases be referred back for consideration.

The mayor declared all the increases were out of order, and warned council that the increases were simply a raid on the treasury. He moved that all the recommendations for increases be struck out.

But council turned down one by one every motion made, and decided to take up the increases by departments. The city clerk's and mayor's departments went thru without a murmur, but the department of health only had its increases granted after a warm protest by the mayor. The assessment department's increases were also warmly criticized, but they, too, were put thru without change, altho the mayor made an unsuccessful effort to have them referred back, or at least reduced. The various other department increases were also passed, and in every case the mayor first moved to have them referred back and then to have them reduced, and likewise in every case he was unsuccessful. The increases recommended by the royal commission were passed without debate.

Mayor Church formally said farewell to General Bickford, who is going overseas with the Siberian Expeditionary Force, and the general replied briefly.

Spanish "Flu."

Ald. Risk, chairman of the local board of health, informed the council that Medical Health Officer Hastings was in Washington in connection with the outbreak of "Spanish flu." When he returned today a board meeting would be held to consider what was to be done in Toronto to cope with the outbreak. The council would probably be asked for assistance.

The mayor deplored the fact, he said, that Dr. Hastings had absolutely surrendered his authority in matters of health to the military. He should take steps to regain it.

Council decided, Ald. F. W. Johnston, Cowan, Blackburn, Honeyford and Nesbitt dissenting, to oppose the threatened injunction to prevent the city paying the $15,000 voted last week to the Catholic army huts. The city's legal department was instructed to take the necessary steps.

The vote on the adoption of the board of control's report was taken shortly after one o'clock this morning, and was as follows:

In favor—O'Neill, McBride, Robbins, Birdsall, McMulkin, F. M. Johnston, Sykes, Cowan, F. W. Johnston, Beamish, Nesbitt, Ball, Gibbons, Hiltz, Graham, Maguire.

The mayor's vote was the only one cast against.

The mayor said his name had been bandied about, and he wished to say if it had not been for the war he would not now be mayor of the city. He had two positions offered him as general counsel for certain firms, but had refrained from accepting them, deeming it his duty to remain at his post.

MANY NEW CASES REPORTED IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—Many new cases of influenza were reported Monday, but there was no alarming spread reported to the civic authorities. Eleven deaths were reported during the day.

With the improved weather conditions, physicians were hopeful that the disease would soon be checked.

Since Sept. 15 last there have been 58 deaths among the citizens of Ottawa from influenza or pneumonia and 12 patients from outside points died in the capital during the same period from these diseases.

Thirty-five doctors, who reported to the health board had about 2400 cases on their lists. As there are about 80 physicians in the city this would indicate that there are at least 4500 cases in the city.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

OFFICIALS MOTORED ACROSS THE VIADUCT

Workmen put the finishing touches on the track allowance and roadway on the south side of the entire Don viaduct yesterday, and the inspectors and officials in automobiles crossed both ways several times.

The re-surfacing at the approach to the main bridge at the eastern end was completed.

The wood blocking of the roadway north of the street car tracks on the main bridge is well advanced, and should be completed on Wednesday.

Survey work was carried on yesterday on the new roadways between the Rosedale bridge and Sherbourne street, and poles were placed in position on the bend near the Rosedale bridge.

The skeleton piers in a rather shaky condition, still stand on Glen road awaiting the next step.

Progress was made by the large gang of men on the track intersection at Broadview. The structure is laid and the rails on Broadview north imbedded in concrete and the granite sets laid for over a hundred feet. This work should be completed on Wednesday at latest.

Over 200 men were on all sections of the undertaking yesterday.

DON ROAD AND TAYLOR'S HILL.

Mr. Rogers was out to Taylor's Hill on the Don road to see why Contractor Law was so slow in getting the crushed stone on the new grade. He said he had 50 cars at the contractor's disposal, and would lend him all the motor trucks he had rather than see Hon. George Henry, minister of agriculture, get mired in the clay and the spring and rain water on his own road. Colonel Skelhorn expressed no surprise when he heard that the governor and the premier of the province had had to be jacked up out of the ruts made on De Grassi Hill by the vagrant streams of water that came down over the brick pavement. Mr. Law got four loads and a jag of stone put down yesterday. But he hopes to do better today. As Hon. Mr. Henry said to Colonel Skelhorn, the frost is on the pumpkin and its blight is on the fodder corn. But Engineer James continues to mean well.

POULTRY KEEPERS MEET.

Miss Yates, government lecturer, delivered an interesting address at a well-attended meeting of the Danforth Poultry Association in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last evening. D. K. Crook, president, occupied the chair. Many other matters of interest to poultry keepers were discussed.

FAIR WAS SUCCESS.

At the meeting of the Earlscourt Fall Fair committee, held at the secretary's office last night, it was stated that about 5000 people passed thru the gates at the recent fair in Royce Park. The accounts are expected to show a balance on the right side, a satisfactory ending for the first fair that Earlscourt ever had. Committees are now being elected for the 1919 fair.

RETURNS FROM CONFERENCE.

Rev. Peter Bryce has returned from Hamilton where he attended the Methodist conference. The various departments of the Central Methodist Church are busy making arrangements for their Christmas work, sending boxes of good things to the boys overseas and also looking to the needs of the people in the poorer section of Earlscourt.

OPENS NEW CAFE.

If the large number of customers who patronized the new Leaside cafe on the opening day, Saturday, is any criterion, the success of the war veteran, M. Fitzpatrick, who has started the first restaurant in the Town of Leaside, is assured. The new restaurant, to be known as Fitzpatrick's Cafe, is on Laird avenue, convenient to the munition works and the R.A.F. buildings.

LATE MISS ALMA CLEGG WAS BURIED YESTERDAY

The funeral took place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery yesterday afternoon of the late Alma Clegg, 15 Frizzell avenue, who died of influenza on Saturday, aged 16 years and 5 months. The late Miss Clegg was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rickard Clegg and was a regular attendant at East Gerrard Street Methodist Church, and prominent in Epworth League and Sunday school activities.

Rev. A. P. Brace, pastor, officiated.

LATE WM. McMURRICH.

The funeral of the late William McMurrich, 10 Sumach place, who died on Friday last in his 31st year, will take place at St. John's Cemetery, Norway, this afternoon. The late Mr. McMurrich is survived by his widow and three young children.

PREACHED AT AURORA.

Rev. A. P. Brace, pastor East Gerrard Street Methodist Church, was the preacher at a largely attended Sunday school rally at Aurora Methodist Church.

SEND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

The Riverdale Patriotic League is busy preparing 200 Christmas parcels to send to the men overseas. A meeting will be held next week, when the recent tag day report will be received. Mrs. Ewart Wilson is president of the league.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FALLEN HEROES

A memorial service was held at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Leaside, Sunday evening for Pte. Wm. Bigham and Sergt. J. Godfrey, C.E.F., recently killed at the front. A memorial tablet was also unveiled in memory of Sergt. Joseph Thompson, C.E.F., Bayview avenue, killed in action at the Somme in 1916. Rev. J. M. Lamb, rector, officiated. The honor roll contains the names of 135 men of the parish who have enlisted for overseas, 14 of whom have been killed.

DANCE AND SOCIAL.

A very enjoyable dance and social was held last evening at the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House, Leaside. Mrs. MacDougall, resident hostess, superintended the proceedings and many boys from the R. A.F. Camp and visiting hostesses from the city were present.

NEWMARKET MINISTER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Rev. W. J. Woods, pastor of the Newmarket Methodist Church, died suddenly about noon yesterday following a stroke of paralysis. The late Mr. Woods came to Newmarket a little over a year ago from Belleville. He was about 55 years old, and is survived by a widow and two young daughters. One son is in France. Interment will take place in Newmarket on Thursday.

Markham Township Council Passes the Hydro Bylaw

The Markham Township Council, at its session in Unionville yesterday, gave the Hydro-Electric bylaw adopted by the Village of Unionville a month ago, its third and final reading, and application will at once be made to the Ontario Hydro Power Commission for the construction of a light and power line from Agincourt. Markham will at once take steps to have the system extended to that point two and a half miles further on.

REV. DR. BRIGGS RESIGNS OFFICE

Methodists Pass Motion Limiting Age of Officials to Seventy Years.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Decided, However, by a Vote of Hundred and Seventy-Nine to Eighty-Seven.

Hamilton, Oct. 7.—Rev. Dr. Briggs, book steward of the Methodist Church, has resigned his position. This fact was not announced to the general conference, which at the end of the special session passed the recommendation of the special committee which reported in favor of fixing the age limit 70 years for officers of the Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Briggs is 83 years of age, and tho the conference did not know it, his resignation should be in the hands of the general superintendent since this morning. Dr. Briggs was present during part of the discussion, which waxed quite warmly, but left before it was over. Nearly all of those who spoke on the question came out strongly against the proposal. In spite of this the conference passed the motion by a vote of 179 to 87, after turning down an amendment to allow the election of men over 70 years of age on a two-thirds vote.

As elections are for a four-year period, the purport of this resolution means that if a man is elected, say at the age of 69, he will be ineligible for re-election four years later, when he is 73 years of age.

"Who would have thought of passing an age limit on Gladstone?" asked G. A. Proctor, of Sarnia. "Ithink it is a singular resolution to bring into this conference. I do not think there is anyone here who cannot catch the eye or lay the hand on the shoulder of someone over 70 years old.

Idea is All Wrong.

"The idea of cutting off the head of every man over 70 years is all wrong," said Mr. Proctor. "I'm 75, and I do more work now for the church than any young man under 20 years. If the church is going to be run by young men, the young men have to wake up, and wake up mighty fast."

Lieut.-Col. C. B. Keenleyside of Regina declared that, had the British Empire taken Lord Roberts' advice, given long ago, after he was 70 years of age, it would have avoided many of the recent disasters.

Rev. Dr. Bland of Winnipeg thought the responsibility of electing a man over 70 years of age as a conference officer was a heavy one for the church to assume, and he suggested that if a man over 70 were selected it should not be for a greater period than one year.

The German peace proposal was roundly denounced at the conference, and a wire has been prepared, to be forwarded to Premier Borden, assuring him that million Canadian Methodists are willing cheerfully to support any measures, and accept any inconveniences to make Canada's war effort adequate and efficient.

Missions Centenary.

At the afternoon's session, Rev. Dr. Pinson, general secretary of the foreign mission board of the Methodist Episcopal South, congratulated his Canadian brethren on the success of their missionary effort.

In speaking of the movement to celebrate the centenary of Methodist missions, he said that stress was being laid on prayer, and the reaffirmation of the sense of Christian stewardship. It was proposed to raise $80,000,000 from the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, and $35,000,000 from the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The idea of tithing incomes was meeting with great favor. In five years this would pay all the needs of American missions, and leave $1,150,000 for all the other causes of the church.

Referring to the valor of Canadian soldiers, he said, "I want to say right here that the lads from Canada and from America have put a lot of pep into this thing that would not otherwise be there. There's something really red in the western blood."

Scoffs at Peace Proposals.

Rev. W. Hodson Smith, fraternal delegate from the British Wesleyan Church, raised the conference to a high pitch of enthusiasm by his references to the peace proposals of Germany. The imperial chancellor's speech in the reichstag, he referred to as "full as inconsistency, full of bluff," and its reference to labor as "this peculiar audacity."

"I am absolutely certain," he went on, "that the men of France, the men of Great Britain, the men of Canada, of America, of Italy, will say we are not disposed to open negotiations with this burglar, with this murderer."

The president of the conference announced that a wire had been prepared for despatch to Premier Borden, expressing the sentiment of the conference in regard to the German peace proposals.

Message to Premier.

The despatch was as follows:

"That this general conference, speaking for a million Canadian Methodists, desires to assure the prime minister of its first determination cheerfully to support whatever measures and to accept any inconvenience which may be required to make Canada's war effort adequate and efficient.

"We rejoice in the indications that enemy governments are seriously reconsidering their politics nd international policy. But while we deprecate measures prompted by desire for revenge, we look to our national leaders, in co-operation with the imperial and allied governments, to secure such a complete settlement of the world's political and military order as will be commensurate with the sacrifice made by the womanhood of the world, and will crown with vindication and success the careers which have been arrested and the lives which have been laid down."

A wire was received from James Mills of Ottawa, protesting strongly against the proposed age limit on ministers and officers of the church.

Hitherto general conference officers have been elected by ballot without nominations. The conference decided today after a lively debate to have the general conference committee nominate three for each office, and that further nominations may be made from the floor of the conference.

Rev. S. T. Bartlett led a conference on the policy and program of the church on Sunday schools and young people's societies.

There were two principles which he desired to emphasize. "We cannot do the work of the church of the future with the machinery of the past. What we must aim at is the maximum of efficiency with the minimum of machinery, and testing every bit of machinery by results."

Every annual conference should be left free to choose the kind of machinery suited to its needs. There must be latitude allowed, or local initiative would be lacking. In conclusion he appealed for adequate financial provision for the work.

At the Evening Session.

At the evening session, Rev. Dr. J. W. Graham spoke on the educational work of the church, and Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., presented his report as general secretary of the department of social service and evangelism, showing greatly increased interest among the church people in the work. He declared that the people would see to it that an act of parliament made permanent the Dominion prohibition measure now existing as a war-time measure under order-in-council.

The quadrennial financial statement indicated the increased interest and confidence in the department. The receipts by quadrenniums were: 1902-6, $15,396,86; 1906-10, $28,620.93; 1910-14, $82,711.30, and 1914-18, $127,668.36. The annual receipts for the last quadrennium were: 1914-15, $24,904.04; 1915-16, $29,679.92; 1916-17, $36,571.86, and 1917-18, $36,522.44. Expenditures were: 1914-15, $28,487.17; 1915-16, $31,980.19; 19-16-17, $31,619.08, and 1917-18, $34,147.82. The balance on hand at the beginning of the quadrennium of $14,512.83 has been increased to $15,956.80.

HURRY SOLDIERS FROM THE EAST

Seven Hundred Returned Men Expected in Toronto Today.

About seven hundred returned soldiers are due to arrive in Toronto today. A contingent of 550 left Quebec yesterday en route to Toronto. Several trains are required to bring the returned men.

The first is expected in North Toronto station about two o'clock this afternoon. It will bring either furlough men or returned wounded men. The cause of so many troops being rushed from the coast is because of the severe Spanish influenza epidemic in the maritime provinces. The hurry has also rendered it impossible for list of names to be sent ahead for publication.

There are 800 hospital cases included in one party, and Toronto headquarters has sent several doctors to meet the troops.

On arrival in Toronto, most of the soldiers will probably have to go to the district depot before proceeding to their homes. The names of 250 of those returning are:

Officers.

Major A. S. Langrill, 229 King street, Hamilton; Capt. C. A. MacPherson, 45 Stanley street, St. Thomas; Nursing Sister H. T. Rogers, 69 Oriole street, Toronto; Nursing Sister L. A. Spry, 231 Delaware avenue, Toronto; Nursing Sister L. Walker, 123 Eric avenue, Brantford.

N.C.O.'s and Men.

J. Agnew, 13 Spence street, Toronto; R. J. Anderson, 92 Frizzell avenue, Toronto; A. F. Andrews, 182 Dovercourt road, Toronto; G. Ashley, 7 Seymour avenue, Toronto; W. J. Asselstine, 116 Pembroke street, Toronto; R. Arlington, 199 John street, Hamilton.

K. D. Bellanger, 133 Lappin avenue, Toronto; G. E. Beaumont, Stanley Barracks, Toronto; J. B. Black, 22 Davenport rd., Toronto; W. E. Breadmore, 2 Marknam place, Toronto; J. Broadhead, 879 West Queen street, Toronto; M. Burchall, 27 Harcourt avenue, Toronto; A. Blunt, 38 Armstrong avenue, Toronto; J. T. Beckett, Central avenue, London; A. J. Bacon, Stony Point; A. E. Baines, 18 Richardson street, Galt; J. M. Baird, Box 635, New Liskeard, Ont.; A. Ball, Dundalk, Ont.; N. Bombarry, Chowshan, Ont.; C. H. Buckler, Cobourg, Ont.; F. S. Burcombe, 157 Oke street, Bath, Me., U.S.A.; J. Birkett, 10 Glendale avenue, Hamilton; R. Brass, 21 S. Cardine street, Hamilton.

E. J. J. Campion, 263 Sumach street, Toronto; F. W. Clarke, 17 Golden avenue, Mt. Dennis, Toronto; A. Crockett, 382 Sherbourne street, Toronto; D. Cuthbert, 1211 West Queen street, Toronto; M. Campbell, Hanover, Ont.; T. Carlyle, Woodbridge; F. Coney, Simcoe street, Tillsonburg; H. H. Craig, 352 East 8th street, Owen Sound, Ont.; H. A. Crisban, Box 607, Oshawa; T. G. Cleaver, Harrison; A. Cherriere, 388 McNab st., Hamilton; S. W. Cox, 199 N. John street, Hamilton.

J. E. Dean, 198 Wellesley street, Toronto; P. F. Dollery, 256 Bickle avenue, Toronto; M. Dorsey, 155 George street, Toronto; M. Dulberg, 35 Spring street, Baltimore, Md.; F. Day, 189 Lefferidge street, Hamilton; R. Duncan, 127 Chestnut avenue, Hamilton.

S. J. Edmunds, 64 St. Albans street, Toronto.

F. W. Fletcher, 40 Redwood avenue, Toronto; H. Fraser, 128 Carson street, Toronto; F. G. Freeman, 17 Broadview avenue, Toronto; H. H. Foster, Waterdown P.O.; A. Fairbrother, North Bay, Ont.

J. Goreham, 149 Hastings avenue, Toronto; A. Golding, 21 Gore Vale avenue, Toronto; W. Gingell, 21 Grant street, Toronto; E. F. Goodman, 714 Spadina avenue, Toronto; J. Gray, 17 Brandstone avenue, Fairbank, Toronto; M. W. Gurney, 333 Markham street, Toronto; C. J. Gimbleby, 72 Nelson street, Toronto; W. J. Gilpin, R.R. No. 2, New Lowell; E. Gitls, Tillsonburg; W. Golding, Lynedoch, Ont.; R. Godbelt, 608 Marquette avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

A. H. Harriett, 263 Sumach street, Toronto; T. H. Hodgins, 28 Condor avenue, Toronto; H. Hogg, 58 Summitt avenue, Sub. P.O. 71, Toronto; W. C. Hitchin, 11 Grant street, Toronto; R. T. Hanna, 152 Langley avenue, Toronto; J. Hall, 44 Blackthorn avenue, Toronto; N. Holden, Port Dover; L. J. Hatch, Spanish Fork, Utah, B.F.D., No. 1, U.S.A.; R. W. Hastings, Englehart, Ont.; G. Hovland, 220 First avenue, Englehart, Ont.; T. G. Hurlbert, Euclire, Ont.; R. Henry, 71 Hunter street, Hamilton; F. R. Hanna, Meaford, Ont.; E. B. Holt, 4109 Western avenue, Chicago, Ill.; C. B. Hawkins, Wyoming, Ont.; N. Hold, no address.

A. E. Johnston, Dorchester street, London; T. S. Joslin, Simcoe; F. Jones, 47 Myrtle avenue, Welland; W. R. Johnson, Paris; G. Johnston, Picton; B. Johnson, Indian Reserve, Walpole island; D. Joan, West Monkton; J. C. Johnston, 42 Ann street, Toronto; H. A. Johnston, Toronto; M. J. Jackson, 1157 Dundas street, Toronto; W. Jarman, 481 Ontario street, Toronto; V. H. Jones, 15 Highfield road, Toronto; T. A. Jones, 371 Sackville street, Toronto.

W. Kerr, 88 Pape avenue, Toronto; G. Kitcher, Sixth street, New Toronto; J. H. Knight, 1130 Bloor street, Toronto; T. Kenyon, 476 James street, Hamilton; P. A. Kipen, 131 Oak street, Toronto.

E. Lester, 454 Main street, East Toronto; N. Lucas, 96 Bathgate avenue, Toronto; F. Linch, 146 Palmerston avenue, Toronto; B. L. Lee, 52 Wineva avenue, Toronto; P. Lichis, 555 Clendenan avenue, Toronto; H. J. Langan, 26 Elmer avenue, Toronto; F. A. Lord, 728 Brock avenue, Toronto; W. Lackey, R.R. No. 1, Frankton; H. Law, King City; G. Liddle, Monkelwood P.O.; J. W. Leuch, Omemee; W. Albert Lee, Minneapolis, U.S.A.; B. Lambert, 67 Rawden, Brantford; S. B. Lackberow, 124 Robins avenue, Hamilton; A. Leiper, 549 North James street, Hamilton; H. G. Laine, 204 Gibson avenue, Hamilton.

C. Morro, 162 Sackville street, Toronto; E. J. Moore, 20 East Dentonia Park avenue, Toronto; H. S. Merson, 54 Parkview Mansions, Toronto; M. McIntosh, 65 King street, Toronto; W. Murphy, Spring street, Cobourg; W. E. Moore, Milverton; J. C. Moore, 107 Park street, Chatham; T. T. Mellon, Coehill, Ont.; E. Murphy, 408 North James street, Hamilton; J. Moore, 25 Alberta avenue, Hamilton; R. G. Mills, 251 Brown street, Steelton; G. T. Madden, no address; J. H. McMullen, 457 Gerrard street, Toronto; H. McMardle, 59 McCaul street, Toronto; D. McPhee, 106 Seneca street, Toronto; J. McPhie, 125 Perrier avenue, Toronto; D. McIver, Box 151, Simcoe; W. G. McCleary, Beamsville; E. C. McDonald, Kingston.

A. H. Nicholls, 15 Roblock avenue, Toronto; C. Niblock, 1234 East Gerrard street, Toronto; J. H. Nicholls, Hamilton.

H. P. Parry, 9 Park avenue, Brantford; J. Patrick, 45 Morris street, Hamilton; H. Patton, 140 MacAuley street, Hamilton; H. Pinsegar, 102 Cedar street, Galt; F. W. Pritchard, Box 407, Orangeville; G. E. Phillips, Forest, Ill., U.S.A.; A. W. Patton, Everett P.O.

C. L. Ross, 93 Bertmont avenue, Toronto; A. B. Ramsay, 3 Tecumseh place, Toronto; A. C. Rowley, 763 Barton street, Hamilton; G. S. Rogers; G. M. Robinson, 755 Perry street, Niagara Falls.

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M. Zaichuk, 9 St. Patrick square, Toronto; H. A. Zeller, Stouffville.

ONTARIO CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Wounded—Capt. H. D. Thomas, Hamilton; J. Monteith, Windsor; F. R. Shannon, Collingwood; A. H. Woodworth, Hamilton; J. Sinclair, Sarnia; M. J. Callahan, Belleville; R. B. McGregor, Paisley.

Gassed—P. W. Ellis, Houlinette.

ARTILLERY.

Killed in action—Lieut. B. R. Lepper, 121 West St. Clair avenue, Toronto.

Died of wounds—J. H. Tribe, 2099 East Queen street, Toronto.

Ill—A. R. Pentecost, 45 Alhambra street, Toronto; H. V. Fursler, 125 Bickley avenue, Toronto.

Wounded—B. King, 1050 Ossington avenue, Toronto; A. Kentish, Lakeside; Frank Gurman, St. Catharines; Corp. G. A. Gray, Peterboro; Sergt. G. E. Willson, Stratford; Major E. E. Parmour, 102 Avenue road, Toronto.

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Killed in action—C. H. H. Gohen, 800 Bathurst street, Toronto.

Wounded—T. J. Edwards, Hamilton; T. Morin, Prescott; J. McDonald, Orillia; W. E. McFarlane, Wiarton; J. Aspley, M.M., 441 Merton street, Toronto; G. L. Clappison, Stratford; G. H. Coffery, Hamilton; R. F. Candler, Bowmanville; Corp. J. L. Woodstock, Joyceville; J. A. Ecie, 56 Stafford street, Toronto.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Missing—H. Bastien, Cobalt.

Wounded—A. A. Cole, Arthur; M. O'Rourke, 1539 Bahurst street, Toronto.

RAILWAY TROOPS.

Died of wounds—E. A. Harse, Hamilton.

Wounded—D. C. McCrea, Sault Ste. Marie.

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Wounded—W. A. Irwin, London.

SERVICES.

Died—W. J. Clegg, Orillia.

ENGINEERS.

Wounded—Lieut. G. F. Dalton, Ottawa; T. F. Gracey, Loretto.

AMERICANS TAKE HILLS IN AIRE VALLEY FIGHT

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 7.—The attack which culminated in the capture of Chatel Chehery began this morning by the left and left centre troops, from just north of Hill 223 to the western edge of the Argonne, where the French to the left joined in the assault. The infantry went forward at five o'clock, the troops on the east crossing the Aire. A heavy mist afforded the men good protection while it lasted. Beyond the river the men were infiltrated thru the valley between Hill 180 and Hill 223. Then they worked into the wood beyond and attacked and carried Hill 223 after hard fighting. The Germans began the withdrawal of their artillery when they saw the attack was likely to prove successful.

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

Altho the fighting in most sectors of the western front has fallen into a sort of temporary lull, the allied armies are still forging ahead at divers points, and have achieved further excellent strategical gains. For example, the British army, while pausing in the important sector of St. Quentin and Cambrai, fought local actions on the front immediately north of the River Scarpe, and captured Biaches and Oppy. These two villages formerly presented almost impregnable obstacles in the way of an advance on Douai, and the effect of their reduction is to drive a wedge north of the Scarpe so as further to sharpen what has become the salient of Douai. That salient will soon become too exposed for the Germans to hold. The French in the region southeast of St. Quentin obtained what Paris describes as fine results in the seizure of local positions and the taking of 700 prisoners. More important still for the French is the fact that they have captured the ford over the Aisne at Berry-au-Bac. This ford is upon the direct road from Rheims to Laon. The French in seizing it open the way for a turning movement against the southwestern pillar of the German defence at Laon in the Chemin des Dames. Further east the Americans have captured Chatel Chehery and commanding heights west of the River Aire. Berlin reports that the Americans launched another offensive between the Meuse and the Argonne last evening. Moreover, in Syria, the allied progress rapidly continues, and French naval forces have entered the chief Syrian seaport of Beirut.

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The military operations appear to be approaching the real crisis of the campaign. During the pause in certain sectors, which has had as its beginning a German sectional retirement, the allied supreme command has been redistributing forces so as to hit the Germans at other weak points. Marshal Foch has flattened out virtually all of the angles left projecting in the German lines, and his effort has lately been the driving of fresh wedges into the enemy positions. It is the success of this boring process that has so much alarmed the Germans, for the inability of the enemy to stop this work of the allies shows that he has been unable as yet to find a means of dealing with the new allied tactical system first introduced by General Byng. What the enemy now most wants is leisure of an armistice and a quiet front for the inventing of not only an answer to the allied methods of attack, but to perfect some new method of his own for a turning of the tables against the allies.

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While President Wilson is composing his reply to the German request for peace negotiations and an armistice, the allied armies at the front look askance at the German proposal. An armistice at the present moment would prove of immense military value to Germany. It would save her from probably complete military disaster. The allied attacks have compelled Germans to make a dangerous redistribution of their forces. The allies have made the enemy mass the vast bulk of his troops in the region between Laon, La Fere and Cambrai, and in the Champagne to meet the allied offensives. The enemy is holding the remainder of his front with the thinnest of concentrations. In fact, these concentrations outside of the threatened points are so thin as to be not real concentrations. The enemy dare not give way before the allied assaults, for he has only open country in his rear and no fortified defences awaiting occupation. An armistice would permit his withdrawal in safety to chosen positions, the contraction of his too extended front, and his raising of half a million recruits of his 1921 class and of additional forces already provided for in Germany. The allies, meanwhile, are in position to attack the enemy with extreme severity and power. Another British attack is soon coming in the Hindenburg line. The previous British attacks have destroyed the defences of this line; the coming British att