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BRANTFORD GIVES ROYAL WELCOME TO LIEUTENANT ASHTON COCKSHUTT RETURNING INVALIDED FROM FRONT

Vast Crowd of Eager and Sympathetic Onlookers Cheered the Young Officer Repeatedly—Mayor Spence First to Greet Him as He Alighted From the Train Accompanied by His Mother and Father, W. F. Cockshutt, M. P.

"I did the best I could. I am going back as soon as I am able. I thank you for your kind reception." In such words were the people thanked by Lieut. Ashton Cockshutt, home on furlough, and in them there is an appeal to every fit man. Let each young man read it as he best can. Have you done your best?

A HOME-COMING.

There was an immense throng, upwards of many thousands at the G. T. R. depot last night to welcome home the gallant officers, Lieut. A. Bishop, D.S.O. and Lieut. Ashton Cockshutt. Contrary to expectation, however, Lieut. Bishop, who had arrived home earlier in the day was not present and to the gallant, young soldier, the heart of the crowd went out and some stirring huzzas rent the air. Carrying a hold-all, jostled by an eager crowd, he passed to the car, quiet, self-contained, modest, a type of the noble youth who are giving all to serve King and Country.

Round the G. T. R. environs, up on the fountain, on the mound, lining the adjacent street, crammed on the platform, kept back by the ranks of red-coated Dragoons, they surged and swayed, old men and boys, iron and maiden, every class and every rank of life, represented in a diversity of loyal people who foregathered to give welcome and show sympathy. The Second Dragoons were present and their rousing cheer featured the entry of the 7-33 from Montreal. Brantford has rarely seen such a stirring moment when the heart scanned each successive carriage, till at last as the khaki clad figure emerged with his left arm swinging a little stiffly, his eyes dimming as he took in the home scenes, a little pale, but looking each inch an officer in his service khaki, carrying a cane and with a quick salute answering the greetings that were hurled through the air in a ringing shout of admiration.

Rare indeed, are plaudits at such an hour; the thoughts of comrades sleeping their last sleep, amid such grim scenes as Flanders holds, often sets the desire to cheer; the dead to come, the hearts that would gladly express their sentiments more noisily, feel more attuned in silent sympathy than in loud voiced cheering; and his mother who has borne her trial bravely, more than one mother's eyes turned with a look of sincere sympathy. It was a royal welcome for Brantford, a response dictated from full hearts, a rare tribute to a gallant son.

THE ARRIVAL.

"I thank you for this reception. At the front I did the best I could, and I am going back as soon as I am able." So spoke Lt. Ashton Cockshutt from his father's car in response to the magnificent reception accorded him last night by hosts of cheering and admiring citizens. Fresh from the old land, having only landed in Canada on Sunday, Lt. Cockshutt home on furlough to recuperate from his wounds, arrived last night on the International Limited

Von Tirpitz Journals Says Germany Has No Apologies Ready

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 31.—The Daily Mail says: "Admiral von Tirpitz's two mouth-pieces, Count Reventlow and the leading writer of the Hamburger Nachrichten, are extremely indignant at the Washington correspondent of the Wolff's Agency because he dared to telegraph that the German government had better produce some kind of excuse for the Arabic business. Here are some of the excuses he suggested adding that almost any excuse would apparently be accepted. Americans on the Arabic were guests; that is persons granted free tickets on condition that they would sail on the ship; the Arabic either made or appeared to make such a manoeuvre as justified or might justify the submarine in thinking she meant to 'am her or to escape."

"No excuses," shrieks the Hamburger Nachrichten, "if a German submarine really sank the Arabic, the whole German people approve its action." Similarly Count Reventlow urges that "whatever the facts may have

from Montreal. He travelled in a parlor car and when the train drew up stop his car was almost opposite Market street. The people rushed to the car steps, as the Lieutenant was easily discernible in his khaki uniform and as soon as he descended a rousing cheer went up in greeting. Mayor Spence was the first to meet him, Mr. and Mrs. Cockshutt having accompanied him from Montreal. Lieut. Cockshutt was then escorted to his father's motor car, which, gaily decorated with flags was drawn up on the crowd thronged about the returned soldier, cheering and curious, eager to gaze upon him.

It was in response to their cheers and welcome that Lieut. Cockshutt stood up and spoke a few words of thanks and gratitude. Upon resuming his seat, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., the proud father also thanked the assemblage in a few words. "We thank Almighty God that He has sent him home in safety," said Mr. Cockshutt. "Should any young man here wish to show his appreciation of my son, let him emulate his example and go to the front."

Hearty cheers greeted the speech and then, led by Mayor Spence, the crowd gave three hearty cheers for Mrs. Cockshutt. Led by Mr. Cockshutt's car, the line of motors then ran up Market Street, a lane formed by the over-the-seas detachments of the 2nd and 25th Dragoons.

This concluded the formal part of the programme as Lieut. Cockshutt was borne swiftly home and intended remaining in privacy for the remainder of the evening. CIVIC OFFICIALS. Present in fifteen cars were the civic officials of Brantford, and noticeable in the crowd was Lt.-Col. H. Leonard, an old soldier, whose nephew, Lt. A. Bishop, has also returned so far as safely. In command of the No. 1 Dufferin Rifles quota were present as they were in Paris in response to Lt.-Col. Fisher's invitation.

AT HIS HOME, LATER. The men of the 25th, not to be denied a soldier's audience with the officer, demanded that Lieut. Crouch where they stood and gave three ringing cheers for the returned lad. Lieutenant Cockshutt in response to their cheering appeared and had exhausted himself, he enquired: "All ready to go off to the front, men?" "Yes, sir, all ready," came the unanimous response, to which the officer replied: "That's the place to be, lads!"

The little incident was closed in a further volley of cheers and to the rattle of their drum they departed.

LIEUT. BISHOP HAS LITTLE TO SAY OF THE FRONT

Young Middlesex Officer is Modest and Reticent Regarding Himself.

Interviewed by a Courier representative to-day, Lieut. A. Bishop, D.S.O., looked remarkably fit, being big, husky-looking, and but for the scar across his right eye and a slight reduction in weight, he is to all intents as good as ever. He is in good spirits, and speaks highly of the spirit of the men who are just dying to get into action.

Kitchener's army is splendid, and recruiting in England, despite the pessimists, still goes on well. He is surprised at the large numbers of young men on the streets of Brantford, "they could all be used," he says.

The Middlesex Regiment has suffered frightfully, and few indeed are left of the officers. They took part in several big fights and were severely cut up. Lt. Bishop does not know whether he was the officer referred to in the despatch published some months ago [about a young officer of the Middlesex who maintained a heavy fire in the teeth of dreadful odds. Quite a number of them did plucky things, he says. "We were all acting as well as we could under the circumstances."

He declines to talk on the action which brought him the coveted distinction, and says every man there but awaits the opportunity to distinguish himself equally well. ENGLISH OFFICERS. He admires them every way, they are such sportsmen, have their games and favorite sports at the front. Hounds and shooting in the rear are a surprise to the natives who, however, have a high opinion of their fighting qualities.

THE TERRITORIALS. "Are splendid—fighting like veterans, and have made a name for themselves. They showed the best of their spirit and courage shortly after their arrival in the firing line, and deserved the praise given them by the French. TRIBUTE TO MIDDLESEX. Lt. Bishop pays a high tribute to the "Tommy's" of his old battalion. Fine fellows, plucky as can be, great grousers over little things, but game when in greatest of pain." In fact, the troops are ready and game to a man—showing wonderful spirit, he concluded, and "conscripted won't be required." He thinks the men can be got all right, and, saying goodbye, the interview was closed.

Coal Strike Is Settled. TROUBLE IS OVER. London, Aug. 31.—The trouble in the South Wales coal mining districts, which threatened to precipitate a serious strike, has been settled.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 31.—Definite progress is being made in the effort to prevent a spread of the South Wales coal strike. The conference of Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade; David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, and representatives of the miners and mine owners was continued to-day. At the conclusion of the morning session Thomas Richards, member of Parliament and member of the miners' executive committee, said: "A settlement is probably on the way."

ONLY MINOR FIGHTING. Petrograd, Aug. 30, via London, Aug. 31, 4.04 a.m.—The following official statement was issued to-night at the headquarters of the army of the Caucasus: "On the entire front there have been only minor engagements and changes. During the recent fighting men to continue work until a decision, expected to-morrow, is reached by the London conference."

Miss Laura E. McCully, Treasurer of the Women's Home Guard, Toronto, has resigned.

DID HIS PART AS WELL AS HE COULD

Such is the Trend of Lieut. Cockshutt's Story to Courier Man.

"I haven't much to tell anyone. I've been in England two-thirds of my time sick. I'm only one of a very large number." In this wise did Lieutenant Ashton Cockshutt modestly and soberly seek to depreciate any attempt at a formal interview to the Courier representative. He did not leave England with his regiment being on the sick list from an operation he had undergone, but followed them up later and was under quite heavy shelling in the reverse trenches at Festubert.

BOMBS LOVELY. So says this active soldier. Some of them are fiendish in their ingenious construction. The "jam pot" is the commonest kind and is constructed from an empty jelly tin in which two plugs of dynamite are inserted together with a collection of nails, iron chips; anything, in fact, and covered which a fuse is inserted, which is about six inches long. The thrower holds it at arms length and then lights it. The thrower has to move rapidly to get it burning down and explodes in his hands. The best kind, however, is one shaped like a large goose egg which has an automatic adjustment, which when released from pressure of the fingers, will release a pin on the detonator and on alighting will explode within three seconds.

"The worst of the lot, however, is the high explosive shells and bombs the enemy possesses. They are shockers. I think every man ought to be trained in both throwing and making as their effect is nerve shattering on a foe even in trench. Bullets are nothing to them," and apropos of this statement it will be noticed that training along these lines is general now at Niagara.

Mr. Armand took this message as his death sentence, and he says that

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MONTREAL MAN RETURNS AFTER AN AWFUL YEAR

Was Kept Close Pressed by Germans in Ruhleben—Was Badly Fed.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Montreal, Aug. 31.—After experiencing twelve months of what he himself described as martyrdom, at the hands of the Germans, a Montreal mining broker, J. T. Armand, reached home yesterday from Germany where he had been kept close prisoner for a year. An Alsatian by birth, Mr. Armand left Montreal in June, 1914, to pay a visit to his parents at Strassburg, and was at Baden, with two Americans when war was declared. He endeavored to leave Germany, but found it impossible. At Appenweiler he was held as a suspect being known as a British subject, and was carried off to Bulathal. Thanks to the influence of some Americans he received permission to leave this fortress but it did not take the Germans long to find an excuse for his further apprehension.

He was again arrested and brought before a German officer, who threatened to shoot him for having transgressed military orders. Mr. Armand protested his ignorance of these military orders, and after much pivation, he was permitted to have a respectable room but was kept under surveillance.

In November an order was given that all British subjects in Germany must be interned, and following out this order, Mr. Armand was taken to the fortress at Rastad. The American consul there made representations to the German government concerning the conditions in which the prisoners were kept, and Mr. Armand had another move, this time being marched under eyes of an armed guard to Bulathal. Here, after being in prison for twenty two days, he was brought before a court martial of the 14th corps and accused of being a spy. For three hours he was closely interrogated by the German officers. On March 26 he was brought before them again, and the officer in command declared, "You must be ready to-morrow morning at six o'clock."

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MAYOR MEETS THE "MOSES" OF TERRACE HILL AT MEETING

Advises Him as to Where the Best Interests of His Country Can be Served—Short, Snappy Session is Held by the City Council.

The communications were very limited last evening, and were soon dealt with by the city council. Only one chair was vacant and the business on hand which had accumulated all through the month of August was soon transacted. The council worked like a machine after its vacation and the meeting ran smoothly until it was adjourned at half past nine.

Two petitions from Galt against the selling of the municipal railway from Galt to Paris received some discussion, as they introduced the misunderstanding between this council and the Trades and Labor Council. This was all clearly explained by Mayor Spence.

MAYOR LAUNCHES OUT. Then the Mayor said that the wise Moses of Terrace Hill who was trying to lead the citizens of Brantford from darkness into light in connection with street railway matters, fill the columns of the local papers with a lot of trash, had no right to express any views, as he had not contributed his share towards the upkeep of the municipality. He (the Mayor) had personally inspected the records of the city with regard to those paying taxes, and had found that this individual had never even paid poll tax since 1912. He was owing for the same since that date.

Mr. Thompson jumped to his feet and said that, at the present time many citizens were fighting for the cause of the Empire at the front. He was doing equal duty in fighting battles of the citizens of Brantford at home in connection with the street railway deal.

The Mayor: "If you want to fight for your country go and enlist and

in the mean time pay the city the \$3 poll tax you owe." Mr. Thompson was making another demonstration, when the Mayor exclaimed: "Silence. If you come up here and show contempt of the council, you will be conducted from the building."

TIME LISTS. The city clerk read the time lists of City Engineer Jones from July 7 to the end of August, and also the monthly report of A. K. Bunnell, city treasurer. The Brantford General Hospital report was also read, and those of Relief Officer Glover and Market Inspector McAuley. The money expended in relief in August had been \$40.46, and the total amount of market fees collected during July was \$244.64. These reports were all confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS. The communications from the International Irrigation Congress which is holding a convention in California in September, and from the Union of Canadian Municipalities were also filed.

The requests made by Mrs. Albert Prouse and Mrs. Annie McCusker, Mrs. Mary Simpson and Mrs. H. Hills, for a rebate in their taxes were all referred to the court of revision. A communication from John J. Hawkins, secretary of the Board of Parks management, concerning a resolution passed by that board, stated that the members appreciated the action taken by the city council in connection with Mohawk Park. The board agreed to follow the district

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WILSON IN DANGER OF BEING A TEUTONIC CATSPAW, SAYS TIMES

British Press Comments Strongly on German Prize Court Decisions and Their Findings—Praise for Wilson and His Self-Restraint Over Repeated Insults.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 31.—3.10 a.m.—Germany's submarine warfare is again the subject of editorial comment to-day as the result of the publication in the Times of the British Foreign Office on Germany's prize court decisions and the statement contained in Washington despatches that German officials have made it plain that they regard the German government as being the strain of its relations with the United States by limiting its submarine activities, will ask the American government demand that Great Britain and her Allies cease interfering with legitimate neutral commerce and thus permit the importation of foodstuffs for the German civilian population.

"That Germany will abandon her submarine campaign in order to appease the United States and without solid compensation to be provided at our expense we do not believe," says the Times in an editorial. "Nor is it likely that President Wilson will consent to be used as a Teutonic catspaw. The mere hint that the German government meditates such a surrender has stirred the von Tirpitz press referring to the organs of Admiral von Tirpitz the German Minister of Marine) to furious protest. It could, indeed, only be carried out by a radical displacement of the present balance of the military and political power in the German Empire."

DIFFICULT TO SYMPATHIZE. The Daily Mail in an editorial says it finds it difficult not to sympathize with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Imperial Chancellor, in a effort to extricate Germany from the difficulties of the war office and the admiralty, but says that even if President Wilson should lend himself to a compromise, which is unlikely, Great Britain could not be a party to it.

"The British foreign office communication" says the Daily Mail, "shows that Germany has forfeited all right to protest against our blockade, and Great Britain has no intention of sacrificing its legitimate naval advantage in order to assist Germany to escape the consequences of her criminal practices. She must settle with the United States as best she can at her own expense, not at ours. We will pay no blackmail!"

DISHONEST PROTEST. The Daily Graphic, commenting on the foreign office communication says that the judgment of the Hamburg prize court clearly shows the dishonesty of the German protest against British interference with the freedom of the seas and may be "commended to any American who has been deluded into the belief that Germany is acting in good faith."

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Street Railway Report For Six Months Presented to the City Council

The Courier some days ago presented a summary of the six months' report of the Street Railway Commissioners. The document was read at the City Council last night. The following are the main extracts: The outlay for improvements and betterments has been \$78,253.81, the principal items of which were: Eagle Place loop, \$23,847.01; New cars, 14,607.53; Paris power plant, 4,496.55; Rebuilding, etc., 15,076.01; Grand Valley betterment, 7,828.99; Rebuilding power house for terminal, 5,898.86; Completing Paris station, 1,054.00; Sundries, 4,118.55.

OPERATING ACCOUNT. Summary of operating account, Jan. 1st to June 30th, 1915, exclusive of bond and debenture interest, sinking fund, taxes or depreciation: Grand Valley, \$23,231.98; Exp. Net Rev. Brant. St. Ry., 29,483.81; 15,831.85; 5,011.96; \$42,506.79; \$34,221.80; \$8,284.99. (Note—No charge to Grand Valley for use of city track, nor car barn or terminal privilege.)

Car Miles—Earnings, Expenses. Grand Valley, \$2,665 25% 22%; Brant. St. Ry., \$12,180 17% 13%; Grand Valley operating, 85%; Brantford St. Ry. operating, 76%. From the net revenue of \$8,257.75 there has been paid: Bond and mortgage interest, \$3,257.75; Debenture interest on \$200,000, 5,000.00; \$8,257.75.

This, with assuming of taxes and sinking fund, makes a deficit for the six months of \$3,438.85. Details of operating account ending June 30th, 1915: REVENUE—GRAND VALLEY. Passenger, \$19,785.67; Freight, 1,573.81; Car advertising, 202.50; \$21,561.98.

REVENUE—CITY. Passenger, \$20,290.01; Sundries, 653.80; \$20,943.81. EXPENDITURE—GRAND VAL. Power, \$4,237.82; Wages car men, 3,751.56; Clothing, 200.00; Office expenses, Paris, Galt, Glenmorris and proportion of Brantford, 1,225.15; Track Maintenance—Snow, 1,580.30; Wages and material, 2,450.00; Galt track main rental, 300.00; Car Maintenance, 1,100.00.

ASSETS. Properties, etc., \$458,327.11. LIABILITIES. City pavement account, \$36,623.46; Bonds, 125,000.00; Mortgage, 1,500.00; City for bonds sold, 200,000.00; City on \$70,000 unsold bonds, 21,900.00; City tax account, 28,548.28; Wages and interest accrued, 1,497.15; Taxes, first payment, 1915, 1,313.00; Accounts payable, 40,170.07; Sinking fund reserve, 2,214.00; \$458,765.96.

Deficit for six months—\$3,438.85. The rate earned per car mile on the city lines has increased from 14.7 to 17. A system of accounting for all stores and supplies has been installed. Practically all the funds (\$270,000) provided under by-law have now been expended, and further extensions cannot be undertaken until additional funds are provided. "Your Commissioners are hopeful that during the next half-yearly period the property may come to be on a self-sustaining basis."

CHIEFS IN CONVENTION. By Special Wire to the Courier. Cincinnati, Ohio, August 31.—Fire chiefs from nearly all of the large cities of the United States and Canada were present when the forty-third annual convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers was opened here to-day. Sessions will continue until Friday during which the most modern methods used in fighting fires will be discussed and demonstrated by different apparatus which will be exhibited as part of the convention.