

TOO MANY BATTALIONS FORMING AT PRESENT

This Was Decision Arrived at by Conference of Officers at Exhibition Camp.

START BANTAM CAMPAIGN

Hundred and Sixty-Nine Men Volunteered for Overseas Yesterday.

One hundred and sixty-nine men volunteered for overseas yesterday. Of this number 31 were rejected as physically unfit for service.

The 132 accepted at the armories will be transferred to the following battalions: 184th, 2; 166th, 9; 170th, 11; 180th, 33; 198th, 16; 201st, 9; Engineers, 21.

The 48th Highlanders home regiment, 481 strong, under command of Major Darling, attended the regular weekly parade last night.

Colonel Logie and the commanding officers of overseas battalions being recruited in this city and the former shortly will confer at the Exhibition camp yesterday afternoon.

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The following officers have been provisionally appointed to the 169th Battalion: Medical officer, Capt. H. A. W. Brown, A.M.C.; machine gun officer, Lieut. E. J. Stone, 109th Regiment.

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HAMILTON NEWS

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WOMEN CONDUCTORS ON HAMILTON CARS

Step Will Probably Be Taken to Give Recruiting a Stimulus.

TEACHERS WON FAVOR

Proposed Superannuation Scheme Approved by Board of Education.

HAMILTON, Saturday, Feb. 19.—The employment of women as street car conductors in this city will shortly be the subject of a public hearing.

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T. H. and E. railway will be represented at the meeting of the Dominion Railway Board on Monday in Toronto.

Endorsement of the proposed teachers' superannuation bill now before the Ontario Legislature, was given by the board of education at a special meeting last night.

A special meeting of the officers of the local home guard was held last night at which plans were discussed for bringing the home guard units up to full strength.

Following a short consideration of the report submitted by the special committee appointed to investigate the local gas situation, the board of control yesterday decided to cancel the franchise of the National Gas Company.

To Fill in March. A meeting of the board of trade was held yesterday, at which a resolution urging the day's total was due to the efforts of the board of control.

Recruiting picked up yesterday and 60 applicants passed through the depots. The 120th Battalion had 30 men of whom 18 were fit and 12 were rejected.

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Brigade Bandmaster.

Brigade Bandmaster Zealley (75th O.S. Band, C.E.F.) is the senior bandmaster in Toronto.

He has had considerable experience, having played under some of the most eminent musicians in England and the United States.

Mr. Zealley served in the South African campaign (1907) with the 2nd Buffs, British Imperial Force.

Mr. Zealley conducts the massed bands at Massey Hall this evening.

Instantly Killed When Caught in Engine at New Simpson Building.

HAD JUST STARTED WORK Was Struck by Driving Rod When Engaged in Oiling Machinery.

Shortly before 12 o'clock last night, Frank Fry, engineer, 40 years of age, working at 2 Markham Place had his head almost torn from his body when he was caught in machinery at the site of the new Robert Simpson Building.

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Official Statements

British. The British official statement, issued last night, says: "Our artillery bombarded enemy positions north of Ypres and the Comines Canal."

Turkish. The Turkish war office has given out the following report dated Feb. 17: "There is no news of importance from the Mesopotamian or Caucasian fronts."

French. The following French official statement was issued last night: "In the Artois region, to the north-west of Hill 140, we exploded a mine trench which was considerably damaged."

Russian. PETROGRAD, via London, Feb. 18.—(11.55 p.m.) The following official communication was issued today: "On the western (Russian) front on Thursday, the 16th, our troops between Jacobstadt and Dvinsk, the enemy bombarded our positions at Nizhni and Lavrenskaya."

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MONITIONS PLANT AT WINDSOR THREATENED

Plot to Blow Up Factory Foiled by Discovery of Dynamite.

DETROIT, Feb. 18.—Investigation of the alleged plot to dynamite the plant of the American Car and Foundry Company here will be turned over to agents of the department of justice.

Detectives' Discoveries. Detectives who have been working on the foundry plot case said today that their general investigation now extends to Canada.

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THE EDVINA CONCERT WAS MUSICAL TREAT

Attendance Disappointing, But Appreciation Follows Artist Thruout Program.

RECALLED MANY TIMES Brilliant Canadian Prima Donna Excelled Last Night in Operatic Numbers.

Madame Edvina and those assisting her in her first concert appearance in Toronto gave a program at Massey Hall last night every number of which was interpreted as only artists in the highest sense can interpret.

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HOUSE SALES

Yesterday. Determined Conditions Which Low in War's

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