SUNDAY'S RECRUITING MEETINGS

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APPEALS FOR RECRUITS IN TORONTO CHURCHES

One Hundred and Thirteen Responded to the Call to Serve the Empire.

HAD UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Prominent Men Left After Service in "King's Jitney" for the Armories.

Many young Toronto men had the unique experience yesterday of going to church "as civilians" and returning home "as soldiers on active service," and "in uniform."

In 36 churches and 12 Bible classes of various denominations in Toronto, on Sunday, officers representing the 109th Regiment's Overseas Battalion, were permitted to speak directly to the men of the congregations on "Recruiting." One hundred and thirteen young men volunteered for active service as a result of these special appeals. Sixty-three of the recruits stepped into motor cars that were in readiness outside the church doors and were taken to Peal Street Armories of the 109th Regiment. On arrival there the recruits were medically examined by Capt. R. A. W. Brown, "swor in" for active service and then fully uniformed as members of the 109th Overseas Battalion, of which Lt.-Col. J. G. Wright is the commanding officer. Of the 63 who went to the armories 52 succeeded in "passing the doctor" and were accepted for active service.

Prominent Recruit.

Dr. Horace Brittain, director of the municipal research bureau was one of the most prominent of the recruits obtained in the churches. He rode down to the 109th Regiment Armories, in "the King's jitney." Dr. Brittain wore his silk hat. With him in the motor car rode another recruit, an Englishman, wearing a peaker cap. Dr. Brittain failed to pass the doctor and was very disappointed because he was enthusiastic in his desire to do his bit.

The lack of any response from the members of the 1000 young men who were asked to enlist at the bible classes was a most remarkable feature of the Sunday recruiting campaign, as not one of the 1000 men appealed to at these classes enlisted or even gave his name.

Was First Time.

It was the first time that any military organization has used the churches in this way. Very few of the ministers would permit an appeal being put to the men to stand up in the church if they wished to enlist. So that in most cases the recruiting speaker asked those ready to join the colors to wait at the back of the church or in the lecture or Sunday school rooms and meet the recruiting officers there. The appeals for overseas volunteers were all made just before the close of the service.

At Walmer Road Baptist Church, tho, a direct appeal was allowed. All the men who believed "it was Canada's war" stood up first. After those already in khaki, over age, or who had "medically unfit" certificates in their pockets had sat down, 75 men (including choir members), were still standing. Nine of the 75 gave their names as willing to serve, but said they would come down later to be sworn in. Two of the members got into the "King's jitney," and went immediately to the armories. Walmer Road Baptist Church has already sent over 100 members to the front.

The way the recruiting appeals deeply affected the women was a striking feature of the day's campaign. Many of the women were visibly affected. At Centennial Methodist Church where Rev. John Coburn called for men to join the colors in a stirring address, a girl fainted when her brother stood up and declared his willingness to don the khaki uniform.

Pte. John Coburn of the 109th Regiment.

POOR ATTENDANCE AT LOEW'S IN AFTERNOON

Fine Weather of Yesterday Kept Young Men From Recruiting Meeting.

FEW ELIGIBLES PRESENT

God-Given Privilege of Every Man to Do His Duty, Declared Speaker.

With only one recruit to show for the afternoon's effort on the part of the Citizens' Recruiting League at Loew's Theatre yesterday, it is evident that fine Sunday afternoons may not be counted on to swell the number of young men that are willing to offer themselves to the overseas battalions that are now being formed. The building was not as well filled as on former occasions, and besides the ladies, the majority of those present were in khaki or had good reasons for not becoming soldiers.

Lieut.-Col. Wright of the 169th Overseas Battalion, first asked the men in khaki to stand up, then the men who believed that this was Canada's war. The invitation brought most of the men to their feet, but the backward process of elimination left no young men standing except those who had already enlisted.

Following an excellent program of music by the 74th Battalion Band, and a bugle band selection by the buglers of the 97th Battalion (American Legion), Mayor Church opened with a short address.

Controller Cameron, who occupied the chair, explained that the entertainments were provided with the one object of getting recruits, that the war might be brought to a speedy and early conclusion. He believed that it was the God-given privilege of every man to do his "bit."

Better in Uniform.

Lieut.-Col. Wright of the 169th Overseas Battalion spoke very highly of the work being done by the Queen's Own, on whose particular behalf the meeting was held. He referred to them as the "Grand old regiment," and urged the young men to get out of mufti and into uniforms, declaring that "every man looked better in a uniform anyway." Referring to the fact that ninety-thousand men had gone from the city of Birmingham to fight for their women, he said: "If you get into uniform you won't have that rotten feeling that you have when you go down Yonge street, and tho uprightness of body that the military training will give you will indicate your uprightness of mind when you get into khaki."

Rev. Dean Geo. L. Starr, chaplain of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery told of some of his experiences at the front during the early part of the war, and declared that it was the British Bulldog courage that was going to carry the allies thru to victory.

Other speakers of the afternoon were Col. Donald of the 134th Battalion, 48th Highlanders; Capt. Bullock of the 97th Battalion, American Legion, and Lieut. Matthews of the Queen's Own Rifles.

ONE LONE RESPONSE TO HEART-STIRRING APPEAL

Justice Riddell Made Eloquent Recruiting Speech at Loew's Evening Meeting.

THE QUESTION FOR MEN

Lady Falconbridge Also Addressed Crowds, Giving Advice to the Women.

Again the Sunday night recruiting meeting packed Loew's Theatre to the doors, and hundreds were turned away because there was not even standing room left. And if any of the immense crowd went solely to see and hear the entertainment, they stayed to hear one of the best recruiting speeches ever made in Toronto, and that was by Mr. Justice Riddell, who made a stirring appeal to the young men to enlist, and to their women folks not to discourage them in this regard. Still another treat for the audience was a short address by Lady Falconbridge, who said she would do her best to have Sir Glenholme Falconbridge speak next Sunday night, and was speaking because she believed that this would be the best means of getting him to come. She was roundly applauded when she said she intended to live as plainly as possible during the war so that she might have more money to donate for war purposes. She asked every woman to follow her example.

One Man Responded.

Only one man came forward during the meeting and enlisted for overseas service.

"The call comes now for one man in three," said Mr. Justice Riddell. "Why not one man in three? Why not two men in three? Why not three men in three? Are we in Canada not true bred sons of the mother country? Some parts of England have offered nine men in ten."

The speaker told the audience not to look down on Quebec for not sending a large proportion of her men to the front. Let Toronto keep her own streets clean before attempting to clean those of other cities. He doubted whether, taking the percentage of Canadian born into account Toronto had done any better in the recruiting line than the eastern cities. He appealed to the serious-minded young women, not the silly girls whose mind is set solely on deciding how much of their neck and ankles they could show and keep out of the police court, to urge their brothers and sweethearts to go to the front.

What Kind?

He asked the young men who were waiting for the sissies to go what kind of men they were themselves that they had not yet donned the khaki.

"There way be a mistaken impression in Toronto that I have nothing at all to do," said Lady Falconbridge. "I want to correct this idea here tonight if it exists. I have lots to do and am willing to do more—all I possibly can for our country."

Col. Roy, officer commanding all the Canadian Artillery units, told the young men they had ample choice as to which branch of the service they wished to join. Artillery units were being formed, he said, and more would be in training in the spring.

Chairman Dr. Allyn introduced Mayor Church as the man who had done as much for recruiting as any other man in Canada. The mayor thought Toronto could supply one-fifth of the 500,000 men asked for.

MRS. C. E. MILLS DEAD.

HAMILTON, Monday, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Cynthia Elizabeth Mills died at her late residence, 433 South Queen street, Saturday evening. She was 84 years of age, and had resided here practically all her life.

CONSCRIPTION SOON IF MEN DO NOT ENLIST

So Declared Lieut.-Col. Duncan Donald in Appeal to Hippodrome Audience.

EVERY FIT MAN NEEDED

Mothers Who Objected at First, Now Tell Sons Who Enlist, They Did Their Duty.

The fine weather yesterday afternoon did not keep the crowd from taxing the Hippodrome to capacity. Appeals for recruits for the new battalions being formed in this city were made by different speakers. Preceding that was a good musical entertainment, and several reels of moving pictures.

In his appeal for recruits, Lieut.-Col. Duncan Donald averred that the sooner every man who is fit for service gets to the front, the sooner the war will be brought to a successful and speedy termination.

"The 124th Battalion, which I command, has now 700 men, and if every Scotchman in the audience who is physically fit, and others desirous of joining the Highland Battalion, will offer his service at the depot tomorrow, the third 48th Battalion will be within a few numbers of full strength," he stated.

"At present every man has the opportunity of naming the battalion with which he wishes to join. Two hundred and fifty thousand more men are to be raised in Canada, and if they don't come forward compulsory service will soon be put into effect," he concluded.

Every Fit Man Needed.

Captain Hind of the 95th Battalion declared that the part those who were not physically fit for service would have to take after this war was welcoming the men who did go when they returned.

"At the outbreak of war many mothers refused to allow their sons to enlist, but now the tide has changed, and nine out of ten of those whose sons come home and tell them they have enlisted say to them that they have done the best thing they could do."

The Russian Juvenile Brass Band and the Bugle Band of the 95th Battalion played during the afternoon. The 95th gave an exhibition of the "Swedish" drill previous to the following entertainers: Mme. Bessie Bonsall, Brenda Jeffery, Mrs. Gourlay McKenzie, Harvey Lloyd, Jules Brazil, Richard Clark and W. R. Jackson.

PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. SEVERELY CRITICIZED

Spanish-American War Veteran Says He Does Not Represent Sentiment of the People.

RECRUITING MEETING

"Feather" Every Fit Man Who Does Not Join for Overseas, Speaker Tells Women.

Three recruits came forward in answer to appeals for men made by the officers of different battalions who spoke at the recruiting meeting held last night in Templars' Hall, West Queen street. Chairman Chambers stated that owing to the increased number of meetings on Sundays speakers were very scarce. Small boys have been barred from attending recruiting meetings in this hall on account of the way they misconducted themselves at the previous meeting.

Capt. Bullock of the 97th American Battalion, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, severely criticized the attitude which President Wilson is taking in the European struggle. "The president of the United States does not represent the sentiment of the people of that country," he said. "He should have protested to the Huns over the way they tackled Belgium." With regard to the sinking of the Lusitania, the captain hinted that the president should have done more than protest if he was representing the sentiment of the people.

Counted on Trouble.

At the outbreak of the war Capt. Bullock was in Germany and knew that they were preparing for this war. "The German press stated that England was so much engaged with the home rule question in Ireland that she would be unable to interfere, and that it was the right time for the Germans to strike their blow," he said. "The only way we can end this war is by enlisting every available man.

"The girls should 'feather' every man of military standard who will not join the colors," he went on. "There has been a call for double the amount of soldiers than have come forward, and if the recruits don't come forward compulsory service will bring them."

Capt. Graff made an appeal for men to join the new 184th Highland Battalion. "Moral conscription is the only form of service in Canada. Some people say this is not our war, but this is our war just as much as England's," he said. "The only way the Huns can be stopped is by the strength of the allies. If the lines of the allied troops are broken then we people here could not hold the enemy back from taking Canada."

In addition to patriotic airs rendered by the orchestra, songs were sung by several juveniles.

Learned from a Sample Nineteen Years Ago

That He Could Depend on Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to Cure Many of the Common Ills of Life.

Living eighteen miles from a drug store Mr. Carr found it necessary to keep in the house some treatment to regulate the action of liver, kidneys and bowels.

To the habit of keeping these important organs active by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, when required, he attributes the good health of his large family.

Here, surely, is evidence of the value of these pills as a family medicine to protect the members of the family who use it from the common ills, so many of which arise from constipation of the bowels and torpid condition of the liver and kidneys.

Mr. James Carr, Maynooth, Ont., writes:—"About 19 years ago I received an envelope containing two of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I was doctoring at the time with two doctors, and as they did me no good I used the Pills, and by the time I had finished one box I was cured of the pain in the back and shoulders.

"We have great confidence in Dr. Chase's Medicines. I have a family of ten children and have never had a doctor in the house for any of them. We live eighteen miles from a drug store and find that these Pills cure nearly all the ordinary ills by regulating the liver, kidneys and bowels. That we are all well and sound I attribute to their use and I have recommended them to hundreds and given away many a box because I believe there is no medicine so good."

By awakening the action of liver, kidneys and bowels Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills cleanse the system of poisons and remove the cause of biliousness, headaches, backache, lumbago, kidney disease and rheumatism. On pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

NO TROUBLE GETTING MEN, STATES MAYOR

Speaks Optimistically of Recruiting in Canada at La Plaza Theatre.

SEVENTY-FIVE RECRUITS

Splendid Response to Appeal — Those Holding Back Are Helping Kaiser.

Seventy-five recruits responded last night to the appeals made by six speakers at the first recruiting meeting held in the La Plaza Theatre, Queen street east, under the auspices of the Citizens' Recruiting League. Large crowds were turned away before the commencement of the meeting and the large audience enthusiastically applauded the speakers and artists who contributed to the program.

Monro Grier, K.C., was the first speaker and after dealing with the causes of the war, laid emphasis on the fact that it was Canada's affair as well as Great Britain's. He pointed out that by refusing to fight, they were playing into the kaiser's hands. He said that if they refused to enlist it was just like writing a letter to the kaiser, telling him that they were doing their utmost on his behalf.

Thomas Hook, M.L.A., spoke of the great preparations made by Germany for many years before the war. He maintained that the system of taxation enfoced in Gemany had become so intolerable that had not the kaiser declared war when he did, there would have been a revolt by the German people.

Mayor Optimistic.

Mayor Church was very optimistic regardihg recruiting and declared that the men called for would be obtained without a great deal of trouble. "We are proud of what Canada has done in this war," he said. "We are not proud of her accomplishments in the time of peace, however, she might have done much more in connection with land and naval defence."

Colonel Roy spoke briefly and asked the women, especially, to use their influence to obtain recruits. He then referred to the German menace in the states and declared that between 10,000 and 12,000 men, declaring allegiance to the kaiser, were waiting to swoop down on Canada at the first opportunity.

Private McIlroy detailed his experiences at the front, and Lieutenant Grover of the 166th Battalion and Captain Minard, of the American Legion, made appeals for their respective regiments.

An excellent musical program was provided by Miss Aura Roedding, Miss Wilkinson, Miss F. Pickett, Miss E. Supton, Miss E. Rose and the Guards' Band under C. J. McReath.

J. D. Allan occupied the chair.

DEATH OF MRS. WHITE.

HAMILTON, Monday, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Mary White, widow of the late Michael J. White, died yesterday at her late residence, 119 North Wellington street. She was 57 years of age, and wasa life-long resident of Hamilton.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING LAST NIGHT AT STAR

Recruiting Sergeants Were Busy Thru Crowds and Obtained Good Results.

FINE TALENT ON HAND

Local and Outside Artists Give Their Services to Boost the Cause.

Altho the 134th Overseas Battalion is conducting a recruiting campaign without making a direct appeal to the men in the audiences, it was stated at the close of the meeting held in the Star Theatre last night, that good results had been obtained. In and out of the crowd which gathered outside the building waiting for the doors to open, recruiting sergeants were busy and signed up 14 new men and when the program was being given they continued their efforts inside.

Members of the Tipperary Girls' Company contributed a large portion of the musical numbers and received a splendid welcome. Miss Drena Mack sang in a rich soprano voice "Somewhere in France," and the strange coincidence is that only last week Miss Mack received word that her cousin William McInnerny had been killed in action "somewhere in France." It was a difficult task under the circumstances, but she won the instant approval of the large audience.

Brother With 35th.

Joseph Lyons, a Toronto boy whose brother "Mike" Lyons is with the 35th Battalion in camp in England contributed a song as did George Thurston.

Babe Ransbury of Toronto a little girl of 12 years was well received.

Four returned soldiers, Sergts. Dixon, Eastham, Gilby and Sergt. Webb of the P.P.C.L.I., spoke briefly. A. Monro Grier, K.C., gave a short, crisp talk which appealed to the adventurous. He spoke about four minutes, but they were four put to good use. Dean Starr of Kingston, congratulated Toronto on what it has done and the example it has set for all Canada. He told of his experiences at the front, where he was connected with the "Buffs" and assured the women in the audience that their men would be well looked after. He said the war would end only when those not now in khaki joined the ranks.

More For Artillery.

Mayor Church, delivered a short address and introduced Col. L. A. G. O. Roy, late O.C., Quebec cidadel and now O.C., Royal Canadian Artillery. Col. Roy appealed to the wives, sweethearts and sisters and asked them to do their utmost to induce the men to enlist. More artillery units are to be formed, he said, and many more men will be required.

Major Miller, 134th Battalion, under whose auspices the meeting was held, said "We offer you the traditions and uniform as the famous Highlanders of which we are proud."

To the women he said: "Give your men to us. We will take care of them and bring them back better men for having enlisted."

$50,000 CLUB

In Big Campaign

The 50,000 Club has been allotted the task of gathering in all the employees of factories, and the minor employees of offices in the three-day campaign to raise $2,000,000 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

That is a big job. By Thursday night the 50,000 Club hope to have their fifty thousand members. Without the co-operation of employers that will be impossible.

The issue is straight up to you, Mr. Employer. If the lists are given the consideration they deserve the rest will be easy.

Will your name be among the list that appears in Friday's paper of the employers who responded?

Should your office be overlooked, ask for the lists. It's a duty—not charity—every employer should wear a 50,000 Club button.

And if anyone—anywhere—wants to become a member, individually, call at either office, or write the Secretary, 59 Yonge Street.

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