

LONDON BATTERY IS KEPT INTACT

Major Wood Leonard Writes From Woodborough Wills, England.

MEN ARE WELL TREATED

People in Vicinity Give Concert and Make Life Enjoyable For Volunteers.

Major Wood Leonard, in command of the Sixth Field Battery now at Woodborough, Wiltshire, sends a letter to the London Advertiser, telling of conditions at the camp.

Major Leonard speaks very highly of the kindness of the residents in the vicinity of the camp. He says that they have given a concert to the men, and otherwise showed many courtesies which the volunteers thoroughly appreciated.

The letter reads:

Woodborough, Wiltshire, England.

I am very much pleased to say that the Sixth Field Battery is now complete with all the officers, who left with it last August, when the exception. We are a very happy lot. There is an especially, who keeps us in a merry mood and helps a whole lot to make things run smoothly.

The residents of this locality are very kind indeed. They gave us a concert in their church room, the other night from their local talent, at which a couple of our men sang. It was very pleasing and amusing, and was enjoyed thoroughly by the whole company. The acting rector was good enough to give us a few lessons in German, which may come in other useful, but it is not easy to learn.

Official inspection. We had an inspection by the officer commanding the brigade at Pentley, and then did a route march, and I am glad to say things are improving daily, but are not by any means complete. However, we are told that it will all be made up when we get over into France.

The authorities have to be very careful in sending troops across, as the Germans have several submarines operating, and they are not so far they have not succeeded in doing any damage.

The men are attending church very regularly. Our chaplain is not going to the front with the brigade. In fact, very few appointed by the Canadian Government are going to France with the unit. Employment is being found for them in the various hospitals in England, and many some will be stationed in the hospitals in France.

"HATS OFF, GENTLEMEN"

They Didn't. Then They Did, But Put Them on Again.

Three police court attendants said, "Hats off, gentlemen," in the Carling street court today, and every attendant in the court room obeyed but three military men.

"Hats off, gentlemen," again said the court attendants, but the military men paid no attention. Their hats remained on their heads.

"Gentlemen, take your hats off," roared the court attendant. This time the military men removed their headgear.

"Are you men on duty?" asked Police Magistrate J. C. Judd.

"We are here to escort James Murray, a soldier, back to the barracks, if you see fit to turn him over to us," shouted the trio of soldiers.

"You men are on duty then, you may leave your hats on," responded his worship.

The prisoner was turned over to them and escorted out of the court room.

"Our mistake," murmured the court attendants, as the military men departed from their midst.

REV. ARTHUR CARLISLE IS BATTALION CHAPLAIN

Official Announcement Made By Military Headquarters Last Night.

Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, commanding officer of the Eleventh Battalion, received an official announcement from military headquarters that Rev. Arthur Carlisle, pastor of All Saints' Church, Windsor, had been appointed chaplain of the battalion.

For some time there has been generally understood that the appointment of Rev. Mr. Carlisle to the post would follow. The appointment was not officially made known until last night, however.

"TOMPKINS' HIRED MAN." The dramatic play of All Saints' church last night packed the Sunday school room, when the members presented a three-act play, "Tompkins' Hired Man." The cast was exceptionally well chosen, and the story, which was woven about a country romance, well portrayed.

The cast included the following: Clarence Parsons (As Tompkins); Jack Hart (Dixey); William Southcott (John Remington); George Langford (George); Miss Gladys Phillips (Louise); Miss Gertrude Allen (Julie); Miss Ella Parsons (Ruth); Mrs. Hewitt (Sarah Tompkins).

The Supreme Test of a Healing Agent

Psoriasis or Chronic Eczema Defied All Treatment Until Dr. Chase's Ointment Was Used.

After suffering with the terrible itching of psoriasis for five years, and being told by physicians that she could not be cured, Mrs. Massey turned to Dr. Chase's Ointment and was cured.

The writer will find this letter interesting, and will not wonder that she is so enthusiastic in praising this ointment.

Mrs. Nettie Massey, Concession, Ont., writes: "For five years I suffered with psoriasis, and it was not until I used Dr. Chase's Ointment that I was cured. It is a wonderful healing agent, and I can only praise it too highly."

SCOTTISH RITERS CELEBRATING THEIR 21ST ANNUAL "AT HOME"

At Masonic Temple — Will Continue There Tonight and Thursday.

Scottish Ritters gathered at the Masonic Temple today and commenced the celebration of their twenty-first annual "at home" which will continue this evening and Thursday.

More than 100 men of the ancient and accepted bodies of Scottish Rite, from the "Valley of London" and many of their friends from a distance, were banqueted at noon today, following the exemplification of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh degrees.

Banquets to the uninitiated form the chief and feature parts of the annual reunion. There will be another banquet this evening, when the degree work is concluded at the fourth stage, at 10:30 o'clock, and another banquet Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

REMEMBERS DAY WHEN EGGS WERE CENT EACH

J. B. Cox Celebrates His 73rd Birthday — Decorated With Red Rose.

When J. B. Cox, who has been buying eggs in the London market for the past 50 years, and who is perhaps the most familiar figure on the square, appeared for business Tuesday morning, there was a gasp of astonishment from his friends, the farmers. Was that a large drum-head cabbage he had in the lapel of his coat, or was it a white rose, which he had pinned to his lapel?

However, when Mr. Cox approached it was found to be a rose, and worn in honor of his 73rd birthday. Mr. Cox, who is familiarly known as "J. B.", is every farmer on the square, has seen the high cost of living rise on the market for 50 years. His stories when London was a village, and cattle, wheat,

vegetables, etc., were sold for a mere pittance, in comparison to the price of today, sound like fairy tales, but as he is known as "one of the few honest men on the square," the reporter, who has given him a fair trial during the course of the day, listens respectfully to tales of the days when a chicken dressed and ready to eat, could be bought for 25 cents, and sometimes cheaper than that, the days when eggs sold for a cent each instead of eight pence, and when gardeners and fruitgrowers practically gave their stuff away.

"Those were the days," says Mr. Cox, "when the people did not know when they were well off. They used to grunt and groan over the high cost of living now, just as they do now, and they will keep on in the same way until the end of the world."

Mr. Cox always appears on St. George's Day with a red rose in his buttonhole. A staunch Britisher from the word go, "J. B." is always ready to stand up for British rights and British institutions.

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ESCAPED SOLDIER

up a hard struggle before being overcome and handcuffed. He was returned to Wolsley Barracks guardroom.

Matter Serious One. Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, commanding the Eleventh Battalion, stated that the matter was a most serious one, and out of his hands. Forfeiture will have to go before a court-martial. There is a possibility that he may be shot, and his sentence will in all probability be serious as the conduct of the man who has twice escaped, and twice fought with guards, is without precedent. It is said that the authorities will take severe measures in order to make an example of a deserter.

Wine and Women. "Wine and women" are given as the cause of the young man's downfall by his friends. Forrester is a strapping youth, standing six feet in height, and weighing 150 pounds. Before he deserted he had been drinking heavily. His attempt to escape last night was made after he had learned that he would be tried by court-martial.

Believe Man Demented. Members of the police force who were in police headquarters last Saturday night, when Lance-Corporal Forrester, of C Company, was brought in, following a court-martial, believe the soldier, judging from his actions, to be in a demented condition.

During Forrester's short sojourn with the military authorities, he was continually talking to himself, and expressing himself about getting away at the first opportunity.

U. S. JUDGE ACCUSED OF VIOLATING NEUTRALITY

Declared to Have Hoped Some One Would Drop Bombs On Kaiser's Head.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Charges by the German-American Alliance and the German Historical Society of Toledo that Federal Judge John M. Kilgus delivered an unneutral speech recently declaring he "did not care how soon some one dropped a thousand bombs on Emperor William's head" were referred today by President Wilson to the department of justice. Officials pointed out, however, that neither the President nor the department has any authority to censure a federal judge; that power is reserved to Congress.

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MORAL COUNCIL DISMISSED

COMING THURSDAY

Member of Government Intimates Draft Form Will Be Presented.

LATITUDE GIVEN COURTS

Act To Be Retroactive Dating Back to War Beginning.

[Special To The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 17.—The Ontario Government's moratorium bill will probably be before the Ontario Legislature tomorrow. An intimation to this effect was given this morning by a member of the Government. The intention of the minister, it is stated, is to bring the bill before the House in draft form and give members ample opportunity to talk the general proposition over and prepare suggestions.

Discretion Given. The bill will be lacking in details, but in the main it closely follows the Government's announcement of several weeks ago. It will give the courts proper powers to grant relief for non-payment of principal and against the cancellation of agreements on sale of property, and to keep the courts from giving judgment for non-payment of interest.

Discretion Given Courts. Discretion is given to the courts to refuse foreclosure where, in the opinion of the court, the mortgagee is unable to pay principal, and every mortgagee must, before instituting proceedings, first satisfy the court that the mortgagee is able to meet his obligations.

Will Be Retroactive. The act will be retroactive, and date back to the beginning of the war. It is understood that the appointment of J. I. Hart, of Orillia, has been definitely decided upon by the Government, and his name will be submitted to caucus next week. Mr. Hart's name has been frequently mentioned, and his choice is now confirmed.

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Presentation Follows "Progressive Walk" to Far North.

A unique valentine surprise party was held last evening by the choir of Dundas Central Methodist Church. The first part of the program took the form of a progressive walk, which started at the church and ended at Brough's Bridge, where a special car was waiting to convey the party back to the church, where a banquet was awaiting the tired but happy crowd.

The most interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a handsome mahogany music cabinet by the choir to their leader and organist, Mr. Parnell Morris, also a large bouquet of Killarney roses to Mrs. Morris.

The address showing in what respect and esteem Mr. and Mrs. Morris are held by the choir, was read by Mr. J. Lewis and the presentation was made by Miss Vera Roberts and Mr. Jas. G. Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Morris both responded in their usual pleasant manner. The pastor, Rev. A. J. Thomas, also made a pleasing address. Mr. Coates, the new bass soloist of the church, gave a couple of songs which were much appreciated.

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LOCAL NEWS

CONSIDER CITY OF LONDON BILL.—Consideration of the City of London bill will be the only question that is scheduled to come up before the legislative committee of the city council at its meeting this evening.

Forest City Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, has changed its meeting night to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, and the meetings are now held in the Imperial Bank chambers.

NON-SUPPORTER REMANDED.—Charles Lilley, arrested on a non-support charge, was remanded until Friday by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd.

TOOK FEW PUNCHES.—Harry Anderson took a few punches at Arthur Hill, and also called the latter a few vile names, but cost Harry \$5, or ten days, when he was convicted by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd on a disorderly charge.

TEA MEETING.—The Ladies' Aid of Centennial Methodist Church had a tea meeting at the home of Mrs. Thomas Hill, 522 Ontario street, yesterday afternoon. About sixty members were present. It was one of the best meetings of the year from a financial and other standpoint. Mrs. H. Ransom is president of the organization.

SURPRISE PARTY.—On Monday evening last a surprise party, consisting of about fifty friends from Lorne Avenue, drove to the residence of F. Fitzgerald, Matilda street, city, where a very pleasant evening was spent in each other's company and music. The evening a dainty lunch was served, after which the friends left for home in the early hours, singing "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

ADDRESS TO REV. SILCOX.—Members of the First Congregational Church, Kansas City, Mo., read an address to Rev. Mr. Silcox on the evening of February 8 last. Mr. Silcox is coming to London to take charge of the First Congregational Church here. The words of the address expressed greatest sorrow because the reverend gentleman was leaving, but hope was expressed that he would find pleasure in his new field of endeavor. Mr. Silcox comes here shortly.

SOCIAL EVENING.—A social evening was spent by the members of the Occident Club at their rooms, 3716 Dundas street, last night. Music by the club's orchestra constituted the major part of the program, which solos were rendered very acceptably by William Campbell and Jack Moore. The affair was voted a huge success by all present, much credit going to the committee in charge, which was comprised of President E. Dinmore, Secretary Robert Wallace, Harry Tozer and William Lucas.

YOUNG MEN'S DEBATING CLUB.—A most interesting meeting was held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. building last evening. The president, Mr. Bennett, delivered a very enjoyable and profitable lecture on "Life in British Guiana." Messrs. Levin, Siegel, Dow, and Secretary McLean spoke on various topics, which were of the highest order. Mr. Lambie acted as critic.

These meetings are a great help to the men who want to cultivate the art of public speaking. A very interesting program is promised for next Tuesday evening.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE OF NISSOURI FARMER

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