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WOMEN URGED TO SACRIFICE

Should Put Nothing in Way of Enlistment Says Mrs. Parsons

ST. JOHN'S CERTIFICATES

Presented to 48 Ladies Who Took First Aid Class Recently.

An appeal to women of Belleville not to hold back their sons in this hour of need, was made by Mrs. Parsons, who is at present in the city recruiting for the 235th Battalion, at a meeting of the East Belleville Women's Institute held in Queen Alexandra School, on Tuesday afternoon. To the audience of ladies who packed the assembly room, this unique lady told the deathless story of the sacrifices made by the women of Northern Ontario by the men and by the children. Although possessing few advantages and inhabiting log shacks these pioneers heard the urgent cry of help and responded. Mrs. Parsons has been engaged in institute work, and when war broke out, she at once set out to organize the Women of Northern Ontario. Her pleas for the Red Cross and Patriotic work did not fall on deaf ears. Mrs. Parsons cited many instances of widows giving their last resources to help bring comfort to the khaki lads on the firing line. Tottering women turned to knitting socks and into them they knitted their love and through their sacrifice, some men's weary feet have been blessed. She told of a cripple girl who gave one hundred cheese cloth handkerchiefs out of the first dollar she ever had. One organization of 15 women sent twenty men to the front and then turned their attention to sick room supplies. "Living in shacks, having no advantages, loving sacrificing, these women were great" declared Mrs. Parsons. Little school girls have knit and engaged in sewing, boys have worked to earn money for the cause. Today many of these noble citizens are buried in Northern Ontario, victims of the great fire, but they did their duty.

The Sacrifice of Honor

But the great sacrifice is not to give money or labor, but our men. "Are we women standing in their way? As wives and mothers are we saying we cannot let you go, The German women do not keep their men back. They urge them on to enslave us.

"That is the greatest sacrifice that can come—the sacrifice of honor. That is no small thing to ask us, but it has to be asked and to be given. Every man that goes to the front belongs to us. Every man who goes has some women who prays for him. Any woman who is keeping her boy back is doing him the greatest injustice that can be done him. When you see your boys in khaki, a compensation will come into your hearts. One must only die once. I would rather have my boy dead on the battlefield in khaki, than alive in Belleville a shirker who might live to fill a German uniform."

A sense of responsibility, a nobility of soul, comes into a man when he comes to make a sacrifice.

This is Man's Day

"It's a man's day. It's a man's opportunity," the speaker declared. "A man's place today is on the firing line. A woman's is at home, keeping the home fires burning and bearing unexpected burdens. The more we women do, better we can bear the sacrifices that may come. Canada calls for her women's aid."

On motion of Mrs. Bonisteel and Mrs. Chapman, a resolution of thanks was tendered Mrs. Parsons.

Mrs. R. J. Graham, president of the institute occupied the chair. An important feature of the meeting was the presentation of certificates to forty-eight ladies for proficiency in St. John's Ambulance Association work. Dr. Brown of Toronto took up the work locally.

St. John's Certificates

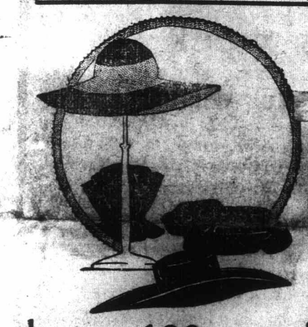
Dr. H. A. Yeomans who conducted the examinations, was called upon to present the certificates. The doctor congratulated the class on the success in the examinations. The Holy Order of St. John or the St. John's Ambulance dates back he said, according to some authorities to the time of the crusades, when some systematic work in caring for wounded was begun. This has been emulated in modern times by the Red Cross of Geneva which however operates only in time of war. St. John"s Ambulance comes nearer to every day life and is adapted to our homes.

The efficiency of the candidates called for Dr. Yeomans' praise. Not one failed. Many he hoped would pursue the work until they received the medallion of the order. No class has stood higher in its examinations. Dr Yeomans thereupon presented certificates to the members of the class, the names of whom are as follows:—

Miss Fanny L. Reilly, Miss Nina A. Yeomans, Mrs. May F. Lazier, Miss Nellie D. Knight, Mrs. Miriam Lazier, Miss Gertrude Price, Miss M. E. Herrington, Mrs. Edith M. Mills, Miss Lena Coeuret, Miss Minnie Adams, Mrs. Emma Ketcheson, Mrs. Mary Chapman, Mrs. Susan Taylor, Mrs. Emma A. Reid, Miss Mabel Woodley, Miss Isabelle Lewis, Miss Minnie Young, Miss Edith McLean, Miss Ida Ruttan, Miss Annie Duckworth, Mrs Marguerite Farrow, Miss Jessie McLean, Miss Ethel V. Lingham, Miss Alice Stapley, Mrs. Catherine Fitzgerald, Miss Helen Farrow, Miss Inez Palmer, Mrs. Stella Walters, Miss Rita Archibald, Miss Helen McCuaig, Mrs. Edith Farrow, Miss Caroline Stratton, Miss Nellie Alford, Mrs. Margaret Flagler, Miss Winnifred Bulpit, Mrs. Carrie McKeown, Miss Eva Brockhurst, Miss Minnie Leper, Mrs. Annie Bird, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Alice Bonisteel, Mrs. Florence Davis, Miss Mary L. Brook, Mrs. Inez Taylor, Miss Edna Barlow and Miss Emilia Lazier.

A number who were not present at the presentation may secure the certificates at Hotel Quinte from the president, Mrs. R. J. Graham.

RITCHIE'S



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SEE THEM IN CENTRE WINDOW TONIGHT

"DOLLAR DAYS" ad the Big Advertisement on Page 7

RITCHIE'S

FRENCH LAUNCH BIG OFFENSIVE AT VERDUN; SMASH FOE ON WIDE FRONT; TAKE 3,500 PRISONERS

Gen. Petain's Troops Capture Fort and Village of Douaumont—On the Left Victorious Poilus Push Beyond Thiaumont Work and Farm, Rush Haudromont Quarries, and Establish Themselves Along Road From Bras to Douaumont—Prisoners Taken Include 100 Officers—Large Quantity of War Material Also Falls Into Their Hands—French Losses Are Small.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Verdun, where the German Crown Prince sacrificed half a million men in vain, is now the scene of a powerful French offensive.

Smashing through a front of four miles, General Petain's troops have captured portions on the right bank of the Meuse for a depth of two miles. The village and fort of Douaumont, which have changed hands many times since the German drive began in February; the Thiaumont work and farm, strongholds of the Teuton advanced line, and the Haudromont quarries, north of Thiaumont, have fallen before the French onslaught.

The Germans captured Douaumont on February 25, and held it until May 22, when the French recaptured part of the fort. The Germans again occupied Fort Douaumont on May 24 after a violent struggle.

More than 3,500 prisoners have already been passed back by the French troops, and the action is still in progress. Large quantities of supplies were captured in the charge, for the suddenness with which it was carried through gave the Germans little time to withdraw their guns and material to the rear.

T he French victory won on terrain that has seen some of the bloodiest fighting of the war, and won despite the maze of fortifications that covers the Verdun front, is a welcome antidote to the Teuton victories against the Roumanians. It is evident that Mackensen and Falkenhayn cannot draw troops from other fronts to battle for Bucharest. It is an omen of renewed allied pressure against the Kaiser's lines in the west.

With daybreak the French guns began to bathe the German trenches with shell. Recent visitors to Petain's headquarters have reported that the French artillery on this front was firing fifty shots to one for the Germans. The execution the bombardment did in the enemy's line tends to prove that statement.

Soon before noon the Poilus sprang to the attack. Then began a series of assaults that swept through the first German line and beyod into the Fort of Douaumont and the village. Meanwhile the right wing was moving toward Vaux, a position as Douaumont. Here they reached the outskirts of the village.

On the left wing, nearer the river, the rush was irresistible. It swept through the Thiaumont Wood and farm lying in low land dominated by ridges to the north, into and beyond the Haudromont quarries, which has been converted into a veritable fortress and astride the road from Douaumont to Bras.

Thus in a few hours the French have regained positions that it took the Germans months to wrest from them. The resistance they met was comparatively weak. This may have been due to the fact that the Kaiser's Generals have withdrawn troops to the Somme front, or it may have been due to he efficiency of the artillery preparations. At any rate the last fragment of the Crown Prince's dream has been crumbled.

The purpose the Verdun offensive serves is twofold. It puts increased pressure on the German forces, and so makes the task on other fronts easier. Another end it may ultimately serve is in preparing the way for a new drive for Metz.

The German line in this sector, it must be remembered, is a very sharp salient, with its tip at St. Mihiel. Until this wedge is wiped out a French push eastward is almost impossible. By breaking through the German line north of Verdun the French can flank the enemy's position at St. Mihiel, and so force its evacuation.

LOSS OF TAXES BRINGS PROTEST

City Taxes Decreased $1,400 by Government Purchase of Electric Company

ASSURANCE OF RETURN

Deputation From Eastern Ontario Waited Upon Cabinet Yesterday

Mayor Ketcheson was in Toronto yesterday with a delegation of the Midland Municipal Association, which waited upon the cabinet and Sir Adam Beck, to protest against the loss to municipalities of the taxes paid by teh Seymour Power Company before the government took over its plants under legislation passed during the last session. Sir Adam Beck said that he would favor payment by the government of these taxes for the balance of this year only from the profits made by the companies. This they might not be able to do entirely this year, but the payments might be spread over a larger period.

He expressed the opinion that since the municipalities had struck their tax rate reckoning on these taxes, it would not be entirely fair for the government to take over the plants and leave the ratepayers to make good the taxes that would have been paid by these companies during the remaining ten months of the year.

Difference of Opinion.

There is some divergence of opinion on these matters among the municipalities themselves. Sir Adam intimated that some of the delegation appeared to wish for the government to provide these taxes for a longer period than the balance of this year, but Sir Adam pointed out that he presumed that the course taken with these municipalities would be similar to that taken in others—that is, that the power and light would be supplied to the municipalities at cost, with further saving to the municipalities through reduction of rates when the cost was reduced to warrant it. Obviously no discrimination could be made for any municipalities in the matter of taxation on publicly owned properties.

The delegation, which was headed by Mayor Mulholland of Port Hope, was assured of the government's careful consideration by the premier:

Belleville has this year lost $1400 in taxes through the change. Sir Adam Beck's proposition will meet with general satisfaction, as it practically gives the assurance of the payment of the amount lost.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. W. J. Rawlingson, desires to thank the military authorities and those who assisted her during her recent sad bereavement.

CHORAL SOCIETY WAS ORGANISED

Music Lovers of Belleville Formed Association to Foster Patriotic Music.

A large number of enthusiastic musicians, representing the Church Choirs held a meeting in the Y.M.C.A. last evening and discussed plans for the organization of a Choral Society for the rendering of Patriotic Music and to assist patriotic purposes. Mr. J. J. B. Flint occupied the chair, and called upon Mr. Hunt to address the meeting on the plan proposed, who outlined the object of the association explaining that we needed encouragement in this time of anxiety and a Musical Society of this kind would be a strong factor in stimulating patriotic emotions particularly as there is such a repertoire of good music written of a national and patriotic character, and also that we must assist in the good work of raising funds for urgent needs. The organization of a society was unanimously decided upon and the following officers were chosen:

President—Mr. J. J. Flint
Secretary—Mr. D. M. Clark
Treasurer—Mrs. Alex. Ray
Conductor—Mr. V. P. Hunt
Accompanist—Mr. Ernest Wheatley.

The Executive Committee to consist of all the choir leaders and organists of the city also the representatives of the different choirs appointed and other prominent musicians of the city. A committee was chosen to select the music and it was also decided that the choirs learn the music in their weekly practices, afterward meeting together for full and final rehearsals. All singers not attached to any choir are cordially invited to join the chorus by sending their names to any member of the committee, and attending the weekly rehearsal of one of the choirs most convenient. Belleville may expect a strong and efficient chorus for the rendering of patriotic music and for worthy causes.

WEDDING BELLS

WADDELL—O'HARA

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Michael's church this morning at 7.30 when Rev. Father Killeen united in marriage Miss Mabel Waddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Richard Waddell to Mr. James O'Hara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Hara of this city. Miss Mina Hunter was bridesmaid, while Mr. James Waddell did honors for the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara left on the 11.20 train for Toronto and Niagara, and on their return will take up their residence at 316 Coleman St.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents, which showed the esteem in which the young couple is held.

Among the many gifts was a beautiful Clock from the Fire Brigade and an easy chair from the employees of the Belleville Hardware Co., where the groom is a valued employee.

The Ontario joins with their many friends in wishing them much happines through life.

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Died of Wounds

J. E. Storms, Belleville

Previously reported missing, now classed as dead—

E. G. Clarke, Kingston

Killed in Action

W. A. Clapper, Hastings

Wounded

P. Mann, Peterborough
E. Armson, Peterborough
M. Aylesworth, Newburg
W. A. Murphy, Peterboro
A. W. Tamblin, Peterboro
G. Secker, Belleville
J. R. Heron, Peterborough

BIG DAY

TWO BIG DOLLAR DAYS AT RITCHIE'S. SEE ADVERTISEMENT ON PAGE 7

FRENCH WIN GLORIOUS VICTORY AT VERDUN

Burst Through the German Line and Hold All Gains—German Counter-Attacks Fail—Germans Preparing Great Offensive Against British at the Somme—Norway and Germany in a Warlike Frame—Italians Joint Allies in Macedonia.

FRENCH HOLD ALL GAINS: GERMAN COMMANDER CAPTURED.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The French War Office announces that two violent German counter-attacks were delivered last night against the positions on the Haudremont-Demloup line won by the French yesterday; both attacks failed, the French holding all the gains securely.

Among the 3,500 prisoners taken yesterday is the German commander of Fort Douaumont.

GERMANS PREPARING GREAT COUNTER-ATTACK ON BRITISH?

LONDON, Oct. 25.—General Haig reports that on the Somme last night the Germans shelled the British front northeast of Courcelette, and also along the Pozieres-Bapaume road with great violence as if in preparation for a great counter-attack; a heavy rain impedes operations.

ITALIANS JOIN ALLIES ON MACEDONIAN FRONT.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—A Saloniki despatch states that Italian cavalry from southern Albania formed a junction yesterday with cavalry and artillery of the allied forces on the Macedonian front

GERMANY AND NORWAY AT LOGGERHEADS.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 25.—Following Norway's refusal to harbor German submarines, Germany has practically blockaded the Norwegian coast and continues a persistent war on Norway's shipping. There is great excitement.

FRENCH SURPRISED AT EXTENT OF VERDUN VICTORY.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The official French account, every word of which was weighed carefully, does not say the German line was forced back, but that it was burst. Later details show that its extent was as much of a surprise to the French as it must have been to the Germans.

LONDON PRESS ON FRENCH SUCCESS.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—All the morning papers comment exultingly on the French victory at Verdun. The Times says. The victory will disquiet the enemy, hearten the Russo-Roumanian armeis and inspire all the Allies with fresh confidence.

AUSTRIAN MILITARY WORKS BOMBED.

ROME, Oct. 25.—A squadron of Italian and French seaplanes it is announced have bombarded Austrian military works in three places on the west coast of Istria and escaped unscathed.

15-HOUR CONFERENCE OF C. P. R. MEN AND OFFICIALS FUTILE.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 25.—After an almost continuous session of fifteen hours the conference of C.P.R. officials and representatives of the conductors and trainmen's unions, adjourned at seven-thirty this morning for two hours.

MRS. MARY GUNN WATERS DEAD

Well Known Belleville Lady Succumbed to Stroke.

Mrs. Mary Gunn Waters, relict of the late Captain Richard Waters of Belleville, died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Cook, 146 Bridge St. West. Mrs. Waters had been stricken on Thursday night last with a stroke of paralysis. She had previously been afficted similarly some years ago but had recovered.

The late Mrs. Waters was born in Caithness, Scotland. She however lived the greater part of her life here, being a resident of Belleville for forty years. Eight years ago her husband passed away. For years she lived on Franck street and after the death of her husband went to live with Mrs. Cook. She was a member of John Street Presbyterian church. Mrs. Waters was a highly esteemed lady whose death is deeply regretted.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Cook, she leaves five sisters and one brother. Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Richardson of Toronto are sisters of the deceased. The brother and three sisters live in Herrington, Kansas.

MRS. JOHN R. MALLOUGH

Friends in this city have only today received the word of the death of Mrs John R. Mallough, which event occurred at Stainsleigh, Alta., on September 10th.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Mary Priscilla Way, was the daughter of the late Willet Way, for many years a carriage manufacturer and postmaster at Mountain View. In fact it was at his place that the post office was first opened and he served continuously for a period of forty years.

Some years ago the Way family removed to Goderich, where the subject of this sketch met and wedded her husband. She was a teacher by profession and a lady of marked intellectual endowments.

She is survived by a family of three sons and one daughter, also by two brothers, Alva of Goderich and Casey of the North West, and one sister, Mrs. Mm. Waite, of Goderich. Mr. Byron Way, Mrs. J H. P. Young, the Misses Anderson, Alexander St., and Mr. James Anderson Trent Road are cousins.

Deceased was a devoted member of the Methodist church. Interment took place at Provost, Alta.

DEATH OF MISS JEAN PETRIE.

Miss Jean Petrie, onlny daughter of the late Allan Petrie of this city, passed away this morning about nine o'clock. A more extended obituary notice will appear in a later issue.

DIED.

WATERS—On Tuesday, Oct. 24th, Mary Gunn Waters, in her 75th year.

Funeral on Thursday, Oct. 26th from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Cook 146 West Bridge St. Service at the house at 2 o'clock, funeral 2.30. Interment Belleville Cemetery.

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