

DO NOT REALIZE GRAVITY OF WAR

Officers Declare Western Ontario Men Must Come and Volunteer.

BATTALION IS 300 SHORT

Three Recruiting Days Remain To Complete Ranks of Local Unit.

That the recruiting of the Eighteenth Battalion is not proceeding with the quickness and dispatch that was anticipated in military headquarters is now admitted by practically all the local officials. Three active recruiting days remain, and the battalion is still short 300 men. Scarcely more than three or four volunteers show up at the hours when Captain Arthur Little recruits for local enthusiasm.

It was admitted today that if the difficulty of obtaining volunteers is not overcome by the time the next contingent is formed an advertising campaign will be launched and public speakers sent out to stir up enthusiasm.

"London and the towns in Western Ontario do not appreciate that this is a life and death struggle," said one of the officers today. "The country calls for men to defend the Empire. It is no longer a question of debate the way of the war. We are in a fight, and we must win. We need men. Every man should volunteer for this work."

It is a thrilling sight to watch the officers taking lessons in the school of instruction at the Armories as they go through their daily stunts. Officers who are good judges say that these officers, at least, have realized the seriousness of the war and are showing the spirit and the vim that is needed to carry men and arms into successful combats.

Full Strength by Thursday.

Indications are that the battalion will be recruited to full strength by Thursday of next week. It was announced today that the total number of men attested yesterday were 308, distributed as follows:

London, 122.
Galt and Berlin, 120.
Windsor, 128.
Woodstock, 70.
Sarnia, 43.
Stratford, 15.
Chatham, 49.
St. Thomas, 70.
Stratford, 51.
Guelph, 62.
Windsor, 42.

Windsor can furnish 100 more men, Stratford 25, and St. Thomas 10, and a few other volunteers picked up throughout the division will make up the balance.

710 on Grounds.

The number in camp today was increased by five from Galt and 71 from St. Thomas, making 719 on the grounds. The soldiers are in comfort, able quarters and at the far grounds, especially, it is possible to feed 750 men at one sitting in the dining hall under the grandstand.

There are eight rows of cots in the machinery and automobile buildings, where the men sleep, and the accommodations as to heat, light and ventilation are excellent.

The guard which is being maintained here in charge of the Government property has not been disturbed, although half of it has volunteered for service with the Eighteenth Battalion.

\$99,100 PERMITS

Building Figures for October Under Last Year's Figures.

Building permits for the month of October numbered 118, and had a total value of \$99,100. The figures show a falling off as compared with October, 1913, when 156 permits, with a value of \$165,746, were issued.

This year, however, has been a good one, taking it all through. During the ten months up to the end of October, permits were issued for buildings having an aggregate value of \$1,755,825, as compared with \$1,658,890 during the corresponding period of last year.

Since the beginning of the year until now, 423 dwelling houses have been erected in the city, and their total value was \$807,205.

OPENING NEW SCHOOL

The cottage built by A. E. Cook and temporarily donated by him to the board of education for a school to replace East London's tent school, will be opened on Tuesday morning. There are between 25 and 40 children attending this tent school and it is expected that the enrollment will be still larger when the cottage takes the place of the canvas walls.

RHEUMATISM CONQUERED

I say that I can conquer rheumatism with a simple home treatment, without any medicine, without diet, without heat, or in fact, any of the usual treatments recommended for the cure of rheumatism.

Don't shut your eyes and say "Impossible," but put me to the test.

George W. Jackson, 11, of 1111 St. George Street, writes: "I have been suffering from rheumatism for many years, and have tried every treatment known to me, but have not been able to get well. I have heard of your treatment, and I have decided to try it. I have followed your directions, and I am now well and free from rheumatism. I am writing you to let you know that your treatment is the best I have ever known."

FREE FROM RHEUMATISM

You may have heard of the cure for rheumatism, but you may not have heard of the cure for rheumatism. I have heard of your treatment, and I have decided to try it. I have followed your directions, and I am now well and free from rheumatism. I am writing you to let you know that your treatment is the best I have ever known."

NO DECLARATION OF WAR AS YET

Turkey and Russia Continue Diplomatic Relations—Germany May Be Responsible For Hostilities.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Oct. 31.—No declaration of war has yet been made by either Turkey or Russia, and the suggestion is made from various sources that the German commanders of the cruisers Goeben and Breslau may have forced the situation without the authority of the Turkish Government, owing to German chagrin at the defeat on the Vistula.

According to one report the entire Turkish fleet left Turkish waters undisturbed, and the war ships were cruising about on the Russian coasts.

Not To Be Despaired.

The Petrograd correspondents, in their discussion of the situation, remark that the Turkish army is not altogether to be despised, especially as it is entirely under the command of German officers of the highest rank.

The Times' Petrograd correspondent says there are a thousand German officers in Turkey at the present time. The commander of the straits, Col. Dever, is a German, while Gen. Liman von Sanders commands the Ottoman troops.

Ambassadors Remain.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail in Petrograd says that the Ottoman charge d'affaires is still there, and professes to have no information regarding the action of his Government. He also declares that the Russian ambassador has not yet been handed his passports by the Porte, which only a few days ago assured the ambassador that Turkey's neutrality was intact.

It is assumed that the Turkish correspondent concludes that Germany has found some means to force the Turks into the war.

GETS \$1,000 VERDICT

Girl Wins Suit Against Clarence Ward—Allegation Case On.

A Verdict of \$1,000 was granted to Miss Esther Robitman this morning at the fall assizes, as a result of an action against Clarence Ward, alleging seduction under promise of marriage. The Robitmans asked \$30,000 damages. Meredith & Meredith for plaintiff, and Flock & Flock for defendant.

The action of John C. Patterson against R. T. Robitman was some real estate in St. Mary's and in London Township, has been settled out of court.

The action of Wm. T. Ford, who asked \$25,000 for alleged seduction of his wife's affection by Peter Zimmerman, began this morning and is still going on at press time. In his evidence, Ford stated that his wife had broken an umbrella handle over his head when he was peacefully walking down Ottawa avenue some time ago.

IN POLICE COURT

Admit Theft Charge.

David Acker, John Hamilton and a 15-year-old juvenile pleaded guilty today to breaking into and stealing a quantity of tools from the repair shop of Percy Hodgins, Richmond street. The trio will appear next Friday for sentencing.

Some Soldier.

Last night, when a soldier took a dislike to a policeman and commenced calling the officer a number of names, with the result that John appeared in court charged with being drunk and disorderly.

"I am a soldier, you give me a chance," asked John.

"You are a bright soldier; \$3 and costs, or ten days," responded the magistrate.

Quick Return.

On Thursday, Herbert Jones was given a chance and promised that he would never drink again. Herbert was back again today. He was given the option of paying \$5 or spending fifteen days in the county jail.

Disorderly Juveniles.

Six juveniles were given a severe lecture for acting in a disorderly manner on the streets.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Ivan Panin, B. A., the converted agnostic, will lead, and be the special preacher tomorrow at the 37th anniversary of Adelaide Street Baptist Church. The large congregation that came last Sunday to hear him tell the story of his conversion will doubtless want to hear him speak on "Man Without God a Failure."

This cultural and intellectual speaker has been heard by many during the past week with ever increasing interest.

There will be special music by the choir under the able leadership of James H. Alderson, the newly-appointed organist.

ASK VALUATIONS

The court of revision last night decided to reduce the assessments on the London Electric Company's property from \$110,000 to \$105,500, if the company will agree to accept that finding "without prejudice"; that is, the board is prepared to make that reduction without investigating the merits of the case, but if the company is not satisfied, evidence will be taken as to the actual value of the property and the assessments fixed on that basis.

The assessment of \$25,000 on the residence of T. H. Smallman, Grand avenue and Ridout street, was confirmed, as were all the other assessments appealed.

In future, the court decided, the users of lanes will be assessed according to the frontage of their properties on the lanes, instead of each user paying an equal share.

The appeal of the churches against assessment for garbage tax, which they considered but no decision was reached. The churches will be asked to supply information of the valuation of the respective properties as returned to the synods, presbyteries, conferences and other church courts, and these valuations will be taken on a basis in arriving at a conclusion.

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CALLING ATTENTION TO PATENT POSSIBILITIES

Manufacturers Notified of the Suspension of Rights Held By Enemy's Subjects.

[Canadian Press.]

The attention of London manufacturers has been called to the fact that the suspension of rights held by enemy subjects, containing the terms of an order-in-council, dated October 2, which provides that the commissioner of patents, on the application of any person, order the suspension of any patent or license which the beneficiary is a subject of any state at war with his majesty, on condition that the applicant is prepared to carry on the patented process within the Dominion and that the public interest will be served by the carrying on of such process. In such case, licenses may be issued to any person who is not a subject of an enemy country for the manufacture or sale of patented inventions so suspended.

The commissioner also is empowered to extend the period within which a patentee, or applicant for a patent, or proprietor, is required to comply with certain conditions under the patent act, where it is shown to his satisfaction that active service or unavoidable absence from the country as a consequence of the war prevents the fulfillment of such conditions, or where their fulfillment would be prejudicial, by reason of the war, to the rights, or interests of the patentee, applicant, or proprietor.

The order provides, in addition, that in case of a subject of an enemy state assuming a patent, the commissioner may refuse to register the assignment unless he is satisfied that it was made in good faith and not with a view to the evasion of any of the provisions of the order.

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VETERAN TRUSTEE WHO DIED ON FRIDAY IN HIS 84TH YEAR

Man Who Had Served in the War, and Who Had Been a Member of the Order of the Sons of the American Revolution, Died on Friday.

[Canadian Press.]

Man Who Had Served in the War, and Who Had Been a Member of the Order of the Sons of the American Revolution, Died on Friday. The funeral will be held at the home on Monday at 3 o'clock.

SOLD AT AUCTION.—The property of O. B. Glass, 881 Dundas street, was sold yesterday at public auction, by D. H. Porter, auctioneer, to J. Harris. The price realized was \$4,000.

SMALL BLAZE.—The fire brigade ran to O. B. Glass' Art Store, 203 Dundas street, when some waste paper and molding put fire in a back shed. The blaze was put out by chemicals. No damage.

SOCIAL EVENING.—Two hundred members of St. Michael's Church enjoyed a social evening Friday night in the church hall. Cards, dancing and refreshments were the features of the evening. Music was furnished by Tony Villa's harpers.

DECORATED (?) WINDOWS.—Boys playing Halloween pranks last night decorated the windows of the grocery store owned by William Hays, Adelaide street and Central avenue. Gummed labels were the "official" decorations used.

I. O. E. MEETING.—All the members of the I. O. E. are requested to attend the general meeting of the organization called by the regent, Mr. Hodgins, for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the I. O. E. hall, 101 St. Thomas street. The subject will be discussed.

CLERK BAKER'S SON ACCEPTED.—City Clerk Baker has received a letter from his son in Saskatoon stating that he has been accepted for service in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The clerk's son is a member of the I. O. E. and was one of 234 who were accepted out of 750 who applied.

ANNOUNCING ENGAGEMENT.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Munro, of Palmerston, announce the engagement of their second daughter, Jessie Bain