COMING EVENTS

SIX

HOME NURSING CLASS will be changed to Wednesday night for Gardini Concert, Capt. Crompton, lecturer

DUFFERIN RIFLE CHAPTER, knitting tea at Armouries. poned until Thursday, Feb. 7th; Hostesses, Mesdames Coghill, Howard, Newman and Rowe. All welcome at wartime party.

OWING to the bursting of the furnace in Alexandra Presbyterian

Rev. C. B. Oke will be held in Colborne Street Methodist Church this

not later than 6.30 on that day.

DIED

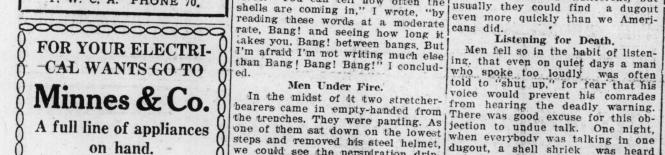
BEECH-In Brantflord on Tuesday, January 29. Edith Rose, beloved wife of Wm, G. Beech age 43 years. Funeral from her late residence 44 Grey street on Thurs-day, January 31 at 2 o'clock. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

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Where Blasts Tear Men and Materials Apart, Though They Are Untouched by Shell-How Men Learn to "Read Shell"-War-Zone Lore of Shell Shrieks.

(By Robert A. Drake of Harvard, sitting on the bench beside a boy | In France, after hearing the roll of Church, induction services of the Winner of the French Cross of War, with a broken arm. Our hearts the cannon for weeks at a time, the stopped beating for two or three sudden crash of genuine thunder Even in the deep bomb-proof dug- seconds. Another scream, still was such a relief as to be more than (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. outs we could feel distinct jars when nearer, seemed to wipe out our very G.W.V.A. Raffle for Submarine to an "arrivee" (a German shell) hit existence. Another! "It's nearer! welcomed

W.V.A. Raffle for Submarine to the ground, whether it exploded or muttered one. It was. It woke up the ground, whether it exploded or muttered one. It was. It woke up not. When the shells did explode a chap who had been snoring in a the jar was so violent that dirt and corner, and it dook a real noise to rocks crumbled down on us, and stir him! often rained on the blankets of the On such

wounded in showers of gravel and ing startled continually by the On such quiet nights we were bedistant rumble of army supply In the very deep dug-out of Ferme Memeret, despite its well-trussed roof If the day had been a particularly huge pieces of the sand-stone often hard one, and men's nerves were on returend to the place after being else-turning over in his blankets, or the edge, the mere rustle of a man falling of a few crumbs of earth, big cracks in the thirty-foot crust of brought sleepers up standing. eath above One day I bored a hole in the

At St. Gils, where big shells ended their trip from "Germany" in a field front of my steel helmet so that I about 200 yards from the road where my car was, the heavy ambulance was when I heard the shriek of a tredriving next day toward Cuissy, stretcher racks rattled. And when I mendous shell so close that I threw saw the frame of another man's am-bulance racked completely out of and the shriek stopped instantly. I true. my respect for the effect of mere picked the helmet up to put it on, oncussion became intense and heard the shriek again; but

The respect was changed almost to this time it was strangely faint. Another question that kept fear after I saw floor-boards, fastened. Then I discovered that the breeze lown with 2-inch screws, ripped up whistling through the tiny aperawake was the stock inquiry: "Does heavy bombardment cause completely by the air-compression ture right above my head had made fall?"

ragment touched that car, yet both coming shell that even a veteran its side doors were blown clean off, might have been deceived. Concussions That Tear Men's Limbs A Queer "Shell." After witnessing a few examples One night in the dugout at Vailly ike these, I was able to credit the in- I sat up in bed, listening to a most

ific blasts actually tore off the arms and coming closer, and closer. and legs of men nearby. "That's a funny one!" said I, in a One of our stations was in a right- low volce to the man next to me,

renches, with the Germans firing "What's a funny one?" asked he. rom three sides. The noise was like "That shell." said I. "Pst! There that of a fierce morth gale sweeping it is again!" hrough trees and through the cracks in a house. There were curious me, blowing up my air pillow! The

stant, the shells seemed surely to be driving straight for the dug-out. In When a man was in the open, the another instant we heard the noises

whimpering away overhead. "A dud!" exclaimed my partner. "It hit in the marsh down by the self into the nearest dugout. That poste one day, Tommy, my mate, range, that the German batteries that fails to explode.) When the storm of shells seemed body who was merely killing time to have lessened greatly, I tried to obeyed the rule faithfully. to have lessened greatly, I tried to obeyed the rule faithfully. Some- disgusting vision of running a cou-finish a letter by inserting the word times the Frenchmen were some- ple of miles on the "flat." for that the clever ruse of the Chausseurs was rivee. "You can tell how often the

Listening for Death. akes you, Bang! between bangs. But

Men Under Fire. In the midst of it two stretcher- from hearing the deadly warning. bearers came in empty-handed from There was good excuse for this ob-

Problems in Shell Noises There were many questions in re-

THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1917.

gard to shell noises that caused hours of heated, but always fruitless discussion. One question was: Why does the whine of some shells decrease as the shell comes nearer, while that of others, increases?

Argument that kept the section stirred up was caused by the allegation that the Germans had some shells that had two explosive effects. "Pap was a leading exponent of this theory. "One explosion,"

said he, occurs while it is still in the air. The second one occurs could hang it up on a nail. I was, when it strikes. So you get a combination of shrapnel and ordinary explosive shell in one." "Don't you believe it." objected Petey, who represented the skeptics. What you think is a double explos-

ion is nothing but the echo of the

rain rom a shell. Though not the tiniest such a perfect imitation of an on-Whenever the French attack. it

ains!" was a regular saying. One heard it again and again. I noted that many times it was true. "But it doesn't rain when

loches attack!" said an iconoclast ormation that occasionally these ter-, peculiar shrick coming from afar, one night, triumphantly. The thing that caused the most in tensely personal interest was the

angled corner of the line close to the old "Friar Tuck." "Shell!" said he disgusted. "It's

ounds of tearing and ripping in the darn think leaks so. I have to air that approached till, for an in- wake up every few hours to pump

> first loud whistle of a shell was, according to unwritten law, the on the road was not to stop. Any- that I had heard the sharp "plop"

"Bang!" every time I heard an ar-rivee. "You can tell how often the shells are coming in," I wrote, "by even more quickly than we Ameri-net the shells are coming in," I wrote, "by even more quickly than we Ameri-

I'm afraid I'm not writing much else ing, that even on quiet days a man

ed and there was no lessening of the vast attack.

**Drive on Northern** 

Front

on Heights East of the

Ground Subsequently

That . aeroplanes aided materially

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children

Regained

Asiago Basin

drmy slogan about the shells: "You don't hear the one that hits you!" On the tenth of August, the Ger-Strangely enough none of our scienmans dropped another terrific curtists want to make a personal extain fire on the front lines, plainly periment to test the truth of that preparatory to a big attack. The French artillery replied with a fire theory!

the

equally heavy. As a Chasseur of-Infinite Varieties of Noise On the road to Ostel the 75s were

ficer teld me next day: "We threw 75s as fast as 155s came in!" n battery so near the places where When it became dark, the French we drove that they not only shook

the ears up and damaged them, as their farthest front line. These already told, but they fooled us rockets so closely resembled the curiously. On the way to the Ostel German signal for lengthening the of a bursting tire; and I had the front line, all the German artillery

Then we had blindness and con-

ambined

cussion and deafening noises all

When the French started thei

just climbing into bed, in a house

well in the rear of the active zone.

My room-mate, "Wally," sang out:

Through the open sloping sky-light of the garret, I saw, for a

moment, by straining my eyes, a far,

black horizon. All at once that

black sky lighted up with monstrous

pulsations of flame like the North-

ern Lights magnified a thousand

Then rain began to patter on the

whole immensely long stretch

"Come and see the gun-fire!

Listening for Death. Men fell so in the habit of listen-ing, that even on quiet days a man who spoke too loudly was often told to "shut up." for fear that his voice would prevent his comrades from hearing the deadly warning. There is the source in the general balk on the steer in the steer in the source in the general three in the source in the general three is the steer in the source in the general source is the steer in the source in the source is the steer is the

bearers came in empty-handed from the under the deading warning. There was good excuse for this objection to undue talk. One night, one of them sat down on the lowest when everybody was talking in one behind the car.

Then rain began to patter on the London, Jan. 30-Notwithstand-roof, as if the storm that grumbled ing the fact that deep snows still

and roared on that far-distant sky cover the ground, the Italians have

were indeed, a storm in the clouds. carried out successfully a spectacu-

All through the night of gentle rain lar drive against the Austro-German

sleep became impossible. The rain enemy positions penetrated were was pattering still, and my brain, tenaciously held, despite strong

instead of yielding to weariness, was counter attacks, in which the Aus-

hevelled hair and the tired eyes of heavy casualties. The Berlin War the thousands of soldiers whom I Office, in admitting the reverse to

had seen tramping through the mud the Teutonic allied line, asserts that

that day. "I will eat dinner at Craonne be-fore I come back," the French Gen-the brance they had made in the

Under usual conditions the artile in the fighting, full details of which

busily reviewing again the wild, dis- tro-Germans were repulsed

tempts to break through from the to the west their attack broke down hill region to the Venetian Plain for the most part in front of the failed around Monte Tomba and sec- Austro-Hungarian positions under ors west, the Austro-Germans have their fire. been bringing up reinforcements in

"Monte Di Val Bella, on which the Asiago district preparatory to a they were able for a time to gain a further series of attacks to reach the footing, was wrested from them owlands around Bassano and Viagain in a counter attack. In the cenza. region of the Col Del Rosso and be-

Story of the Victory tween the Frenzela Ravine and the The text of the Italian statement Brenta our allies, after bitter fighteads ing, threw back the enemy who advanced to the attack. Repeated at-

tempts of the enemy to widen the heights east of Asiago Basin and local breaches by bringing up rewere deceived. Believing that the broke through them at several serves broke down with heavy losses. Ten officers and 350 men fence of the enemy and afterwards were taken prisoner.'

> "By evening about fifteen hundred By Courier Leased Wire. Chicago, Jan. 30-August Khieprisoners, including sixty-two officers had already passed into our collectfer, of Chicago made his initial ap-

"Our own and our allies' artilleries co-operated very effectively, shelling the terrain of the attack and dispersing hostile reinforcements hurrying down the Nos and Compomulo Val-

"Our airmen dominated the air ton, Detroit, 39; McCort, Cleveland,

ontario Co<sup>s</sup>opera and D Just Gr ence at By Courier Leased Ottawa, Ont., ant results are 1

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BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

conference betwee war cabinet and labor organization resumed to-morro ary conference, y week ago Friday presentative. Onta ending delegates. come from all t suggestions as to of dealing with labor shortage wi ly associated the increased producti tion in Great Bri countries is to be In Government of optimism prevai cess of the deliber Ministers say that ference the labor for doubt as to th and desire to give the war aims of No doubt is expre-willingness of Cana follow the example m in Great Brit: favor of the contin possible effort to p victorious conclu ept the situation Premier Lloyd Geor We must go on on No official staten been made by the G the recommudations war cabinet at the irst conference, bu that among other th for the establishme of Government empl The Canadian lab its relation to the UI beer under discussion ton during the last ator Robertson. mi portfolio, who was pany with W. W. Con ster of the interior delegation headed by ager Jones of the Company, has return and is submitting th conference to the Gov result of the disc United States authorit was in every way en Toronto, Jan. passed at recent lab in Ontario pertaining over which the Ontri has jurisdiction



"At dawn yesterday our infantry stormed the enemy's positions on the

nockets were signals from their own points, overcoming the stubborn deresisting his violent counter offen sives

ng station

pearance in the ambulance fund cushion billiard tournament, defeated Ray Palmer of Detroit last night 50 to 36, in seventy inning. Alfred De Oro will arrive Friday to play Khiefer for the world's champion ship February 7 and 8. Other scores

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BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Courier Leased Wire. Cincinnati, O., Jan. 30-Notice was By given last night that all bowlers contemplating entering the International ough to startle men out of a doze. Oc-Bowling Tourney, to be held in this city from February 16 to March 10, must positively have their entries in at midnight Friday, February 1.

CHURCHES BEHIND GOVT.

By Courier Leased Wire. Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 30-An aggressive campaign to place the member in the battle for numanity, was mapped out here yesterday by the executive committee of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America. German propaganda propaganda and half a mile away will be combatted through the med- or within half a yard. ium of sermons through the pulpit and the women of the church will he called upon to take a more active part in the welfare of the soldiers.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND. By Courier Leased Wire.

Chicago, Jan. 30-The body of . well dressed young woman was found in a snow bank in a residence district of the south side last night and the police believe she was murdered by heing struck on the head with a heavy piece of gas pipe.

BLAZE IN TRENTON.

New Glasgow, Jan. 29 .- A blaze at the Scotia plant at Trenton caus- were leading the orchestra.

ed excitement in New Glasgow last ed excitement in New Glasgow last In intervals between bombard-night and there was a great rush ments we usually wrote letters for for the steel works. The fire is be-nobody wanted to talk. While the for the steel works. The fire is be-ieved to have originated from the silence lasted, the scratching of evolosion of an acetylene tank in pens seemed immensely loud. Then, it was had enough when the state of the fact that it was had enough when the state of the state of the fact that is a seemed immensely loud. Then, it was had enough when the state of the state of the fact that is a seemed immensely loud. Then, it was had enough when the state of the fact that have or state of the fact that is a seemed immensely loud. Then, it was had enough when the state of the fact that have or evolosion of an acetylene tank in pens seemed immensely loud. Then, the storage department. The dam-in all at once, the tearing sound would break the silence. The shadowy the storage department. The dam-age is between four and five thou-break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence. The shadowy forms of the bearers cringed un-consciously in anticipation of the break the silence the bearers cringed the bearers the break the silence the bearers t

negotiations for entire output of An- were to the noise. Nearer and thracite coal for customers of the nearer fell the shells till there were County of Brant (only.) Advertise- whistlings that made us verily bement to this effect will follow later lieve that the next shell must burst Watch for this advertisement- into the place. Walsh Coal Yards. "Voila!" said a stretcher-bearer

we could see the perspiration drip- and the first thing we knew was ping from his glistening brow. "To- that a thick stone wall nearby was Gur Hashes Bad as Noise Bad past the noise was, there were

The

day is the hottest one for shells since two months!" said the other, snatch-brought, down with a rush and a piece of the shell came into the dugtimes when the flashes were even worse on nerves. It was at night, and especially if the night was very clack., Driving along a road near the front then (with all lights out, of course), the blinding floats out and hit the chlef's dish-pan. The French battery men were so The flames of the candles and the The hames of the candids and the gasolene lamps flickering wildly in dug-outs, even when the shells ex-ploded far away. In the open, the blasts caused dozens of varying dis-cotors. The heavy glass of my autoof course), the blinding flashes from guns near and far made eye-sight imply non-existent. The darkness

was, all the more impenetrable these momentary, dazzling flashes, mobile headlights was insufficient to cover, the gunners would stand mobile headlights was insufficient to withstand the force of the compress-ed air. Finally the window in my am-hulance was shattered, utterly wholly One could do nothing except just steer unseeing into the black pocket. Occasionally if the road happened blasted into a thousand bits. to be in front of a battery, the shells explosit, followed. would pass not fifty feet overhead.

I stretched a piece of heavy rubber The next moment, however, they over the broken window and fastenmight yell "Watch out!" when a ed it tightly with tacks driven deep shell-whistle not half so loud as the into hardwood. Rigidly though it was stretched, it bellied like a sail first one came along overhead. Instantly the whole crowd would whenever an arrivee burst anywhere tumble in a mass, into their bomb-And up in the air and all proof.

nearby Tricks of Strained Nerves.

There were some humorous effects, too, of the continuous nervous ten-

ower of fragments. "How do you know?" I asked. "Easy!" they answered. "T sion. Sometimes when sleeping in a shells that rarely explode are those dug-out on a quiet night, the sudden that sail end over end; and the buzz of a big bue-bottle fly was enwhistle they make is different from casionally I awoke in the alraming the others."

belief that a fast Austrian "44" was Importance of "Reading Shell." coming right in at the door, only to It was important to be able to "read" shell, for often the only discover that it was somebody snor-

warning gas was from the sound

around there would be a rioping

We timed the courses of shells of-ten. The time from the first dull an odorless gas used by the Gerboom of the German gun to the crash mans, and unless one was aware of that terminated the whistle of its the noise made by such a shell, one shell's flight was nearly the same al- had no way of being prepared. So churches directly behind the govern- ways for each variety of shell-shriek we all learned carefully that the -20,21 and 23 seconds, according gas shells did not explode with a never slackening, till morning. Then, Northern Italy and captured strong

shell would land half a mile away Hatred of the Unending Concussion. We did not relish assignments to Awaiting for the Explosion. posts near the French batteries. During such tense periods of waiting, men's minds because so fixed Germans shelled such localities that they could not, for the moment, nore. It was because the ceaseremember even the names of their less noise and the concussions were comrades. I saw that the strain had its effect even on the set, sober, un- hate the roar of the guns-a hatred

of the noise as if it were something bearers horrible and personified. It was especially hard to bear when one was so tired out that his nerves include the had faced death to make made prisoner. A curious thing was when we were outside, sheltering with our ambulances between walls in the open. On such occasions the stretcher-bearers insistent bellows of the war's arti-often stood at the entrance of the ficial thunder of the war's arti-

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often stood at the entrance of the dug-out lifting their arms to signal the coming of shells. It was strange-ly as if the flying shricks were some in the end nearly nauseated men. Loneliness made the noises all but shells might have been pounding the unandurable. At time noises all but unendurable. At times, when a man roads during the night, morning progress of the battle the enemy lost

had to wait in some solitary spot, generally found the front so quiet twelve aircraft. he would get into a condition that that cars vontured well toward the The victory o

evening near Ostel. We looked was rudely broken by one side or the around at the silent stretcher, other. One merring about eleven bearers who sat along the wall, and the Germans suddenly opened a tre-we both agreed that their company mendous fire. Within a few monu-In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears was worse than none at all. At home I never had regarded a the roads were whipped ents the heavens seemed rent. A!

the thunderstorm as a pleasant thing. fiery curtain. Hour after hour pass-

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50; J. Moore, Chicago, 45; G. Moore dangerous that night than the hotly while 10 of them were brought down New York, 50; Capron, Chicago, 36; by our fliers and two by the French. engaged front

JIM WALSH JOINS NAVY. The German Version By Courier Leased Wire. Bostno, Mass., Jan. 30-Jimmy The German official report said: "Italian front-On the plateau of Walsh, outfielder of the Boston Am-Setti Communi violent fighting has erican Club came from his home in broken out again. The Italians at- Syracuse, N.Y., yesterday and enlisttacked yesterday with strong forces ed at the Boston Navy Yard. Walsh BY THE ITALIANS on the sectors from east of Asiago to will try to qualify for a rating as the Brenta. At Monte Sisemol and machinist's mate.



COUPONS GIVEN WITH ALL DOLLAR PURCHASES

lelegates from various in different sections ince. Careful corsi promised by Premier Hearst, who spoke h clear and concise man the delegates presente

he Ontario cabinet t

The chief matters des child labor, rural credi apprenticeship for mot operators, property qua aspirants to civic determination of wag after the war. Toronto, Jan. 28.labor unions from cities, a deputation of men waited on the On this morning and pres-tions pertaining to lab that the provincial gov jurisdiction ever, which at conventions of the Labor Congress of Ont Ontario labor educatio tion. The deputation, presided over by Harry Hamilton, was introduce Simpson, vice-presiden Trades and Labor Cong erica. Members of the sent were Premier Hearst, Hon. G. Hewar Hon. I. B. Lucas, Hon. Garry, Hon. Finley Mcl Introducing a resolution a meeting of the Sault S Steelton delegates callin sentation on the work pensation board. John onto, declared that La ally interested in the af hoard. "You must com nize" he said, "that re on this board is importa of the opinion that it is practically all classes

