

COL. REPINGTON, FAMOUS MILITARY CRITIC, SAYS GERMANY HAS MILLIONS OF MEN IN RESERVE; THAT IS WHY THE CALL IS FOR MEN; ANSWER THE CALL BY ENLISTING

AMAZING REVELATIONS IN SWITZERLAND SHOW THAT TWO HIGH OFFICERS ARE SPIES FOR THE GERMAN ARMY STAFF

SPLENDID RECORD OF THE BRANTFORD CRICKET CLUB

Out of a Membership of Thirty, Twenty-Two Have Enlisted For Active Service—In Order to Keep up the Game, Retired Players Asked to "Come Back."

The annual general meeting of the Brantford Cricket Association was held last evening at Henderson's cafe, a small but enthusiastic gathering being present, six of the members wearing khaki, making a total who have answered their country's call, out of a membership of 30, active players.

After the good things prepared by mine host Henderson had been disposed of and the toast of the King honored in due form, the Chairman, Mr. G. Whitwill, called on the Captain of last year's team, W. West, to give his report, which showed that although some of the best players were away last summer, the club gave a good account of itself in 1915, the players being particularly proud of winning out from the strong West Toronto team, which visited Brantford on Dominion Day last. The Secretary-Treasurer, J. F. Van-Lane, was then called on for his report. The financial position was found to break about even, owing to the economy which had been practiced during the past season. This saving was largely brought about by the untiring efforts of the Captain, W. West, who had taken full charge of the club's affairs without remuneration. The chairman then asked the Captain to come forward and the Secretary read to him the following address on behalf of the club, and asked his acceptance of a wrist watch as a slight token of the members' appreciation. The address was as follows:

February 9th, 1916.
Corporal William West:
The honor has been conferred upon me of expressing on behalf of the Brantford Cricket Club, its great and sincere appreciation of the never failing interest you have taken in its



The Parliament Buildings as they now appear. This picture was taken on Tuesday just outside the main gateway, and shows the roofless walls, blackened in places, and white with a coating of ice in others.

OVER FORTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS

Result of the First Day's Campaign For the Patriotic Fund—A Hearty Reception in the Factories.

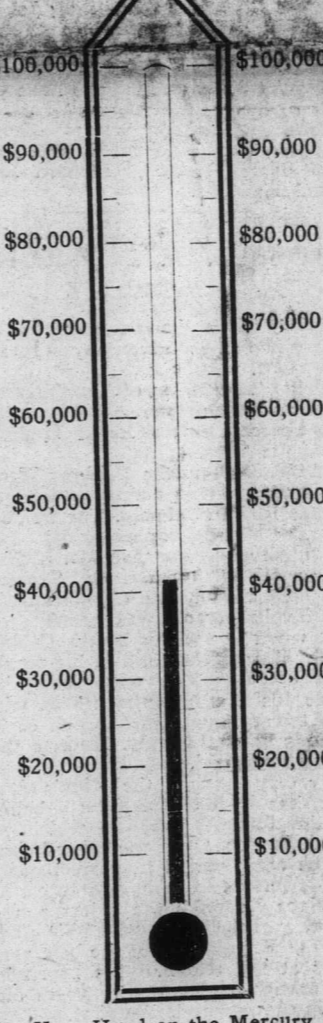
Team.	Captain.	Subs.	Cash.
1	Preferred lists	\$14,114.00	\$2,655.50
2	C. Cook	1,515.00	95.75
3	H. W. Fitton	5,139.50	188.17
4	J. B. Detwiler	2,779.20	37.50
5	J. A. Ogilvie	1,437.00	105.50
6	N. D. Neill	788.28	67.40
7	F. Calbeck	1,039.00	150.00
8	J. Ham	454.50	33.50
9	J. Dowling	2,419.00	
10	T. L. Wood	1,497.45	
11	J. Sanderson	852.00*	
Total		\$32,034.93	\$3,332.82
Col. R. Leonard's offer of \$1 for every \$4		8,008.00	
GRAND TOTAL		\$40,042.93	

An enthusiastic crowd of Patriotic Fund Workers assembled for supper last night at 6.30 in headquarters. (Every man jack pays for his own meal, and don't you forget it.) Rev. Mr. Woodside was the speaker and he heartily congratulated everyone upon the grand and the worthy task in which they were engaged. It was, indeed, a privilege to present Patriotic fund claims for what could be better or more inspiring than to ask for co-operation in the matter of seeing that the dependents of the brave men who had gone to the front were suitably looked after. When it was told by a prominent financier that money was never more plentiful in Canada, or the average wage so high, demonstrated to him what he had already realized viz., that men and women would always respond freely to a cause clearly presented. The team captains as they announced their totals for the day were loudly applauded. It will be noticed that the two preferential lists came first with \$4,714.00, and Detwiler's third with \$2,779.20, and Dowling's third with \$2,419.00.

The employees of the factories are responding splendidly. Those at

WATCH IT CLIMB!

RECORD FIRST DAY.



Put Your Hand on the Mercury Bulb by Subscribing to the Patriotic Fund.

MERCHANTMEN SHIPS OF WAR

Germany Will So Regard Them in the Future.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, Feb. 10. (By Sayville wires.)—The German government is about to issue a memorandum to neutral governments announcing that hereafter armed merchantmen belonging to countries at war with Germany will be considered and treated as warships.

The government contends this measure is justified by explicit instructions issued by the British admiralty to merchantmen, a copy of which is said to have been obtained by the German authorities. These instructions, it is understood were that the merchantmen should carry guns and attack submarines on sight.

It is also stated these orders have a counterpart in instructions issued by the governments of other countries at war with Germany.

Switzerland Threatened With Internal Crisis

Two High Officers in the Army Accused of Having Sent Reports on French Movements to German Military Staff.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, Feb. 10.—A special cable to The Tribune from Lugano says: Switzerland is threatened by a grave internal crisis. Many people regard the situation as the most critical the Swiss republic has ever faced.

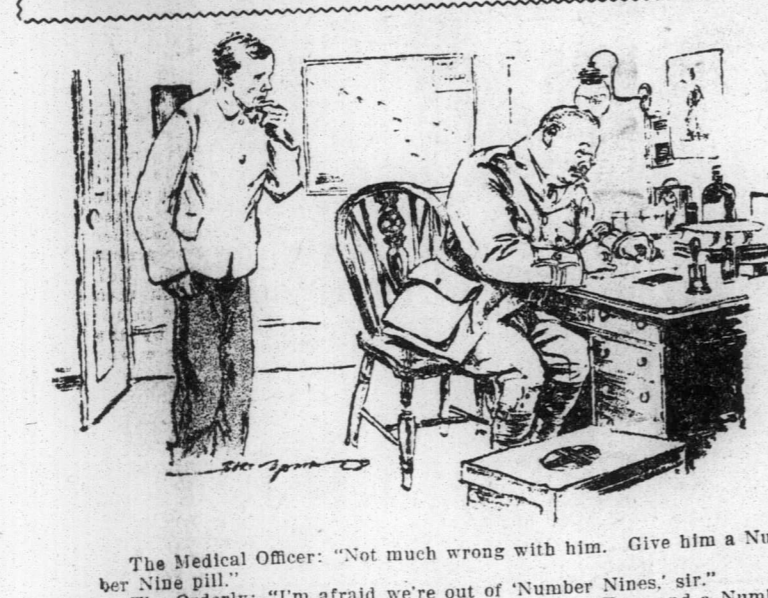
It becomes like that in France just before the Dreyfus case, when the Republican majority began to realize that recantation monarchist and imperialist parties had in the high commands in the army.

Just as the Dreyfus case brought the conflict between Republican France and the anti-republican reaction to a head so the "affairs des Colonels" as it is called has precipitated a conflict in Switzerland—a conflict which threatens to shake the Republic to its very foundations. Two of the highest officers in the Swiss army, Col. Von Watterwil and Col. Karl Egli, both holding high rank in the general staff—are accused of having sent daily reports on the movements of French troops to the German military attaché at Berne.

Partisans of the two colonels are doing their best to set the army against the nation and more heatedly anti-militarists are using the affair to further their political ends.

Under such circumstances the guilt or innocence of the accused runs the risk of becoming a merely secondary consideration, the real question at stake being the triumph of one or the other political party.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



The Medical Officer: "Not much wrong with him. Give him a Number Nine pill."
The Orderly: "I'm afraid we're out of Number Nines, sir."
The Medical Officer: "Then give him a Number Four and a Number Five."
London Opinion.

FIFTY-ONE MEN SIGNED UP TO DATE WITH 54TH BATTERY C.F.A.

Of These Half are Canadian, While Australia and the United States Also Represented—Courier Reporter Among the Number—Full Record of Each Man.

- Fifty-one recruits have signed up with the 54th Battery to date. Following is the record in full of each of the men. Of these, 25 are Canadians, one is from Australia, one from Michigan and the remaining number from the Old Country, Hugh C. Henry, one of the men whose name appears, is a reporter on the staff of the Courier, and reports for his military duties on Monday.
- THOMAS JAMESON BARR, Scotch, 12 Riddolls avenue, carpenter, 6 yrs. 1st Lanark Royal Garrison Artillery, 5 years Sergt.
- HENRY JOHN BROOME, bookkeeper, 55 Church Street, single, Canadian.
- JOHN CAMPBELL, Scotch, Kennedy St., Grand View, woodworker, single.
- ARTHUR CASSELL, English, 150 Albon St., accountant, single.
- GARLAND CHURCHILL, Canadian, 60 Corners P. O., school teacher, single.
- WILLIAM CLOW, Scotch, 4 Spring St., wheelwright, single.
- JOHN COOK, Scotch, 25 Edwin St., machinist, married.
- ARTHUR DAVIS, Canadian, 159 Erie Ave., salesman, single.
- CHARLES GORDON DEAN, Canadian, 227 West Mill St., mechanic, single.
- JOHN EMMETT, Canadian, 108 Spring St., mechanic, single.
- FERRELL ANDREW HENRY, Canadian, 3 Gilkinson St., mechanic, 3 years 38th regiment, D.R.C.
- FISH, CARMAN SYDNEY, Canadian, Otterville, Ont., painter.
- GABRIEL JOHN WILLIAM, English, 82 Walnut street, butcher, 3 years Royal North Devon Hussars.
- GABRIEL RICHARD HENRY, English, 82 Walnut street, butcher.
- GOOLD LLOYD HENRY, Canadian, Brantford Township, farmer, 3 years 38th Regiment, D.R.C.
- GREGORY THOMAS RANKIN, Canadian, 171 Drummond street, chauffeur.
- HARP CARL EARNEST, Canadian, 47 St. Paul's Avenue, mechanic.
- HELLIWELL WRIGHT, English, Gordon street, carpenter.
- HENRY HUGH CUMMINGS, Canadian, R. R. No. 5, Brantford, reporter.
- HURST JOE GREENWOOD, Canadian, 227 West Mill street, Brantford, mechanic.
- JOHNSTON, WILLIAM, English, 310 Marlborough street, machinist, 3 years and Leicestershire.
- LILICO, Archibald, Cheesley, Ont., 7 Sheridan St., piano maker.
- LYNCH, Henry Edward, Eng., 223 Brock St., Fireman.
- LYUIS WALTER HENRY, Eng., 186 Grey St., woodworker, 1 year 32nd Battery, C.F.A.
- MDONALD, KENNETH WYLLIE, Canadian, New American Hotel, Salesman.
- MAYCOCK, JOHN LEONARD, Eng., 169 Marlboro St., Brantford, 3 years West Riding Hallamshire Regt.
- MLEOD, PERCY ALBERT, Eng., 85 Eagle Ave., bookkeeper, 3 years 38th Regt. D.R.C.
- MENHENNET, ARTHUR THOS., Eng., 28 Stratcona Ave., laborer, 7 years Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry.
- MYRING, WM. FREDERICK, Eng., 172 Sheridan St., constable.
- NELL, LAWRENCE HENRY—47 St. Paul's Ave., mechanic.
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OTTAWA FIRE INVESTIGATION HAS COMMENCED; WITNESSES HEARD

Commissioners Explain They Have Full Powers in This Probe—Too Many Papers in Reading-Room, and Doubtful Whether Fire Extinguishers Were Tested Regularly.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Investigation of the fire which destroyed the Parliament Buildings, with a loss of seven lives on February 3, was begun this morning by two government commissioners, Judge MacTavish and R. A. Pringle, K.C., Ottawa, in the council chamber of the city.

The work of examining the witnesses was undertaken by W. R. White, K.C. of Ottawa.

HAD FULL POWERS.

At the outset, Mr. Pringle referred to the appointment of Judge MacTavish and himself as a commission to investigate the origin of the fire. He mentioned that they had been given full powers to probe the matter. The material loss from the conflagration had not been great and in a few short months the buildings would be restored and would be better fitted to meet the requirements of the country. The commission extended its sympathy to the relatives of those who had been victims of the fire.

CANADA AT WAR

Mr. Pringle then dealt with the causes of fires in big buildings, and which he said, would all be examined to see if they had any application to the case under consideration. They had to remember, Mr. Pringle said, that Canada was at war. It was natural to suspect an enemy hand of being connected with the destruction of the parliament buildings.

The new fires had been discovered in the country to the south which had been set in a very simple manner. They had knowledge of a case where special liquid was thrown upon papers. Whether or not anything of this sort had occurred here would be one of the most carefully considered subjects of their enquiry. Canada was at war, and if they were slumbering as at dangers, this fire, if of incendiary

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
TUESDAY, FEB. 15
Hamilton
Elgar Choir
under auspices of the Red Cross
150 Voices
Prices, \$1.00, 75c., 50c. Gallery
Plan opens at Boles' Drug Store, Thursday.
Special cars to Paris after performance.

THERE'S A REASON

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West of Y.M.C.A.
Open to the Public Afternoon and Evening.
ADMISSION: 10c
Or 12 cents for a dollar.
School Children after 4 o'clock, 5c

The bout will be promoted by Tex. Rickard. He issued an official statement last night, naming the date and purse.