LONDON NURSE AT SALISBURY PLAIN VICTIM OF CUPID

Miss Agnes Balfour Davis To Marry Lieutenant Thomas Calumetti Bamford.

GRADUATE OF VICTORIA

Received Diploma At Local Hospital In 1896—Made Excellent Record.

A former London girl, and an 1896 graduate of Victoria Hospital, Miss Agnes Balfour Davis, is engaged to marry Lieut. Thomas Calumetti Bamford. The lieutenant is attached to the Seventeenth Battalion (Nova Scotias) and headquarters staff of the first expeditionary forces. Miss Davis is lieutenant of the Canadian Army Medical Corps of the same expeditionary force. The two met at Salisbury Plain, where a friendship was engendered which later turned to a more tender feeling. The wedding ceremony will not likely be held until the end of the war, as both are kept busily engaged with their respective duties at present.

Saw Active Service.

Lieut. Bamford served many years in the Royal Marines Artillery, and also saw active service under Kitchener in the Soudan and under the late Field Marshal Earl Roberts, in the Boer war.

When the present international strife began he was on the British reserve list, and immediately upon being notified, obeyed his country's call. He was living in San Francisco, and hastened to Quebec, joining the first Canadian contingent at Valcartier, and going to England when that body left. On arrival at Salisbury, he was appointed machine-gun commander with the Seventeenth Battalion, and has been recently attached to the British war office as musketry instructor for the Canadian overseas forces.

First Engagement Announced.

Miss Davis' engagement is the first to be announced among the Canadian nursing sisters since the arrival in England of the contingent and has caused much interest among the nurses, officers and men.

No date is set for the wedding, which will probably not take place until the war ends.

James Davis, 472 English street, a C. P. R. conductor, is the only brother and relative living in London.

Miss Stanley, lady superintendent of Victoria Hospital, does not know Miss Davis personally, although she has been in receipt of several letters from her of recent date. The last was received about two weeks ago, which stated that she enjoyed the work at Salisbury very much. When she first arrived at Salisbury she wrote Miss Stanley, telling her she was going to do her best to uphold the name of Canada's nurses.

"Although I do not know Miss Davis personally," stated Miss Stanley, "her record here, when training, was excellent. She is an exceptionally intelligent girl, and is in night charge of the nurses at Bulford Manor. She deserves every happiness."

C. P. R. VICE-PRESIDENT IN LONDON TONIGHT

Is On Tour of Inspection of This District for His Company.

George Bury, of Montreal, the new vice-president of the C. P. R., will be in the city this evening on a tour of inspection of the district. This is his first visit to this part of the country, as ever since his employment with the C. P. R. he has been neither at Montreal or in the West. It was stated today that the year's estimates have not yet been prepared. Nothing very extensive is contemplated for London.

"We have been spending a lot of money in this section," said an official today. "We have got things in pretty good shape as a result of the work done in the last three years, and there won't be very much outside of routine work to do this spring."

TIME TO QUASH BYLAW

Hotelman States That Liquor Dealers Not Through Yet.

A well known hotelkeeper of this city states today that as far as he knows there have been no recent meetings of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, either as a whole or in committee, to discuss the reduction bylaw. However, another hotelman assures there is plenty of time yet to quash the bylaw. Rev. J. H. Boyd takes issue with the latter statement if the bylaw is to be attacked on the grounds of the irregularity of the petition. He says confidently, "The time is past for attacking the petition. If they wanted to throw that out, our opponents should have done so before the election by issuing that threatened injunction. I believe they discovered they couldn't gain anything by issuing the injunction and that is why they didn't keep their promise. Now they won't be going up against the petition, but against the citizens of London. However, we are keeping closely in touch with the movements of the liquor interests. That is

EMPIRE AND WAR

Rev. G. F. Assiter Delivered Address to Empress Avenue Mothers' Club.

The British Empire and the war of today was the subject of an interesting address delivered before the Empress Avenue Mothers' Club last night by Rev. F. G. Assiter. The speaker dealt with the various causes leading up to the present conflict, and pointed out a number of lessons to be learned therefrom.

An interesting program, introduced by the president, Mrs. Donahue, included readings by Miss Sanborn and Miss Luella Sharp, instrumentals by Miss Henrietta Assiter, and cello selections by Mr. Simpson. Miss Irwin acted as accompanist.

At the close of the program a hearty vote of thanks was passed to those taking part, Mrs. Stilson moving and Mrs. Pudney seconding the motion. Several new members were admitted. The president referred gratefully to the recent gift of a dozen new chairs from Miss Levita, a friend of the club. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

12,000 IN PUBLIC WORK SINCE FIRST OF YEAR

According to figures compiled for Mr. Stevenson today, the city has spent $12,000 in public works since the first of the year. This entire sum has been expended to give work to the unemployed, and that it has accomplished what it was intended for is indicated by the fact that 296 men have been given employment, working on an average of 40 hours each week.

GERMANY PROPOSED PEACE WITH FRANCE AFTER MARNE FIGHT

French Newspapers Say She Offered To Give Up Alsace and Lorraine in Return For Strip of North Sea Coast and Belgium.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Feb. 10.—Certain French newspapers today reprint, with the consent of the Government censors, an article published in the Democrate De Delemont, stating that previous to the battle of the Marne a party existed in France which was ready to sign a peace, at the same time ceding to Germany the towns of Briey and Nancy, French Lorraine, the Island of Madagascar, and the protectorate of Morocco, as well as paying an indemnity. The article continues:

"General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, President Raymond Poincare, and most of the cabinet ministers were opposed to the plan, but the situation became so tense as to necessitate the resignation of Adolphe Messimy, as minister of war, and the formation of a ministry of national defence.

"After the battle of the Marne, Germany proposed peace through ex-Premier Joseph Caillaux, offering to give up the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, with the exception of Strassburg, receiving in exchange a small zone on the North Sea coast extending from Calais to Dunkirk. France, in addition, was to acknowledge the annexation of Belgium by Germany.

"The answer to this proposal was the signing of a convention by the Allies to make no separate peace. After this M. Caillaux was appointed to an important position in the pay corps, but later was relieved of this post and sent on a mission to Brazil."

FOUGHT THE ENEMY OFF FALKLAND ISLES

Adm. A.G.H.W. Moore.

Advertiser Illustrations.

who flies his flag from the British warship Invincible. He was conspicuous in the naval engagement with the Germans off the Falkland Islands.

MOBILIZED BY 15TH

Col. Wilson states that it is expected the organization of the Thirty-third Battalion will be completed by the 15th of this month. Two or three of the officers have not yet been able to report, but are expected in shortly.

Changes have been necessitated owing to the fact that some of the Battalion recruits are going to the Mounted Rifles, and it is possible some will be taken on to make up the strength of the Eighteenth Battalion. The battalion is daily taking on recruits both from other units and from outside.

Glaubitz Reinstated Despite Strong Fight by Commissioner Mitchell and the Mayor

(Continued From Page One.)

diers in the city now who are being trained to fight the Germans, it is a grave mistake to reinstate one in office at this time," declared the mayor. "We want to keep British enthusiasm and recruiting at the highest pitch. How can we expect to do it when we are deliberately putting a German into office once more."

"Well, did you see in the paper of yesterday that a German moved the reply to the speech from the throne at Ottawa?" asked the chairman.

"Yes, and did you see that the Germans had wires into every city in Canada, and that their spies were going on British mercantile ships?" shot back Commissioner Mitchell.

"Remember, I am imputing nothing to Mr. Glaubitz, but the people don't want him, and that ought to be sufficient," he added.

MR. MITCHELL HAS NOT CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE.

When Commissioner Mitchell reiterated his statement, that he wanted the resignation of Glaubitz to become effective at once, Commissioner Chapman asked why he had not made that statement at the last meeting.

"I have not changed my attitude a particle. What I said then was: 'Get Glaubitz's resignation first and deal with the question after,'" replied the commissioner.

"Mr. Glaubitz is a naturalized British subject. I feel sure that he would have gone quietly away if he had been able to secure a fair trial and have been vindicated of the charges against him. I don't think that anyone in London believes in these charges," said Mr. Chapman.

PEOPLE OF LONDON HAVE ANOTHER VIEW.

"Oh, yes, they do, Mr. Chapman," fired back Mr. Mitchell.

"There are no charges or any cloud against Mr. Glaubitz. Why not let him go now? What are you fighting for?" asked the mayor.

"Yes; there would be the same questions asked by the people ten years from now if Mr. Glaubitz is retained," was the comment of Mr. Mitchell.

Commissioner Chapman again took up the fight for Mr. Glaubitz. "It's this man's liberties that I am interested in," he said. "We want to give him a clean sheet. We must reinstate him if we are to clear his character at all. Every British subject is entitled to that, and I would therefore move that he be reinstated."

The commissioner cited as a hypothetical case what would happen if Glaubitz were to apply for a position in New York, and his prospective employers would write to the mayor of London for a recommendation, only to get a black eye.

"The only way he can be cleared is to have a reinstatement."

BOARD, BUT NOT PEOPLE, MAY REINSTATE HIM.

"Well, he may be able to get that recommendation from the board, but he could not get it from the people," was Commissioner Mitchell's statement.

Commissioner McFarland thereupon stated his side of the case.

"In refuting the charges against him as he did at the last meeting, Mr. Glaubitz 'made good,'" he declared. "There has not been one word to prove anything he stated there to be false. There has been no effort put forth by the parties who made the accusations, prior to the election, to challenge them.

"I believe that Mr. Glaubitz is an honest man, and I conscientiously believe that he is a good honest British subject. He resigned, pending the trial that would prove the charges against him or otherwise. He has not had this opportunity, and the only thing we can do is to discharge or reinstate him. He has done everything to bring his case to the courts, or to a proper tribunal, and when this failed he came back to us. In all British fairplay, and all Canadian fair play, we ought to reinstate him."

"WHAT ABOUT GERMAN FAIRPLAY"—MITCHELL.

"What about German fair play," asked Mr. Mitchell.

"That would have been either to shoot him or fire him out?" replied Mr. Glaubitz's third defender.

"In answer to Mr. McFarland's statement that Mr. Glaubitz has gone as far as he could, is that right?" asked Mr. Mitchell. "The investigation was a perfect farce. It was a known fact that it would be before it started. The judge decided that he could not try the case and gave us a week to get a mandamus for him to try the case. Why didn't we get one? So far as I know no effort was made to even try and secure it."

"It was up to the council to do that," said the chairman.

WHY TIE JUDGE'S HANDS AND LEAVE THEM TIED?

"Oh, no, it wasn't. You decided to go on with the case and against my vote you started this investigation. Why didn't you continue it? Why did you tie the judge's hands and leave them tied?"

"I am perfectly willing to go before the council with you and ask them to get it," said the chairman.

"There has been no move made by this board to get a mandamus. The investigation was a mere bluster, and I am convinced that Mr. Pocock, with his ability, knew that it would be nothing different.

"Well, I am prepared to put up my check to cover the cost of a mandamus, and will willingly pay it if any of the charges against Mr. Glaubitz are sustained," said the chairman.

CHALLENGES MR. POCOCK TO RESIGN POSITION.

"Well, I am prepared to resign with you and go back to the people on a straight platform—Glaubitz or no Glaubitz—the loser to pay for the election," challenged Commissioner Mitchell.

"Yes, and I will see that a special election can be held," said the mayor.

"Oh, you're switching now. You don't want to take up my challenge on the mandamus question," said Mr. Pocock.

"What's the use of getting in any worse with the people than you are now?" asked the mayor.

"Well, if the people want me to do an injustice to any man, I would resign from office tomorrow," said the chairman.

RATHER RESIGN THAN BE NOT TRUE TO THE PEOPLE.

"Yes; and if the board wants me to do any injustice to the people, then I'd rather resign," shot back Mr. Mitchell. "I will therefore move that the immediate resignation of Mr. Glaubitz be accepted."

Later, in view of the attitude of the other members of the board, Commissioner Mitchell withdrew this motion and allowed the original one, that of reinstatement, to be put.

"Before you appoint this man you will have to get the sanction of the council," declared the mayor once more.

"We will not. We have nothing to do with the council," was the chairman's reply.

MAYOR SAYS HE WILL NOT SIGN CHECKS.

"Well, I have legal advice that this body is merely the agent of the council. If that is the case, we must have the council's permission," said the mayor.

"An agent has certain rights in all events," replied the chairman.

After the vote had been taken, Mayor Stevenson said: "You will have to carry this to the council. I won't sign any checks for this man."

Commissioner Mitchell's last question to Chairman Pocock was: "Then you won't take up my challenge to resign?"

He received a negative reply.

CHAIRMAN WON'T SAY WHETHER GLAUBITZ TO GET BACK MONEY

"That Will Be a Question For the Board To Answer—We Will Do What We Think Right and Proper," He Stated When Asked About It.

The fact that the public utilities commission, in reinstating General Manager H. J. Glaubitz today, made no provision for the payment of his salary during the time of his "temporary resignation"—December 26, until the present time—is an interesting one. At its last meeting the commission ordered the payment of Assistant General Manager A. O. Hunt's salary for the time he was off. The statement that Mr. Hunt had earned $70 in commissions for the department during the time he was off was cited as one reason why he should be paid. There will be no such claim in the case of Mr. Glaubitz.

Applies in Glaubitz Case.

Even in the Hunt case the statement has been made that it was technically illegal to pay him for services that were not rendered. If this contention holds good in the Hunt case it will apply with double force in the Glaubitz case.

"What will be done about back salary for Mr. Glaubitz?" was asked Chairman Pocock after the meeting.

"That will be a question for the board to answer," was the reply. "We will do whatever we think right and proper."

Thirty Days to Work.

Another interesting feature about the reinstatement of Glaubitz without his written resignation is that if he declines to give one before May 1, he will have 30 days to work whether the board wants it or not. The bylaws of the commission call for a 30-day notice of dismissal. This means that if Mr. Glaubitz so desires he can work until June 1.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Feb. 10—2:45 p.m.—The French official report on the progress of the war given out in Paris this afternoon reads as follows:

"The day of February 9 saw virtually only artillery engagements along the front. At some places this fighting was fairly spirited, particularly on the Aisne and in Champagne. Only one infantry engagement, and this of little importance, has been reported. It occurred in Lorraine, to the northeast of Manonviller, where one of our detachments drove back some outposts of the enemy on to the town of Leintry."

GERMAN REPORT.

Berlin, Feb. 10, via London, Feb. 10—2:45 p.m.—Army headquarters today gave out the following statement:

"With the exception of minor successes for our troops in the Argonne and on the west slope of the Vosges, near Ban-de-Sapt, and in the Hirzbach wood, there is nothing to report from the western theatre of war.

"Isolated fighting on the East Prussian frontier developed at some points into greater engagements, which are progressing normally.

"In Poland, on the right and left banks of the Vistula, the situation is unchanged."

BOOST PEANUT BUSINESS

Soldiers Like the Roasted Edibles, and Buy Plenty of Them.

Since the soldiers have been training in London the peanut business has received the biggest boost it has had in years, and Gus Vegos, the magnate whose headquarters are at the corner of Park avenue and Dundas streets, has the smile that won't rub out.

"Fine business," he said today, in Greek, or words to that effect, when seen by The Advertiser. "Much good soldiers. Buya lots peanuts. Come back every day for more."

Mr. Vegos is strong for the Allies, and is anxiously awaiting the news of a "beeg fight." If wishing on his part will do it, the Germans are beaten already.

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SOCIALISTS STILL HOLDING TO VIEWS

A German Representative Warns Government That Change Must Be Made.

EVERYONE WANTS PEACE

And Labor Men Are Appealed To For Their Strong Influence.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Via London, Noon—German Socialists, while not desirous of presenting any partisan issues or of taking any other action during the present crisis which might militate against the harmonious co-operation of all parties, have surrendered none of their views. This is shown by the attitude of the Socialist members of the Prussian Diet, which began a session yesterday. Herr Hirsch, a Socialist delegate, read on behalf of his party a declaration, which is in part as follows:

"The Social-Democratic party, maintains its opposition, based on principle to the former Government policy, which policy has remained in all material things unchanged. The party, however, refrains in this critical time from introducing discussions of a polemic nature into the consideration of the budget on its first reading."

Many Complaints Coming.

Herr Hirsch added that his party later would call attention to complaints concerning the provisions for soldiers and for dependents, the food supply for the nation and restrictions on the free expression of thought. He could not permit the opportunity to pass, he continued, without giving expression to the demand of his party that the Government, in consequence of the situation brought about by the war, should concede certain measures desired by the great mass of the people. These included the demand that the police cease their battle against the labor movement in general, and in particular against the Social-Democrats, and other Socialist organizations.

Herr Hirsch said that his party was opposed to political oppression, but that the basis of all political reforms must be their equal application to all minorities, as in the case of the Danes and Poles.

All Hope for Peace.

His party had hoped, Herr Hirsch continued, that the Government would fulfill its duty by granting uniform suffrage, with the secret direct ballot, at the session of October 20 last. He mentioned the desire of the Social-Democrats for an honorable peace, and continued:

"We know that this war is desired by the people in none of the belligerent lands; that its end is everywhere longer for by the people. We cherish the confidence that the voices demanding peace will grow more numerous in all belligerent lands, will make themselves heard in influential quarters, and that the influence of this desire for peace, especially of the laboring classes of all lands, an assured peace may come speedily, to the well-being of the German people and of all humanity."

Then Came Scrap.

Herr Von Heydebrand replied to Herr Hirsch on behalf of the non-Socialist parties. He declared that the present moment was not a suitable one for advancing special wishes or complaints. The situation was one which demanded that the entire Prussian people show itself united, as its soldiers on the battlefield were united.

Herr Liebnicht interjected—You have no right to speak in the name of the German people.

This remark brought forth cries of protest. Herr Heydebrand continued his reply with an exhortation to the delegates to work together and make any sacrifices necessary for victory.

After the first reading of the budget the Diet adjourned until February 15.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Francis H. Beach Buried.

The funeral of Francis H. Beach was held on Monday afternoon from his late residence, 511 Grosvenor street, at 3 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, was largely attended by friends and relatives. Service was conducted at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. H. Ashby, of the Church of the Redeemer. Mr. Beach was a son of S. F. Beach, of Amherstburg, Ont. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, two daughters and one brother and sister. The pallbearers were Hugh McDowell, A. Lawrence, W. Newman, J. Prescott, W. Lipson and G. Fordice.

Mrs. C. Bates Dead.

Mrs. Catherine Bates, widow of the late David Bates, died early this morning at the home of her son-in-law, C. H. Walton, 972 Waterloo street, after an illness of five months. Mrs. Bates was quite well known in London, having lived in this city for about twenty years. She was born at Crowland, Lancashire, England, and had lived in London since she came to Canada. She is survived by four daughters and two sons, who were all present at her bedside when death came. They are: Mrs. Joseph Nicholl, city; Mrs. H. Ford, Marlatt, Mich.; Mrs. C. H. Walton, city; Mrs. George McCullough, city; L. Bates, city, and A. Bates, of Woodstock. The funeral will be held from the residence of her son-in-law, 972 Waterloo street, on Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to Woodland Cemetery. Services will be conducted by Rev. William Walker, of Wortley Road Baptist Church, at 2:30 o'clock.

WHEAT OPTIONS.

[Reported by Logan & Bryan by special wire to H. C. Becher.]

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—Wheat—Close—May, $1 57⅞; July, $1 58⅝.

Minneapolis, Feb. 10.—Wheat—Close—May, $1 55½; July, $1 47½.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by J. M. Young, Broker.]
Chicago, Feb. 10.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Previous Close.
Wheat—					
May	163½	163¾	162⅝	163¼	163⅞
July	139	139	138	138½	139¼
Corn—					
May	81	81⅝	80⅝	80¾	81⅛
July	82⅝	82¾	82⅛	82⅛	82⅝
Oats—					
May	61½	61⅝	61	61⅛	61⅝
July	58¼	58⅜	57⅝	57⅞	58¼

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

[Reported by J. M. Young, Broker.]
Chicago, Feb. 10.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Previous Close.
Pork—					
May	$18 77	18 95	18 70	18 87	18 87
July	19 12	19 32	19 07	19 20	19 20
Lard—					
May	10 72	10 87	10 70	10 82	10 77
July	10 87	11 02	10 85	11 00	10 92
Ribs—					
May	10 05	10 17	10 05	10 17	10 10
July	10 30	10 42	10 30	10 42	10 32

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Examining Cargo of Wilhelmina

British Authorities Will Then Decide on Action To Be Taken.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 10.—3 p.m.—The British foreign office today started an inquiry into the nature of the cargo of the American steamship Wilhelmina, preparatory to finally deciding what attitude the Government shall adopt in connection with the case.

The Wilhelmina sailed from New York on January 22 for Hamburg with a cargo of foodstuffs. Last night she put into Falmouth.

INJUNCTION UPHELD

Maple City Oil and Gas Company, Limited, Loses to Tilbury.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Mr. Justice eLnnox has given judgment in favor of the Tilbury Town Gas Company injunction against the Maple City Oil and Gas Company, Limited, and against the Glenwood Natural Gas Company, which is said to hold nine-tenths of the stock of the Maple City Company. Under an agreement of 1907 the Tilbury Town Gas Company claimed it is entitled to sell or consume all of the natural gas to be obtained from the lands described in the agreement, in which wells are operated by the Maple City Company.

They brought their action to restrain the defendant from delivering to the Southern Ontario Gas Company, which was anxious to supply London, St. Thomas and other places in that district with gas drawn from the wells in the fields to which the Tilbury Company claims to be entitled to a first refusal.

Mr. Justice Lennox holds that the plaintiffs are entitled to an order perpetually enjoining both defendants from operating the wells complained of, except for the supply of gas to the plaintiffs, and he allows them to amend their statement of claim to specifically demand this injunction.

POSTOFFICE MAY HAVE TO PRODUCE LETTERS

As Documentary Evidence Against Nerlichs on High Treason Charge.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Feb. 10.—It is possible that in addition to verbal evidence in the trial of Emil Herlich, Toronto merchant, and Mrs. Herlich on charge of conspiracy to commit high treason, there may be the production of documentary evidence in the form of letters that may have to be produced by the postoffice. Negotiations between the postoffice authorities at Toronto and Ottawa and the police have been proceeding.

BRITAIN OBJECTS TO JOINT PRIZE COURT

Foreign Office Shows Disapproval of the Scheme.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 10—8:54 p.m.—Without definitely refusing the suggestion, the foreign office, through Under-Secretary Neil Primrose, has nevertheless so expressed its disapproval of the proposal for a joint prize court, to which one or more judges might be appointed by the neutral and the allied powers, that there seems little likelihood of the adoption of the idea.

MUST BE REARGUED

Privy Council Refuses Decision in Tremblay-Despatie Case.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Feb. 10. — It has been learned here that the Privy Council has decided that the Tremblay-Despatie marriage case must be reargued before it.

This decision, postponing nal judgment on the relation of the ecclesiastical and civil marriage laws of Quebec, and will probably be most welcome to both Protestants and Roman Catholics.

STRATFORD MAN DIES BY POISON IN FLINT

Peter Lonaway, Became Despondent Through Ill-Health.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

FLINT, Mich., Feb. 9. — Peter Lonaway, aged 35 years, whose home is in Stratford, Ont., committed suicide here today by swallowing poison. For some time he had been in ill-health and recently became despondent.

Although he took the poison early this mornig the police were not informed of the tragedy until several hours later.

Lonaway's mother in Stratford is believed to be critically ill.

HAMILTON LEGAL FIGHT

Battle In Courts Over Wood-Vallance & Co., Hardware Concern.

HAMILTON, Feb. 9.—An interesting legal battle has started over the well-known hardware business of Wood-Vallance & Company. When William Vallance died in November, 1913, he left as his executors John G. Gauld, K.C., Wm. Vallance and C. F. James and instructed them to continue his interest in the business.

Under the articles of partnership Mr. Wood claims the right to take over the Vallance interest. The executors dispute the claim. They hold that William Vallance, having the larger interest and as no partnership arrangement can be made with Wood for a continuation of partnership, that the business should be wound up and the estate have the right to purchase it when sold. The application to have an arbitrator appointed is before Judge Middleton, who has reserved his decision.

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY IS NOT JUSTIFIED.

THORNDALE, Feb. 9.—At the regular meeting of the High School Literary Society, an interesting feature of the program was a debate "Resolved that United States was justifiable in remaining neutral." The affirmative was taken by Miss Myra Harding and Mr. Will Venury, the negative being supported by Miss M. Bryan and Mr. Freeman Duffin. The judges were Rev. W. L. Hiles, Miss McKenzie and Miss Young, and decided in favor of the negative.

"WATCH ALL STRANGERS."

WINDSOR, Feb. 9.—In accordance with orders telegraphed here today from the Militia Department at Ottawa, a strong cordon of guards have been posted at the Canadian end of the Detroit River tunnel, with strict instructions to prevent the approach of strangers.

The guard numbers 27 N. C. O's and men, and is known as "An Officers' Guard," with Lieut. B. Baxter in charge.

Sentries will be posted at frequent intervals and a close watch will be maintained continually.

It is also expected that the guards around the Windsor Postoffice will be augmented.

LOCAL NEWS

A. Y. P. A. ENTERTAINED.—The A. Y. P. A. of St. Luke's Church was entertained by the A. Y. P. A. of All Saints' Church in the latter's Sunday school rooms last night.

THIRTY-THIRD MEN ENTERTAINED.—The St. Thomas members of the Thirty-third Battalion were most pleasantly entertained by the young people of St. Matthew's Church on Monday evening.

NAME OMITTED.—The name of Miss Bertha Hargitt was inadvertently omitted from the list published yesterday of graduates of St. Joseph's Hospital who will receive their diplomas tomorrow night.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thorne, of Mitchell, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera Olive, to Edward Harle Tennent, B.A., Sc., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tennent, of this city. The marriage will take place in February.

ORDERED OUT OF CITY.—Jennette Rose, found wandering around the streets late last night by the police, was ordered in court today by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd to get out of the city within 24 hours when she pleaded guilty to a vagrancy charge.

INVITED TO CHURCH.—Col. Wilson, commander of the Thirty-third Battalion, has received an invitation from Rev. Mr. Millyard, pastor of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, for a detachment of his men to attend divine service there some Sunday. Mr. Millyard states about 150 can be accommodated.

SPEAKERS AT CANADIAN CLUB.—On Thursday at the Tecumseh House, the Canadian Club will be addressed by Peter White, of Pembroke, on "The Economic Position of the Farmer in Canada." On Friday Dr. Winfield Hall, dean of the faculty of medicine, of the University of Chicago, will talk on "The Social Evil and Its Cure."

MOUNTED RIFLES WANT MEN.—Forty or fifty more men are wanted at once for the Seventh Canadian Mounted Rifles, and Major Abell is opening a recruiting station at the A Squadron room at the armories. Recruiting will start on Thursday morning from 8 to 10. Men acquainted with horses are particularly wanted.

FURTHER DONATIONS.—Mrs. H. A. Boomer, president of the Local Council of Women, acknowledges the following donations for the Belgian babies' relief: Mrs. Smith, Corunna, $1; Mrs. John Murray, Wilton Grove, $1; Mrs. J. G. Boucher, $1; Miss Mae Gillean, $1; Mrs. Ed. Manigault, $2; Miss Emma Manigault, 1 piece of flannel.

COMPANY TO MOVE.—It is expected that D Company, of the Eighteenth Battalion, now encamped at the fair grounds, will be moved to the barracks and that C Company, now quartered there, will be stationed at the Queen's Park concentration camp. The change is merely to give all the companies of the battalion a taste of barracks life.

WORK NOT CLOSED FOR DAYS.—Although Patriotic Fund assistance to enable storm sewer work to go on during the winter months ended today, it will be several days before the work is closed out. City Engineer H. A. Brazier declared today that the sections now under construction would have to be completed. It is estimated that this will take several days.

W. M. S. MEETS.—The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church was held on Monday afternoon in Wesley Hall with a large attendance. Miss Kidner sang very sweetly "Giver of Life," and was followed by Mrs. McCamus, of Colborne Street Methodist Church, who gave a very interesting and instructive paper on "Systematic Giving."

ELECTED DEACONS—At the largest attended communion service in the history of Adelaide Street Baptist Church, held last Sunday evening, Messrs. John Manning, Chas. F. Maynard and J. K. McDermid were elected deacons to fill vacancies on the board, caused by the retirement of three of the elder members because of advancing years and failing health.

EXCHANGE MEN.—Through the kindness of Lieut.-Col. Wigle, an exchange of men is being made between the Eighteenth Battalion and the Seventh C. M. R. A few of the men of the Eighteenth, who are old cavalrymen, prefer being with a mounted unit, while the change suits admirably members of the Mounted Rifles who are not very familiar with horses.

FREIGHT MOVING RAPIDLY.—Superintendent Wilson, of the Grand Trunk freight department, Toronto, was in the city today on business in connection with the recent snow blockade. All freight which was held up at various points owing to branch lines being closed and roads blocked, is now moving rapidly, and conditions are practically normal. At the repair shops there is a large amount of rolling stock that was damaged during the storm being fixed up.

CONVENTION CLOSES TODAY.—The first convention of Salvation Army officers of the London district, known as the London Council, will close this afternoon, after several sessions, both of a business and spiritual character, at which all of the chief officers in the district were present. The district of London comprises all of the territory from Woodstock to Sarnia, to Chatham and St. Thomas, and as far north as Stratford.

MILITARY NIGHT. — The Seventh Regiment Chapter Daughters of the Empire will conduct a military night in Princess Rink on Friday, February 19, when the proceeds of the evening will be turned over to them to provide comforts for the London men at the front. Music will be furnished by the Seventh Regiment band, under direction of Mr. Slatter. The ladies will also serve warm beverages to the skaters during the evening.

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT. — Good Friday night, April 2, the choir of the First Methodist Church will present Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ," an oratorio of musical beauty. The oratorio depicts the closing scenes in the life of Christ, and is particularly appropriate for presentation during the Easter season. In this work the choir will be ably assisted by the church soloists, who will have every opportunity to display their art in the beautiful solos to be found throughout the work.

YOUNG MEN'S DEBATING CLUB.—A lively debate took place last evening in the rooms of the Young Men's Debating Club, at the Y. M. C. A. Building. The subject was "City Life vs. Country Life," and after a warm discussion the decision was given in favor of the affirmative by the narrow margin of two points. The speakers for the affirmative were Messrs. Dow, Bennett and McLean, and for the negative, Messrs. Levine, Seigel and S. Levine. Messrs. Halliwell and Reynolds acted as critics and judges. An interesting program is promised for next week.

A NOTED EVANGELIST. — Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, whose books and writings on social problems and eugenics are known all over the continent, will deliver three addresses in the city Sunday afternoon and evening in the Auditorium. At 3 p.m., meeting for women only, subject, "Womanhood"; 4 p.m., meeting for men only, subject, "Wild Oats and the Harvest"; 8:15, meeting open for both men and women, subject, "The Psychology of Youth and Social Development." Dr. Hall comes to London directly from New York city, where he has been delivering a series of lectures under the board of education.

HARD TIMES PARTY.—Members of class No. 27, Dundas Centre Methodist Sunday School, spent a most enjoyable time last night at a "hard times" party held at the home of Mrs. Collimore. All the guests were masks, which added to the pleasure of the occasion. After the unmasking an informal program was presented among those taking part being: Mrs. Will Wortman, soloist, and Allan Steacy, violinist. A number much appreciated was "Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts For Soldiers," rendered by Ted Cowley. Later in the evening, Mrs. Collimore served refreshments. Mr. Finley Perrin is the teacher of this class.

MERRY OUTING.—Sleighing was taken advantage of by the Sunday school choir of Adelaide Street Baptist Church for a merry outing Tuesday night. After a drive of an hour or so the young people were most hospitably entertained at supper at the home of Mr. S. Reid, Wellington road.

HANDS DOWN JUDGMENT.—Mr. Justice Lennox, in the weekly court yesterday, handed down judgment in the dispute over the construction of the will of William Luton, involving his estate, in which he said that the legacies become payable after the death of the testator's wife, and will bear interest from that time.

JOLLY SLEIGH RIDE. — The choir of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church enjoyed a jolly sleigh ride party Tuesday night out to the home of Elmer Sage, concession 5, London Township, where they were delightfully entertained with music and games, a tempting supper being served. Two bussed were required to take out the guests.

AMHERSTBURG MEN IN. — The Amherstburg recruits to the Seventh Canadian Mounted Rifles arrived in town last night in command of Major Balfour and Captain Hillier, 76 men, including two officers. The first order of business this morning was their equipping with uniforms, etc., after which they returned from the Armories to the headquarters at Queen's Park and received their regimental numbers.

TWO SHORT COMEDIES—The London Dramatic Club, under the auspices of the London Arts Club, is putting on two short comedies at St. Peter's Auditorium on February 16. The Arts Club are kindly permitting them to turn over all the proceeds to the Women's Canadian Club to be used for Belgian relief. Mrs. John Carding, the president of the arts club, has arranged a good musical program to be given in connection with the plays.

LAND THAT FOOLED KAISER.—Rev. J. H. Boyd gave a most interesting illustrated lecture in the Egerton Street Baptist Church on Tuesday evening entitled, "A Trip Through the Land That Fooled the Kaiser." The land referred to was Ireland, and in his introductory remarks Mr. Boyd recalled the fact that the Kaiser, taking advantage of the troubled times in Ireland, was of the opinion the Irish would flock to his standard when he declared war. The declaration had the opposite effect, only cementing the Irish people into one party with one animating ideal, loyalty to the Empire and determination to fight against enemies of the British people.

SKILLED MEN SCARCE

British Engineering and Shipbuilding Firms Short—Inquiry Started.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 10.—The shortage of skilled workers in engineering and shipbuilding establishments, owing to the large number of these men who have gone to the front, is so serious that an inquiry was opened today by representatives of the Government and trades unions for the purpose of devising methods of assuring the full productivity of these adjuncts to military operations. The trades unions will be asked to waive some of their regulations during the period of the war crisis.

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