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British At Gates Of Cambrai; French Nearing St. Quentin But Advance Less Rapid

Weather Bad and Germans Are Destroying Means of Communication—Believed Enemy Hurrying to "Hindenburg Line," Stretching From Lille to La Fere But Some Writers Think Disaster Must First be Faced

French troops, pushing hard on the heels of the retreating Germans, are today within striking distance of the "Hindenburg line," the supposed goal of their retiring foe. The milestones on this line are the historic towns of Lille, Cambrai, St. Quentin, Laon and La Fere. The troops of General Neville were rushing towards St. Quentin yesterday at a rate almost unprecedented in the present world war and reached a point within five miles of the city. Unless some unheralded factor has entered into the situation the French have by this time either entered St. Quentin or the German retreat has halted.

BRITISH NEAR CAMBRAI

In the meantime, to the north, the British are doggedly pushing onward toward Cambrai and are apparently within striking distance of that town, the heart of the Lille-La-Fere line and famous since the days of the Romans. The British are advancing more slowly than the French but nothing either in the official reports from Paris or London or in the unofficial stories of newspaper correspondents at the front, indicates that either army has yet come in contact with the main German forces.

The theory that the Germans propose to halt their retreat on the Hindenburg line has been put forward by military critics in the allied capitals, but there has been no indication from Berlin as to the plans of the German general staff, and the purpose and meaning of the dramatic retreat of the invaders of France remain clothed in considerable mystery.

DRIVE FOR CALAIS?

French military observers estimate that the German retirement has already released 150,000 to 200,000 troops who are available for a long predicted counter-offensive to be launched against the allied lines at some speculative point. The Paris newspapers regard some such move on the part of Hindenburg as almost certain and discuss the possibility of as other tremendous effort to smash a way through to Calais.

In the meantime the only indication of a German attempt to assume the initiative is in apparently sporadic fighting in the Champagne district and on the Verdun front. Nothing has developed in either of these directions to indicate an offensive on a scale great enough to offset the sensational evacuation of a thousand or more square miles in Picardy.

NOT SO RAPID TODAY

Paris, March 20—The war office announces that the French are still maintaining contact with the Germans along the section of the front over which the retirement is taking place, but that the advance has become more difficult by reason of the destruction of all means of communications and on account of bad weather.

German attacks at Avocourt Woods and Hill 304, on the Verdun front, were repulsed. Serious loss was inflicted on the Germans.

The French troops have occupied about twenty additional villages and small towns in their advance. They have gone beyond Ham, on the Somme river.

The British advance is still being pushed rapidly. The pursuit of the enemy continued yesterday. Forty more villages have fallen into their hands. Despatches last night say that the British are now well beyond Bapaume.

Paris Optimistic

Paris, March 20.—The latest news from the front accentuates the feeling of optimism in military circles here and convinces the critics that the Germans are now engaged in a most difficult and dangerous operation in view of the large front involved.

According to the hitherto accepted theory, to effect such a movement with any safety it was necessary that a distance equal to a two days' march should be maintained between the pursuing and retreating forces. Under the present circumstances both armies are in close contact.

The Germans are carrying out their retirement under the cover of small but picked rearguards, sometimes entirely composed of officers and non-commissioned officers, which make counter-attacks when the pursuers press too closely on their heels. The weather, which continues to be extremely clear, is in favor of the advancing allies. French military critics maintain that it is more and more unlikely that the Germans can reach the Lille La Fere line without mishap. It is assumed that they propose to convert this line, which was their former base, into their principal position and remove their base seventeen miles to the rear on a line running from Valenciennes to Laon. It is asserted that from any point of view the Germans are facing an aggravation of an already difficult position and confront even less favorable fighting conditions in the immediate future.

"A Master Stroke."

Berlin, March 19, via London, March 20—The morning newspapers today gave the German public its first news of the big events on the front in France. All published articles by military experts explain the movement as part of the strategical plan of the general staff for a decision on the western front and a master stroke to vitiate the preparations of the Entente for an offensive, giving a decided advantage to the Germans. These writers are unanimous in expressingg the fullest confidence in Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

TO GOOD SHEPHERD

The three Indian girls arrested last night were taken to the Home of the Good Shepherd in Waterloo street this afternoon by Police Matron Ross to start their nine months' sentence. The girls have been in the city for about three weeks. A police official said this afternoon: "They did not know where the next meal was coming from." They are reconciled to their lot now and are happy that they have found a good home.

COLD THIS MORNING.

The thermometer this morning registered five above zero, and this, with a strong northwest wind, made the cold very penetrating. A year ago at this date the mercury dropped to two and a half points above zero.

TROUBLE MAKERS AT WORK IN RUSSIA

Now Unlikely That Grand Duke Will Command Armies

London, March 19—Grand Duke Nicholas will not, after all, be commander-in-chief of the Russian armies according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Times, the new government having found it necessary, in order to checkmate the mischevious propaganda, to appoint a generalisimmo not connected with the Romanoff family.

The correspondent does not state who the appointee will be nor does he indicate whether or not Grand Duke Nicholas is likely to continue to hold any subordinate command.

In a long despatch to the Times he dwells on the difficulties the government is meeting because of the aims of extremists and says that rumors have been circulated designed to discourage enthusiasm on the part of soldiers and munition workers by alleging that Germany has ceased to fight. These, however have failed to create any impression.

"Some other legend had to be sought," continues the Times, "and the inventive brains of the demagogues found a convenient bogey in the alleged danger of a counter revolution, they preaching to the soldiers and workmen that the representatives of the old regime were still powerful and mischievous and that it would be dangerous for the workers to return to the mills or the soldiers to resume their duties at present.

"Under pressure of the moderate elements they, however, raised the interdict on the appearance of the newspapers and expressed willingness to permit the resumption of street car traffic, which will be re-opened on Tuesday."

Among the other signs of trouble, according to the correspondent, is dissatisfaction in some quarters that the former emperor was allowed to go to Livadia. This, he attributes to rumors of a counter-revolution. The writer does not, however, represent the situation as necessarily dangerous for the government and quotes the papers, which reappeared on Sunday, as taking a hopeful view in the belief that prudence and moderation will triumph.

TRANSFERRED TO 202ND.

Capt. (the Rev.) G. A. Lawson, formerly chaplain of the 145th (Westmorland and Kent) Battalion, and more recently of the 219th Nova Scotia Highlanders, was recently transferred to the 202nd Battalion, 13th Training Brigade, Canadian Infantry, and is now with that unit at Witley Camp, South Witley, Surrey, England.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS TO ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY

Rev. M. H. Manuel, of Florenceville, Chosen Moderator—Rev. James Ross Complimented on Having His Four Sons in Service of Empire—Session Here Today

"One of the most satisfactory and most universal list of gains I have ever reported," said Rev. Frank Baird of Woodstock, when presenting the annual statistical report before the St. John presbytery this morning.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. M. H. Manuel, Florenceville, N.B.; clerk, Rev. Frank Baird, Woodstock; treasurer, Peter Campbell, St. John.

Rev. Mr. Baird's statistical report showed that there are in the presbytery sixteen self-sustaining congregations, fourteen augmented, five ordained mission charges and nineteen mission fields, making a total of fifty-four congregations under the jurisdiction of the presbytery. At present two of the self-sustaining and four of the augmented charges are vacant. The total ministers on the roll is thirty-two as against thirty-seven last year.

Passing to other statistics the following figures were given: During the year elders increased from 259 to 266, a gain of seven; preaching places from 137 to 143, a gain of five; families from 4,957 to 4,172, a gain of 215; baptisms from 368 to 442, a gain of sixty-six; new communicants from 324 to 357, a gain of fifty-one; communicants from 6,543 to 6,793, a gain of 250. The value of church property shows a decline from $515,000 to $500,122. Total debts against church property show an increase, the figures rising from $107,877 in 1915 to $106,042 in 1916. The report called special attention to the practice of some churches not reducing their debts. In the opinion of the convenor the time has come when the presbytery should take firm and drastic action to avoid the accumulation, and secure the reduction of standing debts.

The resignation of Rev. Mr. Harrison of St. George was accepted by the presbytery and Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison was asked to continue as interim moderator. Matters of the internal economy of the church and its administration were taken up by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan.

The transfer of the Fort Kent congregation to that of Newburyport, U. S. A., was before the presbytery and it was finally left in the hands of the clerk with instructions to secure the concurrent opinion of the people of Fort Kent in the matter.

Has Four Sons in Khaki

The moderator brought the attention of those present to the fact that Rev. James Ross had four sons at the present time serving their king and country, and by a standing vote the congratulations of the presbytery were extended to Rev. Mr. Ross and his wife. The moderator said that such a fine example would no doubt have a stimulating influence in every manse and household in the Presbyterian church in the province.

In replying to the vote of congratulations Mr. Ross said: "My boys wanted to go. I was glad that they wanted to serve and I would have been rather ashamed of them if they had not wanted to go." He said that the sacrifice was great but that he and Mrs. Ross had the satisfaction of knowing that their sons were doing their duty in the moment of empire crisis.

A report on Home Missions was given by Rev. Mr. Ross. Rev J. H. A. Anderson reported on the augmentation fund of the presbytery. Rev. T. A. Mitchell followed with a report on social service and evangelistic work in the church during the last few months.

Rev. B. H. Penwarden, who has been pastor of the St. George church for the last two years, was recommended to be accepted into the full ministry but that he take a short course in arts and theology further to supplement his equipment as a minister of the church.

A communication from Rev. John H. McVicar, who is now in China, and a former moderator of the St. John presbytery, was read by the clerk. Mr. McVicar announced that he had been appointed moderator of the presbytery of Honan, China.

Those present at the morning session were Revs. G. Pringle, James Ross, F. Baird, M. S. MacKay, J. H. A. Anderson, William Townshend, M. H. Manuel, W. W. Malcolm, T. A. Mitchell, J. A. MacKeigan, Dr. Morison, F. W. Thompson, W. M. Fraser, A. J. Langlois, T. P. Drumm, G. Gough, R. H. Stavert, A. P. Logan, F. S. Dowling, John Hardwick, W. K. Read, K. C. McLennan and George Grant; Elders W. S. Clawson, F. T. Murphy, C. S. Everett and R. Scott.

DAYLIGHT SAVING IN FRANCE AND ITALY

Paris, March 20—All clocks in France will be put forward one hour at midnight on March 24, according to the summer time bill, which has been passed by parliament.

A decree has been promulgated directing all Italian clocks to be advanced one hour from April 1 to September 30.

TWO CHAIRS, A STOVE AND A TOOL BOX THEIR ONLY FURNITURE

Two chairs, a small tidy stove and a large tool box was the entire furniture fixtures said by the detectives to be in a house in 25 North Wharf occupied by three Indian girls who were before the police magistrate this morning following a raid by Detectives Barrett and Briggs last night.

Detective Barrett said that complaints had reached the police about the house. Last evening about 9.30 o'clock he, with Detective Briggs, visited the house. A soldier there made good his escape.

One of the girls, Caroline Francis, aged nineteen, was charged with being the keeper of a disorderly house and Mary Ann Glode, aged twenty, and another aged sixteen, were charged with being inmates.

The girls said that if they were allowed to go they would return immediately to Truro where they say they belong. The magistrate said that their request was too late. They were sent to jail for nine months.

Gertie Nugent, before the court before, was charged with night walking. The detectives testified. It is understood that she has given some valuable information. The court remanded her.

FRENCH CAPTURE HILL AND TWO TOWNS CLOSE TO MONASTIR

Paris, March 20.—French troops in Macedonia, according to a war office announcement this morning, have captured a hill and two towns about three miles north of Monastir after stubborn resistance. They also took more than 1,200 prisoners including eleven officers.

Military activity on the part of British forces to the east of Lake Doiran resulted in the bringing in of prisoners.

TEN GERMANS ESCAPED IN LAST NIGHT'S DASH

Washington, March 20—Preliminary reports to the navy department early today say that a lieutenant and nine men of the interned German sailors at the Philadelphia navy yard succeeded in making their escape in last night's dash from the yard.

LATER

Washington, March 20—Lieut. Choreh and Machinist Mate Hermann Schroder of the German interned crews at Phila navy yard are believed to have been drowned last night in an attempt to escape.

Eight other men who escaped at the same time have been captured by companies of marines and the Phila police. These are in addition to the seven who were reported last night as having failed to escape.

THE NEW FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, March 20—It was late last night before Premier Ribot was able to submit to President Poincare the list of the new cabinet. The decrees appointing the ministers will be signed by the president today and appear in Wednesday's official journal.

Premier Ribot has decided to retain the war council system instituted by the retiring administration with the modification that Andre Maginot, minister of the colonies, will attend the council's sittings.

AN IRISH NIGHT

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Tabernacle Baptist church observed an Irish night at their regular meeting last evening. The auditorium of the church was well filled. The president, H. McEachern, occupied the chair. The pastor, Rev. F. Patrick Dennison, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on the life and times of St. Patrick. From history and legend the lecturer described the man, his origin and his mission. With anecdotes of Irish character and interest, Mr. Dennison made the discourse extremely interesting. During the evening John McEachern sang "Ireland Must be Heaven for Mother Came From There." The National Anthem closed the meeting.

The Wheat Market

Chicago, March 20 — Opening wheat prices, which ranged from 1-2 decline to 1-2 advance, with May at 187 1-2 to 188 1-4 and July at 158 to 1-2, were followed by a sharp general break and then a rise all around to yesterday's finish or considerably above.

Phelix and Phredian

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—A few snowfalls have occurred in Northern Ontario, but the weather has been fair, generally, in Canada, with mild conditions in the west and rising temperature in Ontario.

Ottawa Valley—A few snow flurries today, but mostly fair and becoming milder. Wednesday, fair and mild.

Milder.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, becoming southerly, fair today and on Wednesday, milder on Wednesday.

New England—Cloudy and warmer tonight. Wednesday, partly cloudy; fresh to moderately strong southwest winds.

PRIVATE SAUNDERS IS GIVEN UP FOR DEAD; WORD TO HIS MOTHER; SECOND SHE HAS GIVEN

Mrs. Hubert Saunders of Gondola Point, has received a telegram from Ottawa notifying her that her son, Private Ernest Walter Saunders, who had been reported missing on June 8 was now given up for dead. He was twenty-three years of age and prior to enlisting had been engaged at farming.

His brother, Private Percy Saunders, with whom he crossed to England, died of wounds last September. After their arrival in England they had been transferred into different units and crossed to France. Three months after his brother, Ernest, was reported missing. Ernest fell mortally wounded and passed away on Sept. 21, 1916.

Besides his mother, Private Saunders is survived by three brothers, Harmon, of Gondola Point, and Lewis and Theodore of this city, also three sisters, Mrs. S. Sleigh of 41 Hilyard street, and Jennie and Muriel at home.

WHEAT AGAIN FOR GREECE; INDICATION OF BLOCKADE LIFTED

London, March 20—The ministers to Greece of the Entente nations have again taken up their residence in Athens, says Reuter's correspondent there. The discharge of a cargo of wheat destined for Piraeus will begin today.

The admission of wheat to Greece indicates the lifting of the blockade which had been in effect for several weeks. The Greek government has made repeated representations that widespread suffering has been caused by the shutting off of food supplies to which the Entente replied that the blockade would be lifted when Greece complied with its demands.

NOTED ANIMAL TRAINER KILLED BY POLAR BEAR

Los Angeles, Cal., March 20—Captain Jack Bonavita, widely known animal trainer, died here last night as the result of a fractured jaw and several lacerations suffered in a struggle with a Polar bear. He was putting the bear through its customary tricks when the animal became enraged and attacked him.

The trainer was saved from immediate death by a policeman, who fired six bullets into the animal, killing it instantly.

Captain Bonavita's right hand was bitten off by a lion twelve years ago at Coney Island, N. Y.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Captain Joseph Priest took place this afternoon from his late residence, 70 High street. Services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Evans took place this afternoon from her late residence, Duke street, West End. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Miss Bernice Gooldrup took place this morning from her mother's residence, Haymarket square, to the Cathedral, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. William Duke. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. The pall bearers were Joseph McGrath, Thomas Cogger, Gordon Carr, James Mullin, Edward Walsh and George Smith. The floral offerings were numerous and included flowers from Joseph McGrath, F. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Cogger, Mrs. J. K. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Chisholm, F. Hayes, Miss A. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Dryden, C. Crawford and James McMillan.

The funeral of Mrs. James Daley took place this afternoon from her late residence, Princess street. Services were conducted by Rev. Hammond Johnson and interment was made in Fernhill. The pall bearers were H. Marr, J. Henderson, H. Rogers, O. Gray, Captain Cotter, Conductor Whelpley and F. E. Williams.

The funeral of Leonard Morrison took place this afternoon from his late residence, Prince William street. Services were conducted by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of James E. Cowan took place this afternoon from his late residence, King street, West St. John. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL

The executive of the Social Service Council of the city met last evening in the board of trade rooms and prepared a comprehensive programme of work to be submitted to the full council. This work relates to housing, community work, school attendance, medical inspection, child-welfare, woman suffrage, kindergarten and neighborhood playgrounds.

SIX BREAK JAIL

Birmingham, Ala., March 20—David Overton, former clerk of the Madison County Circuit Court, convicted last fall of having murdered Judge W. T. Lawlor, escaped early today from Jefferson county jail. Overton is said to have escaped with six other prisoners, two under death sentence, after they had overpowered the warden. The fugitives are believed to have gone north.

WANTON DESTRUCTION BY ANGERED TEUTONS AS THEY GAVE UP FRENCH VILLAGES

Buildings, Trees, Gardens Destroyed; Libraries Wrecked—Scenes in Peronne and Other Places — False Section in Bridge Over Somme

British Headquarters in France, March 19, via London, March 20(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press) —The deliberate character of the destruction wrought by the Germans before their withdrawal from Peronne is painfully evident in the once beautiful avenue of trees leading to the railway station. These trees were untouched by shell fire, but each one was hacked in two with axes and the gashes and chips showed that the work was done within the last few days. The beautiful gardens of the outlying houses were also wrecked and every fruit tree within several miles of the town was sawed two-thirds of the way through and then broken down.

The correspondent of the Associated Press was among the first visitors to Peronne in the wake of the British troops, who have now swept well beyond that place. It was necessary to pass through half a score of ruined villages, which only a few days ago were within the zone of intense artillery fire, before reaching the banks of the Somme. Crossing that stream on an improvised bridge and trudging through Halle, Perrone was reached over a road which had been reconstructed within twenty-four hours over succeeding rows of German trenches and through recurring mases of rusted barbed wire, some of these being at least six feet in height and fifty feet in width.

In the outskirts of the city British Tommies were encountered wearing "pickle" helmets and grinning from ear to ear.

Wreck and Pillage.

There was a ghostly silence in most sections of the city. No sound of war was to be heard except once when a preying German airplane scudded in the shelter of the high fleecy clouds and anti-aircraft guns opened, driving him to quick retreat. British officers pointed out building after building where apparently the total damage had resulted from interior explosions. The railway station was completely wrecked, including the tracks and crossing bridges. German signs had been substituted throughout the station and on a bulletin board was a time table of trains for Lille, Munich and other points within the German lines.

In some of the fine residences the libraries had been wrecked, the books torn in pieces and scattered in the streets. The Germans had left several foot bridges across the Somme which were apparently intact, but which, on closer examination, showed that false sections had been inserted which gave way at the first foot pressure.

At a chateau outside Perrone the Germans had killed two magpies and stuck them on the sharp points of the iron posts at either side of the entrance.

"I suppose that signifies some German curse or sign of bad luck," said a British subaltern as he went whistling gaily on his way to find, as he said, "where the war had taken itself off to."

Organized Pillage

Paris, March 20.—A military eye-witness, writing from the front says: "The forward march of our troops is so rapid and villages are so promptly freed that one is unable to stop in any of them to give a description. Furthermore, all are similar—pillaged, devastated to the foundations.

"At Nesle, a village of 2,500, the French cavalry entered at ten o'clock in the morning. The entire population was in the streets crying for joy and waving all the tri-colored cloth that was to be found. A French airplane had the first honor of alighting at Nesle. The aviator, flying over the city, saw on the roof of a house a man waving a French flag. He landed immediately. The last of the Germans had just left.

"At Roye the entry to the village was difficult. Streets no longer exist. Gaping holes caused by the explosion of mines separate the quarters which are in groups. The Avre River penetrated some of the large excavations, which were transformed into little lakes. Here again pillage was savagely and methodically organized. The entire village, looming up like an amphitheatre offers to view only houses with bare walls and floors broken in. Tapestries, dishes, linen, pictures and the smallest objects were carried off and sent toward Germany. Furniture was burned or transported to the trenches, where it was afterwards broken up. Each inhabitant was left a mattress, a chair, but only what was necessary.

"Roye retains the aspect of a village, for the church is there and the organ resounds. To describe the joy of the inhabitants is impossible. They grasped our hands in passing. The day for which they have waited so long arrived. We question them unceasingly. Many of them did not hope to see the return of our troops. The Germans had spoken of evacuating all the civilians.

"On February 17, 190 of them had received, at five o'clock in the morning, an order to leave toward evening. They left crying. Since then no more have been taken away.

"'The Germans did not expect you so soon,' was the unanimous cry. We were told by the inhabitants who remain that the Germans grouped in certain villages the populations of a number of hamlets."

CHANCERY CASES

The monthly sitting of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, was held this morning, Mr. Justice White presiding.

The cases of the Attorney-General vs. the St. John Lumber Company; Powell vs. Van Nordon Trust Company, and McKeown vs. Shand were stood over.

The case of the Maritime Nail Co. vs. Gregory was stood over until a day to be fixed for trial.

The case of Cohen vs. Hazen avenue Synagogue will be taken up tomorrow. M. G. Teed, K.C., is the plaintiff's solicitor and G. H. V. Belyea solicitor for the defendant.

In the matter of E. J. Broderick, administrator of Mary T. O'Connell, vs. Alice M. Cullinan, S. A. M. Skinner moved for foreclosure and sale of property on Military road. The order was made, the damages being assessed at $523.15.

In the case of Lawrence et al vs. Katheryn et al and McCauley vs. McCauley et al, A. A. Allan of Moncton moved for partition of of sale of lands in Westmorland county. F. J. Sweeney K.C., appeared for the defendants in the latter case. The court considers.

J. F. H. Teed moved to confirm the master's report in the cases of William P. McDonald vs. Neve, and R. Keltie Jones et al vs. Kennedy et al. The order was made accordingly.

THE 165TH

Lieutenant A. G. Pierce, trench warfare instructor of the New Brunswick command, is now in charge of the training of the 165th Battalion and under his instruction the members of the unit are being brought to an even higher standard of efficiency in their drill.

Today the unit is going through its medical test. Those that are turned down as unfit for service at the front, but fit for special service work in Canada, will be transferred to the Special Service Company. Others will receive their discharge.

MURDER TRIAL BEGUN

Cornwall, Ont., March 20—Emerson St. Pierre was formally charged today with the murder of his father, William St. Pierre, in Osnabruck Township on February 8, and Nettie Richmire, who lived with Emerson as his wife, with being an accessory.

Crown Attorney Harkness changed the information against the prisoners. That against St. Pierre was altered from "suspicion of causing the disappearance of his father" to murder, and that against the Richmire girl from murder to accessory after the fact.

T. H. HUTCHINSON IS GOING OVERSEAS

Is One of Three More Y. M. C. A. Secretaries in Military Work

Three more Y. M. C. A. secretaries have been chosen and will proceed overseas to join those engaged in military work in England and France: T. H. Hutchinson, formerly general secretary in Vancouver and St. John associations and latterly High School secretary for Canada; W. H. Wood, community secretary at Brockville "Y," and E. B. Otter of Toronto, formerly secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Associations and more lately on the Y. M. C. A. staff at Exhibition Camp.

The addition of these brings the number to more than eighty who are about evenly divided between the camps and hospitals in England and the Canadian forces in France. Since the Canadian forces were moved from the Somme area more than fifty "Y" branches have been established among the various divisions.

LIEUT. J. A. WINSLOW IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Fredericton, N. B., March 20—J. J. F. Winslow has been officially notified that his brother, Lieut. J. A. Winslow, is seriously ill in a French clearing station from pneumonia. News has been confirmed by cable from Lord Beaverbrook. Lieutenant Winslow has been serving at the front with an artillery unit.

The March term of the York county court opened this morning but as no grand jury had been summoned adjournment was made until Thursday. The docket consists of one criminal case, the king vs. Fred Brown, and one civil case, Mrs. Annie Giles vs. Percy G. Gunn, an action for money loaned.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

On Saturday Rev. W. R. Robinson went out into the county and brought in to the Children's Home a child of four and a half years that has been cruelly neglected. Yesterday a little girl from the home was placed in a most desirable foster-home. Today Mr. Robinson is placing two boys in foster homes where already the society has placed two girls who are now well cared for and happy.