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WITH THE SOLDIERS

Three men signed up yesterday with the 15th. The strength of the battalion now is approximately 1085.

The records:

ARTHUR LABRECQUE, Canadian, 33, painter, married, Paris, 1 year 5th Battalion Montreal.

CLEMENT KNOWLES, English, 35, carpenter, married, 3 years 38th D. R. C., 91 Mohawk Road Tutela P.O.

JOHN BYATT, 34, gardener, married, 9 McClure Ave., 3 years Hertis Volunteers.

125TH
Officer of the day—Lieut. Oxtoby. Next for duty—Captain James. Subaltern of the day, Lieut. H. J. Stratford. Next for duty, Lieut. D. Andrews.

GOT NINE.
Lieut. Col. H. Cockshutt and Major Duncan of the 215th battalion were in Paris yesterday and signed up nine men for active service.

CENTRAL POWERS

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tunity of starting offensives on a colossal scale east and west. This means that in one of these theatres of war, the central powers probably will be obliged to play a waiting game. Instead of the Russian front getting the attention of the general staff of the central powers, the French front may occupy them. Several factors argue for such a move. In the east the central powers hold all the territory needed as a peace pawn, while the ten departments of France, occupied by the Germans, have so far not produced the desired effect upon the Republic's population. Other gains might do so, however, it is argued here. In addition, it is thought desirable to change the general situation of the western theatre of war before the new British armies become a fact here, though it is not certain that will not occur before next autumn.

ARTILLERY THE THING

In this connection, it is of interest to note how a German offensive against the French Artillery, more artillery, and again artillery—artillery in such superiority that nothing can live under its withering breath.

That the Entente will do its utmost in the spring and summer to end the war has become almost certain, especially in view of the gradual admission that the hopes of reducing the central powers through lack of materials needed for the continuation of the war, have proved fatuous.

ACTIVITY IN EAST

London, March 16.—(Cable to the New York Times.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Petrograd says: "The present position on the Russian front cannot be called tranquil, but the period of more or less passive hibernation is at an end, and along the whole front with the possible exception of the region of the Fink swamps, there is an alertness, a tenseness, a restlessness, as if in expectation of coming great events."

The Germans are hastily bringing up ammunition and large numbers of


A CITY OF SIEGES

The famous city of Soissons, which the Germans bombarded last week, is no stranger to war. From the Roman times its position on the left bank of the Aisne and among wooded hills marked it out as a point of convergence for many military roads, and its fortifications always made it a veritable prey. It is called Noviodunum in Caesar's "Commentaries."

It took its name from the tribe called by the Romans Sequanones, and early became the second capital of Belgic Gaul, with Reims however as the Roman stronghold of Northern Gaul, and when Clovis and his Frankish successors captured it they seized the city it was here that he married Clothilde, and made it the capital of his kingdom of France.

It was at Soissons that Pepin le Bref was crowned by St. Boniface; that Louis the Pious did penance; and the teachings of Abelard were condemned in 1121. But it was its vicissitudes in war time that made the place historic and have left it a bare ghost of its ancient glories.

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LIST OF THOSE WHO PASSED Names of Successful Candidates in First Aid Exams.

The results of first aid examination classes, conducted under auspices W. P. S., are as follows: Mrs. G. W. Broomfield, Mrs. W. H. Pitton, Mrs. Lloyd Harris, Mrs. W. L. Hutton, Mrs. T. H. Whitehead, Miss A. N. Pringle, Miss Beatrice Smith, Miss M. Clara Sanderson, Miss E. Morton, Miss May Dwyer, Miss Marion Veigh, Miss Helen Kippax, Miss Cora Long, Miss Edna Verity, Miss Erma Coyne, Miss Edna Senn, Miss Edith Senn, Miss Mary Nell, Miss W. Edith Ham, Miss Gertrude Ham, Miss Emma Thomas, Miss Jean Harold, Miss Nora Tomlinson, Miss Ethel Raymond, Miss Edith Daves, Miss Lottia Turton, Miss Lily Carlyle, Miss Margaret Carlyle, Miss Muriel Whittaker, Miss Ethel Good, Miss Frances Good, Miss Pearl Ecarr.

Music and Drama

WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE
This attraction, which will be at the Grand Opera House on Saturday night in Hamilton on Friday and Saturday night of last week. The papers there speak very highly of it, as follows:

Herald—When Dreams Come True, a charming musical comedy embodying a plot around which the principal characters are given an opportunity of introducing some highly pleasing comedy, was presented at the Grand Opera House last night, and to-night.

Spectator—There has been a dearth of good musical comedies during the past two seasons, and this lack, as well as its own daintiness, has given it an opportunity to shine. When Dreams Come True is a musical comedy, and therefore, the lightness of the motif is always accepted. It is not a robust character, but its bright and tuneful, and several of the songs have a catchiness of their own. The songs were neatly sung. The ensemble singing was excellent, the balance even, the voices fresh and sweet. Very pretty were the ballets, dancing, and the ballet features were among the most enjoyable attractions offered.

RABINOWITZ AND THE "KITCHENERS"

Montague Glass, the author of the famous Potash and Perlmutter stories and co-author of the even more famous dramatization of those stories which comes to the theatre as *Opposite House* last night direct from its second year at the Cohan Theatre, New York is fond of telling the story of Rabinowitz and the "Kitcheners."

"Mr. Rabinowitz you see," Mr. Glass explains "dealt in woollens, and after a brief fall season he found himself with a lot of nice goods that were of excellent quality, but of poor design. It was in vain that he cut the price on them; the trade refused to buy and at length he became despondent. He picked out six N.G. customers, who, under ordinary circumstances were not to be trusted with a D.D. delivery, unless the salesman pressed man passed over the package with one hand and received the cash with the other. To each of these he sent a letter stating that the goods were cheap and of splendid quality, and that he was offering them at an extremely low price and enclosed a bill for twelve pieces only.

"Rabinowitz reckoned that, when each of the customers received his thirteen pieces of goods and a bill of twelve only, they would see a chance to profit at his expense, and they would therefore keep the goods and permit the amount of the bill. However it was what Professor James might call bum psychology, for all the same course of action. They each wrote a letter to Rabinowitz, telling him they were sorry that they could not buy the dozen pieces of goods he had shipped them, and the next day they returned only twelve of the thirteen packages, together with Rabinowitz's own bill, which they filed away for future reference."

For Thursday, Friday and Saturday matinee and on Saturday and Sunday at the Colonial will be the musical comedy, "The Passing Review at Coney Island." All new scenery, costumes, and a play of new songs, dances and vaudeville, will be introduced by Mr. Mall and Miss Harsen and other members of the company.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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Personal

Mrs. Joseph Stratford is a visitor in Ottawa.

The birth of a daughter is announced to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hardy, Brockville.

Mrs. H. W. Pitton has left on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Leggat of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yates and son, Rushton, are visiting in Atlantic City.

Mrs. T. S. Wade left for Dundas today, where she will be the guest for a few days of her brother, Colonel Knowles, of the 129th Battalion.

Mr. J. R. Passant, formerly of the Bank of Hamilton of this city, has been promoted to teller accumbant in the Paris branch.

Monthly Meeting of C. A. Society

Mr. Axford Delegated to Attend Provincial Council in Toronto.

The regular monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society of Brantford, Tuesday afternoon at the board room of the Shelter, E. L. Gould occupied the chair in the absence of the president.

Some letters were read from children, which spoke of the kind treatment and training received by them.

Also notice of the coming conference of Charities and Corrections, to be held at Toronto, March 28. In conjunction with this conference there will be the annual meeting of the Society for the Care of the Feeble-Minded. A splendid exhibit is being arranged by the committee in charge.

At the same time will be held the annual meeting of the Association of Children's Aid Societies of Ontario, which will be considerably shortened this year, confining themselves to business only.

The local society delegated Mr. Axford to attend.

Accounts were passed and reports given on the work for February. These detailed a large amount of work accomplished, 17 complaints were received, involving 39 children, and the money for their maintenance and care was brought to the Shelter that were not wards, a ward returned to the parents, and a paroled one was received.

The generous gift of Mr. George Kippax of a five passenger automobile for the use of the secretary was greatly facilitated, and it has been made that will not materially add to the cost now entailed.

With regret the society received the resignation of the President, Mr. E. Sweet. He having accepted a commission in the 215th B. T. now being formed for overseas service, it was found impossible to devote the required of him and asked to be relieved.

Mr. Sweet has faithfully served the society since its inception, and it is sincerely hoped he will be spared to return to us again.

Mr. Gould fittingly spoke of the valuable services rendered the society by Rev. Matthew Kelly in the past, after which our best wishes would go with him in his new field of labor.

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Very Enjoyable Concert Given

Patriotic Affair in First Baptist Church Was Well Patronized.

On Tuesday evening a very enjoyable patriotic concert was given in the lecture room of the First Baptist Church under the auspices of the A. F. class.

The room was very prettily decorated with numerous flags. The users were boys of the A. F. class wearing khaki. There are now twenty-one young men from this class who have put on the uniform and are either on the battlefield or in training. The room was packed to the doors, the proceeds amounting to between \$35 and \$40, half of which the boys gave to Miss Marquis' class to help with their sock fund. Miss Marquis' class has already knit fifty pairs of socks for the soldiers.

During the program, a telegram was received and read from Lieut. Will H. Pearce of Woodstock, who was the founder and former teacher of the A. F. class, regretting his inability to be present.

Great credit is due Mr. Arthur Chrysler, teacher of the A. F. class, for his untiring efforts to make the evening a success, and in securing such excellent talent for the program.

The following program was given and very much enjoyed by all: Chaucer's address, Rev. Llewellyn Brown; piano duet, Miss Helen and Mr. Horace Fuller; solo, "Knitting," Miss Agnes Heath; reading, Major T. Harry Jones; solo, "A Song of Canada," Mr. Neil McLeod; reading, Miss Annie Thompson; solo, "Dear Land O'Mine (Katherine Hale) Mrs. Capt. Duggan; violin solo, "Angel's Serenade," Mr. Errol Gamble; solo, "Death of Nelson," Mr. J. R. Pickering; reading, Miss Annie Thompson; bugle calls, Buglers A. E. Veal and C. Verkes of 129th Regt.; solo, Mrs. Capt. Duggan; solo, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Mr. Neil McLeod; reading, Miss Neva Smith; solo, "The Flight of Ages," by request, Mr. J. B. Pickering; bugle calls, Buglers H. Frost and F. Williams of 129th Regt.; horn roll of A. F. Class; tableau, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," God Save the King.

Mrs. Mary Powley, of Chicago, asks divorce on the allegation that after marriage she discovered her husband to be a prosperous street beggar.

Twelve additional men of the American Ambulance Field Service have been cited in the French order of the day and will receive the Cross of War.

Women's Institute

The Whiteman's Creek branch of Women's Institute held their meeting on March 9th at the home of Mrs. Chester Lovett. The meeting opened by singing the Maple Leaf Rag, after which the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The President, Mrs. T. Lovett, presided, Mrs. Dr. Lovett of Paris, gave an excellent paper on Red Cross work and spoke very feelingly of the death of Sergt. Gilman, who went from the neighborhood followed. The ladies are doing excellent work, having started a cross in the neighbourhood completed, to the Canadian Hospital at Shorncliffe. Miss Edith Gurney gave an instrumental selection, after which Mrs. Milton McAllister read a paper on "The Twentieth Century Farmer's Wife." Miss Ollie Turnbull then gave an instrumental selection. A hearty vote of thanks was rendered Mrs. Dr. Lovett for her kindness in coming to address the meeting. Miss Kines sang "When the Boys Come Home," "The Close of the Day," "The Hostess and the Guest," and "The Blessing of the Home." The meeting was very pleasant and profitable afternoon. The meeting closed by singing "God Save the King."

NIAGARA ICE BRIDGE

Better Than Ever This Year.

Those who have visited the Falls this Winter have pronounced the ice bridge to be the best in years. It has been well said that those who have visited Niagara Falls in summer have only half enjoyed it, as nature surpasses itself in winter in clothing its wonderful Falls with ice formation of undescrivable beauty. Spring will be here, and with its coming you will have missed this wonderful sight. The Grand Trunk Railway system are offering every opportunity for a half-price ticket. Parties of ten or more can secure special rates.

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By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, March 16.—Rumors are current here that the Canadian railways have granted a rate of one cent a mile from immersion and portage at the request of the Canadian government of 30,000 laborers from the United States, to meet the demands of the prairie provinces. According to reports, contracts are being made with 5,000 American papers to advertise for farm laborers.

In view of the statement made last week by General Sir Sam Hughes at Montreal that recruiting was causing no drain on Canada's agricultural population, these preparations for the wholesale importation of labor are causing much conjecture.

Keith Dairymple of Oban, N. Y., missing eight years, reappeared to claim \$280,000 legacy.

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Electrical Heating for Buildings—Electrical heating of rooms, on the hot-water system, is now carried on in Stockholm. In the top story of a building is a heat-insulated water tank of one hundred to three hundred gallons, with electric heating devices for the water. During the night the water is heated up, for the price of current is less at such hours, and in some cases extra low night rates prevail. An automatic device switches off current in the morning and throws on an electric motor pump, and this sets up circulation of warm water in the radiators throughout the building. In the basement is the pump and a small water tank from which the water goes up to the roof tank and keeps up a constant circulation. In the evening the pump is switched off and the current sent to the heater tank, preferably by the use of a hand switch. A heat storage tank of one hundred and twenty-four gallons using four kilowatts and ten hours charging at night will take in heat enough to suffice for radiators in four or five rooms. With a two hundred and fifty-gallon tank and six to eight kilowatts, eight rooms can be very well heated. It is claimed that the present method is one of the best as well as most economical for use, all things considered, and it is quite automatic in action and does not get out of order.

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