

TORONTOIANS RUSH TO JOIN THE COLORS

Seven Hundred and Twenty Offer for Active Service in Three Days.

HOUSING OF SOLDIERS

Col. H. C. Osborne and Committee to Look Over Commercial High School.

Enlistments in Toronto took a strong upward turn yesterday, the total of 168 accepted being an increase of 38 as compared with the previous day.

A total of 720 men have offered themselves for overseas service during the first three days of the drive.

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THEATRES

SEATS FOR OPERA TODAY.

Seats for the Boston Grand Opera Company and Pavlova Ballet Russe will be placed on sale at the box office of the Alexandra Theatre this morning at nine o'clock.

"KICK IN" COMING TO GRAND.

"Kick In" will be the offering at the Grand Opera House next week. This is the stirring comedy-drama which is the stirring comedy-drama which is the stirring comedy-drama.

ELMAN AND NEW YORK SYMPHONY.

Mischa Elman and the New York Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Walter Damrosch, will play a concert at the Massey Hall next Thursday evening.

ROYALTY WILL BE PRESENT.

Massey Hall will present a striking scene on Tuesday evening next, when the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and the Princess Patricia, accompanied by Sir John and Lady Hendrie, will be present at the thirteenth annual concert of the National Chorus.

AT LOEW'S NEXT WEEK.

Edward Abeles, well-known star of the legitimate stage, will present a number of his photo dramatic productions, with the near future, appearing at Loew's Theatre here, by George Broadhurst, entitled "Self Defence."

BEN WELCH COMING.

Pretty women, capable comedians, music of the kind that is both euphonious and catchy, scenic effects that lend a charming dash to the play, and an endless continuity of sensational features and attractions, are promised in the latest edition of the Broadway show, which is being given at the Gayety Theatre next week.

WONDER WIFE GIVEN A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Canadian Soldiers in Hospital in South of England Are Royal-ly Entertained.

"We have many Canadians in our little hospital," writes a nurse from a little base hospital of 1000 beds, in the South of England, "and fine brave fellows they are."

"I must tell you how we spent Christmas. The ward was decorated with roses, white and green, and white baskets tied with gold ribbon and filled with white flowers decorated the windows and the lights were shaded with white and green lanterns hung here and there.

SHEARS.

"The Passion Play of Washington Square," a serio-comic opera, by Albert Fall and Arthur Maitland in the leading roles, will headline the bill at Shear's next week.

THE STAR.

A new, modern, up-to-date show, is "The Star," which is presented by three snappy burlesques entitled "See Him First," "The Worth of a Nation," and "Girls and Jingles."

HARRY LAUDER COMING.

The inimitable Harry Lauder will soon be here. With his Highland band, 30 strong, and his vaudeville company of international artists, he will appear at the Alexandra Theatre on Jan. 20, 21 and 22.

THE RED COW.

Mr. Peter McArthur, the well-known writer, journalist and author, will give a humorous lecture Wednesday evening at the Massey Hall, popular prices. Mr. McArthur is giving his services free, and all proceeds, excepting rent and advertising, will be donated to the Red Cross.

WAR SUMMARY.

Today's Events Reviewed (Continued from Page 1). The fate of Cattaro depends upon the fate of Austria and the decision in the war will come in the principal theatres, not on the side lines.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

THINKS CITIES' SHARE SHOULD BE HEAVIER

County Municipalities Would Make Toronto and Hamilton Pay More.

"That in the opinion of the members of the York County Council, the municipalities of the county should contribute a heavier share toward the cost of the Toronto-Hamilton highway."

POLICY OF THE BANKS

They Are Proving Detriment to Advance of Agriculture, Says Geo. S. Henry, M.L.A.

EARLS COURT LABORER BURNED OUT OF HOME

Shortly after five o'clock yesterday afternoon, a fire broke out in the brick-vengered residence at 83 Goswain street, Earls Court, which was occupied by R. Moav, a laborer employed by the Canada Express Company.

ACTION TO BE FOUGHT BY EXPRESS COMPANY

Will Uphold in Court Claim Against Free Delivery in Earls Court District.

POSTPONED.

Owing to the bad weather Mr. Jonathan Ellerby's sale at lot 3, con. 8, Vaughan, on Wednesday, was postponed until Saturday, Jan. 15.

FINE PLAY AT STRAND.

For today and for the balance of the winter, the Strand Theatre will be the magnificent Gold Rooster production, "The Beloved Vagabond."

FOES OF CONSCRIPTION WERE BADLY DEFEATED

Motion to Reject Bill Could Rally Only Thirty-Nine Votes.

SECOND READING GIVEN

No Division Was Taken and Easy Victory Was Cheered.

CONVENTION TENDERED BANQUET BY THE CITY

Mayor Church and Aldermen Addressed Members of International Union.

WILL FIGHT FOR RIGHT

Trade Unionists Opposed to War, But Are With Allies, Declares Speaker.

Sympathy With Allies.

"Americans feel deeply upon this particular crisis. We can talk perhaps with greater freedom of speech as trades unionists whether or not we are right or wrong, but in spite of all we Americans are in sympathy with the allies. We feel that someone is right and someone is wrong in this gigantic struggle now raging, but no matter who is right or wrong, we feel that you are right or you would not send your young manhood across the sea to fight in the trenches of the allies, whether they shall or shall not go to war."

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LOCAL OPTION HOTEL

The Teck, 30 King West, claims an option with its local guests upon a hotel dining trade at restaurant and club prices.

FAIR WAGE MEETINGS

Board of Control Consider Resolution for Supply

FIGHT FOR RIGHT

The fair wage meeting, called by the Board of Control, was held at the City Hall last night.

CITY SOLICITOR IS SEEKING WITNESSES

The City Solicitor is seeking witnesses for a trial in the case of the City of Toronto v. The Railway Commission.

THE MONTHLY MEDICAL INSPECTION

The monthly medical inspection of the pupils in the schools is being held today.

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At a meeting of the ladies' advisory committee of the Citizens' Recruiting League of Toronto, 20 members were present, including the captains of the various regiments.

The following recommendations were passed, to be brought before the meeting of the league at the city hall this afternoon:

"I believe," he added, "that when the provisions of the bill are fully realized and the people understand that every suggestion and complaint will be carefully listened to, we shall have something like general assent. I hope that the bill will pass without dissent. Certainly no more effective blow could be struck for the success of our arms."

CONCESSION TO LABOR

Premier Asquith's announcement that the government was prepared to meet labor objections with an amendment preventing the employers using the bill as a weapon against employees was greeted with long cheers and was regarded as especially significant.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There has been an immense amount of misconception and misunderstanding in some sections and classes, regarding the leading financial committee, and the government has continued to explain. "Some people regard it as a step toward universal conscription, or as a form and instrument of compulsory military service, but in fact it is nothing more than a bill that may be used for any number of purposes. I hope the members of the house and the mass of our countrymen will accept that assurance."

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