

SOLDIERS FACING DENTISTS' DRILLS

Worse Than Machine Guns—Special Dental Surgery Being Installed at Ex.

LESSARD'S PROMOTION

Greater Responsibility for Best-Liked and Most Respected Officer.

Examination of the teeth of all the troops at Exhibition Park camp has been decided upon, and will start today, the men of the 19th Battalion being the first to be attended to.

On account of medical unfitness, eight more men have been struck off the roll of the contingent. The dental clinics will be held at the station hospital, including Sundays.

Private J. Putman of Dunville, who was found on Saturday to have appendicitis, has been taken to the General Hospital.

The third inoculation of the contingent began yesterday, when the 1100 men of the 19th Battalion again received the anti-typhoid injection.

Official approval of the following increases in the rates was announced in yesterday's orders of the day: Bacon, increased to 3 ounces, formerly 2; sugar, increased from 2 ounces to 4 ounces.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

FRENCH

The following official communication was issued by the French war office last night: "In Belgium several attacks by the French troops have resulted in progress being made in the direction of the north-west, several villages, courts and hamlets have all been captured by our troops."

"The railway station of Commerce, department of Meuse, was captured yesterday by batteries fired from a very great distance, but insignificant damage was done."

"An offensive movement resumed by the enemy to the north-west of Combray has been repulsed. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

"There is nothing important to report between the North Sea and the Oise. In the region of the Aisne to the north-west of Soignies the enemy has recently been repulsed. We have repulsed their attacks and have inflicted a number of casualties on them."

"Our artillery has destroyed important works on the slope of the Argonne. In the north of the Argonne, the enemy has been repulsed. A violent cannonade, the enemy's batteries seeming to have been forced to withdraw towards the front."

"In the region of the Woivre, a front line of trenches on the 15th of December, the Serbians have taken 2000 prisoners. The Serbians have also captured 70 guns and 40 machine-guns. The Serbians have driven the Austrians across the Drina."

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GRAND CHAMPION STEER "HECTOR," BOUGHT BY THE T. EATON COMPANY.

Y. G. Beamish, the well known live stock expert and manager of the T. Eaton Company, who always takes a general interest in the best of the breed, has just succeeded in getting the Grand Champion Steer "Hector," bought at the Union Stock Yards sale of prize-winning cattle for the Christmas trade, well as Zavalaka, in the direction of London, Ontario. To begin with he bought "Hector" the grand champion grade steer, fed and owned by John Brown of Galt, Ontario, at \$5,000 per lb. live weight, which was 1,510 lbs.; also 2nd prize steer 1 year and under; also 3rd prize pure bred steer under 1 year; also 1st prize cross-grade steer under 1 year; also 2nd prize grade fat cow; also 2nd prize grade heifer 1 year and under; also 3rd and 4th prize

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TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER CHARGES

Appointment of Electrical Inspector Cause for Another Probe.

Complaints of such serious nature were launched against officials of the Hydro Commission, in connection with the purchase of the Henry, an electrical engineer for Toronto, that a motion by Ald. Whittier, referring the matter to the investigation committee, was carried almost unanimously.

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CITY MERCILESS TAXES DEMANDED

Alderman Ryding's Motion to Let Arrears Stand Over Lost.

Treasurer Will See

Policemen Haven't Been Getting Sunday Off—May Be Relieved Now.

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TO BEGIN VIADUCT WITHIN FEW WEEKS

One-Third Gigantic Work Covered by Present Contract Awaits Formalities

HELP FOR UNEMPLOYED

Will Do Excavating—Thirteen Million Pounds of Steel Required.

All that now delays commencement on the work of the Bloor street viaduct is the preparing of the contracts and the examination of sureties by the city's legal department. According to Commissioner Harris, yesterday, this legal procedure should be completed in three weeks at the latest, after which the sureties of the parties concerned will be affixed to the documents. Once the contracts are signed, work will go right ahead.

The Bloor street viaduct is undoubtedly one of the largest civic undertakings ever launched in this city. The contract awarded to Quinlan & Roberts of Montreal, involving \$947,000, is only for one-third of the huge work. The section which will be immediately started will bridge from Broadview to Castle Frank; the other sections yet to be tendered are from Castle Frank to Parliament street, and from Parliament street to Bloor. The whole undertaking is estimated to cost about \$2,500,000.

The only material in its construction which will be imported is the steel, 15,000,000 pounds of which will be brought in from the United States. Toronto's unemployed will work on the excavation work which is the first start of the improvement.

BACKWARD CHILD GETS CITY'S AID

Council to Help Buy Five-Hundred Acre Farm for Feeble-Minded.

Part of School System

In Spite of Opposition, Municipality Will Aid Board of Education Idea.

After three hours' discussion, council adopted the suggestion of the board of education for a farm (situated on the edge of the city) for the care of feeble-minded children. The school board of education is to purchase a 500-acre farm, which would be sufficient to care for 500 feeble-minded children.

Ald. Cameron, while approving of the main idea of necessary care for feeble-minded children, declared that the purchase of the City of Toronto and a farm for the provincial government to deal with it would be a million-dollar proposition. The city of Toronto turning half a million dollars over to the board of education.

Controller McArthur and Ald. Hiltz, who are in favor of the idea, which they believe is being brought about by a "flood" rather than by a "drip." Both speakers agreed that the school board of education should be given the right to purchase the land and establish a school for the care of feeble-minded children.

AUSTRIA ADMITS A SEVERE DEFEAT

Campaign Against Serbia Abandoned—Reoccupation of Belgrade Reported.

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Inhabitants' bombardments similar to those that have been inflicted on the people of Belgium and northern France.

Five Hundred Towns Destroyed. More than 500 Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts from the correspondents. Both armies accuse the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictured the fate of the slaughter of 400 civilians and the sack of the city.

A distressing feature of the fighting in Poland is the blood kindred pitting each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Russian ranks and several hundred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans and Austrians.

The Germans claim a distinct gain in their position in northern Poland, which they are not believed to be as near to Warsaw as the report last week indicated. On the other hand, the Russians announce a strategic re-advance, which strengthens their position.

In a late report tonight the Austrians announce that they have re-occupied the important point of Dukla in the south of Przemysl and Cracow, but nearer to the former, with the capture of 9000 prisoners.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Passed money bylaws authorizing the issue of debentures for \$250,000 for alterations to the Hydro Commission, and purchasing sites, \$250,000 for repairs and reconstructing railway track allowances.

Refused to instruct city treasurer not to take action against citizens unable to pay their taxes. Heard deputations from the employed and Single Tax Association.

Referred back for further consideration officials' report against the city issuing short term bonds for an amount of \$250,000.

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The "TOPNOTCH" SCOTCH WHISKY. "KING OF THE MOUNTAIN" GEORGE WHISKY. A SLENDIP RECORD. Gen. Fiset was assistant surgeon with the first contingent to South Africa, won the D. S. O. for bravery and was appointed deputy minister of militia in 1908. Gen. Steele, as a boy of 17, saw active service at the time of the Fenian raid of 1860, was a member of the Red River expedition of 1870, and superintendent of the Northwest Mounted Police all thru the rebellion of 1885. He was commander of the Strathcona Horse in South Africa, and of the S. A. constabulary.

What to give him of real value? Ans—a dozen Foote collars and 2 or 3 cravats—doubly appreciated this year. MADE IN CANADA.

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