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ANOTHER BIG PARTY OF SOLDIERS GIVEN SPLENDID SEND-OFF

Nearly Every Unit Represented Last Night.

SIX NURSES WENT ALSO

Many Citizens Were Out to Cheer Troops Enthusiastically.

Not since the days when it was a common thing for the citizens of London to see whole battalions marching through the streets on their way to the station has such a large body of troops departed for other camping grounds as that which left the city about 10 o'clock last night.

A special Grand Trunk train was necessary to handle the 550 people in the draft, which was a most composite one, with representatives of almost every branch of the service, including infantry, army medicals, forestry and artillery. The draft was composite in another way, in that both men and women members of the C.E.F. were in the detachment, six nursing sisters being numbered among those that left.

The men from Carling Heights Camp, including the A.M.C., the Forestry and Construction and the Battery drafts, were led to the G.T.R. Richmond street station by the A.M.C. pipe band, and the W.O.R. men from Queen's Park were led by their own brass band.

Made Fine Showing.

The men made an excellent showing as they paraded through the streets, looking typically rugged Canadians as they crunched along over the snow-covered roads muffled in their great-coats.

Owing to the fact that they left during the evening, and at an hour when many people were able to be present, a larger crowd than usual lined the street and crowded the station platform to say farewell to the departing warriors.

The 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, which had its nucleus in the overseas draft companies that were organized in connection with several of the old militia regiments early this year, had the honor of sending its first draft, and the 400 men who left are well trained, and will uphold the name of the 1st Depot Battalion well. They were accompanied by six conducting officers, Capt. Atkinson, who was in charge of the whole train, and Lieut. John T. Taylor, George E. Hosford, Adam T. Fergusson, Alfred P. Byrd and George G. McKeough.

Many From Guelph.

From the 63rd Depot Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, 50 men were sent, in addition to ten men from the 44th Battery at Guelph, who came over from Guelph on Monday to join the 63rd draft. They were in charge of Lieut. Colin C. Moncrieff, as commanding officer.

In addition to Lieut. Moncrieff, two other officers of the 63rd Battery, Lieuts. F. W. Kelley and A. S. MacFarlane, left Thursday to report at Toronto for the purpose of taking commissions in the imperial army. They will probably join the draft later.

The Forestry and Railway Construction Corps, which was recently placed in charge of the engineers' branch of the service, was represented by 50 men, most of whom were attached to the Forestry Depot before it was disestablished here. No conducting officer accompanied the "Foresters," and they were placed directly in charge of Capt. Atkinson.

Nurses Go, Too.

In addition to six nursing sisters and two medical officers, a detachment of 25 men were forwarded from Army Medical Corps Training Depot No. 1 at Carling Heights. The medical draft was in charge of Lieuts. Leslie M. Jones and J. A. Renwick, both well-known London boys, who were members of last year's graduating class of the medical faculty of Western University.

The nursing sisters who went forward from the A.M.C. Training Depot were: Lieuts. M. Haynes, B. F. Baty, M. Card, R. Carrothers, F. Fisher and J. Gilhespie.

SEND "LONELIES'" MAIL TO QUARTERMASTERS

This Is One Sure Way of Getting in Touch With Soldiers.

If those who wish to send letters or parcels to lonely soldiers overseas would address such to the quartermaster of any particular battalion, care of the Army Postoffice, London, England, that officer, whose duty it is to give out the mail of the battalion, will see that needy soldiers get the mail sent in this way. If the sender give his or her correct name and address, it is almost certain that they will receive an answer and thus the correspondence may begin.

This work of writing to lonely soldiers is an important one, and one which deserves plenty of new workers.

THE WHOLE BODY NEEDS PURE BLOOD

The bones, the muscles, and all the organs of the body depend for their strength and tone and healthy action on pure blood.

If the blood is very impure, the bones become diseased; the muscles become enfeebled, the step loses its elasticity, and there is inability to perform the usual amount of labor. The skin loses its clearness, and pimples, blotches and other eruptions appear.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood. It is positively unequaled in the treatment of scrofula and other humors, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling. Be sure to get Hood's and get it today. All druggists.

RETURN VISIT OF ORCHESTRA WELL RECEIVED

The Russian Symphony Scores Another Triumph In Concert Last Night.

AIDS HALIFAX RELIEF

Net Proceeds of Concert Go To Fund Being Raised For Stricken City.

The Russian Symphony Orchestra, the orchestra with the "punch," the "live-wire" orchestra, the musical organization par excellence of color, of life, and of fire; the orchestra over which Modest Altschuler wields the baton, calling forth wonderful effects, as does the master musician who plays upon a rare instrument, this orchestra played in London again last night, and for a second time under the auspices of the Musical Art Society.

Once more the Russian Symphony played the music in the interpretation of which it has supreme skill, the compositions of Russian writers, breathing the spirit in all its complexity of the Russian people. And, greatest of all offering was the masterpiece of the great Russian composer, Tschaikowsky, the 6th Symphony, his majestic "Swan Song," known to all the musical world as the "Pathetic Symphony."

The entire four movements of the Symphony were played, the first, Adagio and Allegro Non Troppo in B minor with the two haunting themes announced repeated over and over again, now in one section, now in another, now closely related, again moving independently, dying away with a murmur of resignation of trombones and tuba. After the infinite sadness of the first movement, shot through with rays of hope, a movement of dignity and grandeur, the second appears as a relaxation from tension, a lighter and more graceful mood. Yet pervading this effort to achieve a higher spiritual altitude is the persistent undertone of melancholy. The third movement, Allegro molto vivace presents a mood of exultation, of triumph, of barbaric abandon, the spirit of the conqueror who sweeps all before him. After the climax of exaltation comes the reaction of unutterable woe, of immeasurable heaviness of the final movement. Death and the grave have conquered and the knell of hope sounds. The great symphony with its greatest movement dies away in soundless sound.

Greatest Success in Third.

While giving a clean-cut and finely intelligent reading to the first movement and playing the second with grace and perhaps more of lightness than is usually conceded to it, the Russian Symphony Orchestra achieved its greatest success in the tempestuous third movement.

The treatment of the final movement, the Adagio Lamentoso, was marked by breadth of conception and deep emotional appreciation, the subduing of the instruments to the ghost of a dirge at the last giving remarkably striking effect. In the symphony as in other numbers, the excellence of the solo instruments was especially noteworthy, the flute, clarinet, 'cello, viola and violin.

In the interpretation of Russian orchestral music the percussion instruments play a most prominent part, and the percussion section of the Russian Symphony is a whole feature in itself.

The concertmaster was introduced as a soloist in an Armenian Rhapsodie by Ippolitoff-Ivanoff, revealing an abundance of technic and temperament. When the audience would persist in having an encore, as it did after every number, the genial and most gracious conductor, Modest Altschuler, good-naturedly complying, a "Valse Triste" was given. Other numbers of the orchestra were a fascinating novelty, "Dance of the Goat-Footed Sylvans" (Ilia Zatz), in which the strings were given special prominence, the Xylphone featured, and the brasses ended in a bray; Rachmanioff's Prelude in G. Minor, less familiar and more melodious than the C sharp minor; a "Carneval in Paris," op. 9 (Svendsen), a selection from "Orestes" (Tanieyeff); a Soldier Song and Russian Folk Songs, and last of all a paraphrase on the hymns of the Allied nations, written by Glazunov in 1915.

Encore Repeated.

In response to one encore, another Altschuler, brother of the conductor, played as a 'cello solo "The Swan" (Saint Saens), in which the harp accompaniment was especially effective. So much was this number liked that the 'cellolst was obliged to play again, giving the ever-popular Beethoven Menuet.

The gratitude of the audience was due to Joseph H. Ryan for illuminating program notes.

All receipts of the concert above actual expenses are being devoted to the Halifax relief fund.

Only One Complaint Over "Late Hours" of Local Mothers' Club

Chairman of Board of Education Makes Explanation of Facts.

It is explained by Chairman Thomas Rowe of the board of education, that only one Mothers' Club kept the meetings in the schools too late, one janitor alone complaining about his hours.

The others were reasonably well within their time on all occasions. No trouble is anticipated from this source in the future.

It is denied that any of the clubs held midnight sessions.

RECRUITING AGAIN IS AUTHORIZED FOR ENGINEERS' DRAFTS

Qualified Mechanics Will Be Signed Up At Once.

Recruits are again being accepted for the engineers' branch of the Canadian expeditionary forces. Authorization for the resumption of recruiting for this branch of the service has been received and qualified tradesmen will be taken on at the Service Company, Engineers, Carling Heights Camp.

The tradesmen wanted are:

Carpenters.
Bricklayers.
Plumbers.
Tinsmiths.
Tunnelers.
Blacksmiths.

Men who are qualified in these civilian occupations are wanted and wanted at once. For some time recruiting for the Engineers' service has been practically stopped, and this is the first opportunity in some time for tradesmen to go overseas in units w[illegible] their prior occupations will sta[illegible] in good stead.

CHEERS FOR ROSS AT MEETING HELD FOR HIS OPPONENT

Belmont "Rally" for Glass Is Disappointing to Tories.

WILD STATEMENTS MADE

Assurance Given by Marshall That U. S. Will Cut Off Coal Supply.

"Bourassa was in Germany before the war broke out. He laid the case of bilingualism before the Germans. He returned with lots of cash. Where did he get it?"

This question was asked by a speaker named McLaughlin at a meeting held in the interests of Frank Glass at Belmont last night. The statement and question proved a boomerang. In the audience which, in marked contrast to the Liberals meeting on Thursday when many were turned away, three parts filled the small hall, were a number of Ross supporters. They shouted a reminder to the speaker that from 1911 until after the war broke out in 1914 the strongest kind of an alliance existed between Borden and Bourassa, and if the latter got money from somewhere it must have been at the instigation of Borden.

Some wild statements featured the meeting. Mr. Ingram speaking in the interests of David Marshall, ex-M. P. of East Elgin, stated that the United States had warned Canada that if the people did not support conscription they would cut off her coal supply. An equally baseless statement he made was that "those who vote against Union Government will be as bad as the Germans."

When the meeting concluded a call for three cheers for Mr. Glass brought few responses, while the call for cheers for Mr. Ross and Mr. Charlton, the Laurier candidates, was met with a roar of applause.

LAURIER THE ONLY MAN WHO CAN GET SOLDIERS IN QUEBEC

Let Him Do Work Borden Cannot.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Mr. Elector, please answer this question: It is said that the Borden Government has exempted all but sixty or seventy thousand class "A" men, and that now they are talking about exempting the farmers. Where are they to get the fighting men? Will they go back over the lists and recall the exempted men or will they can on class 2 (the married men)? Can they conscientiously do the latter?

The Frenchmen in Quebec are like the Irish in Ireland, who, apparently, will not be conscripts. A leader of their own nationality is the only one who can persuade them to do their duty. A so-called Union Government here, if it is not more daring than the real Union Government in Great Britain, will leave the Quebec Frenchmen at liberty. Then who will shoulder the double load?

Laurier promises to get the men out of Quebec. Why should we not assist him in performing his duty to his country? Must we allow the wild screams of the Borden Government, and the profiteers to alter our convictions? Let conscience alone dictate our vote.

What will happen to the profiteers if the Borden Government is defeated? They seem to know judging from the flag-waving and their other extreme acts just now. There must be some thought of reimbursement behind the spending of so much money today. Can the interests and the profiteers be accused of being more loyal or patriotic than the workingman? Then what is their motive? They say money talks. Let us see that it doesn't dictate.

Are we workingmen in the cities going to support a government that exemption of the farmers (whether claims as its first consideration the they are sincere or not)? Equal rights to all is the foundation of democracy and that principle in our neighbor, President Wilson is the secret of his popularity today. PATRIOT.

NORMAL MASQUERADE BROUGHT JOLLY CROWD OF 400 TOGETHER

Sutdents and Friends Had Enjoyable Social Evening.

Four hundred Normal students and their friends participated in a masquerade held at the Normal School last evening. Notwithstanding the large attendance, the dance was of the most informal kind, and a most enjoyable evening was experienced by the students. The costumes were attractive and original. Over twenty numbers were danced. Refreshments were served in the Normal auditorium.

WAITED FOR LAUNDRY BEFORE SURRENDERING

With the American Army in France, Friday, Dec. 14.—A story of how German officers are surrendering is told by an American officer just returned from the British front, where he had been undergoing an examination. One night recently a German officer crawled across No Man's Land to the British wire, raised his hands and cried: "Comrade!" British soldiers covered him with rifles, whereupon the German said: "Excuse me if I lower my hands. I've got a package here." The surprised Britishers granted the request, and the German dropped into the trench. In his hands he had a package of laundry. He said he had decided to surrender a week before, but had waited until his laundry came back.

FAREWELL.

Dr. Silcox concludes his pastorate of the First Congregational Church tomorrow. A large attendance is expected at the evening service, when he will deliver his valedictory address.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The Christmas entertainment of the Hyatt avenue Methodist Sunday school was held on Thursday night, the church being crowded to the doors. The program which was varied presented a number of patriotic and military features, the closing number, "The Arch of the Allies," being a striking pageant that elicited hearty applause.

Mrs. J. H. Brooks, teacher of the young men's Bible class, was director of the closing number. During the intermission she was called to the platform and presented with a basket of roses on behalf of the school. Mr. C. R. Myrick, superintendent of the school, presided.

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Fifty cents a box, 6 for $2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

QUERIES REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

Send In Your Problems and They Will Be Answered From Official Information by The Advertiser

Question—How are draftees to be called upon to report for service? By proclamation or by individual letter? R. H. S.

Answer—It has been announced through the press that the first men will be called up on January 3. Those who are wanted first will be notified by registered letter from the deputy registrar.

Question—A farmer's son got exemption as long as he remains a farmer. Can he leave the farm for two months in the winter to work in the city? A READER.

Answer—He will be in danger of losing his exemption if he does not actually lose it, according to the interpretation placed upon the exemption certificate by the military authorities. If he ceases to be a farmer, his exemption ceases also.

Question—1. I was placed in category E, and handed in my papers at the postoffice in October, claiming exemption, but have not yet heard from the deputy registrar's office. Why have I not heard from them, and when should I likely hear?
2. Are all classes below A going to be re-examined? A SUBSCRIBER.

Answer—1. Possibly through an error, you were not notified when your case came up. It has probably been dealt with, as owing to your category you would be exempted as a matter of form. If you wish to make certain, you may write to W. E. Wismer, deputy registrar Royal Bank Building, London, Ont.

2. No announcement has been made yet, though it is possible.

Question—I am a widow and my only son has been overseas for a year and three months. He is a lieutenant. Am I entitled to separation allowance and to the patriotic fund, and if so to whom do I apply? A. B. C.

Answer—If you can produce evidence that he was your sole support, there should be no difficulty in obtaining separation allowance. Submit written proof to the assistant adjutant-general of Military District No. 1 Wolseley Barracks, London, Ont.

For the patriotic fund, apply to Room 53, Bank of Toronto Building, London, Ontario, and you will be informed as to what steps to take.

SUNDAY APPOINTMENTS.

Huron College appointments for Sunday are: St. James', London, Rev. Principal Waller, D. D.; New St. Paul's, Woodstock, Rev. Professor Wright, B. D.; Alvingston, Rev. W. J. Doherty, B. A.; Thedford, Rev. J. C. Mantell; Teeswater, H. G. Crosby; Atwood, Mr. Dunbar; Merlin, J. C. Chapman; Huntingford, W. Westell; St. Luke's, Brantford, A. S. Mitchell; St. Luke's, London, W. D. Davis; St. John the Evangelist, F. G. Hardy; Epiphany, L. P. Hagger; Eastwood, G. Vrooman.

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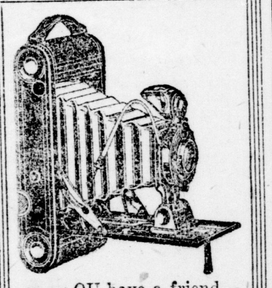

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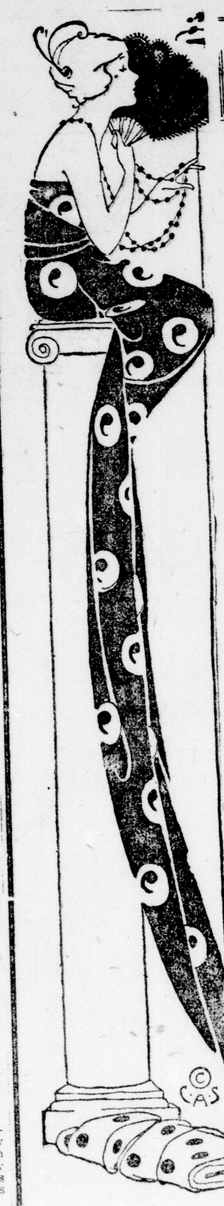

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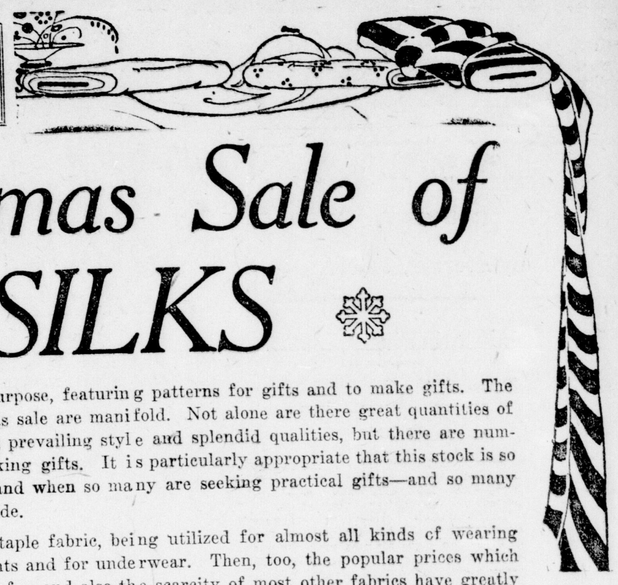

Christmas Sale of SILKS

Presenting Silks for every purpose, featuring patterns for gifts and to make gifts. The opportunities presented in this sale are manifold. Not alone are there great quantities of silks for the present needs in prevailing style and splendid qualities, but there are numberless silks suitable for making gifts. It is particularly appropriate that this stock is so complete and meets the demand when so many are seeking practical gifts—and so many have evening dresses to provide.

Silks today have become a staple fabric, being utilized for almost all kinds of wearing apparel in both outer garments and for underwear. Then, too, the popular prices which this store is able to sell silks for, and also the scarcity of most other fabrics have greatly helped to further increase the demand. Below are some extra values priced much below today's values:

C. J. Bonnet's Reliable Silks

If you have not ready use for these it will pay you to lay by a length for future use if you contemplate a new dress.

Bonnet's Black Yard-Wide Fleur-de-Nice, $1.95 Yard—A pure silk make in satin duchesse, finest black, soft finish, extra special value...$1.95 yard

Bonnet's Black Yard-Wide Duchesse Mousseline, $2.50 Yard—An extra heavy make of long, pure, strong silk yarn, finest black dye, charmeuse finish. Special for ..... $2.50 yard

Bonnet's Black Poult de Soie, 40 inches wide, $3.75 Yard—A beautiful fine gros grain weave, famous for its wearing qualities, always retains a fresh, dressy appearance, similar to taffeta, rich dull black ..... $3.75 yard

Bonnet's Pure Dye Black Chiffon Taffeta, 39 inches wide, $2.75 Yard—A high-grade make for fine dress wear, pure dye and silk, rich black, wide width. For ..... $2.75 yard

Sale of Children's Wool Mitts Monday, Pair 39c

28 dozen Children's Woolen Mitts, in grey, brown, navy and cardinal, all new goods, well made and good quality; a splendid Christmas suggestion, in sizes for ages 6 to 12 years. To clear Monday morning ..... 39c pair

Bonnet's Black Radzimir or Peau de Soie, $2.50 and $2.95 Yard—One of the best-wearing silks made, the weave is heavy, the finish soft and rich, finished alike on both sides, popular for all outer garments, separate skirts, blouses, dresses and the long, dressy coats:
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Skinner's Famous Silks

These fabrics have been sold in this store for twelve years, giving the utmost satisfaction to the wearer. Any person who has worn Skinner's fabrics will recommend them to others. Today we are selling the list below at last season's prices:

Skinner's Guaranteed Satins, $2.25 Yard—Full yard wide, heavy satin face, does not rub up, guaranteed for two-season wear for coat linings. Price..... $2.25 yard

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Black Silk Poplin and Crepe de Chene Silks, 98c Yard

On sale Monday, 8:30 a.m. See Dundas street window display. Come early if you wish to share in these specials, as we could do with double the quantity for Monday's selling.

150 Yards of Black Silk Poplin for 98c Yard—This is a yard-wide make, rich black dye, one of the most fashionable silks today for smart dresses and separate skirts. While it lasts Monday for ..... 98c yard

200 Yards Crepe de Chine Silk, 98c Yard—A make sold by this store for many seasons. One recommended for washable waists, camisoles, combinations and dresses, all pure silk, fine medium weight, does not slip; four colors only—nile green, pale blue, coral pink and champagne. All are yard wide. Monday ..... 98c yard

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200 Yards White and Cream Wash Silk, 39c Yard—It will pay you to lay by a supply of this silk for next season, a quality made specially for blouses, linings, trimmings, etc.; firm, heavy, pure silk make, a perfect washing silk; 27 inches wide; 200 yards only. On sale Monday for ..... 39c yard

Sale LADIES' SWEATER COATS Monday Less Than Half Price : : : $2.95

The unprecedented popularity of the Sweater Coat makes this sale of more than ordinary significance and particularly interesting at this time for Christmas gifts. It is a special purchase, a little odd lot cleared from a wholesale dealer, about four dozen; the qualities vary and there is a variety of styles, but all will be on one table at above price Monday morning. There are plain and combination colors, also plain body with combination collar and cuffs; some have sashes, others belts, V necks and shawl collars; plain and fancy weaves. These coats are worth more than double the price, but are what are classed as seconds, having slight imperfections or uneven threads in the weaving. Come early—they will go quickly, as all are new and fashionable coats, this season's. Sale price $2.95

SECOND FLOOR.

Visit the Basement Tonight---China and Cut Glass for Gifts

A bit of Odd China, or an entire Dinner Set—whatever your choice may be, you are sure to find a most ample stock for your selection. Our assortment of odd pieces, such as Salad Dishes, Berry Bowls, Tea and Coffee Sets, Mayonnaise Dishes, and many other individual pieces in a great variety of wares. Dinner Sets in entirely new patterns, Royal Crown Derby, Limoges, etc.

Bridal Rose Dinner Sets in Nippon China

We have the Bridal Rose Dinner Sets that were originally an Austrian pattern, and many who began collecting in this set have been unable to complete them, so complete your sets now while the assortment is complete.

Kermis Cups and Saucers	60c	Tea Plates	30c
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Also Pickle Dishes, Spoon Trays, Celery Trays, Cheese Plates, etc. Also a full line of Dinnerware in semi-porcelain and Limoges China.

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