

"EDDIE" MCKAY WILL BE DECORATED FOR VALOR, SAYS FRIEND

Now Certain That He Helped Kill Capt. Boelke.

HAS WONDERFUL RECORD

Is Known Everywhere To the French and British as Among Best.

Joseph McKay, one of the leading aviators of Canada, and brother of Flight Lieut. Eddie McKay of this city, whose exploits on the western front have thrilled Londoners, was in the city last night on a business trip to Detroit.

Mr. McKay was just received a letter from his brother, in which the latter stated that the general under whose command the aviators of his division operated, had announced that it was now fully confirmed that Capt. Boelke, foremost of German aviators, was killed in the combat with Lieut. McKay and another aviator, as has been previously described. Lieut. McKay has been mentioned in orders for his work, and a letter received by his brother from another officer at the front stated that both "Eddie" and his companion were to be decorated by His Majesty King George within a short time.

The same officer stated that Lieut. McKay was regarded as one of the foremost fighting aviators on the western front, and that his name was known everywhere to French and British. Few of those who enter this air service are chosen to operate the fighting planes of the British, which are described as small, but faster, than any other aircraft. The pilot must not only direct his craft, but must also be fighting an enemy who is fighting in the air.

Lieut. McKay has been in countless attacks and raids, and on one occasion flew more than a hundred miles into territory occupied by Germans.

Several orders commending the young aviator have been received by his brother at Cobalt, and the latter has received many letters of congratulation for the plucky young London athlete.

PROFESSOR EASTMAN HAS JOINED UNIVERSITY UNIT

Will Take Officers' Training for Active Service—Was Pacifist.

Dr. Frank Eastman of the chair of history of the university of British Columbia, Vancouver, who has been granted leave of absence for overseas service, in a letter to relatives in this city states that he has enlisted with a company of the Queen's Own Rifles, and has been recruited in Vancouver, and arrangements have been made to allow him a six weeks' training course in Victoria, after which he will be sent to the front.

Dr. Eastman is a graduate of Toronto University, subsequently spending four years in historical research work in France, in connection with the Sorbonne.

An ardent pacifist previous to the outbreak of war, and strongly advocating universal disarmament in both lectures and articles, when war was declared, the righteousness of the cause of the Allies immediately recognized and the call of king and country sounded, Dr. Eastman was the first to declare, and do his part in establishing permanent peace and making universal disarmament possible. He was not accepted at the time owing to physical disability which has in the meantime been overcome.

He has been doubly impatient to go overseas, owing to the fact that his many friends in France and England, particularly were called to the colors early in August, 1914.

Dr. Eastman is the only son of Rev. Dr. Eastman and Mrs. Eastman of Port Stanley and brother of Miss Katherine Eastman of the city teaching staff.

THURSDAY IS BIG DAY IN MUNICIPAL ARENA

Thursday is the big day of the week in municipal matters, many meetings having been arranged for that day.

At 4 o'clock there will be sessions of all the council committees to pass accounts and clear up the tax ends of business. At 5 o'clock there will be a meeting of the council to pass accounts and several local improvements, together with the new procedure bylaw, which will divide the council into two committees.

The utilities commission will meet at 2:30 o'clock to discuss applications for the new hydro shop, and will authorize the calling for tenders for the construction of the building.

GO IN BY ACCLAMATION.

EXETER, Dec. 26.—The following have been returned by acclamation: Reeve, B. W. Beavers; council, Thomas Huxton, John Huxton, C. B. Small, Louis Day, school trustees, R. N. Creech, S. Martin, Frank Wood and H. Huxton. The hydro and waterworks commission bylaw will be voted on January 1, Stephen and Elzabeta Township reeves and councillors were all elected by acclamation.

OVERLOADING THE STOMACH

Causes Incomplete Digestion, Weakens the System, and Breeds Dyspepsia.

Trial Package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Free.

Gluttony is as vile a sin as drunkenness and its evil results are more terrible and far more numerous. The digestive system turns from 7 to 35 pounds of digestive fluid into your stomach. If you cram your stomach with food and you exhaust these juices, if your stomach cannot digest the food because it lacks juices to do it with, you should either eat less or make more gastric fluids. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give you 5,000 grains of fluid of which will digest 5,000 grains of food. With Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in your stomach the evil effects of overeating are removed, for these little tablets when dissolved stick to the food and digest all the good from it. They won't abandon the stomach and leave a mass of decaying undigested food to rot and irritate the mucous membrane lining. They give greater quantities of gastric fluid, help the intestines enrich the blood, prevent constipation, and glutiny, while still may yet be made less harmful by the use of these tablets.

Every drugist carries them in stock; price 50 cents per box, or send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package free by mail. Address, F. A. Stuart Company, 242 Stuart Building, Marshall, Mich.

DR. R. SHAW INSISTS HE IS ELIGIBLE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Claims Term of Trusteeship Had Expired.

OTHER OPINIONS DIFFER

A. M. Hunt Says He Could Have Been Unseated On Same Count.

Dr. R. W. Shaw, a candidate for the board of control, contends that he is perfectly eligible to be a candidate, in spite of the charges made against him. According to the municipal act, a candidate for any other municipal office must resign from the board of education ten days before nominations for other positions.

Dr. Shaw contends, and his legal advisors so tell him, that his term of office has expired. He was elected for two years, and his term as a trustee of the board of education expired on Dec. 1, 1916. He cites the case of Controller Gammage, saying that he was not disqualified. It is pointed out that Mr. Gammage would probably have been dismissed had he failed to resign, and that the board of education was not bound to accept him as a candidate whose term of office has expired.

Dr. Shaw also contends that the law was framed to prevent a man from holding two offices. For instance, if a trustee was elected for two years and desired to be a candidate at the end of one year, he would, of course, have to resign as a trustee. Dr. Shaw is of the opinion that the act does not apply to a candidate whose term of office has expired.

It is known that Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham understood that he would have to resign from the board of education when he entered the majority contest, and he did resign.

"I was advised that I could have been unseated last year because I had failed to resign from the board of education," said ex-Ald. A. M. Hunt. "It would have been an easy matter. I was attacked on different grounds, however, when I could certainly have been unseated because of my failure to resign from the board of education. That was the advice given to me."

It is probable that proceedings will be taken to determine Dr. Shaw's standing, now that it has become considerable interest.

In case Dr. Shaw is elected, and subsequently unseated, the council will have the right to name his successor. It will not necessitate an election.

WAR TAX STAMP CASES NOW BEFORE MAGISTRATES

Four Businessmen Charged With a Breach of Act by Inspector.

After five adjournments, covering a period of seven weeks, the cases against four local businessmen, each charged with failure to pay the necessary war stamp under the war revenue act, was heard in part today in police court. After the evidence of the prosecution, represented by H. F. Grayson, Esq., was submitted, another adjournment was made until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the defence in two charges will be introduced and the cases brought to a close.

The defendants who appeared in court today were W. H. Thornton of Thornton's Fair, corner of Dundas and Ridout streets; Gordon Lamb, barber, 137 Dundas street; E. C. Lewis, manager of the Canadian Smallwares Store, 137 E. Jones, manager of Wood's Fair, East London.

George S. Gibbons, representing the defence, requested the adjournment today, and this afternoon will produce defence witnesses.

J. Dager, inspector for the Ontario inland revenue department, testified that he had taken the Thornton's Fair, corner of Dundas and Ridout streets, one bottle of Castoria for which he had paid 30 cents.

Castoria, he said, was registered as a proprietary medicine, and according to the war revenue act a stamp should have been affixed, which he claimed was not attached.

The charge against Gordon Lamb, barber, was called by Inspector Dager testified that on October 14th, he had purchased from the defendant a bottle of perfume to which he claimed, there was no war stamp attached.

The charge against E. C. Lewis, manager of the Canadian Smallwares Store was called next.

Inspector Dager gave evidence that he had purchased a bottle of perfume, and a package of tooth paste, neither having the necessary war tax stamp affixed.

The last charge heard was against Frank Jones, manager of Wood's Fair, Dundas street east. Inspector Dager testified he had purchased a war tax stamp was missing from the package of tooth paste there, and that package was not attached.

Henry Macklin, J.P., and J. J. Dyer presided.

RESCUER OF DAMES ON MARKET SQUARE AMONG DUTIES OF THE CLERK

"Charlie" Maker Brings In One, Stranded on Slippery Sidewalk.

The tasks of Market Clerk Charles Maker are many and varied at this season of the year. This morning the water-covered ice was slippery around the poultry building that he found necessary to scatter sand over it. It was not long before a woman came along and, having strayed from the sand-covered area onto the slippery section of the sidewalk, was unable to move either one way or the other, forward, backward or sideways. The fact that the pavement slants sideways as well as forward added to her difficulties.

A move would have meant a tumble, but Mr. Maker, in true knight-errant manner, a la movies, ran to her assistance, in the meantime calling to her to "hold fast." This lady lay until the gallant Mr. Maker arrived on the scene, and by clever maneuvering managed to get her back into the safety zone, where the sand made walking possible.

SHIP INDIAN'S BODY, PARTLY BY DOG-TRAIL

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FALTERING FRIENDSHIPS

(BY AGNES HALL.)
Tossing about on the sea of life,
Worn and weary from toil and strife,
Looking around for a floating spar
Of sincerity, where the breakers are
We find no more currents and shoals
For loyal, if sometimes misguided, souls.
The buoy of friendship, moored near by,
Falls, and withdraws when waves ride high.

Just when that buoy is needed most
To counsel a soul too near the coast,
Mocking at trouble it turns away,
Saying to Faith: "Let come what may,
I no longer your beacon light;
Steer for yourself from morn till night."

Consulting her compass, Faith sees afar
A Pilot in calling across the bay:
"Mind not the shoals or quicksands deep,
Or the faltering friend with soul asleep,
Though father and mother and friend forsake,
We into this port the mariners take."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Shoemaker Is Liable.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Would you kindly give me your advice in the following:

A party phoned a local shoe repair to call for two pair of shoes to have the heels repaired. The boy called, and received the four shoes, and tying the four single strings together, left. When he reached the shoe store he had only three shoes. He fully admits receiving the two pairs, and says he must have dropped one, but he failed to find it. His employer sent him back with the odd shoe, and says he can do nothing concerning the missing one.

Now, what I want to know is whether the shoe repair is responsible for shoes after they leave your house? If he is, they will have to make good, will they not?

Kindly answer in tonight's Advertiser, and oblige. A READER.

The shoe repairer is liable to an action for damages.

A Youthful Soldier's Service.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

My comrades and I desire to express before you and the people of London our deep appreciation of the services of Pte. Sydney H. Slingerland of Mount Brydges, who enlisted some time ago with the 7th Battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Col. R. J. Towers. He was one of the first men to leave his battalion to go to France. He was wounded at Ypres, but has now recovered.

I also wish to state that Pte. Slingerland was only sixteen when he enlisted, having spent the greater part of his life in Mount Brydges, where his uncle, Edward Gilders, lives. We are glad to say that Pte. Slingerland is well again and ready to go back to France at any time. Yours truly, MAJOR OWEN.

Hastings, Eng., Dec. 7, 1916.

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AMERICAN NOTE

virtues. It would teach the world that, by letting the Americans do the talking, Germany understands how to get her own way eventually in the sphere of practical politics.

The studied impartiality of the American note supplies Germany with a coat of whitewash of which she was badly in need. Germany proposes an armistice, and the American note appears to her to be the most promising way of promoting a fissure in the Entente. The Allies have only one realistic attitude to this, i.e., they will hold no discussion with an unpunished criminal or with a power whose most solemn engagements are mere scraps of paper. If Mr. Wilson's real object was to elicit a plain statement of the aims and terms of both sides, Berlin's answer shows that he failed.

"It did not require a note to procure a plain statement of the Allied cause," says the German side the invitation meets with summary dismissal.

The ill-bred note has been translated, and the most dignified course now would be its Frank withdrawal.

Germans Welcomed It.

The following is from the Westminster Gazette:

"For two or three days the pretence was kept up that the American proposal was an unfriendly attempt to snatch the prize of victory from the German people, but this clearly is not at all the view of the German Government, which sees in it a welcome opportunity to improve the occasion and at the same time push forward its own proposals for stopping the war. President Wilson is not to blame for this, but the ill-bred note has been translated, and the most dignified course now would be its Frank withdrawal."

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ARMY POTS PROVIDE 115 BASKETS FILLED WITH GOOD THINGS

Adjutant Laymon Finds Less Need for Christmas Help Than Usual.

Though the total amount received by the Salvation Army for Christmas cheer and winter relief work for the poor of the city, through the pots, boiling on the streets last week, was \$15 below last year, the givings averaged higher per day than any former year. The guardians of the pots were out two full days less than previous years, consequently those in charge of the army relief work are feeling especially grateful for the generosity of the public. The total amount taken in was \$665.01.

Saturday was a particularly good day, crowds gathering around the tripods, attracted by the musicians who nobly did their part in influencing the public to assist in keeping the pots boiling.

Thanks to the kindness of Randall Brown, a store at 237 Dundas street, was available last week for the Salvation Army for the distribution of the Christmas cheer.

A couple of days were spent in preparation, buying and bundling up groceries, meat, etc. Saturday was devoted to the giving out of the baskets, 115 in all, each containing a roast of meat, a Christmas pudding, canned goods, rolled oats, a paper bag of potatoes, candies, fruit and bread, the last donated by the bakers. In cases of sickness, a fowl was added.

Adjutant Laymon, who has been given entire charge of the winter relief work, stated today that there were fewer demands for Christmas cheer than formerly. He attributes this to two reasons. In the first place, there is plenty of work for anyone who can work, and in the second, prohibition has had a marked influence in bettering conditions.

Old age, infirmity and sickness are the three causes of need this winter. In the army relief work and preparation of Christmas cheer, Adjutant Laymon has been assisted by the members of the League of Mercy, led by Mrs. David Andrews.

The women of the League of Mercy, indeed, made all the Christmas puddings for distribution, as well as a winter hat and bundling up the groceries for the baskets.

NEW ASSEMBLY PLAN

Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg to Come Ford Assembling Centres for Surrounding Territory.

Under a new plan of distribution, Ford cars are now being assembled at Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg in the large branch factories at these points, and thence distributed to the dealers. In consequence, the assembling of cars for these territories at the Ford, Ontario, factory has been discontinued.

Anticipating a record-breaking public demand this year, the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, has put this plan in operation to fortify itself against the spring rush season of 1917 and subsequent ones. It will thereby cut down the time in which cars are in transit from the factory at Ford, Ont., to their final destination.

Manufactured parts are now being shipped to the Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg branches in carload lots, 36 carloads of parts being required for the assembly of 400 Ford automobiles. A heavy outlay for buildings and equipment necessary to provide additional assembly facilities has been made and it is calculated that the saving of time on deliveries will more than recompense for the expenditure.

The strategic value of the new arrangement will be apparent when it is pointed out that this permits direct shipments from the factory to the dealer, territorial centres, instead of one central point for all Canada, as before. It will eliminate delays caused by short-ages of freight cars and congested traffic on the lines.

The plan is being carried out in stages. The first stage is the removal of the Ford branches from the factory at Ford, Ont., to Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina, which places are now to be served from Winnipeg.

The London, Ont., branch is shortly to become an assembly factory and distribution point, and the remaining five Ford branches will be turned over to the new work as conditions require them.

Vancouver and St. John are still receiving their complete cars direct from Ford, Ont., as right-hand drives are required for both British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces.

FALLS DOWN STAIRWAY AND FRACTURES HIS HIP

Robert Mason Injured in Accident at Hueston's Livery Barn.

Robert Mason employed at Hueston's Livery, Wellington street, fell from the top of a stairway leading from the upper floor of the barn to the ground at 11 o'clock this morning and sustained a broken hip.

Hearing an unusual noise among the horses in the stable below, he proceeded to the stairs, and in the darkness missed the upper step of the stairway and fell to the bottom.

He was removed to Victoria Hospital where the fracture was reduced. He is 40 years of age and unmarried and roomed at his place of employment.

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The League: If there was any doubt

YEAR-END SALES IN LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR

We have been busy since Christmas in this section grouping, sorting and listing for this great year-end clearance—and in most cases the price is just half regular. In this section particularly the necessity of this is most apparent, as preparation for the great January white sale is now under way, and every available yard of space is needed on this floor; as only a few days remain to make this clearance, the prices are more sharply cut and should bring an early response tomorrow. Dresses, Suits, Skirts, Blouses, Petticoats, Underwear and Millinery are strongly featured in this sale.



Ladies' Suits, Dresses and Skirts Half-Price



All odd lines and accumulations of broken size ranges have been grouped for speedy clearance tomorrow at half-price. We cannot give individual descriptions of each as the assortments are too varied, only a few of each, in some cases individual models, but these are new and correct in style—eighty garments in all to go at half-price tomorrow, as follows:

30 Ladies' Suits in Cheviot and Serge, Navy and Black, Prices \$15 to \$25, Year-End Sale Half-Price, \$7.50 to \$12.50

25 Dresses in Taffetas and Crepe de Chines, in navy, rose, reseda, grey; regular \$12.50 to \$25.00. Special \$6.25 and \$12.50
25 Ladies' Dress Skirts in silk and serge; regular \$7.50 to \$15.00. Special \$3.75 and \$7.50

Year-End Sales Already Announced

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, HANDLED FANCY LINENS, CARPETS, RUGS, FURNITURE, ETC.

Final Year-End Sale Millinery



Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats to be cleared at almost give-away prices tomorrow. In many cases the price is not one-quarter the cost of the article, but the time is now for final clearing, and as is our unalterable rule, particularly in this department, no shapes or trimmed hats to be carried from one season to the next. Come early tomorrow.

Untrimmed Shapes 69c and \$1.29

All are here, black and colors, and you know what expensive shapes have been shown this season; some of these are up to \$5.50. They have been grouped into two lots. 69c and \$1.29

Trimmed Hats \$1.29 and \$2.49

Two tables—these should create a sensation—beautiful winter models, and many are looking for a fresh hat to finish the winter. The shape, ornament or trimming on these hats is worth many times the price.

One table Trimmed Hats. Sale price..... \$1.29
One table Trimmed Hats. Sale price..... \$2.49

SECOND FLOOR.

Last Week For Special Subscription Offer for the "Designer"

AT Pattern Counter.

House Dresses 98c

One table of House Dresses, made of percale or gingham, light and dark shades, all broken lines, but sizes up to 44 bust; regular price up to \$2.00. Special 98c

Petticoats 89c

Another table of Satene Petticoats, black only, made with neat frills of tucks and accordion pleating at bottom; regular \$1.25; odd and broken lines. Special 89c

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Chocolate Blanc Mange in Cup, Whipped Cream Christmas Cake, Cup of Tea or Coffee 20c
Grapefruit and Apricot Salad 15c

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Must Have Speedy Peace.

The Times: The first of the war powers Germany asks for a peace conference. The British blockade is doing its intended work. Peace Germany must have soon. That is the obvious meaning of her surprisingly prompt reply to the president's note. But she can never get a peace conference together on the conditions she proposes. Her answer is a terrible pit

Voile Blouses Half Price

These will go quickly, and we would advise early selection for the larger sizes. Year-end sale of odd lines of Striped Voile Blouses, some with convertible collar and others low neck, long sleeves, white with candy stripe, also white with black or sky pin stripe; sizes 34 to 44 in the lot; regular \$1.25, \$1.39 and \$1.75. Special, half price 62c, 69c, 87c



Manufacturer's Seconds Ladies' Underwear

This is the final clearing of our contract made with the manufacturer earlier in the season for the season's mill seconds in ladies' knitted underwear. We sold a part shipment of these goods about two months ago, and this week (tomorrow) we offer the balance as follows—under present price conditions and the prospects for next year we would advise looking at least a year ahead when such a sale as this is offered.

Manufacturer's seconds in Ladies' Underwear. These are but slightly damaged in most cases. A big opportunity to buy ladies' undervests at very low prices. Natural and Cream Union Vests, high neck, long sleeves 39c
Natural and Cream Union Vests, high neck, long sleeves 59c
Cream Wool Vests, high neck, long sleeves 79c
Cream Wool Vests, high neck, long sleeves, and Dutch neck, half sleeves \$1.10
Also one table of Ladies' Combinations in cotton, union and all wool, at assorted prices.

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