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Y. W. P. A. TAKES UP IMPORTANT WORK

War Savings Society Formed
and Plans Made For G. W.
V. A. Today.

At the regular meeting of the Y. W. P. A., held in the Great War Veterans' rooms last evening, Miss Alice Fairweather in the chair, the treasurer's report showed the general fund to be \$1,068.69, the reserved fund, \$120.10, and the returned soldiers' fund, \$8.97. For the Great War Veterans' annual tag day in April the association appointed headquarters committee, motor committee, tagging and boxing committee. Miss Dodge was appointed a convener of the committee to supervise arrangements for a fashion show to be held in acceptance of the offer of a local firm. A committee was appointed to meet the next steamer and assist the women's welcome committee, and plans were made for holding a concert at the Old Ladies' Home in the coming week. The following additions were made to the entertainment committee: The Misses Al-lingham, Collins, Griffiths, Deinstedt, Ewing, Lane and Thompson; and five more members were added to the refreshment committee, the Misses E. Colston, Edward, Wales, Ferris and Holmes. Miss Winifred Uphan was appointed convener for the Seaman's Mission for this month. Volunteers were called for sphagnum moss work and five new members were enrolled in the association, while 100 tickets for the Great War Veterans' recital were distributed among the members for sale. Miss Barnes reported on the furnishing of the nurses' room in the dependant hospital, St. James street, and said that the room looked most attractive, and gave the full list of the furniture provided. She said that the room would be completely furnished by the end of the week. Miss M. DeSoyres gave a very interesting account of a visit of three of the members to inspect the East St. John County Hospital and the nurses' home, and after listening to her graphic description it was unanimously decided to donate \$100 for the furnishing of the head nurse's bedroom in the house. Miss Storm, the secretary of the war stamp saving society, reported that she had procured the chapter of the society and had enrolled thirty members.

GUNNER HICKMAN WAS KILLED BY CHANCE BULLET

Moncton, March 20—Corporal E. Stone, of the 2nd Siege Battery, who left his position temporarily on the post office staff here to enlist, landed at Halifax from the steamship Celtic Tuesday evening. He went to St. John where yesterday he was discharged and reached Moncton last evening. Corporal Stone was at Kimmel camp during the rioting and gives first-hand information regarding the death of Gunner John Hickman, of Dorchester. Speaking of the firing between rioters and London (Ont.) troops, Corporal Stone said that the shots penetrated the huts in the New Brunswick and Army Service Corps camps several horses were killed. "The first I saw wounded was a young fellow struck on the hip," he said. "I do not know his name. The next who had been shot was Gunner Hickman. I saw him carried in on a stretcher. He was dead at the time. Gunner Hickman took no part in the rioting and was simply looking on like many hundreds of others around there. He was shot by a stray bullet fired, unfortunately, by London (Ont.) troops. The New Brunswick camp was somewhat to the rear of the rioting. That is why we got the stray bullets fired against the rioters. Gunner Merrill, of St. John, remained behind when we asked to identify young Hickman at the request. "Young Hickman was popular with the boys. He was a fine young fellow. After the firing we went out and saw where the dead and wounded were lying. "The wounded were bleeding terribly. In the majority of cases the boys who were killed or wounded were shot through the head or neck. Besides Gunner Hickman there was an Australian soldier from this province, whose name I cannot remember. He died the next day. We took up a collection and bought wreaths for the New Brunswick soldiers. They are buried in the church yard at St. Anns, adjoining the Marble Church, so called. "That young fellow looks furtive. Let's be apt to try to pinch something." "Naw," said the experienced jeweler. "He wants to buy an engagement ring." —Kansas City Journal.

HUSBAND NOT HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WIFE'S DEBTS

Judge Ritchie delivered an interesting decision yesterday in the case of a grocer who sued Lieutenant Downey for goods sold and delivered to the wife of the soldier. The claim was for \$46.78 and the decision is in favor of the defendant. "The judgment follows: "From the evidence it appears that the defendant, a soldier, was at the front for about four years. During his absence the wife was in receipt of his wages from the Government railway, and also an amount of \$25, netting her more than \$3 a day to support herself and four children. The question is—Under the evidence is the defendant liable? "The principle upon which a husband may be held liable for his wife's contracts is, that the wife is acting as his agent and with his authority; that as his wife she could contract and make him liable—the old idea—has exploded. "The house of lords has held that marriage does not imply a mandate in law, making the wife the agent of the husband to pledge his credit. "Under certain circumstances, where in the domestic department the wife bought necessities, such as persons in that class of life are in the habit of

ordering upon credit, the husband may be liable; but even where goods ordered are necessities, the presumption is not absolute, and it may be shown that the wife was supplied with necessities, or with money to pay for such necessities. "The goods sold and delivered must be necessities, and and has been said that the onus, the burden of proof was on the plaintiff to show that they were

necessaries suited to the condition of the husband, and that her husband had not provided her with necessities, or with money to provide the necessities. "The wife having something like \$85 a month, and the plaintiff admits that the wife told him that her husband was an officer overseas, and that she got her husband's money every month from the railway.

"The plaintiff ought to be paid for his groceries, but I cannot order the defendant to pay him. The wife who ordered the goods, and who had in her hands a large sum of money every month should pay him. She may have to be without extra hats or costumes or luxuries, or amusement halls, but owing to the Plaintiff Brown, she should pay him. "I find for the defendant."

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