

"NO FANCY ARCHES" CRY RETURNED MEN

Col. John Gunn Boosts for Beer at Military Y.M.C.A.

WEEKLY CONCERT

Local Artists Give Voluntary Service to Entertain Soldiers.

Col. John Gunn, general officer commanding Toronto military district, dropped in at the weekly concert at the Red Triangle Club last night, and asked the men who crowded the large hall there what their opinion was on the question of "triumphal arches" as a medium of expressing the good will and kind wishes of the people of Toronto.

"How does that suit you?" he asked. "Fine," replied a chorus. "But no arches," answered several others. "Any other suggestions?" asked the colonel.

"Beer on the table," said a voice, which was much applauded. "Two per cent," asked the genial John.

"Not much," called back the organizer of the brilliant idea. "Well, boys, I'm inclined to agree with you," said Col. Gunn, "My tongue has been hanging out often since I came back."

Further suggestions from the men were for certificates of honor, help for the widows and orphans of the men who would not come back, uniforms used by all the men when the overalls were coming back, a better return out by the people when they returned, etc.

After the red braids and brass buttons had disappeared, the men settled down to the enjoyment of the Friday night concert which was well coming very popular at the Red Triangle Club.

Passing Confederate Money Not Punishable Under Law

Brantford, Dec. 13.—Passing confederate money is apparently not punishable under the law as to be money, as it is real money, the old and valuable. Harry Crevick and Henry Sirocki, two local Poles, engaged in a liquor business on the ride, Harry paid for his liquor from Henry with confederate bills. Despite what would have been the result of dealing in Henry's charge, Harry with false pretences in paying with confederate bills. Henry was let go, in police court this afternoon, the charge being that Henry had sold liquor to the crown that the bills were genuine, if valueless. But Henry was sent down for a year on two charges of selling liquor, charges which he had brought on himself by testifying regarding the confederate bills, while Harry was given a sentence of six months for one deal. There were fines imposed as an alternative, but Harry and Henry took the time. Tony Boraki was charged with selling liquor also, but was able to come across with \$200. James Richards, taxi driver, explained that a good chauffeur never knew what his customers were doing. He was let go. James had driven the complainants while they were engaged in swapping liquor for confederate bills.

WESTERNER RECEIVES V. C.

London, Dec. 13.—King George at Buckingham Palace today invested with the Victoria Cross Sergeant Zeno Raphael, aged 24, whose mother lives at Woolford, Alta. Raphael won the Victoria Cross at Amiens, where he tackled a machine gun emplacement single handed, killing an officer and dispersing the crew. Raphael had been in France fifteen months and had previously won a Military Medal.

ASKING HEAVY DAMAGES.

St. Thomas, Dec. 13.—At the winter assizes which opened in St. Thomas yesterday, Mr. Justice Macdougall awarded \$10,000 damages from the C. P. R. and costs, for injuries received last April through alleged negligence of the company. Mr. Neville was waiting at Klook station, Nipissing District, when he stepped on low boards of the station and was thrown under the wheels of a moving train. His leg was so seriously injured it was necessary to amputate it at the thigh. It is also claimed the station was not properly lighted.

SEEKING DIVORCE.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—George Irvine Tuck, Toronto, will apply next session for a divorce from his wife, Edna Marie Tuck, Detroit.

FOSTER MAYOR

in 1919 will mean a victory for economy and the preservation for Toronto's citizens of their right to lower taxation. Mr. Foster will strive to retain Toronto's money for Toronto people, and let national funds take care of national needs.

WILSON WILL BE MADE CITIZEN OF PARIS

Paris, Dec. 13.—By an unanimous vote the municipal council of Paris today decided to confer upon President Wilson the title of a citizen of Paris. French labor will not take part in the ceremonies of formally welcoming President Wilson to Paris. Premier Clemenceau informed delegates of the General Labor Federation that they would be allowed to present an address to Mr. Wilson only in case the American president gave his personal permission. The project, therefore, has been abandoned.

CANADIAN OFFICERS REACH PORTLAND

Portland, Me., Dec. 13.—The Cunard steamer Pannonia arrived today from England, bringing 400 Canadian officers, some of whom have served three years of the war. The steamer encountered a severe storm for three days losing all the boats on the port side. The men left for Montreal on a special train tonight.

BRITISH FORCES HAVE CROSSED RHINE

London, Dec. 13.—An official statement on the operations of the British army of occupation issued tonight says: "Our advance troops yesterday crossed the Rhine and commenced occupation of the Cologne bridgehead. By evening they had reached the general line Ober Cassel-Siegburg-Odenheim-Opfaden."

SEVEN BADEN VILLAGES WOULD BECOME SWISS

Berne, Dec. 13.—Seven frontier villages of the Grand Duchy of Baden have passed resolutions expressing their desire to become united to Switzerland. A delegation of the burgo-masters of these villages will submit an official request to the Swiss Government that the desire of their people be granted.

U. S. Has Not Formulated Policy For Putting Soldiers on Land

New York, Dec. 13.—Speakers attending a conference here today of vocational education directors for the North Atlantic states pronounced gardening one of the best curative methods for soldiers returning from France with slight mental disabilities.

Five Million Rabbit Skins Will Be Sold in St. Louis

New York, Dec. 13.—More than five million Australian rabbit skins will be placed on sale at St. Louis next Monday. It was announced here tonight that these skins hitherto have been sold in London. Improved shipping facilities and lower freight rates are said to have made it responsible for transferring the trade to this country.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Incorporation has been granted to the following: Turnbull Elevator Company, Limited, Toronto, capital \$50,000; Sales Improvement, Limited, Toronto, capital \$45,000; The Canadian Bakery, Limited, Hull, capital \$50,000; The Crescent Waist Company, Limited, Montreal, capital \$50,000; Quebec Paper Sales Company, Limited, Montreal, capital \$50,000; Three Rivers Shipyards, Limited, Montreal, capital \$2,000,000; United Paper Box Company, Limited, Montreal, capital \$50,000; British Refractor Corporation, Limited, Montreal, capital \$750,000; Canadian Handkerchiefs, Limited, Montreal, capital \$50,000.

AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURERS Want Imperial Combine

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—F. R. H. S., speaking before the national manufacturers' association at the national business meeting, said that the union of the manufacturers of the empire, in order to strengthen relations might be strengthened. He said that the manufacturers of Australia want to form an association with those in Great Britain and all overseas manufacturers. The protection of what was called the "key products"—products that were essential to the industries of a country—was emphasized, when the speaker broke out, not a ton of zinc could be obtained in Australia, and the manufacturers there were not able to produce it from the United States, even at \$24 a ton.

WITHDRAW NIAGARA GUARDS.

It has been decided by the military authorities to withdraw the Niagara guards. There are 150 men on the force, and they will be discharged if they so desire to transfer to units where their task is to deal with demobilization.

HAMILTON NEWS

REPORT NO CHANGE IN RADIAL CAR SITUATION

Cars Stop, and Many Suburbanites Travel Thru Rain in Motor Trucks.

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—There was no change in the Hamilton-Burlington Radial situation tonight, unless it was that the drizzly rain was a little heavier and taking most of the joys from the open air trucks traveling, and there will be no change, it is officially learned, until the railway board makes a decision on the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway line or interested municipalities take over the line on a snap basis.

No report is made today as to tonight to the city's most recent application, the petition sent along by the board of trustees today for an order compelling the company to start an agitation is now being started for a referendum on the application for an order to compel the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company to supply an adequate service along the beach. Burlington residents from now on who desire to have to place their dependence on motor trucks or on the kindness of passing motor cars.

FIVE-YEAR JAIL TERMS FOR YOUTHS WHO STOLE

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—Sentences of five years in jail were imposed upon two youths who were charged with the theft of a bicycle. They were charged with the theft of a bicycle, the fifth member of the party, was let go on suspended sentence. The youths, all of them being between 16 and 20 years, were charged with breaking into two places in Burlington. They were rounded up within 48 hours of the theft by Detective Goodman and Acting Detective Thompson. The loot was also recovered.

Some City Council Members Dubious of Home-Building Plan

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—Those members of the city council who thought that the recent government proposal to assist prospective home-builders would ease housing congestion in this city, are being disappointed. S. S. Kent, city clerk, reiterated again tonight. So far no one has taken advantage of the offer or even made application. It was pointed out that the property values had so advanced that it was an impossibility to keep cost of the lot down to \$2,500, the limit fixed by the government.

To Question Gen. Mewburn On Brant Hospital Matters

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—Major-General S. C. Mewburn, minister of militia, is likely to make a statement in answer to the criticism regarding the administration of Brant Military Hospital, which is described as being a remnant of the reign of General Dufferin. Mr. Mewburn's office in charge of the institution, will be interviewed by The World tonight. Col. Davey, who wears the D.S.O., was overseas for three years and received above average service. He received necessary appointment shortly after his return from the front.

FEWER INFLUENZA CASES, BUT BAN NOT LIFTED

Hamilton, Nov. 13.—There was a slight decrease in the number of influenza cases tonight, the health department reporting a total of 32 new cases. This is 22 less than yesterday and makes a grand total of 7839 cases and 465 deaths since the epidemic started in the fall. In refusing to lift the ban, the board of health and the association of medical officers of the city are taking a step that is being criticized by the public. The board of health and the association of medical officers are taking a step that is being criticized by the public.

Selling Shortweight Bread Now to Be Indictable Offense

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—Bakers who hereafter sell short-weight bread will be charged with an indictable offence in order that they can be sent to jail, if found guilty. The new law was made this morning when he found Fred Fuciere, an Italian baker at 15 Imperial street, guilty of the above offence and fined him \$5. Other bakers were warned, some of them nine ounces short, were confiscated.

Forty Thousand Dollars FOR ASYLUM ADDITION

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 13.—Another addition to the City of Hamilton's income has been authorized by the council at a cost of \$40,000. This is the most important addition to be made to the city's income in the next few years. It is looked upon here as being a providence move on the part of the government in view of the numerous sea cases which will have to be returned home shortly.

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CZERNIN'S WARNING TO THE EMPEROR

Told Him That War Must Be Concluded Early in Autumn at Latest.

Vienna, Dec. 11.—Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, gave the correspondent an opportunity today to read a copy of the letter which he sent to Emperor Charles in April, 1917, in which the minister declared that the condition of Austria was growing desperate. He asserted it was necessary that peace negotiations should be begun.

TO SPEND MILLIONS FOR HUMAN UPLIFT

Extensive Peace Program Adopted by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Dr. Geo. E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation which has an endowment of \$100,000,000, announced that the organization after diverting its activities for four years to war relief and army welfare work, will immediately resume its work of attempting to rid the world of disease.

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IF STOREKEEPERS DEFY BAN WILL PAY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—A last warning against infringements of the proclamation issued by the board of health catering to the Christmas trade took effect today. The board of health stated that if any storekeeper who attempts to take advantage of the Saturday night crowd to rake in a few extra dollars will be caught, he will be fined \$500 in police court Monday morning.

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OTTAWA STATEMENT TELLS OF ALIEN INVESTIGATIONS

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—A statement has been issued by the government revealing its activities in enforcing the various regulations respecting enemy property and enemy business dealings in Canada. Among the list of firms whose businesses were thus investigated are the different companies in which Alvo von Alvensleben of Vancouver was interested.

FACE EACH OTHER ACROSS THE RHINE

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