SOLDIERS AT NIAGARA WILL ENJOY HOLIDAY

Leave of Absence Will Be Grant ed After First Morning Parade.

MORE TRANSFERS

Fourth Pioneer Battalion Has Be gun Recruiting in That District.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont., May MIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont., May 33.—Niagara camp, with the exception of the men on camp duty will be allowed to spend Victoria Day as they like, after the physical drill parade. There will be no regular drills. All are hoping that the fine weather which hit the district this afternoon will continue ever tomorrow.

These members of No. 2 Detachment, C.P.C., are taken on the strength of the camp: Privates B. B. Crowe, R. Booth and B. Oliver.

Transfers.

Transfers. The following are transferred from the seth Overseas Battalion to Casualties. C. E. F.: Privates E. S. Street, J. Danahy. E. F.: Privates E. S. Street, J. Philpotts, A. A. Hilson, S. Salmon, A. H. Brooks, F. T. Woldridge, E. Mempham, A. Farmer, J. Flavin, A. E. Wade, W. H. Hubbert, S. Fallyn, W. J. Frank, J. Carson. The undermentioned is transferred from the 95th Battalion to the 234th Batin the 90th Battalion to the 20th Battalion from May 16: Sergt. E. Tait. The undermentioned are transferred in the 95th Battalion to Casualties; M. Phoenix, Privates, S. G. G. Turley, W. Marsden, H. V. Hardie, E. Hisp., R. Lee, J. Williamson, E. L. Williamson, E. L. Williamson, E. L. Williamson, E. Gunn, A. Lau, W. B. Darby, J. S. H. Welsh, J.

rie, W. B. Darby, J. S. H. Weish, J. Williams.

Lance-Corporals Singer and Graham, 109th Regiment, are struck off the military police. Lieut. J. C. Norwell, 38th Norfolk Rifles, is transferred from the 138rd Battalion to the office of the D. A. A. and Q. M. G.

More Officers Added.

The duty battalion will until further orders detail one company to report each day, beginning May 25, at the rifle ranges, at 8.80 a.m. Under order of May II, authority is granted for the appointment of not more than one supernumerary subaltern per company, during the ensuing training season. In this connection, it is to be distinctly understood that attached officers at present over unauthorized establishment battalions are to be absorbed before any officers are taken on as such supernumeraries.

Supernumerary officers may be transferred to other battalions than the ones in which they are present, serving in order to fill vacancies.

A board of officers will assemble at

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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can throw into the campaign as reserves. The more men they can mobilize the speedier will the war be ended. Rome reports that the Italian front remains unbroken. It says that

after repulsing Austrian attacks against Italian advanced lines between the Astico and the Brenta and in the Sugana Valley, the Italian troops gradually retired on their main lines of defence. They executed their movement in good order and not under pressure of the enemy. They have observed assemblages of Austrian troops between Lake Garda and the Adige and only reconnaissances have been observed between the Adige and the Astico. An Italian detachment captured an important Austrian position on Mount Seif, on the upper Cordevole, taking 50 prisoners.

Paris military experts say that the Italians have fallen back before the first shock of the Austrian offensive, but they are now reforming their lines with heavy reinforcements. The Italians who were at Rovereto, 20

miles from Trent, withdrew southward under the heavy Austrian pressure

till their lines are now about 10 miles south of Rovereto. Part of the new line is still in Austrian territory. The Austrians are said to be aiming at Vicenza, for the purpose of separating the Italians operating against Trieste from those operating against Trent. The Austrians appear to have spent the violence of their first blow and they are probably making preparations

failure of the British forces at the Dardanelles became known, has become a critic of the government, and yesterday he made a plea for a more vigorous conduct of the war. If the British Empire had more than 5,000,000 men under arms, he said, the British armies should be detaining more than

45 divisions of the enemy. He also said that the war would be a long one.

Such predictions are guesses, except in so far as the time it will take to mobilize the full strength of the British Empire at the front. Britain is to supply the final reserves in the west, and reserves are only thrown in at the fast stages. A great many of the causes leading to the prolongation or the shortening of the war depend on accident, and so it is impossible to predict when it will end. Mr. Churchill also urges the raising of large contingents in India and among the African blacks.

In the Armenian theatre of the war the Russians are steadily converg-

Winston Churchill, who retired from the government after the tactical

REVIEWING THE BEAVERS' OFFICERS



General Hughes reviewing the officers of the 204th Beaver Battalion before the big parade yesterday. The men the picture, from left to right, are: Colonel Bickford, Colonel LeVesconte, Major A. D. Watts, who was in com- and of the 204th; General Hughes, Lieut. Sayres, Lieut. Davis, with whom the general is shaking hands; Lieut. Mc-

CHARGES OF HERESY STILL IN BALANCE GERMANS DO NOT

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 28.-Adoption of the plan for the merger of the board of education and the col-lege board and the announcement that the committee on bills and overtures had not yet reached an agreement regarding the charges of heterodoxy against the New York Presbytery and union Seminary were the outstanding features of the day's discussions of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

FORMER LEAP YEAR BABIES.

In 1904 The Toronto World inaugurated the presentation of a birthday mus to all babies born in Onfario or Feb. 29. The offer was repeated in 1908, again in 1912, and again in 1914. f non-commissioned officers 1968, again in 1912, and again in 1916 Overseas, C.E.F.: President, Kirk, C.S.C.I., and members, Gibson and Capt. J. R. Bell, World there appears a group view of World there appears a group view of a number of leap year babies born previous to this year. These children are unique in that they have a real are unique in that they have a real are wanted. The principal for this unit is reconstructing rail-bridges, etc., in France and Bel-All officers of this battalion are ears and contractors, who are thoramiliar with construction work of hids. Capt. C. D. Maguire of St. artistic layout. Never before, perlarines is recruiting officer in this haps, has a similar picture appeared in a newspaper. See it in The Sunday World.

* WAR SUMMARY *

he somewhat reduced. It cannot be denicd, however, that Germany is likely to approach a near condition of a vegetarian Eden in coming months. The Lokal Anzeiger sums up the situation as follows:

"It is no longer any secret that certain supplies are short not so much their reserves. Corroboration of this may be found in the presence of large numbers of boys of the 1916 and 1917 classes among the Germans and of The advance of the French north of Verdun into Fort Douaumont and

"It is no longer any secret that cortain supplies are short, not so much was a result of the efforts of our enemies, but as the result of last year's poor harvest. It is true that we do not need to worry about brond. We have saved enough here by conomic administration to reach to the new harvest. We shall even be able to increase the ration for manual laborers."

Milch Cows Exempt.

"We shall also come thru with potatoes, even the with scant rations until the new crop. The last animal census showed only slightly over 13,000,000 swine, but since the number of pigs is large we may expect in a year or more to make up in some degree what is lacking. The number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supposed but with the short of the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supposed to the supplier of the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supposed to the supplier of the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supposed to the supplier of the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supplied to the number of the The advance of the French north of Verdun into Fort Douaumont and on each side of it provoked the Germans to make furious counter-attacks pesterday in an endeavor to drive the French troops back to their starting off points. Combined with these frontal attacks were heavy flanking attacks west of the Meuse. These were directed principally against Hill 304, and on their failure there, against Le Mort Homme. Only once did the Germans get a footing in the French positions, and they were immediately ejected by a counter-stroke. The fighting, which was forced here previous to the French advance in the north, had its origin in the despatch of French troops to the region of Fort Douaumont. The Germans attacked the French in flank for the purpose of diverting their reserves to the western bank to defend the Mort Homme position, but they failed in their purpose, for the French got into Fort Douaumont. As the French hold the higher positions they can compel the Germans to attack them whenever they desire by merely threatening to drive back the Germans. Thus the kaiser and the crown prince have landed their men in a faulty position, which it will cost them enormous losses to retain in the face of an enterprising foe. The battle in the Verdun region has reached the stage midway between trench and mobile warfare. It seems to herald the break-up of the present stationary system of fighting, but whether after a period of manoeuvring and fighting it will resume its stationary

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY Killed in action—158677, Norman Win-tred Boutilier, Nova Scotia: McG229, L.-Cerp. Fred Dobie, Thessalon, Onf.: 166582, Pioneer Michael Lonto, Blind River, Ont.: Lieut.-Col. Wm. Renwick, Marshall, D. S. O., 575 Huron street, Toronto; 46826, Otis Meister, New Ross, N.S.; 75863, Bruce;

Died of wounds-434541, Henry Brown, La Calmette, Alta.; 415552, Wm. Clarke, Moshers Corner, N.S.: Lt. Geo. A. Cock-

Que. Seriouely III. 654, Edgar S. Coature. W. Selkirk, Man.; 63775, Co. Sgt. Major

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Selkirk, Man.: 63775. Co. Sgt. Major
Richard Robertson. Huxley P.O. Alta.

Wounded-466034. Fred Berg. 20 Ravenwood. Hamilton: 439184. Saith. Begar Rownwood. Hamilton: 439184. Saith. Saith.

Will Inspect Accommodation for Troops This After-

MEN WILL GET HOLIDAY

Complete Respite From Drill and Recruiting Efforts Today.

Borden camp, Ontario's great new con-centration point for active service troops, will be visited today by Gen. Logie. It is stated that Major-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes intends to have a large proportion of the active service soldiers of this military, district under canvas at the new camp near Lake Simcoe by the end of June. The visit of Gen. Logie to Camp Borden may be followed by the moving of troops to that point. The movement of four additional pattallons originally intended

additional battalions originally intended for Niagara may be diverted to the northern camp.

Men Get Holiday.

There will be practically a complete respite from drill today for the troops in training for overseas. Recruiting efforts, owing to its being Victoria Day, will also be let up. The recruiting depot will be closed.

Q.M. Sergt. James P. Donovan of the R.C.D., in camp orders issued yesterday, is appointed adjutant of Lieut.-Col. Lennox's 208th Irish Battalion with the rank of lieutenant. Lieut. Donovan will prove quite an acquisition to the stanf of the fighting Irish, as he has put his ability as a boxer and ever-ready speaker to good use at recruiting meetings ever since the war started. He is the possessor of two South African medals, the King's Coronation Medal, as well as boxing and athletic trophies galore. Before coming to Toronto he acted as athletic instructor to many prominent families in New York and he taught boxing at the White House under the Roosevelt administration.

Recruiting Yesterday.

The good total of 104 recruits came forward for enlistment yesterday, 74 of them being accepted. Thirty-sight of the accepted recruits will go on active service with the Canadian Engineers. The Irish-Canadians, with nine recruits. Fine Toronto Light. Infantry and Beavers cach secured two, the Construction Battalion five and the 65th Battery three. The totals are now.

Bantams 616
The recruiting depot has been called upon to furnish 10 recruits for orderly duties at Niagara camp for three weeks, commencing tomorrow. The 166th Q.O. R. Battalion wants 75 more recruits to complete its establishment. The depot also requires a cook and assistant cook for the divisional paymaster's staff, mess. A rousing recruiting meeting was held at the corner of Yonge and Shuterstreets last night. A splendid musical program was given by the band of the 198th Canadian Buffs. Good results were obtained.

Man. Seriously III—106390, Joseph Emil Matthews. Montreal.

ARTILLERY.

Died—89981, Michael J. Quinn, Granby, Que.
Wounded—85300, Gunner W. Stendale Everett, Montreal: 193076, Geo. Hunter, Alb.: 108555, Archibald Speers, Namao.

LOGIE PAYS VISIT TO BORDEN CAMP

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PATRIOTIC CONCERT WAS FINE SUCCESS

Children's Choir of Thousand Voices Won Great Applause From Large Audience.

CONTESTS WERE CLOSE

Shields and Medals for Singing Bulgarian Troops Captured, and Elocution Awarded After, Keen Competition.

Empire Day patriotic concert at Massay Hall last night by the Toronto public schools was a wonderful success in every way. The entire house was sold out early in the evening and the the program commenced at 7.45 and was not over until 10.50 everyone left with a desire to bear more.

praise.
The children of the choir presented a wonderful picture in themselves. To witness the great number of children seated row upon row ascending from the stage was a sight never to be forgotten. The boys in their dark clothing made a centre about which the girls, dressed in white, were ranked. During the intermissions they presented a truly animated scene.

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The Choirs Competition.

The competition for the Simpson Shield by school choirs was a very close and interesting one. Dr. A. S. Vogt, speaking for the other judges, A. T. Cringan and Frank Weisman, as well as himself, said that the contest showed great improvement had been made during the past year and the choir that finished in third place this year would have won last year's competition. The piece was a very difficult one, presenting many difficulties in intonation, tone and pronunciation. The standard of the work, said the doctor, was quite up to that of the old country. Perth avenue won the shield with \$7 points, Pauline, the sliver trophy cup with 79, and Kent school the sliver loving cup with 74.

The double trio contest was almost as interesting as that of the choir. This was for the Hiltz Shield, with a sliver medal to each member of the double trios finishing first and second. The test selection was "Forget-Me-Not," and resulted in a victory for Perth avenue school, Leslie being a close second.

A Close Contest.

The girls solo competition was another very close contest. The test selection was "Daffodils a' Blowing," and the rendering was judged under four headings. The girl who had the best voice received second place. Alice Dunn of Howard school, received 80 points, Clarissa Buffman of Kent school, and Luella Shaver of Williamson road school tied for second place with 79 points, and were each given a sliver medal.

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The boys' solo contest was a victory for Willie Bennett of Williamson road school. Adam Geddes of Winchester took the sliver medal. He was affected with stage fright and did not do as well as in the preliminary trials.

Earl Beebe of Williamson road won the recitation gold medal. John Leith and John Marsh were so near tie for second place that they were each awarded sliver medals.

Recitation Contest.

In making the award in the girls' recitation contest Dr. Locke said that it was to be regretted that the selections used by the contestants offered such small opportunity. Theima Squire of Howard won the gold medal, and Vera Harrison, Keele street, the sliver medal.

Especially fine was the recitation, given as a special number of the program, by Helena Murdock, the gold medalist of last year. The Royal Grenadiers' band ably assisted in the splendid program. The swards were presented by Trustee Dr. Brown and Inspector Chapman. Trustee Shaw acted as the chairman.

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ITALIANS YIELDED GROUND TO FOES

Austrian Offensive Reaches Region of Dante's Inferno.

LULL COMES IN FIGHT

Indicating Presence With Teutons.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
LONDON, May 28,—A luli appears t have occurred in the heavy fighting between the Austrians and the Italian in the Tyrol, but both sides are making strenuous preparations to renew the

battle. The Italians announce that after repulsing attacks of the Austrians against their advanced lines between the Astico and the Brenta and in the Sugana Valley, their troops gradually retired on their main line of defence. They say that they executed this movement in perfect order and not under pressure of the enemy. Between the Adige and the Astico, where heavy Austrian attacks were repuised, only reconnaissances are reported today. reconnaissances are repuised, only reconnaissances are reported today. Or the upper Cordevole an Italian detachment carried by assault an important Austrian position on Mount Seif, taking 50 prisoners.

Intense artillery actions were fought on the upper But, the heights northwest of Gorizia, and in the Monfalcone sector.

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Bombs were dropped on the Venetian plain by Austrian aviators and a few persons were wounded.

Take Bulgarians.

Along the Isonzo front the Italians have made prisoners of Bulgarians, showing that Bugarians have joined the Austrians in their present offensive. The Austrian heavy guns are much more numerous in this region than those of the Italians, but they have not been able to overcome the well-organized Italian defenses, which thus far have checked the Austrian advance along the whole Isonzo line.

A Paris despatch says: The French military experts agree that the Italians have fallen back before the first shock of the Austrian offensive, but say they are now reforming their lines with heavy reinforcements.

Fell Back Ten Miles.

The operations in the centre are in the area about 20 miles square east and northeast of Lake Garda, where the Italians had made their first drive loward Trent. They were strongly posted at Roversto less than twenty

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Bulgarians among the Turks.

EXPECT TO STARVE

At Least Such is Tenor of Comments in the News papers.

RELY UPON DICTATOR Prospect of New Harvest is

Said to Be Fairly Good

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even establish fixed percapita rations, if necessary The only express limitation of the dictators' powers is contained in the provision that the new department's measures will take into consideration orders of the military commanders. The date on which the new order of things will become effective is to be announced shortly.

The surrender by the federal states of their prerogatives indicates a realization that existing conditions demand such surrender. Adequate breadstuffs are on hand, and it is even likely that the bread and flour ration for physical werkers will shortly be increased. Enough potatoes also are available to carry the country thru until the early crop is harvested, althout it is possible that the allowance must be somewhat reduced. It cannot be denied, however, the former states in the somewhat reduced. It cannot be even establish fixed percapita rations,

cattle had decreased less than was sup-posed, but what we lack is cattle fit for butchering. The older animals are consumed and the army's meat re-quirements are so mighty that even animals unfit for slaughtering must be after a period of manoeuvring and fighting it will resume its stationary aspect on shorter lines depends upon the number of men that the allies

Northrop, Vancouver: 28818, Eugene Thuot, Sherbrooke, Que.

burn, 195 Rexton road, Toronto,
Previously reported missing, now officially died of gas poisoning—27339. Cuthbert Richard Page, Fothersill, Magos.
Que.

ENGINEERS.

Wounded: 274, Sapper Hugh Cowan, Montreal; 89, Sapper Herbert Hall, Ham-ilton, Ont.: 220 Sapper Wm. Alex, Wat-son, Winchester, Ont.

PRESENTING PIPES TO IRISH BATTALION



ing on Mosul from Persia, and they have recently occupied Serbercht, on the road to that strategic point. They repulsed repeated Turkish attempts to take the offensive southwest of Trebizond last Sunday and they have dislodged the Turks from an organized position on one of the slopes north of the Taurus Mountains.

Lieut.-Colonel Lennox, Dr. Norman Allen and prominent citizens, at the presentation on the city half steps at noon Tuesday. Ptc. Jarvis Moore is playing the pipes.