

NORFOLK NEWS

GLIMPSSES OF WITLEY CAMP

Capt. Harry McNally, of Simcoe Writes From the Old Land

OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

John A. Rose, Widely Known And Respected Resident, Died Today

Simcoe, June 25.—(From Our Own Correspondent).—When a young man who from boyhood played in the old 39th under our townsmen, John Sutton, and who is seized with the lure of martial airs as only handmen are, but is compelled to stay at his post and ply the demitise forceps and drill day after day while unit after unit moves off to enter the "game," such a man, feeling fit and willing to be at ease. And such as contained in a recent letter is the case with Capt. Harry McNally, now at Witley Camp, England, received here yesterday, from which we are permitted to publish extracts.

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ner to-night, a few lieutenant-colonels, two or three generals and a lord or two, a brass band and a pipers' band."

"Without any joking, it's certainly a great life and when I hear the drafts leaving for the front (late in the night), headed by the bands going amid loud cheers, and I go out to the road and watch them march past and think, "My God! What a time to live, and if need be, there's no better time to die."

The sad part of it is this: When one looks on, and thinks how many many are going away so cheerful and light-hearted never to return. But strange as it may seem, every man thinks he will come through all right. It will likely be a year before I stand in line for France—but "I'll get there." Later same evening, "I've just come from watching a couple of drafts leave for France headed by bands. It's too thrilling for words. It's evening and they are leaving in bunches. I dare not say how many. Here and there I see

follows I have met in one way or another and it gets me to see them go away in heavy marching order. As I mentioned before, God only knows whether they will, and many we know, cannot return.

English Air Full of Fight.

A fellow can't stay here in this old English land any of whom himself out of the war. The desire to get nearer the real thing grows on me. The letter was written while the big drive was on, and the writer says Witley camp had no fear of a disastrous outcome, but that men and more men and every available assistance was necessary to stem the tide.

Reverting to matters of detail, he had seen Walter Porse, now three years at war, convalescent from pneumonia, after being twice wounded, and now as he thought worthy of discharge as having done his "bit." He saw "Ashton" Winter twice and he looks well. Met Lieut. Ed. Diamond, who is minus one toe. And he closes thus: "We may need you over here yet; who knows. When it comes to it I'm ready to discard the forceps for a rifle, if I'm of greater service in that capacity."

Mother of Full Grown Children Guilty of Theft.

Mrs. McKenny of Simcoe pleaded guilty of the theft from the L. E. & N. depot on Saturday of a shopping bag and purse belonging to Mrs. Daniel Brock, of Port Dover. There was no chance for escape. Chief Canning recovered the goods a few minutes after the complaint was laid. The accused offered the plea that she had never been brought to court before, but did not claim that this was her first offence. Magistrate Guntton advised the woman that the parcel should not have been taken from the depot, and that as it contained three different papers and the principal of the high school, and the premier in such terms as would have meant the lock-up for her in Simcoe, she had made the clerk's effort to hold his municipal job solid, look like a prayer in an old-time pious Sunday school.

The woman has made a name for herself, and the strange part of it all is that in spite of all her reviling against the little registration tickets, it will take about 165 of these little pass books to carry her through the next year, if she keeps promise as expressed when leaving the place. With Mr. Ross have to issue these tickets, and the Commission will during the next few weeks have the staddle scraped and painted inside and out.

There were a few belated registrants taken care of yesterday at the post office. They got their mail. Railway ticket agents yesterday required the production of the registration card before issuing tickets.

The winter pipe on Kent St. north of York has been apparently broken to prevent freezing in the winter.

The wax time gardens on the G. V. R. property along Metcalf Street are in the main looking well. The public has been warned against trespassing, but an evening stroll along the streets thereabouts is worth while.

Public school students appear to be awaiting a matter of circumstance, and a moving up to make room. The exams are now on in earnest.

Press Photographs. Mr. John Rose of Wilson Avenue, who suffered a complete fracture of a femur a couple of weeks ago, was last night reported in a dangerously critical condition. This morning no improvement was reported. Members of the family are coming home from distant parts. Pneumonia has developed and slight hopes are held out for his recovery.

Mr. Rose died at ten o'clock this morning, surrounded by members of his family. Pneumonia had developed.

Miss Florence Misner leaves tomorrow morning for a short holiday with friends at Fort Platts, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Benson Pettit of Brantford visited Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Robertson on Sunday.

Mr. John Anguish is recovering slowly from his long illness. Miss Louise Warfield of Woodhouse entertained last evening a number of young people from town. We understand that there were enough boys to go round, and the party had a very pleasant evening.

A REQUEST. Owing to pressing work, Dr. Jackson requests that now cases wishing to consult with her would, if possible make a morning appointment. Phone calls preferred. No. 222. Out of town prospects kindly drop a line in advance.



M.P.: "Wot's yer game, me lad? Don't yer know yer should have yer putties on when you comes into a Town?"—London Opinion.

RESPECT DUE.

It may meet next week. It's policy to be on the safe side.

THE CHINESE THEATRE.

Dreams of the Orient is quaint and naive. The theatre of the Chinese is one of the most delightfully primitive institutions extant. Too naive to accept change, its real charm seems to lie in its very artificiality and limitations. Looking at Chinese plays, Chinese audiences, Chinese mis-en-scenes, and Chinese actors is like gazing upon some game of make-believe played by historically inclined children. A schoolboy's drawing of the blackboard order could hardly be cruder or less true to the object which it professes to represent. There is, for instance, no scenery, as commonly understood, but a conglomeration of stereotyped objects for use as "sets."

If the actors desire to represent a mountain, a bed, or a river, they pile up chairs, tables and benches, and let the scene be set; if they want to climb that mountain, or sleep in that bed, or swim that river, they have recourse to pantomimic actions which are perfectly understood by the patient and tolerant audience. Whilst Shakespeare at least made a passable effort at creating a sense of illusion with his properties, the Chinese actor of the twentieth century still relies upon pantomime to represent definite action and meaning. The actor, for instance, seeking to convey the idea that he is on a journey, may prance round the stage like a horse, brandishing a whip!

The performance is usually a 12-hour affair. Factors and the members of the orchestra, as well as the occupants of the best seats, are provided with dishes and eatables in preparation for the long dramatic feast. The typical play itself lives in the past, its interminable plot and counterplots being based on historical fact or legend, and representing the two great divisions of national life, civil and military. The average boy finds the events portrayed in these plays in his school books, and this circumstance may account for the presence of the theatre in nearly every village throughout China. The play is thus standardized like an automobile or a toy. A play must be acted in a certain manner according to its genre. Some are presented in the form of a story, others are of the acrobatic order, but both kinds are usually intended to stir the deepest emotions of piety and patriotism in the beholder. The actors must shout, dance and jump, and clash their swords and knives, because the custom of the play prescribes it. The comics must wear masks, and their gestures must be according to rigid etiquette. The actors must always strive to strike effective poses and express pompously, and, if they can impress their audiences with their address in sword play and acrobatics, all the better. No actor ever has much of an "entrance," and there is no curtain. The play will probably open with the appearance of an actor wearing a long, black beard, a gruesome-looking mask, and carrying a bright heavy sword. He will stride to the centre of the stage, deliver some of his lines to the audience and then inform his hearers that he has arrived. For this perfunctory and stilted kind of acting he may enjoy a princely salary. Yet he invariably strikes the connoisseur as being somewhat of a mountebank. The fact is that the actors are usually recruited from a class little better than slaves. They can read or write, or have escaped an early life of cruelty and hardship.

The hope for a modern stage in China that shall be national in character seems to be a long way from realization. A certain type of modern play is performed, it is true, and women troupes have been admitted to the stage, but the cut and dried types, the archaic figures, the old pompous attitudes, the mechanical devices, the absurd "properties," still reign supreme.

SEVENTY-EIGHT DEAD.

By Courier Leased Wire. Beloit, Wis., June 25.—Hagerback-Wallace circus officials tonight made public a list of its dead and missing in the Gary wreck. The total is 78, of whom 61 were laborers.

SEAMEN BOYCOTT GERMANY

French Sailors Urged to Join British in Ostracism of Huns After War

Paris, June 25.—(Havas Agency).—French seamen are requested to join with British mariners in a boycott of Germany. In a letter written to The Matin by Joseph Havelock Wilson, leader of the seamen of Great Britain, the letter includes the copy of a telegram sent by the British seamen to President Poincaré, which states that the British are determined to fight to the bitter end to "bring just punishment on the booby."

It has been decided to exclude all Germans from crews and to carry no German goods. This action is retaliation for the "shameful assassination of 16,000 non-combatant seamen." Mr. Wilson recalls that the British seamen some time ago decided to boycott Germany until two years after the close of the war, adding one month to each additional crime as a list of non-combatants. The length of the term of boycott now reaches 68 months.

CHAIRMAN OF POLISH CLUB.

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, June 24.—Dr. Perjal who has been elected chairman of the Polish Club, the Polish political organization in Vienna, last February proposed the famous motion for joint tactical action among the Poles, Czech-Slovaks and South Slavs. The new chairman is a Democrat.

RUSS AVIATOR IN FRANCE.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, June 24.—M. Sikorsky, Russian aviator and constructor of giant airplanes, has succeeded in leaving Russia and has arrived in Paris, accompanied by aviators attached to the French military mission in Russia. The Russian has offered his airplane and inventions to the French nation.

ARCHBISHOP IMPROVING.

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, June 24.—The condition of his grace Archbishop Gauthier, is steadily improving it is reported by the Water Street Hospital authorities. On May 22nd his condition was reported grave and little hope was then held out for his recovery.

U. S. TROOPS IN CALGARY.

By Courier Leased Wire. Calgary, June 24.—Carrying full military regalia, even to trenching tools, 1,200 Yankee doughboys were given the freedom of the city yesterday. It was the first time that armed American soldiers have ever trodden on Alberta soil.

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