BLOW UP KRUPP WORKS AT ESSEN

Private In 18th Battaloin Has Splendid Scheme Whereby He Will Best Kaiser.

KITCHENER TO HONOR HIM

Will Be Made Colonel, and Parliament Will Vote Him House and Money.

One of the members of the 18th Battalion is particularly anxious to get to England. He is a Hollander, and holds, consequently, bitter hatred of Germans. He cannot sleep o' nights. His brain is actively engaged formulating plans for a great coup d'etat he hopes may see consummation some time before the present war ends. He unbosomed himself to us the other night, and it now devolves on the writer to tell of the gigantic scheme Fred is planning.

To use his own words: "Yes, sir. I have a great scheme hatched, and each night I lie awake perfecting it. It will not prove such a hard matter, I do not think. What is it? Ah, I will tell you. I am going to blow up the Krupp works at Essen. Sure. I'll be shot if the Kaiser's men catch me, but"—he slowly closed an eye, did Fred, placed his finger at one side of his nose and looked very, very wise. "I am smooth. I think I will do it.

"How? Listen to me.

Off for Holland.

"We will arrive in England, and be sent to our training grounds. Before we go to the battle front there will be much time. Kitchener is a very thorough man. He will make sure we understand our work perfectly before he sends us against the enemy. I will ask for five days' leave of absence. I will go across the channel and to Holland. There I will get five or six Hollandish daily papers. These I will put in my pocket. My brother is 19. His passports I will get. I look no older than my brother, although I am 21. I speak German as fluently as I do Hollandish and English.

"I will easily get to Essen. My passports will facilitate that. I will get a job at the Krupp works. Some night, or when opportunity comes, three or more big sticks of dynamite will I place in the walls of the place. They will go off bang when the fired fuse I attach burns to them. Then the works of Krupp will be no more. The Holland papers will be found near by. The Kaiser will know who to thank for the job.

Kitchener Will Hear.

"I will go home. Then return to my company in England. Kitchener will hear of my exploit.

"'I want Pte. ———,' will be his order.

"I will, with alacrity, obey the call.

"Are you the man who destroyed the Krupp works at Essen?" he will ask me.

"When I tell him yes, he will shake hands with me and say: 'That was good work, colonel,' and when I say I am only a private, he will smile and reply that I was, but now I'm not. Then the British Parliament will vote me a large sum of money, and a nice house to live in, and when the war is over I'll settle down and have a good time. What do you think?"

I replied that it certainly looked like a fine idea and wished him all success. That was the best I could do.

DEATH A MONTH

This Average at Home of Mrs. Edna Plant—Another Child Succumbs.

For the third time in four months death has visited the home of Mrs. Edna Plant, of 35 Miles street. On Monday Mrs. Plant lost her 12-year-old son Clifford. Early in the morning the little lad stated that he was feeling fine, but a few minutes later turned over on his side in bed, and when his mother went to call him for breakfast she was horrified to find him dead. Death was due to heart failure.

Late last fall little Ila and Charles Plant died within two weeks of each other from diphtheria.

Besides his mother Clifford is survived by four brothers, John, Elva, Roy and Wilbert. The funeral will be conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. H. B. Ashby, of the Church of the Redeemer.

CONVALESCENT HOME FOR SOLDIERS ABROAD

Comfortable and Up-to-Date Resting Place for the Injured.

Mr. Donald Macmaster, K. C., M. P., and Mrs. Macmaster have provided at their residence, "Merlewood," Virginia Water, a comfortable and up-to-date resting place for convalescent soldiers. They have given it the name of "The Merlewood Military Convalescent Home," and for the last three or four months batches of three officers and seven men have been made thoroughly comfortable, and have received skilled medical and nursing attention at Mr. Macmaster's expense. Merlewood is charmingly situated, and Mr. and Mrs. Macmaster's guests have found great benefit from a stay under their hospitable roof.

Our Chertsey representative paid a visit to Merlewood on Thursday morning, and found one officer and seven men there. It is interesting to note that most of those who have been in the "home" are from the Canadian contingent at Salisbury. The officer was Captain Johnson, of the Canadian Medical Corps, a doctor who joined from Vancouver. Six of the seven men were "taking the air" in the beautiful grounds, but one, Sergt. Taylor, of the Engineers, was in the convalescent ward, which, before the war, was a spacious billiard room.

Sergt. Taylor was recovering from the effects of a broken ankle. He received his injury while on manoeuvres, having stepped into a hole on Salisbury Plain. He was annoyed at his bad luck, "just as there was a chance of going to the front," remarking that he would not have cared so much if he had been hurt while on active service. "But to receive an injury like any child of ten might have got."

Other Canadians at Merlewood are Pte. Vanis, of the 4th, and Pte. Elliott, of the 5th Canadian Battalion; Pte. McCoombie, of the 5th Royal Scots; Pte. Broley, of the 46th Regiment, and Sergt. Cooper of the Artillery, and Pte. Stevenson. Nurse Graham is in charge, while Orderly Cross is also in attendance. The officers have a complete and elaborately furnished suite of rooms, with every comfort. Both Mr. and Mrs. Macmaster have taken the keenest interest in the convalescents, and Dr. Floyer, of Egham, is the medical attendant.—From Surrey Advertiser and County Times, England.

FOURTH CARLOAD TO BELGIANS BEST YET SENT FROM HERE

Will Contain $3,300 Worth of Foodstuffs, Clothing and Supplies.

The fourth carload of clothing and provisions to be sent from London on Saturday next by the Belgian relief committee of the Women's Canadian Club is, without doubt, the best yet. Mrs. Edwards, the treasurer, reports that this carload will contain $2,000 worth of foodstuffs, $700 worth of children's clothing, $300 worth of men's and women's clothing, almost new, and $300 worth of bedding. It is expected that this will go on the March shipment to Rotterdam. The treasurer of the Belgian Relief Committee of Canada sends assurance that the contents of the previous relief ships have reached the needy Belgians in good condition. Already many friends of the club are working on clothing to stock a fifth carload.

"Mile of Pennies" Scheme Good.

The "mile of pennies" scheme in the public schools has proved a most satisfactory means of raising funds. Some $284 has now been received by Mrs. Edwards by this means, and the children will go on collecting for a fortnight longer. Several country schools which were falling in line for this work are yet to hear from. Mrs. Edwards acknowledges the following contributions: Aberdeen School, 63 cents; Princess avenue school, $1.68; Egerton street school, 57 cents; Mrs. Duncan McMartin, $5; Methodist Sunday school, Byron, per Miss Davis, $11.25; Dramatic Club, $70.35; London Township, per M. Grant, $500.

Delegates to the Annual Meeting of Ontario Associated Boards of Trade

Berlin—W. M. O. Lochead, president; W. H. Schmalz, vice-president; A. M. DeBus, secretary; L. J. Breithaupt, D. B. Detweiler, W. D. Euler, Dr. Honsberger, H. L. Janzen, H. J. Sims.

Bracebridge—Dr. Peter McGibbon, M. F. McKay, S. H. Armstrong, M.A.

Brampton—R. H. Pringle, president; W. C. Young, secretary; T. D. Duggan, B. F. Justin, F. W. Wegenast.

Brantford—F. D. Reville, John Muir, A. L. Baird, K.C.; Lloyd D. Barber, Geo. S. Matthews, Christopher Cook, Lloyd Harris, N. D. Neill.

Brockville—T. J. Storey, president.

Clinton—A. T. Cooper, secretary; John Ransford.

Cobalt—M. B. R. Gordon, D. L. Jemmett, Taylor Pipe.

Cobourg—W. J. Maher, John Dick, E. A. Duncan, J. R. O'Neill, W. M. Fox.

Cochrane—W. McD. Douglas, president; T. H. Scott, S. A. Jones, B. Rothschild, Frank A. Child.

Collingwood—D. L. Darroch.

Dundas—S. J. Lennard, president; H. C. Davis, vice-president.

Gananoque—A. W. Taylor, president; F. J. Skinner, past president; C. A. Watt, secretary.

Kenora—H. A. C. Machin, M.L.A.; N. Schnarr.

Kingston—R. Meek, president; J. M. Campbell, Elmer Davis, R. A. McLelland.

London—A. B. Greer, Capt. E. M. McLean, Dr. H. T. Reason, Samuel Stevely.

Meaford—H. H. Sing.

Mitchell—J. Broderick.

Orangeville—O. Wilder, president; A. E. Annis, C. R. McKeown, M.L.A., Joseph J. Kelly.

Owen Sound—J. K. McLauchlan, Geo. Menzies, T. L. Dates, M. Kennedy Sen., J. M. Kilbourn, John Parker, J. H. Rutherford, W. H. Smith.

Paris—R. Thomson, president; Jas. Smiley, secretary; J. W. Hilborn.

Picton—C. C. Spencer, P. C. Macnee.

Port Dover—H. W. Ansley, F. M. Bond, M. F. Tibbetts.

Preston—Edgar, Homuth, Hurlbut, Osgood, Sears.

Sarnia—T. A. G. Gordon.

Smith's Falls—A. B. Scott.

St. Catharines—J. T. Petrie (mayor), W. E. Burgoyne, A. McLaren, J. M. Elson, W. C. Bushe, S. J. Inksater, Thomas Conlon, J. A. Forster, J. E. Waterhouse.

Toronto—J. W. Woods, president; W. H. Alderson, J. D. Allan, Henry Barber, Hugh Blain, C. A. Bogert, Lieut.-Col. H. Brock, Murray Brown, L. H. Clarke, W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., C. D. Daniel, W. M. Douglas, K. J. Dunstan, John F. Ellis, John Firstbrook, John J. Gibson, R. S. Gourlay, J. H. Gundy, W. P. Gundy, E. H. Gundy, E. H. Gurney, Charles McD. Hay, Arthur Hewitt, O. Hezzlewood, A. O. Hogg, George W. Howland, Peleg Howland, John G. Kent, P. D. Knowles, W. G. MacKendrick, C. Marriott, Hugh Munro, G. T. McMurrich, F. H. Howe, G. T. Somers, A. E. Sprott, J. I. Sutcliffe, John Turnbull, C. H. Willson, D. O. Wood, C. W. J. Woodland.

Trenton—H. A. Thomson.

Victoria Harbor—R. J. Neilley, W. B. Reid.

Wallaceburg—D. A. Husband, T. B. Demdas, C. H. Houson.

Waterloo—Dr. W. L. Hilliard, F. de Mille, J. H. Roos, C. W. Scheidel, H. M. Snyder.

Woodstock—J. E. Fidler, W. J. Taylor, J. A. McKenzie, W. S. West, W. D. Hobson, J. S. Connolley, T. W. Gray, H. Sykes.

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VILLAGES TAKEN

p.m.—Laying claim to marked successes in the Carpathians and to having defeated the German offensive campaign in the north, which "never emerged from its period of preparation," Russian staff officers took an optimistic view today of the outlook along the whole front. The German advance from East Prussia has stopped, owing largely to the flooding of rivers and the melting of snow, while the attempt to cross the Bobr River has been thwarted. A new battleline has thus been formed in the north, along which there is uninterrupted fighting.

On the other hand, operations in the Carpathians are developing rapidly, and the Austrians' right flank is now threatened by the Russian offensive movement. Near Laresne, 30 miles east of Lemberg, the Russians repulsed an Austrian division, thus putting a check on the movements of Austro-German forces, which were attempting to concentrate at Stanislau.

Germans Under Attack.

The situation in Northern Poland, however, is regarded as of greatest immediate importance. The position of the Germans near Ossowetz is considered critical, since they are under attack from the heavy guns of the fortress and are unable to bring up their own heavy artillery owing to the poor roads. A stubborn fight on the road to Lomza was won by the Russians, with the result that the important point of Edvabno still remains in their hands.

The only location in that general vicinity still in dispute is Przasnysz, 50 miles west of Lomza. According to Russian staff officers, the Germans have gathered a large force near this point, and are expected to attempt an advance.

Six Separate Groups.

Along the whole front the Germans have been proceeding in six separate groups, the first in the direction of Kydkuhnen, the second toward Grodno, the third around Ossowetz, the fourth in the district of Lomza, the fifth in the direction of Przasnysz, and the sixth near Plonsk and Nowo Georgiewsk. All these groups are keeping as close as possible to the railroads, on account of the almost impassable condition of the highways. Communication between these groups is maintained by means of cavalry.

YOUNG LAD SOLE SUPPORT OF MOTHER

Father, in Police Court, Allowed Freedom by Magistrate.

George Able, arrested for a breach of the liquor license act, was discharged in court today by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd after he had been ordered to pay up $12 he owed the court on an old fine he had failed to pay.

Able's wife sent his worship a note to the effect that she was unable to appear in the court on account of lack of clothing and not having a pair of shoes She also stated in the letter that her sole support was derived from the income of their small son, a youth of tender years.

After giving Able a severe lecture, his worship discharged him on the former's promise to do better in future.

Provisional Lieuts. Admitted to 7th

At Present Are Attending Officers' Training Class at Armories.

At the regular meeting last evening of the officers of the 7th Regiment, the following provisional lieutenants were admitted to the membership of the regiment: Eric Hallman Ziegler, Alexander George Fraser and Frederick George McNab.

The three men mentioned will be gazetted as lieutenants when they receive the certificates for which they are now trying. At present they are all attending the officers' training class at the armories.

The regiment has made application to the military council at Ottawa to be allowed to start its annual training on March 22.

The accounts of the regimental committee, the mess committee, the rifle committee, the band committee and the company account were presented and the general financial condition of the regiment was found to be in a highly satisfactory condition.

ALL DRILLS CANCELLED

Moist Ground at Fair Grounds and Barracks Caused This.

Owing to excessively moist conditions both at the fair grounds and on Carling's Heights all drills were cancelled today and also the inspection of the 33rd and 7th C. M. R., which was to have been made by Major-General Lessard. He contented himself with an inspection of the men in their quarters, and also looked over their equipment.

The major-general made a thorough inspection of the men of the 18th Battalion yesterday afternoon, and warmly complimented Lieut.-Col. Wigle upon the excellence of the force. He advised the men to be in readiness for marching orders at any time.

Although the men were unable to drill outside today, they had a very busy time attending special lectures of instruction.

Many of the roofs of the buildings at the fair grounds are leaking, and not a few soldiers awakened today to find water dripping upon them. They at once moved their beds. The buildings are kept very comfortably heated, and the men declare that they were not having a bad time at all notwithstanding the wet.

PAARDEBURG SMOKER

Plans Completed—London Garrison Sergeants' Association Has Charge.

Plans have now been completed, and the program arranged for the Paardeburg Day "smoker" that will be put on by the London Garrison Sergeants' Association on the eve of Paardeburg Day, February 26. A large number of the garrison sergeants, as well as non-coms. from the overseas forces now training here, will attend this smoker, which will this year form the sergeants' annual observance of the famous South African battle in which the Canadian troops played such an important part. Color-Sergt. Holmes, of the 7th Fusiliers, who is chairman of the entertainment committee of the garrison sergeants' committee, has been working hard on his program, and promises a most interesting time. Officers as well as sergeants have been invited to the smoker.

AMERICAN COLT MACHINE GUNS ARE BEING USED

Enormous Demand for Maxims Precludes Their Use Here.

As a result of the enormous demand from the firing line for Maxim guns, Canadian troops will have to be content with American Colt machine guns It was stated this afternoon that word had been received from Ottawa that the British factories are working overtime making Maxim guns, and that as fast as they are completed they are rushed to France.

Lieut.-Col. Leonard stated that he hoped British guns would be sent for the 7th Mounted Rifles instead of the American Colts. This, however, apparently will be impossible, also for the 33rd and 18th Battalions, each of which will have four machine guns of American make.

With the machine guns that have arrived the men are practicing steadily, and are making great progress.

BLANKET INSURANCE FOR ALL OF CITY'S EMPLOYEES

Mayor Stevenson Working Out Plans Now.

Mayor H. A. Stevenson is working out plans for a blanket insurance policy for all city employees. Under the provisions of the new workmen's compensation act, the city is held liable for any injuries to its employees, but is debarred from paying the insurance premiums to the fund of the act, which would free it from monetary responsibility in the case of accident or death. As a result, the mayor is endeavoring to work out a scheme whereby all city employees can come under a blanket policy.

Mayor Stevenson has already secured facts and figures from insurance companies, and it is believed that the scheme he proposes is a feasible one.

Under existing conditions the only city employees who benefit by insurance are the members of the fire department. Street cleaners and others, whose employment is classed as "hazardous" by the insurance companies, are unprotected. It is to bring all these under the one head and to secure a blanket policy that will free the city from responsibility that the mayor is working.

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BERNHARDT BRAVELY SUBMITS TO KNIFE

Sarah Bernhardt

Advertiser Illustrations.

"The Divine Sarah" had her right leg amputated in a hospital at Bordeaux yesterday. Her sufferings have caused her to start a system of positions for those who have lost limbs.

EVELYN'S SINKING TRAGIC ACCIDENT

View Taken by President Wilson—Hears Captain Took Unsafe Course.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Feb. 23—President Wilson views the sinking of the American steamer Evelyn in the North Sea as a tragic accident, he told callers today, and has been unofficially informed that her captain was not following a safe course laid out for him. He added that warnings had been given that mines were planted in the area in which the Evelyn was sunk.

The President indicated he has not yet determined whether replies will be sent to recent notes from Germany and Great Britain on the war zone, and the use of the American flag. He said, however, there was nothing in the German or English notes which would cause the United States to change its position.

Unofficially it has been said it is probable that no replies will be made.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Feb. 23, via London, 3 p.m.—At the war office to day the following statement was given out:

"There is nothing of importance to add to last night's communication. West of Lombaertzyde the enemy made a ready to deliver two infantry attacks, which, coming under our fire, could not be carried home.

"The bombardment of Rheims reported yesterday evening was extremely violent. It lasted for a first period of six hours, followed by a period of five hours. Fifteen hundred shells were dropped in all quarters of the town. What remains of the cathedral was make a special target and suffered seriously.

Cathedral Roof Gone.

"The interior of the vaulted roof, which has resisted until now, was burst, about twenty houses were fired, and twenty civilians killed.

"To the east of Argonne, between Malincourt and the Meuse, our artillery found a German battery and blew up its ammunition wagons.

"Along the remaining part of the front there is nothing to report."

GERMAN REPORT.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Via London, 3:20 p.m., Feb. 23.—The German war office today gave out a report on the progress of the fighting, which reads as follows:

"In the western arena of the war:

"The Calais fortress was freely bombarded during the night of February 21-22 with missiles from an airship.

Repulses Claimed.

"Yesterday the French delivered an attack in the Champagne district to the north of Perthes, but with decreased forces. Each of their advance movements broke down under our fire. At Ailley and Apremont the French forces were driven back to their positions after having first secured some minor successes.

"In the Vosges the Samlekopf, to the north of Muehlbach, has been taken by storm. Otherwise there has been nothing of importance to report on the western line.

Captures Increase.

"In the eastern arena of the fighting:

"An advance attempted by the Russians with forces lately gathered together from Grodno, moving in a northwesterly direction, resulted in failure. The number of cannon taken in the pursuit of the Russians after the battle of the Mazurian Lakes has been increased to over 300, and includes 10 pieces of heavy calibre.

Another Advance.

"To the northwest of Ossowetz, north of Lomza, and in the vicinity of Przasnysz, the fighting continues. On the Vistula, to the east of Plock, we have advanced further into the Wyszogrod district.

"In Poland, south of Vistula, an advance by a Russian division on our positions on the Rawka River, has been repulsed."

"DESERTED VILLAGE"

Many of Civic Officials Away—City's Offices Dull.

Somewhat on the order of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" is the city hall today. A number of the aldermen and controllers, together with Mayor H. A. Stevenson and City Clerk Baker are in Ottawa with the Western Fair deputation. They will be away some time, as they will stop over in Toronto on the way home and attend the hydro radial convention in the latter city this week.

MRS. FRASER DEAD

[Canadian Press.]

Kingston, Feb. 23. — Mrs. John Fraser, last survivor member of the family of John Mowat, one of the early settlers of Upper Canada, died in Kingston today. She was a sister of the late Sir Oliver Mowat. Four sons and two daughters survive.

Shippers Discuss Advance in Rates

The proposal of the railway companies of Eastern Canada to submit to the Dominion Railway Board a revised schedule of freight rates showing increases all round, has been referred to the manufacturers and shippers generally of the city, and their almost unanimous opinion is that, in view of the increased cost of operation, which has been brought about by a variety of causes, slight increases are justified, and will not give rise to objection, provided the railway commissioners give their approval.

The reasons given by the railway companies for the necessity of increasing all rates are that the cost of operation has increased very materially as a result of the increase in the wages of their employees, and that the cost of material has advanced to a marked extent. They argue, also, that there is a considerably greater demand for service on the part of the shipping public.

They say that one of the greatest factors in the increase of operation cost is the extra 7½ per cent duty on steam coal. This item alone, it is contended, will mean the expenditure of millions of dollars extra each year since the increased duty will mean an advance of approximately 12 to 15 cents a ton in the price of coal.

In addition to this, they point out, the Canadian railways have to haul their own coal for several hundreds of miles, whereas those of the United States have the supply right at their doors, in some cases right on their own tracks.

In order to meet this advance in the cost of operation, the companies argue, some slight increase in all freight rates is absolutely necessary if the service to their customers is not to suffer. The only other alternative, they declare, would be a reduction in the salaries of the employees.

That local shippers realize the difficulties the companies have to face, and that an advance in the freight rates is not unjustified, is indicated by the following opinions expressed by representative men of the city:

C. A. Whitwam, vice-president of the Hobbs Hardware Company, stated that he would have no objection to a revision of the rates if the changes were approved by the railway board. He did not think an all-round advance of 5 per cent would be justified but he admitted that the rates on some commodities at present were quite out of proportion to the haul.

Charles B. Hunt, president of the Hunt Bros., Limited, Milling Company, declared that, so far as his company was concerned there would be no opposition to an advance providing it was uniform in all cases. If it were impossible to give satisfactory service at the present rates they would not oppose an increase approved by the railway commissioners.

A similar view was expressed by Albert M. Masuret, of the wholesale grocery firm of M. Masuret & Co. Several of the boot and shoe manufacturers also were approached and, although they refused to say anything for publication, they all were in sympathy with any movement to bolster the revenue of the railway companies if the arrangement were equitable in the opinion of the board.

D. H. Howden, president of the D. H. Howden Hardware Company, said he would not be opposed to an equitable increase if the necessity for it could be established. The service maintained up to now, he said, must be continued and, if that meant an advance in rates, the shippers would be willing to bear their share.

Col. Gartshore and W. W. Nobbs, vice-president and sales manager respectively of the McClary Manufacturing Company, were unwilling to express any opinion on a matter the details of which were very intricate. They both thought, however, that the application of the railway companies deserved consideration, and they should be allowed to prove the merits of their claim by the railway board.

A point which the railway companies will urge when their application is heard is that some commodity rates, which were established years ago when new industries were being fostered, are on too low a basis altogether to meet present conditions. The tolls in many such cases, it will be argued, are not adequate to the services the companies are performing.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN LONDON TOMORROW

First Time in History of Order Meet Out of Toronto.

The regular meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which will open at the Masonic Temple Hall here tomorrow, will have in attendance over 300 delegates from chapters all over Canada.

Tomorrow's meeting will be the first time in history that the Royal Arch Masons of Canada have held their meeting outside of Toronto, and when they assemble here, they expect that delegates will be present from as far as Victoria, B. C.

Judge D. F. MacWatt, grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and many other grand chapter officers are expected to be present.

It is expected that an especially large number of visiting representatives will assemble here, as some very important business is to be considered at the meeting.

Tomorrow's session will be of considerable interest to all those who attend, and the local men have made preparations to properly entertain their visiting companions.

LOCAL TRADE BOARD WON'T TAKE ACTION ON NICKEL QUESTION

Not at Present, Anyway, Declares President E. C. Mitchell.

The board of trade of London, which last week received a communication from the Owen Sound Board suggesting that some action be taken to prevent nickel being sent out of the country at the present time without some assurance that its destination was either England or one of her allies, has decided not to move in the matter at the present time in view of the fact that the question is to be dealt with at the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade next Thursday in Toronto, and also that, at the instigation of the leader of the Provincial Opposition, the Federal Government is preparing to deal with the situation

E. C. Mitchell, president of the local board, stated that, so far as could be learned, no nickel was finding its way into wrong hands at the present time, and the Government apparently was prepared to see that nothing of the kind occurred. He mentioned also that this question, among others, would be dealt with fully by the associated boards, the meeting of which will be attended by the following members of the London board, who were appointed delegates last week:

E. C. Mitchell, Dr. H. T. Reason, Capt. McLean (of the executive), Samuel Stevely and A. B. Greer. In addition to the official representatives of the local body other members possibly may attend the meeting.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. D. C. Davidson.

The death occurred yesterday, at her late residence, 306 King street, of Mrs. D. C. Davidson, wife of Douglas C. Davidson, after an illness of about two months. Mrs. Davidson had been a resident of London for the last 34 years and before moving to London resided in Ingersoll. She leaves, beside her husband, one son and two daughters: Chas. W., of Woodstock, Mrs. Meade Adams, Hamilton; and Miss Lena, at home, as well as three sisters, Mrs. George M. Nichol and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Chicago, and Mrs. Francis Hunt, St. Thomas.

William Chamberlain.

The funeral of William Chamberlain, who died suddenly on Sunday morning, was held this morning at 10:30 o'clock from his residence, 67 Elliot street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. H. B. Ashby, of the Church of the Redeemer. The funeral was strictly private.

Zenas F. Whitehead.

Zenas F. Whitehead, aged 66, died on Sunday at his residence, lot 6, Longwood road, Delaware Township. Mr. Whitehead was a resident of Delaware all his life. He is survived by his wife and one son, Alton, of Cuba. He was a member of the Lambeth Lodge, A. O. U. W. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Delaware Cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. R. J. Wilson, of Lambeth.

Norman E. Zoellner.

Norman E. Zoellner, brother of M. C. Zoellner, president of the Standard Drug Company, and of Oscar Zoellner, this city, was killed while felling a tree near Val Brand, Saskatchewan, last Friday. The body was taken from there to Shell Brand, Sask., by a younger brother, Gordon, and will be brought east. Interment will be made at deceased's former home in Mount Forest. Mr. Zoellner was 21 years old and was born in Mount Forest.

NASSAU LODGE HELD A "MILITARY NIGHT"

Pastmaster's Jewel Presented to Pastmaster James Armitage.

Nassau Lodge, 2170, L. O. L., held a "military night" last evening that was attended by several hundred. Many of those present were in uniform, and included officers, non-coms. and men of the overseas forces now in training here and of the local militia units. A large class was initiated. During the business meeting a pastmaster's jewel was presented to Pastmaster James Armitage.

Following the business of the lodge a social time and concert was featured. Wor. Bro. Carter, master of the kodgem, presided. Ald. W. A. Wilson, Private Mess, of the 7th C. M. R., Lieut. Richardson, and others spoke, and an interesting program of instrumentals, duets and songs was put on by Bros. S. Chadwick, F. S. Reusoin, Fred Chadwick and Roy Lutz.

LOCAL COMPANY AFTER CITY PAVING JOBS

That a local company will be in the field for the paving contracts that are to be let by the city this year now seems to be an assured fact. It is understood at the city hall that a local contractor, together with the manager of an outside paving company, and a former city engineer, are forming a company to go after local business. The proposition is looked on with favor by those who are in the know, and it is believed that London will be in a position to have its paving done not only cheaper but better this year as a result of this competition.

With the local company bidding for London work, it is believed that the improvement will be still more marked. They are hoping so at the city hall anyway.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.
[Reported by J. M. Young, Broker.]
Chicago, Feb. 23.

	Previous Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—					
May	153	153	152½	152¾	160¼
July	128	128¾	125⅝	125⅝	131⅝
Corn—					
May	75½	75⅝	73¾	73¾	76⅝
July	76⅛	77⅝	75⅝	75¾	78⅛
Oats—					
May	57½	58¼	56¼	56¼	58¼
July	53⅞	54⅜	53⅛	53¼	54½

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.
[Reported by J. M. Young, Broker.]
Chicago, Feb. 23.

	Previous Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Pork—					
May	$18 25	18 25	17 82	17 82	18 22
July	18 45	18 55	18 00	18 00	18 67
Lard—					
May	10 45	10 45	10 30	10 30	10 45
July	10 62	10 65	10 52	10 52	10 67
Ribs—					
May	10 10	10 10	9 75	9 75	10 77
July	10 32	10 32	10 02	10 02	10 32

GRAIN.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Wheat—Spot was weak; No. 1 Manitoba, 13s 9d; No. 2, 13s 8d; No. 3, 13s 6d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, old, 8s 3½d; do. new, 8s ½d. Futures easy; February, 7s 8½d; March, 7s 9d.

FLOUR.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Flour—Winter patents, 50s.

HOPS.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Hops (in London)—Pacific coast, £3 5s.

PROVISIONS.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 60s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, 61s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, 63s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 60s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, 64s; do, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, 63s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 58s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, 49s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, new, 51s 9d; do, old, 53s; American refined, in pails, 55s.

DAIRY.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, 89s 6d; do, colored, new, 89s 6d.

OILS AND METALS.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Tallow—Prime city, 40s 6d.

Turpentine Spirits—43s.

Rosin—Common, 11s 6d.

Petroleum—Refined, 9¼d.

Linseed Oil—31s.

Cottonseed Oil (Hull refined)—Spot, 30s.

CHATHAM BELGIANS WAR ON 'HUN' BIRDS

CHATHAM, Feb. 22. — Game Warden McGregor has reported that some Belgians, who live in Chatham township, have been shooting off the Hungarian partridge that he distributed through the county under the direction of the game authorities last fall. Reports from other parts of the county are to the effect that the partridges are getting along well and are thriving in their new homes.

LOCAL NEWS

LIBERAL EUCHRE.—A large attendance is expected at the weekly smoker and euchre to be held Wednesday evening at Hyman Hall by the Liberal Club. The "ladies' night" has been postponed for a week.

BOARD OF WORKS TONIGHT.—There will be a meeting of the board of works this evening, but beyond considering the offer of a number of the unemployed to clean bricks on the Federal Square site, little business is scheduled to come before the committee.

START 1916 ASSESSMENT.—Announcement will be made on Friday of the temporary clerks in the assessment department who will be started on the 1916 assessment on March 1. Mayor H. A. Stevenson and Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant will make the appointments.

CURSE OF MILITARISM.—Professor F. V. Rietchdors, of Woodstock, will give a lecture at Dundas Centre schoolroom this evening on the subject, "The Underlying Causes of the War and the Curse of Militarism in Germany." The professor is known to be one of the best lecturers of the age. Everybody welcomed. Silver collection.

DEBATE ON MISSIONS.—First Presbyterian Church will hold a debate this evening at 8 o'clock in the church, when representatives of the Young People's Societies of the First and St. Andrew's Churches will be present. The subject will be: "Resolved, That Home Missions Should Receive More Attention at the Hands of the Church Than Foreign Missions."

LEAVE FOR TORONTO.—A number of the members of the executive of the board of trade will leave for Toronto this evening to attend the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade in that city. With the members of the board, who are on the Western Fair delegation to Ottawa and the hydro radial convention deputation to Toronto, the local board will be well represented at the associated boards meeting.

TURNED OVER TO DETECTIVE.—Anthony Munich, arrested by Detective Harry Dowd on a warrant issued by the Brantford police charging him with non-support of his wife, was today turned over to Detective Chapman, of the Brantford department. Munich, who was taken into custody last night while at his boarding-house, took his arrest as a matter of fact and left late today for the Telephone City.

BREAK IN STEAM LINES.—Superintendent W. C. Dodd, of the garbage department, today reported a slight break in the steam lines that feed the radiators of Victoria Hospital from the incinerator equipment. A "trap" in one of the lines became plugged. It was possible, however, according to the superintendent, to keep the hospital heated while this plug was removed and the break repaired.

BOXING COMPETITION TONIGHT.—The boxing competition of the 7th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, comes off tonight in the rooms of the company in the armories. A large attendance of the men is expected, and some rare sport has been promised before the prize, a handsome brass smoker's set, is carried off by the champion slugger of the corps. This is but the first of a series of social events planned for the men of this popular militia corps.

WRIT AGAINST BISHOP. — M. F. Fallon, bishop of London, has had a writ issued against him by Mary Mottashed, for $293.62, being the balance due her for work and material done and furnished on the bishop's house, at the request of the bishop. The plaintiff carries on a business under the name of the Parquet Flooring Company. The writ was issued by U. A. Buchner and was served on the bishop this afternoon.

WORK ON CITY STREETS.—Work on the city streets, opening up drains and blocked sewers, etc., occupied the attention of the city engineer's department in no uncertain manner today. The rapidity with which the water and snow is going away has made the drainage question a most important one. Assisted as it is this year by the new storm sewers, the engineering department declares that it is well ahead of the game and is in much better shape than in any previous years.

CHOIR CONCERT SUCCESS. — The choir concert at King Street Presbyterian Church last evening was a real success. Under the able leadership of Fred J. Fitzgerald, organist and choirmaster, the choral members ably interpreted the various numbers on the program and made a name for themselves. Solos, violin selections, readings and duets were given by George E. Matthew, Miss Florence E. Dewey, Mies Georgia M. Newbury, Frank Webster, Charles Griffiths, Charles Foulkes and E. Adams. All were well received. The church building was well filled.

WIFE DESERTER HEARD OF.—Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, has received information concerning a London man who two years ago deserted his wife and five boys in this city and left for another province. In order to make an example of this man as a deterrent for others in a similar position, it is proposed to bring him back to stand trial here. Wife desertion and the leaving of a helpless wife and family to make the best way they can in the world is one of the worst problems that the Charities Organization has to face.

FEE FOR PERMITS ISSUE.—In order to derive sufficient revenue from the building inspector's department to pay for the yearly printing of permit cards and applications, a movement is now on foot to make a small fee for the issue of all permits. It is proposed to charge 10 cents or so for each permit issued, in addition to the water rates that are charged by the waterworks departments for the aqua pura used in construction. Approximately 1,500 permits are issued by the department each year, and at 10 cents a permit, this would mean $150 annually, or an amount sufficient to pay for all printing and stationery.

MORE DONATIONS.—Mrs. A. T. Edwards wishes to acknowledge the following donations to the Belgian relief fund: From a shut-in school boy and his mother, $2; boys of the Granton Methodist Sunday School, $3. The girls of the same class gave $3. Miss Brooks and Mrs. Blening sent a box of clothing from the same Sunday school valued at $32. Christian, a box of clothing valued at $67.60. Clachan Institute, Bothwell, three large cases containing men's, women's and children's clothing; one box contained seven quilts and twelve pairs of blankets. This donation is valued at $200. Friends in St. Thomas sent one sack of sugar and one sack of oatmeal.

MILITARY NOTES

Instructions from Ottawa were received at militia headquarters this afternoon that all winter caps issued to the troops here are to be returned to the stores before the men leave.

Major-General Lessard, accompanied by his aide, Captain Nordheimer, left this afternoon for Toronto.

Lieut. N. A. Fairhead, of No. 12, C. A. S. C., Toronto, has been attached to the C. P. A. S. C., London, with instructions to report this week.

In future, wives and families of all men on home service duty will be attended by the militia medical officers free of charge. Word to this effect came from Ottawa this afternoon.

BIG HAT SALE ON TODAY
GRAHAM BROS

THREE CHEERS FOR THE GARBAGE DEPARTMENT

Ahead of Weekly Schedule for First Time This Winter.

That the garbage department is now ahead of its week