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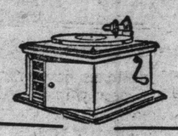

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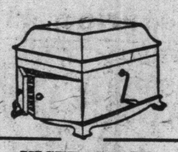

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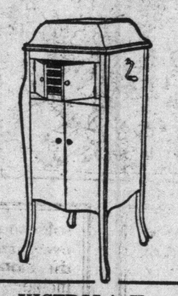

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CANADIANS PIERCE ENEMY FIRST LINE

Two Parties of Raiders Make Dashes Against German Trenches.

(By W. A. Willison).

Canadian Army Headquarters, Feb. 6.—Raiding the enemy lines north of Lens, the Canadian troops last night, supported by our artillery, succeeded in penetrating the hostile front line in two places. One party got within 20 yards of the enemy wire when it was discovered and heavily bombed. The enemy also opened a barrage on our lines, but despite the vigorous opposition and the strong wire one officer and two men succeeded in rushing the position.

The other party got within 10 yards of the enemy's line before being discovered. It then bombarded its way into the trench. The Germans withdrew before the raiders, but maintained a stiff opposition.

Two hours later, after receiving support from artillery bombardment, German raiders came across No Man's Land in strength in the Mericourt-Avion sectors. They met with such a vigorous reception from our rifles and machine guns that they were forced to retire with heavy casualties. They left five prisoners in our hands.

At 5.30 this morning the peeved enemy heavily bombarded the St. Emile sector with gas shells and high explosives, but no attack developed.

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HAMILTON NEWS

HAMILTON BOARD NOT EXTRAVAGANT

Chairman of Board of Education Gives Figures to Prove It.

Hamilton, Feb. 6.—Trustee Lyman Lee is the new chairman of the board of education. At the meeting held this evening the honor was extended to him by a unanimous vote. His inaugural address was built around the problems of the past and future and he urged that the board go on record as being unalterably opposed to exemptions of school tax on any properties.

Chairman Lee said that the problems which had beset the board in past years could be directly attributed to this reckless exemption policy. He scored the agitation for the discontinuing of fees claiming that absolutely free education would not be appreciated by the pupils. The frequent charges that the local board was extravagant, the chairman thought, was sufficiently refuted by the fact that the annual per capita cost of educating Hamilton's pupils, $34.26, was the lowest of any city of which records are available.

Patriotic Campaign.

Speakers have been secured for the two mass meetings that will be held in Loew's Theatre on Sunday afternoon and evening to inaugurate the $700,000 patriotic campaign that will be conducted in this city next week.

The first meeting, which will be for the dependents of soldiers and sailors, will be addressed by Hon. T. W. McGarry, Major A. L. Burch, Toronto, and R. J. Renison. W. G. Shepherd, a war correspondent, who has been on every allied front since the war commenced, will speak at the meeting.

LORDS COMPROMISE OVER FRANCHISE BILL

Clash Between Two Houses Threatened to Wreck Measure at First.

London, Feb. 6.—A little clash between the commons and the lords occurred today over the acceptance of the lords' amendments to the representation of the people's bill and for a time threatened to wreck the bill. After some lively passages, however, in the house of commons, a compromise was reached acceptable to both houses, and the bill passed all its stages and received the royal sanction. The compromise is that proportional representation will be tried experimentally in one hundred constituencies selected by special commissioners, while the principle of the alternative vote has been struck out of the bill altogether.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

VETERANS CHARGE RENT EXTORTION BY ENEMY

Earlscourt Branch Discuss Case of Soldier's Wife Having Rent Raised Too Often.

Many matters of importance were discussed at a well-attended meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association, Earlscourt branch, held in their clubrooms, Belmont Assemoly Hall, West St. Clair avenue, last evening. The case of an alleged injustice to Mrs. Hatcher, Prescott avenue, a soldier's wife, with a family of six small children, was considered.

Comrade J. Tooth, who laid the information, stated that Mrs. Hatcher, who paid $10 a month for her small dwelling, was notified by a real estate agent on St. Clair avenue some months ago that her rent would be raised $3 a month. This amount she paid, and last month he informed her that the landlord wanted a further advance in the rent to $15 or $16 a month, which, if not paid, she was to get out. "This poor woman is entitled to protection from such extortion," said the speaker. "The agent said he was representing the landlord, but it is said in the district that he is an agent of Germany."

Secretary Chas. T. Lacey pointed out that the poor woman had the pipes frozen thruout the house owing to being unable to get coal, and the estate agent threatened her that she would have to pay for the repairs, and that she should not have the house cold.

It was decided to place the matter in the hands of Sergt.-Major Creighton, city hall, for investigation and redress.

The boundaries of the G.W.V.A., Earlscourt division, were also discussed. The secretary pointed out that, owing to the reorganization, the membership roll, instead of being nearly 300 members, now only mustered 180, and that a large number of members who should be on the rolls of the Earlscourt branch were recorded with C Co., Bloor street. The matter was laid over for further discussion.

T. Roughley, entertainment committee, reported a balance of $674.25 in bank, and the following additional members were appointed to act on the committee: Charles Hands, J. Anderson, W. Whitton, J. Heathfield and W. Hunt.

PATIENTS ARE ENTERTAINED.

Performers From Shea's Theatre Visit Davisville Hospital.

Something rather unusual and thoroly enjoyable in the way of entertainment was given to the patients of the Davisville Orthopaedic Hospital yesterday afternoon, when, thru the courtesy of John Shea of Shea's Theatre, the performers gave an afternoon in the auditorium of the hospital. After viewing the different departments they entertained the patients of the two surgical wards. The visit was planned by the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association.

In the evening a moving picture film was given in the auditorium, which was followed by a wrestling tournament, put on by the West End Y.M.C.A. Those taking part had won distinction as champion wrestlers.

RESOURCES ASSOCIATION.

New Organization is Formed For National Purpose in Weston.

The Town of Weston, which has exemplified its importance by its patriotic and national assistance, yesterday added a new association to its list of organizations conducting this splendid work, which will be known as "The National Resources Association," the purpose of which is to assist in the production of food. T. W. Brock, field secretary of the organization of resources commission of Ontario, met the citizens of Weston in the town hall yesterday afternoon when the novel association was organized.

The officers of this association are: President, Mayor Charlton; vice-president, Dr E. F. Irwin; secretary, J. M. Pearce, treasurer, E. C. Roy. It was decided to sub-divide the association into committees so that the work might be carried out more thoroly, which are as follows: Agricultural production, J. W. Gibson, chairman; farm help, R. J. Bull, chairman; vacant lot and backyard cultivation, T. L. Moffat, chairman.

METHODIST WOMEN MEET.

Mothers' Association Joins With Red Cross Workers in Social.

Yesterday in the Yonge Street Methodist Church the mothers' association joined with the Red Cross workers for a social afternoon. A musical and literary program was presented and later refreshments were served.

Miss Elsie Grainger, elocutionist, contributed two numbers. A musical trio, consisting of piano, cello and violin, with Miss Haig, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Douglas as artists was much appreciated. A silver collection was taken, which was very gratifying and will be devoted to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Mowat, president of the mothers' association, conducted the proceedings.

BAZAAR IS OPENED.

St. Clare's Church Women Conduct Whist Drive.

A bazaar in connection with St. Clare's Church, Earlscourt, was opened last evening in the basement hall, corner of Ravensden and West St. Clair avenues. The building was tastefully decorated and a large display of fancy goods and other tasteful articles was to be seen on the stalls, in charge of the women's committee.

During the proceedings a successful whist drive was held and the prizes were won as follows: Men's first, J. Turner; women's first, Miss Irene Ferguson.

The proceeds will be given to the church building fund.

WATER PIPES FROZEN.

The cold weather and the scarcity of fuel has, during the past few weeks, resulted in the freezing of the water pipes in many of the homes in Weston, which has kept several men from the water, power and light commission busy thawing them out, which they do by electricity. Within the last ten days 50 lines have been thawed and there is a waiting list of 25 names at the office of the commission.

WATER IS PURE.

The bacteriological report of the drinking water as used by the Town of Weston, made by the provincial health department, states that the water is absolutely free from any germs. The commission is endeavoring to maintain this standard of purity.

PATRIOTIC EUCHRE.

Under the auspices of Weston Council, No. 113, C.O.C.F., a progressive euchre party was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Church street, Weston, last night, there being a large number of members and their friends present. The proceeds will be used for patriotic purposes.

Runnymede L. O. L., No. 1997, held its first meeting in its new lodge rooms in Colvin Hall, last night, there being a large attendance of both local and visiting members. Following the routine business and the conferring of the initiatory degree upon eight candidates, the annual presentation of two prizes to those members bringing in the largest number of members to the order was made. I. C. Woolner was awarded a silk hat as first prize, and a royal arch watch fob was presented to H. Thompson for second prize.

MANY TRAINS ARE STILL LONG OVERDUE

Heavy Weather in Quebec and New York State Contributes to Delays.

Train service yesterday was hampered because of the intensity of the weather in Quebec and New York and as a consequence trains were in several cases long overdue. In some cases trains were late in starting out from the Union Station, and one for the United States due to leave at about 6 o'clock started out two hours behind time. The Chicago services were also delayed, and the trains were seven hours behind time, while the 5.45 p.m. G. T. R. from Portland did not arrive until about midnight. Both C. N. R. and C. P. R. Winnipeg trains were easily seven and eight hours late.

Colder weather is forecasted for this evening. Zero weather prevailed yesterday in the far east.

From.	Due.	Exp'td.	Arr'd.
G. T. R.			
Montreal	6.00 am.	.....	9.00 am.
Portland	7.30 am.	.....	10.00 am.
Brantford	8.40 am.	.....	8.50 am.
Chicago	8.50 am.	1.05 pm.	3.05 pm.
Markham	10.30 am.	Canc'd.	.....
Chicago	3.58 pm.	.....	8.00 pm.
Portland	5.45 pm.	.....	10.45 pm.
Detroit	8.17 pm.	.....	9.20 pm.
Sarnia	8.20 pm.	11.15 pm.	.....
Peterboro	9.45 pm.	1.45 am.	.....
Montreal	8.55 pm.	10.30 pm.	.....
Buffalo	10.05 pm.	.....	.....
Detroit	10.30 pm.	.....	12.20 am.
C. P. R.			
Montreal	7.30 am.	.....	9.50 am.
Sudbury	8.20 am.	.....	1100 am.
Chicago	8.50 am.	.....	10.10 am.
Havelock	10.20 am.	.....	12.40 pm.
Boston	12.03 pm.	.....	4.10 pm.
Vancouver	4.10 pm.	11.28 pm.	.....
Chicago	5.15 pm.	.....	11.20 pm.
New York	5.38 pm.	.....	.....
Montreal	6.20 pm.	.....	8.40 pm.
New York	9.43 pm.	.....	.....
Chicago	11.05 pm.	.....	.....
C. N. R.			
Parry Sound.	6.30 pm.	9.30 pm.	.....
Winnipeg	5.00 pm.	12.20 am.	.....
Ottawa	9.25 pm.	.....	.....

WANT SOME HYDRO POWER.

Deputation From Prince Edward County Waits on Sir Adam Beck Asking Electrical Energy.

Asking for 3000 horsepower in electrical energy from the Trenton hydro plant a deputation from Prince Edward County waited on Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Commission, yesterday and explained that because of the extensive canning industry, supplying about a third of the canned good produced in this province, the electricity was in strong demand. Picton, Wellington and Bloomfield were represented, the delegates being told that the matter would have to come before the Ontario Government before action could be taken.

VICTIM OF GAS.

Mrs. Ellen Cockerell, 205 George street, was found dead in her room last night from the effects of gas poisoning caused by the taps on a small gas stove in her room being left open. She had just put on her hat and coat to go out to the store when she collapsed on the floor. Her only son is in action in France. She was 55 years old. The body was removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be opened.

JURY HAD LITTLE EVIDENCE.

Owing to the lack of evidence, the jury enquiring into the death of a new-born male infant that was found on the Toronto-to-Sudbury train on Jan. 21, was unable to give a straight verdict. It was pointed out, however, that it was a case of murder by persons unknown. Coroner Breslin conducted the inquest.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

George Campbell, 93 Carlton street, was arrested last night by Detective Koster of West Dundas Street Station on a charge of the theft of a watch and $12 from a locker in the Y.M.C.A. Campbell is alleged to have opened the locker and removed the money and watch, while the owner was in the swimming tank. He will appear in the police court this morning.

GOOD TEMPLARS' CONCERT.

Hope of Earlscourt Lodge Holds Successful Social Entertainment.

Under the auspices of the I. O. G. T., Hope of Earlscourt Lodge, a concert and social entertainment was held last evening in Loblaw's Hall, corner of Ascot and Earlscourt avenues. Chief Templar J. Black presided and the following artists contributed to an excellent program: Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. J. McKee, Phillis Marr and William Marr. Mrs. Phillis Marr was given a gold medal for proficiency in Scottish dancing. The presentation was made by Peter Anderson, and Tom Brown was given a gold watch fob by Past District Chief Templar James Brunton, in honor of his 21st anniversary as a member of the Good Templar order.

ALD. S. RYDING ILL.

Alderman Sam Ryding, has thru illness been unable to make his usual daily appearance at the city hall. The alderman has been confined to his home for the past week.

PRESENTS REPORT ON BURWASH FARM

Judge Coatsworth Has Little Criticism of Methods in Vogue There.

Judge Coatsworth, acting as a commissioner in the Industrial Farm investigation, Burwash, reviews the situation of the various camps and the events which led up to the investigation, making some recommendations, in his report as made public yesterday by Hon. W. D. McPherson, provincial secretary. After citing the locality of the farm and giving in detail the lay-out of the buildings, he says the prisoners may be divided into three classes: 25 per cent. active, cheerful and optimistic; 60 per cent. quiet, steady going, and reasonably contented, and the remaining number restless, and dissatisfied under any conditions of restraint.

He explains that he addressed the men publicly and asked for evidence, making the enquiry as wide as possible and as free. The administration appeared to him to be satisfactory. Complaints from many of the prisoners are characterized as incidental to pioneer life. What has been accomplished in three years is proof of good management, he says. There is not the prison atmosphere, and, in his belief, there has not been too severe measures used.

For the encouragement of manly discipline a scheme of rewards and punishments has been worked out. Punishment is usually given by taking off time earned and reducing the amount of pay. Several complaints were investigated, evidence taken and judgment given. In summing up the report, the commissioner says the institution is well designed and doing valuable reformative work, and upon completion it is expected will produce farm products, making the place self-supporting.

The superintendent is well qualified, the report states, and discharges his duties well, the great bulk of the testimony being commendatory of both the superintendent and the members of his staff. In matters of discipline the prisoners are treated fairly and when punitive measures had to be resorted to they were in the best interests of the men. The successful conduct of such an institution can not be carried out with final resort to reasonable corporal punishment, it is stated.

The food provided is good and wholesome, and proper assistance has been given the institution by the department in charge. The complaints which did have foundation did not originate in any way out of the policy of the institution, but were partly the result of pioneer development and chiefly owing to the uncontrollable war conditions.

ENEMY KEEPS UP RAIDS AGAINST ITALIAN CITIES

Allies Retaliate With Bombardments Against Austrian Objectives.

Rome, Feb. 6.—Hostile airplanes continue to carry out raids against Venice, Mestre and Treviso. These cities were again bombed last night, according to the official statement from Italian headquarters, but there were no casualties. The text of the official statement reads:

"Our patrols showed remarkable activity in capturing prisoners. There has been increased artillery action around the Brenta and along the Piave.

"Lively aerial activity has been displayed along the whole front. Yesterday our own and British bombing squadrons attacked with good effect enemy troops in the vicinity of Primolano and the aviation ground at St. Giacomo di Veglia. A large fire was caused by our airships in the ammunition stores at Saint Ino di Livenza. Five hostile machines were brought down, two by our aviators and three by British aviators.

"Venice, Mestre and Treviso were bombarded again yesterday after sunset, neither casualties nor damage resulting."

STILL TALKING TAX RATE.

City hall gossips are still busy fixing the 1918 tax rate. An announcement made yesterday that expenditures for war purposes would amount to about 6½ mills on the rate caused a number of them to state that the rate could not be struck lower than 30 mills, but 28 and 28½ mills on the dollar are the figures most freely mentioned.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The British steamer Tuscania, carrying 2179 American troops to the front, was hit by a torpedo from a German submarine and sank off the north coast of Ireland. The ship was both armed and convoyed, so she must have run into a regular fleet of submarines. At an early hour this morning all but 257 of the troops had landed at two Ulster coast points, showing remarkably efficient rescue work. This is the first occasion that a submarine attack against an American transport filled with soldiers has succeeded. The Tuscania was sailing by the northern route, and the enemy had evidently received intelligence of this movement. Only a short time ago a British passenger ship encountered a submarine on this route and was sunk.

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A French aerial squadron flew over Saarbruck, in Germany, dropped about four tons of bombs, and gave battle to several groups of German airplanes, destroying three. The French craft returned to their lines intact. The allies are waging most aggressive and successful war against German aircraft, destroying 15 to 25 every day. The Germans are said to have 2500 machines in service, so their casualties are rather large. It is probable that they are sacrificing many of their machines in attempted scouting over the rear of the allies. Altho the enemy is moving large forces to the western front, the allies are moving larger forces to confront these and to maintain their numerical superiority.

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Ostend has had its shipyards and dockyards damaged again by a British naval bombardment, according to news sent from the Dutch frontier. The first stages of the spring break-up continue to immobilize the British army, except for raiding operations. The American forces are exchanging gunfire at a lively rate with the Germans. Altho the enemy has liberally dosed the Americans with shell fire, his bombardments are causing remarkably light casualties. The Americans show themselves adepts at taking to cover. The French front has its general monotonous routine broken by an occasional raid. The Italian front presents few features beyond the daily enemy air raids against towns on the Venetian plains, and Italian counter-battery work and shelling of Austrian communications.

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The first result of the conferences of the central powers and their subject states in Berlin appears to be the decision to hurry on the peace negotiations with the Ukraine. The enemy appears to have heard news that is causing him to attempt a settlement with a sham government. He will then probably offer to support the Ukraine Socialists with German troops to oppose armed opposition to them and to the peace. In this manner he could hope to secure the benefits of a virtual occupation of the Ukraine territory. He also expects to make a bargain with the Rumanians after dragging the Ukraine into his net.

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In Finland the civil war continues against the social revolutionaries. These forces of anarchy have lost Uleaborg, the chief northern military depot of the country, to a two-days' attack by government troops and their detachments are scattering, some even fleeing to Sweden. The success will probably give the Finnish Government control of northern Finland and the Gulf of Bothnia.