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COL. PONTON IN PETERBOROUGH

"Universal National Service" is Better Name Than "Conscription."

PRAISE FOR ADDRESS.

Plea to Peterborough Audience for a Civic Movement to Fill Ranks of 247th Battalion

The Peterborough press devote much attention to the address of Lt. Col. W. N. Ponton at a recruiting meeting in that city on Sunday night. The Examiner says in part as follows:

"Universal national service" is the name that Col. Ponton of Belleville would substitute for the word "conscription." At a recruiting meeting held in the Armouries last evening, Col. Ponton expressed the opinion that hundreds of young men would willingly enter the ranks if universal national service was instituted throughout the Dominion. "Somebody spoke of conscription," said Col. Ponton. "I do not like that word. A rose, by any other name, would smell just as sweet. I would rather call it universal national service. The existing voluntary system is unjust and inequitable. (Applause.)

"I don't see enough young men here," said Col. Ponton. "This is a good meeting, but where are the young men. You who are here to-night can go out and be good missionaries in a citizenship movement to get behind the Peterborough Battalion. I hope your City Council will take it up, also the Board of Education. In Belleville, the Board of Education served not only the eligible young men on the teaching staff to the effect that their services would be more appreciated in the ranks.

"I would rather be a dead soldier with the assurance of immortality than a dead citizen," said Col. Ponton. "I do not ask you to send your sons to go to the front, but you send them to go and live. Look up to heaven's canopy and say—glad to live and not afraid to die. There are some men in Peterborough as well as in Belleville, who can be found in the poolrooms. There were a hundred of them in there Saturday night.

Good Judgment

The need of exercising good judgment in the matter of determining who should enlist was emphasized in a little story told by the speaker concerning a man in an Old Country town who one day was publicly humiliated by a representation of girls who undertook to present their victim with a white feather. The girls were astonished to discover that the man wore on his breast under his coat a Victoria Cross, which he had earned some time prior to the occasion referred to.

The Daily Review says:

Col. Ponton

Col. Ponton of Belleville, president of the Veterans' Association, and who has three sons in khaki, was given a warm reception. He referred to his personal knowledge of the officers of the 247th Battalion. Col. Ackerman, Major O'Flynn—who had all come from the Bay of Quinte, Peterborough had sent many men to fight in France for the Empire, and he also gave great praise to Major Canon Davidson, who is now in France.

He then started in for an appeal for more men by appealing to the better side of the women-folk. He remarked that there was a very small percentage of Peterborough's eligible 1,400 men present and asked the ladies to convey the message to them. It was great to be in the British brotherhood of soldiers. The speaker would rather be a dead soldier than a dead citizen. The great majority of the men who go to the front will return home and who would miss the welcome home! Just think of the march through London. This was the year of victory and when the boys come home the shirkers will find that they are undesirable in Canada.

A Novel Proposition

The speaker appealed to Peterborough to send some maple trees to England to be planted in hospital grounds and other places. Belleville had done so. He also suggested that the Council and Board of Education here close one of the large schools and turn it into a hospital for wounded soldiers. Belleville had

done this. The school hours could be shortened and the scholars divided around.

The Review said editorially:

But the meeting at the Armouries last night will not be lacking in results. The appeal made to the women by Dr. Edwards and Col. Ponton will have its effect. Mothers, sisters and sweethearts were shown their duty, how they can exert their influence to get their sons, brothers and friends into uniforms. In this way the women of Peterborough can render the Empire valuable service. Let the slacker be shown his duty and put in his place. If he refuses to fight, let him be ostracized in social circles.

One feature of last night's meeting was the vociferous applause that greeted any reference to the possibility of conscription, or as Col. Ponton so aptly put it, universal national service. The sentiment of the hundreds present was unanimously in favor of it. Dr. Edwards is a member of the Dominion Parliament, one of the foremost men on his side of the House, and he can meet his colleagues in a few days with the message that in Peterborough, where so much has already been done, from where so many brave men have been sent to the trenches, the people are not satisfied even with what has been accomplished, but would have the Government step in and draft, if necessary, the last available man.

Dr. Edwards and Col. Ponton put the case clearly before their auditors. If their eloquence fails to fill the ranks of the 247th Battalion, then the time for orations is past and drastic measures are required.

BANQUET FOR 235TH STAFF

Capt. Meath, James and McLean Gave Fine Spread at Quinte Last Night.

A splendid banquet was given at the Quinte Hotel last evening by Capt. Meath and James, and McLean, of the 235th battalion to staffs of their departments. The boys lined up to the number of twenty-five at the headquarters office, and marched to the Quinte where they did ample justice to a well served meal. The toast of the evening was "The King," proposed by Captain Meath; "The Officers of the 235th Battalion" proposed by Quartermaster Sergt. Ince, and "The boys who help us keep our jobs," proposed by Capt. Meath. The fun grew as the evening lengthened and songs and speeches were the order of the evening. Great fun was caused by the excellent elocutions rendered by Captains Meath and McLean. The comradeship noticed between officers and men augurs well for the future, and many of the men made silent avowals that they would willingly pass through hell if need be for such officers. The evening concluded with "God Save the King" sung as only the soldiers can sing it.

COL. ADAMS OF 155th IS AT THE FRONT

The sergeants of the 254th will give a dance on Jan. 19th in Johnston's academy.

A series of short instructional lectures will be delivered to N.C.O.'s of the 254th daily by the adjutant, Captain Sandford. The subjects for discussion will be the duties of a N.C.O. while recruiting, while in barracks, in camp, on the march and in the field.

A card has been received from Col. Adams of the 155th, dated Dec. 24th. It reads "Somewhere in France. At the front at last."

Lt. Ernest Geen has been transferred from the 21st battalion to the 254th and has reported for duty.

Col. Allen and recruiting staff with the band is at Maynooth today rounding up recruits.

A silver cup has been presented by Mayor Hughes of Kingston for the units in the third division securing the largest number of recruits from Jan. 1st to April 30th. The cup will become the property of the winning unit and the number of recruits. Only real recruits will be counted.

DIES ON LEAVING CHURCH.

Sudden Call to Aged Farmer at Tamworth.

Tamworth, Jan. 8.—John Crawford, a farmer, seventy-six years of age, died suddenly from heart failure yesterday while leaving church.

GERMAN SUBMARINE ACTIVITY AND PROBABLE ATTEMPT BY FOE FLEETS

Food Blockade May Cause Huns to Endeavor to Break British Blockade --Nighi Quiet on West Front--Greeks Satisfied With Allies' Guarantees--Chancellor Prepares a New Note Outlining Peace Terms.

QUIET NIGHT ON WEST FRONT.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—The French War Office reports a quiet night on the west front.

ALLIES' ULTIMATUM ACCEPTABLE.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—A despatch from Athens says it is announced that the guarantees of the Allies against an extension of the revolution under Venizelos are satisfactory to the Greek government and that consequently the allies' ultimatum will be accepted.

HOLLWEG ON NEW NOTE OUTLINING TERMS.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—A despatch from Inganno declares that the German Chancellor is now at work on a new note which will outline the peace terms acceptable to Germany.

GREECE CANNOT DELAY DECISION.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Confirmation of the statement that the entente allies have presented an ultimatum, expiring in 48 hours, to the Greek Government is contained in a despatch from Piraeus.

The note, drawn up by France, Great Britain and Russia on Dec. 31, includes a request by the entente powers that the Greek government fulfil at the earliest possible moment the agreement of Dec. 14, regarding the transfer of Greek troops from Thessaly.

The entente allies presented to the Greek government on Dec. 14 a demand that all Greek troops be withdrawn from Thessaly, and that only a certain number of soldiers be concentrated in Peloponnesus.

An Athens despatch under yesterday's date says: "The ultimatum of the entente powers after making its demands on Greece, gives Greece guarantees against any extension of the revolutionary movement."

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET STRIKING MANY SNAGS.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—A despatch to The Tageblatt from Vienna says the Austrian cabinet headed by Count Clam-Martino, which it had been expected would be able to solve most of the existing problems, appears to be striking snags, which day by day grow more difficult to overcome. The Czech parties have suddenly ceased to demonstrate the conciliatory and obliging attitude of confidence which had been expected of them, and which was counted upon materially to help in the settling of many problems.

The Christian Socialists also, says The Tageblatt correspondent, are biding absolutely aloof and refuse to commit themselves to the government. According to the correspondent it has now developed that the Germans in the cabinet joined it only under condition that "the government supply the requisites for parliamentary rule," which has not yet been the case.

Finally, says the correspondent, the solution of the Galician problem which seemed easy, has become extremely difficult, and the government also finds itself confronted with doubts about the wisdom of the Ausgleich (trade agreement) with Hungary, as framed. Thus far, nevertheless, the government still hopes to find a way out of its difficulties.

RUSSIANS TAKE STAND ON NEW RUMANIAN LINE.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—A new defensive line has been occupied by the Russian and Rumanian troops, who have fallen back without hindrance to fresh positions along the line of the Putna and Sereth Rivers in northwestern Rumania, according to the Petrograd official communication. The Russians also beat off the attacks of the sea on a sector south of the Oltau River in an engagement of considerable magnitude. The Rumanians under a heavy attack slightly yielded ground four miles west of Monastir-Kachinul, on the River Kasino, while they repulsed all the attacks of the Teptons in the Rekoza region on the River Suchitza.

Thus the allies have held their ground in all but two sectors, in one of which they were slightly pressed back and in the other they fell back without molestation. Their defensive has assumed a new aspect in that it is being flexibly maintained in the valleys of Moldavia. A tenacious defence of the valleys leading from the Berezek Mountains to the Moldavian plain is being offered by the Russians and Rumanians.

The fighting is in most places in the nature of a close struggle in which every foot of the way is being contested. This is admitted by the enemy, and he also speaks of the fighting as being conducted in unfavorable weather and on difficult ground.

The Germans claim that in the Carpathians they have captured strongly constructed positions on both sides of the Kasino and Suchitza Valleys. These were protected by barbed-wire defenses, and the fighting for their possession was hand-to-hand and desperate.

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DEFENDS DELIVERY OF U.S. MUNITIONS

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—The delivery of American ammunition to the belligerents is defended by The Lokal Anzeiger in a half-column article published in connection with its comments upon the sentiments voiced by Ambassador Gerard at the dinner given to him by the American Association of Commerce and Trade. The paper says it has the greatest satisfaction concerning Mr. Gerard's utterances, but some doubt as to the finish diplomacy of some parts of his address. It takes decided issue with that portion of the press which has been more or less savagely criticizing him and the whole idea of giving the banquet in his honor.

GERMANS LOSE DWINA ISLAND IN BIG FIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Heavy battles are proceeding on the northern Russian front, south of Riga, and extending almost as far as Dyvinsk, over a considerable stretch of territory with results quite favorable for the Russians, according to news from Petrograd today.

The engagements north of Dyvinsk resulted in the recapture of an island in the Dwina River east of Glaudon. The Russians began their operation by artillery preparation, and when they attacked the foe they acted so suddenly that the German curtain of fire came too late and German troops stationed on the island began to flee, and they were caught by Russian shrapnel fire from sectors on each side of the sector from which the onset was launched.

Nearer Riga the Germans failed in an attempted counter-attack against the positions captured by the Russians in the previous fighting. This assault was prepared for by protracted artillery firing against the Russian positions about Kalnzeng Village, but when the German soldiers emerged from their trenches, they were caught by the Russian barrage and thrown back.

On Dec. 24th the death occurred in St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit of Michael Williams, third son of Mrs. Ann Williams of Read, where a requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McCarthy, after which his remains were placed in the vault to await interment. R.I.P.

SURPRISE AND PRESENTATION

Mr. Anthony Herity of Moira Presented With Gold Watch by His Friends.

Seldom indeed do surprise parties attain to the proportions of that which greeted Mr. Anthony Herity at Moira on Monday night. No dwelling-house in the town was large enough to accommodate all who desired to attend and therefore the A.O.U.W. hall was engaged. This was crowded to capacity and a number were compelled to remain standing throughout the ceremony.

Mr. Herity has completed forty-one years of continuous service as maker for the Moira Cheese Manufacturing Company, a record that is probably without parallel in the province of Ontario. It was here he learned his trade and here he continued until his resignation at the close of the past season. In all those years the company has not suffered a dollar of loss on account of goods not up to standard, and there is no doubt that the exceptionally high reputation won by cheese from the Belleville district was in no small measure due to the high-class products always put on the market by the Moira factory.

It was in recognition of these facts and of Mr. Herity's unique and successful record that so large a gathering assembled on Monday night.

Mr. Walker Sayers, president and salesman for the company, very ably filled the chair and took charge of the program. Mr. Herity was called to the platform and Mr. Blake Ketchum, secretary of the company read the following address:

To Mr. A. Herity,— We, your many friends and neighbors, are gathered together tonight on a very unique occasion in that we are not here to bid you good-bye as is so often the reason for such gatherings. We are here in behalf of your many friends who are patrons and stockholders of the Moira Cheese Manufacturing Company.

We look upon you as one of the pioneer cheesemakers of this country and to be called a pioneer means a great deal; and especially if it is in a capacity whose object is the betterment of our national resources and the benefit of humanity.

We know that during your forty years of stay in this community that it has been one marked with many incidents to which we can all look back with pleasure and profit, although we know that life's highway is not all pleasant travelling. We must have our obstacles and trials to make us better and nobler creatures. And in this connection we are reminded of Kipling's poems where he says,—

"No easy hopes or lies shall bring us to our goal.
But iron sacrifice of body, will and soul
There's but one task for all
One life for each to give
Who stands for Freedom fall?
Who dies if England live?"

There are very few here tonight no doubt who remember when you first came into our locality but all of us will have many memories of your latter years with us, and what better testimony can we have about those years as we are closing our career that we have left footprints on the sands of time.

We all have pleasant memories of the many enjoyable hours that we have spent in your home which has by the hand of fate been so recently robbed of its sunshine and happiness. Yet we believe that you can voice the sentiments of Ella Wheeler Wilcox, when she wrote these words:

"It seemeth such a little way to me,
Across to that strange country—
The Beyond;
And yet not strange for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond—
They make it seem familiar and most dear
As journeying friends bring distant regions near."

We are here tonight not to bid you farewell but simply to say that we wish you many happy years yet in our town, and ask you to accept this watch as a slight token of our esteem for your services in this community and hope that as you look upon its shining face that your face shall be lighted up by the inward truth that you have many true friends at

Moira. Signed in behalf of the Moira Cheese Manufacturing Co. Walker Sayers, Blake Ketchum, President, Secretary.

The recipient was taken completely by surprise but he managed to express a few words of gratitude on account of the unexpected manifestation of good will.

Mr. Joseph Englab, for 207 years of the township was then called upon and he very eloquently and appropriately dwelt upon the importance of the cheese industry in building up the community and the debt they owed to Mr. Herity who had always furnished the exporters with the goods that brought special selection prices.

The balance of the program was given up to impromptu addresses by a number of ladies and gentlemen present and followed by a number of talented young musicians in the community.

Mr. Wallace Batley, a trained and talented vocalist of much ability sang several patriotic and humorous selections to the great enjoyment of all. Mrs. Fred Haight, who is the possessor of a beautiful contralto voice, gave a very pleasing number. Mrs. Howard Connor, in her sweet soprano gave a delightful rendition to another solo. Miss Helen Hudgins, who is now pursuing a course of study at Toronto, gave a number well suited to her rich, full-voiced soprano. Mr. Carman Foster, a promising young vocalist, also greatly pleased the audience with his selection, Miss Evelyn Salebury acted as accompanist for the evening. The proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour by the singing of "God Save the King."

TRENTON HAS A RED CROSS

Trenton is holding a Red Cross Day under the auspices of the Governor Simco Chapter, I.O.G.E. Concerts will be given on Thursday and Friday evenings and Friday and Saturday matinees will be held. This scheme to raise \$3,000 in Trenton has been arranged by the Gaylord Company, who will meet all expenses. Already \$1,500 is in sight. Bellevillians might go up for the matinee.

WHY TRAIN WAS LATE

The G.T.R. train due to arrive here last night at 9.25 arrived at four o'clock this morning. A rear-end collision of freights caused a blockade of the lines above Bowmanville. There was considerable damage to the freights and a carload of shells was spilled so that the contents looked like the crop of a battlefield.

\$100,000 FIRE IN MONTREAL.

QUEBEC, Jan. 10.—Fire broke out this morning in the crockery store of Renaud and Co., St. Paul St. and gutted the building and the adjoining premises of A. J. Turcotte, wine dealers and the warehouse and offices of the Frost & Wood Co. farm implements and damaged the premises of the Mechanics Supply Co. total loss approximately \$100,000 insured.

PRINCESS LOUISE PLACED UNDER GUARDIAN.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 10.—Princess Louise of Belgium, according to information received has been put under a guardian at the instigation of Archduke Ernst Gunther of Schleswig-Holstein, a brother-in-law of the German Emperor.

Princess Louise is the oldest daughter of the late King Leopold and the divorced wife of Prince Philip of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha.

CAPT. RUSTON GETS OFFICE

Will Be Treasury Officer for the City of Belleville

Capt. T. D. Ruston, Children's Aid Agent, has been appointed by the Police Commissioners to be the treasury officer of the city succeeding the former officer, Inspector R. C. Arnold.

E. J. CARVER IS KILLED.

Met His Death When Load of Hay Upset.

Edward F. Carver, son of H. M. Carver of Caledonia was killed yesterday when a load of hay upset while Mr. Carver was on his way to town. The full particulars of the accident were not given in the telegram which was received by Mr. Harry Carver, Charlotte street, who is a cousin of the deceased. Harry Carver will leave in the morning to attend the funeral.