

PRUNING KNIFE ABLY WIELDED

More Than Hundred Thousand Dollars Lopped From Hamilton Works Budget.

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Feb. 18.—The pruning knife was wielded today on the works department estimates, morning and afternoon sessions of the board of control being held. They were satisfactory sessions, too. The controllers let it be known that a total of more than \$100,000 had been lopped off. This chops better than one mill from the new rate. The revenue-producing value of a mill is \$91,000.

To Release Halifax Men. In order last 1000 A category men now on guard at Halifax may be released for overseas service local military authorities, acting under instructions from Major-General Logie, will sign on a like number of B and C men to take their places.

First Pleasureless Day. Hamilton's first "pleasureless" day was enforced here today, and as a result the theatres, skating rinks, dance halls, billiard parlors and bowling alleys had their doors closed tight. There was one exception and that was the Savoy Theatre. The fact that it shows burlesque gives the owners the option of closing either on Monday or Tuesday. The Grand Opera House, like under the same category, was closed.

Conference on Show. At a conference of members of the city council, board of trade and about sixty representative citizens, held in the city council chambers this evening, hearty endorsement was given the board of trade suggestion that an international live stock show be established here with an arena site on the Grand Trunk spur line, Wellington and Burlington streets, on which an option has been secured.

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NEGRO HAD MANY DIAMONDS.

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 18.—A negro arrested on suspicion here on Sunday, is suspected of complicity in the robbery of Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes of New York on a sleeping car last October. He had on him \$44 diamonds valued at more than \$15,000. Mrs. Stokes, wife of the financier, lost jewels worth more than \$40,000.

FACTORY MAKES EXTENSION.

The Alexander Beavers Co. of Mount Dennis is making extensive additions to its plant. This building in its original state was used by the Mount Dennis Baptist Church, which was sold to Mr. Beavers for a jam factory, and for three years the place has been used for its old state, but is now being renovated to the appearance of a regular factory.

FLEUR DE LIS CLUB MEETS.

Members of the Fleur de Lis Club of Weston met last night at the home of Miss Elsie Cousins, and engaged in their usual patriotic work.

DEATHS.

LANDY.—At her home, 37 Huron street, on Monday, Feb. 18, 1918, Grace, beloved daughter of Mrs. H. M. Landy and the late J. J. Landy. Funeral notice later.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The Germans, who denounced the armistice with the Bolsheviks on Sunday, also its provisions required seven days' notice, at once broke faith and began advances on Monday against Dvinsk on the Dvina, and Kovel, south of the Pripiet River. The enemy has already crossed the Dvina. This breach of military faith puts the enemy outside the pale of negotiation or any armistice or convention. The enemy aims at occupying Reval and probably after Reval, Petrograd. He has a foodless country to traverse and he lengthens his communications and imposes a big drain upon his resources. The Bolsheviks are meanwhile taking strong action against the German nobles of Estonia for inviting German intervention. The resisting power of the Bolshevik forces is unknown. The advance against Kovel is designed to support the Ukrainians.

The central powers have reached an agreement whereby Germany is to confine her operations against the frontiers of the Great Russians, and Austria is to confine her operations against the frontiers of the Ukraine, or Little Russians. The report of a breach between Austria and Germany over the Russian invasion is simply eyewash. The Austrian Government is entirely under the thumb of the German Government. The stories of Bolshevik atrocities, it seems, are German-made and German propaganda. They are designed to foster an opinion in Germany and among neutrals favorable to carrying the German arms into Russia.

The news that also many of the Russian soldiers have gone home, five to ten millions still remain under arms, shows that with leadership the Russians are capable of offering formidable resistance to the German invasion. The attack, after the failure of the peace negotiations, and the breach of the armistice, is bound to arouse the utmost animosity; and if the Bolsheviks retain control of the army organization they can, by withdrawing and concentrating their forces far in the rear, ultimately envelop and destroy the Germans. The enemy knows this as well as anybody, so he must have large forces established in the east, and the stories of big reinforcements in the western theatre of the war may be largely mythical. The

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

VACANT LOT GARDENING NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

Danforth Avenue Ratepayers' Association Will Hold Mass Meeting to Arouse Interest.

President L. A. Hutchinson of the Danforth Avenue Ratepayers' Association is securing a list of all the vacant lots available for vegetable garden purposes in the district. Last season a fairly comprehensive vacant lot gardening campaign was successfully conducted in which lots, on streets, right up to the boulevards, were utilized. In view of the expected more urgent need for such efforts this year the Danforth Avenue Ratepayers' Association will hold a public mass meeting at an early date to arouse general interest in the movement.

EARLSCOURT FAMILY SUFFERS FROM COLD

Whole Household Reported to Be Ill Because of Lack of Heat in the House.

The coal situation is still very acute in the Earlscourt section of the city. Sgt.-Major Gustar reported the case of a soldier's wife on Royce avenue. This woman has three children. The husband is in France and the entire family in Earlscourt is ill, due mostly to the severity of the recent cold spells. Her case was reported on Thursday; on Saturday one of the little ones died, for the reason that the family had been unable to get any coal in the house for weeks. The trouble, said the secretary, was not so much one of lack of coal, as lack of wagons and other means of getting the coal up to the homes. Express companies were chary of making the trips up with the black diamonds because of the condition of the roads. He knew of one veteran who owned a lorry and had done what he could to relieve the situation. A little while ago the axle of one of his wheels broke. It cost him \$17 to get that break fixed.

FLYERS IN LIVELY BOUT AT LEISIDE

The first of a series of boxing tournaments inaugurated by the North Toronto branch of the Royal Flying Corps, of which Lieut. E. Gayton is president, was staged last night at the recreation room, Leaside Barracks, by permission of Major J. S. Scott, C.O. In the featherweight class Logan won on points over W. Jones. In the middleweight section, Corp. Donnelly had the better of Spider. Corp. Booth and Stafford provided another lively roll to this class. Boutet and Watkins boxed a draw. In the heavyweight class McDonald proved no match for Green. McBride beat his man, McKenzie, on points.

Two exhibition bouts by featherweights. Capt. Sumnerhall v. Houle and Harvey v. Palmer. Capt. Sumnerhall is an old-time boxer and had his man guessing all the time. The referee, Capt. McLean, referred. The judges were Second Lieut. Blackie and J. E. Scott, M.C.C. Sergeant, Sgt. McMullan, L.-Sergt. Marshall.

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WHOLE COMPANY OFFER TREAT TO SOLDIERS

Artists at Shea's Give Performance at Daviville Hospital.

Heatless days have brought a new joy into the lives of the patients at Daviville Orthopedic Hospital. They will now be able to enjoy, perhaps each week, certainly at short intervals, an entertainment by members of local theatrical companies, having a night off because of the fuel controller's order.

Jerry Shea of Shea's Theatre set the fashion last night when he sent up to the hospital, under the auspices of the Sportsmen's Association, the entire company booked at the vaudeville house this week, including Madame Doree and her grand opera celebrities, the Lightner Sisters, the Greater City Troupe, McLeod and Carp, Kitchner, Hawkesley and McCloy, Arthur Madden and others.

Mr. Shea's company was also on hand Sunday and a two-hour programme presented to perhaps the most appreciative audience that ever the various artists have met. Next week Mr. Shea and the sportsmen are preparing to give a similar entertainment at Whiteby Hospital.

Major Chubb addressed the 400 patients and their friends, and Secretary Turley of the Great War Veterans also spoke briefly.

PTE. GEORGE RUSS RETURNS FROM FRONT

Says He is "Fit as a Fiddle" and Tells Interesting Story of Trench Life.

"I feel as fit as a fiddle," said Pte. George Russ, 1st C.M.B., C.E.F., 269 Boon Avenue, Earlscourt, one of the batch of Earlscourt men who returned from France on Sunday night.

Pte. Russ, who served in the front eleven months in the battle zone, was blown up in a shell explosion at the Somme, and buried under a most miraculous escape from death, and passed through a hospital in England before being pronounced convalescent, and returned home.

He has a complaint from anyone regarding the food, of which he got a plentiful supply, and the ration of run which is set in the trenches is a real life-saver," said Pte. Russ. "When mud and water there is as thick as your clothes," said the speaker, "and the sun keeps the cold out and the body cannot be avoided, it is decidedly unpleasant until a change of clothing is procured."

BUFFERS AND POLISHERS WILL CONTINUE STRIKE

Amalgamated Unions Declined Yesterday Afternoon to Stop Work Against Company.

At a meeting of the Amalgamated Unions of the Buffers, Polishers, Tool-makers and Machinists, held in St. James Hall, West Toronto, yesterday afternoon, which was attended by the strikers of the Canada Cycle and Motor Co., Limited, of Weston, the men unanimously in standing by Paul Charbonneau, who made the statement at a previous meeting that the strike would continue until the firm restored the old rates of pay.

FIVE WEEKS WITHOUT COAL, ONE MAN'S STORY

Urgent Need is as Great as Ever in Earlscourt and Fairbank Districts.

"The urgent need of coal is as great as ever," said a member of the committee of Earlscourt yesterday, "and we are being fairly besieged with applications for coal, both day and night, at the Leaside Coal Company, who have been asked to relieve between ten and fifteen families a day with some time past, but this is only a temporary measure, and the need is ever increasing. Owing to the long, steady, cold weather the people in one instance of a large coal cellar at North Earlscourt was without coal for five days, and a few days ago a few father pulled home on a handcart. At between two and three hundred bags of coal are handed out almost daily to people who crowd the yard with their carts and all kinds of receptacles," he said.

CHOIR HAS OUTING.

The members of St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church choir had a delightful outing last night, when to the number of between 15 and 20 they visited the home of the former organist, Mrs. William O'Sullivan, at O'Sullivan's Camera in York Township. The party went up to the house, where they were met by a driver with a team and an old-fashioned sleigh and they were taken to the home of Mrs. O'Sullivan, where they were in charge, delivered an address. R. T. Tucker, president, was chairman.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S CLUB.

In the Epitome Presbyterian Men's Club, rather than a meeting with the members of the club, and the necessary individual following the Perseus of the War. There was a most interesting and useful evening meeting in the course of which many helpful suggestions were thrown out. The chair was occupied by Norman Lambert.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

Last night's meeting of the A. Y. P. A. at St. John's Anglican Church, held in the parish house, was of a devotional character, it being the first meeting of this nature since the departure of the Rev. R. M. White and Steve King. There was a good attendance.

SPEAKER COULDN'T ATTEND.

Yesterday afternoon at the monthly meeting of the W.C.T.U., which met in the parlors of the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, thru the enforced absence of Mrs. Brownlee, who was to have addressed the meeting, the work of the



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Wilfred Glenn, Bass— "Down Deep Within the Cellar," "Monarch of the Woods." 17226
Florence Hinkle, Soprano— "Oh, That We Two Were Maying." 45084
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at-home given by the Women's Federated Club of Weston, this association has adopted Corp. R. Blackburn, a Canadian, who is a prisoner in Germany. The Red Cross Society the club will take care of this soldier for nine months. Word has been received that Corp. Givde, who was a prisoner being cared for by the women of Weston, has escaped.

WESTON LODGE MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of Weston Lodge, I.O.O.F., was held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Church street, last night, there being a large attendance.

PACK FIFTEEN BOXES.

A few days ago the women of the Daviville Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Harry Flumb, Epitome avenue, and packed 15 boxes, which were sent to the boys from the church now overseas.

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