

SERGT. J. RAWLINGS' HAND SHATTERED BY BURSTING DETONATOR

Explosion Occurs While Sawing Off the End at Instruction School.

Serjt. Jack Rawlings, late 1st Battalion, who has been acting as instructor of the school of sawing off the end of the old building under Lieut. W. Cooke, was seriously injured at 10:15 o'clock this morning when a detonator which he was working on exploded.

Serjt. Rawlings, who is also acting secretary of The Returned Soldiers' Association, was saving the end of a detonator when the teeth of the saw apparently came in contact with the fuse. It exploded in his hand, with the result that the thumb and three fingers of the left hand and part of the hand itself were so badly lacerated that it is expected he will lose them.

The accident is described as being a most unusual one, and the first to occur locally. It occurred in the old club-house on Carlton street. Rawlings was rushed to the military hospital, where the hand was immediately dressed. Fragments of the brass detonator also entered the leg, but these can be easily removed.

The officials of the Returned Soldiers' Association have been remarkably fortunate of late. President W. Williams, Secretary Alex Ritchie, and President W. Mitchell are all in the hospital, suffering from accidents or recurrence of trouble from their old wounds.

CONTROLLERS APPROVE BUT DOUBT LEGALITY

Reports of committees occupied most of the time at a meeting of the board of control today. The claim of the Imperial Bank for the award made to Gooton in the L. and P. S. R. arbitration proceedings was received and referred to the city solicitor.

A communication was received from the Standard Paving Company, asking that the paving contracts between it and the city be carried into effect next year. Twelve thousand yards remain to be done at Arden Place and on Bathurst street, Beaufort street, and Wellington street. Although the board approved of the idea the members were doubtful as to the legality of the measure, and the city solicitor will be consulted to determine whether the council can extend the contract without varying the other conditions. City Engineer Brainer's report on work done under the local improvement act was received and will be printed.

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NEWS

TWO NEW RECRUITS.—Ernest St. Martin from Flint, Mich., and I. D. McMillan of Windsor, are the two latest recruits for the Engineers. It is expected that another draft will be sent east before long.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.—The bazaar held in the Southern Congregational Church Wednesday afternoon and last evening, was largely attended, and the proceeds from the sale at the various booths will be turned over for the church fund.

OUT OF BOUNDS.—Camp orders today place that part of the premises at 261 Wellington street known as the Cullen dance hall, out of bounds to all troops of the district. It was necessary for the military police to visit this resort on two occasions lately.

IS KNOWN HERE.—Lieut. R. W. Pow, who was reported wounded on the left London with one of the first drafts sent out by the Special Service Company of the Engineers, has been seen in France for almost a year when hit by Major Bishop, C.R.C.E., speaks very highly of him.

BATTERY GAINING.—The 52nd Battery is gaining a few men. Six signed on in the first few days of the week. They were G. F. Wells of Exeter, Ontario, A. S. Kerrill of 339 Dufferin avenue, G. A. Benson of Windsor, late of the U. S. marines on the U. S. steamer Vermont; C. Ward of Windsor; Dan McAlister of Toronto, and J. Robinson of St. Marys, Ont.

NOVEMBER WEATHER REPORT.—The weather report for November shows the month 4 inches of snow, 1.66 inches of rain. The highest temperature was 67, on November 8, and the lowest, 12, on November 25. The total precipitation was 4.66 inches of snow (fall and 3.35 inches of rain. The highest temperature was 64, on November 8, and the lowest, 22, on November 19.

WOUNDED IN SHOULDER.—Sergeant Owen Roberts is officially reported admitted to St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital at Exeter, France, on November 23rd. A message received today from Ottawa by Mrs. Minnie G. Smith Roberts, 894 Dundas street, contains this information. Roberts, who is attached to the infantry, is suffering from a severe gunshot wound in the left shoulder.

REALIZED \$455.—The sale of work in St. George's school room, West London, was brought to a successful conclusion Thursday evening. The proceeds were large. The several booths were tastefully decorated, and the room presented a pleasing appearance. High tea was served from 5 to 7 o'clock. In connection with an interesting program was given by the young ladies of the parish. The total receipts for the two nights were \$455.

ENJOYABLE DANCE.—The second informal dance of the season was held in the dining-room of the McCormick Municipal Hotel last night. Fully 100 couples enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent with one-step, two-steps and waltzes on the excellent floor. Tony Vita Orchestra furnished the music. The first prize for waltzing was won by Pte. and Mrs. A. Paulkner, the second prize by Miss Alice Andrews and Pte. Wilson. The next informal dance will be held early in the new year.

EUCHE RE ENJOYED.—The Choral Society, which is a branch of the Catholic Club, entertained in St. Peter's Parish Hall on Thursday evening. The program was enjoyed by the progressive euche, while excellent music was furnished by the orchestra. The stage was tastefully decorated with apple trees and roses. The Catholic Club will continue its series of weekly "Allies" evenings next Thursday, when Canada's night will be held. The program will include Canadian songs and a short address on Canada.

TRANSFER TO ENGINEERS.—Three transfers have gone through recently from overseas units to the Engineers' Training Depot at St. Johns, Que. Pte. T. A. Reider, 11th Battalion; Pte. M. J. Simmons, 14th Battalion; and Pte. E. D. Wilson of the M. C. C. are the men, and on leaving for the eastern camp they stated that the transfer was asked for as they were anxious to get overseas as soon as possible, and there was no certainty that their old units would be sent until spring. The Engineers appear to be proving an attractive unit, as drafts are sent overseas each month.

Prizes Awarded Collegiate Pupils at Commencement

Hundreds Attend Exercises in Masonic Temple, Where Interesting and Novel Program Is Rendered—Second Year Girl Wins Ring For Essay.

Today is one of the red letter days of the year for the pupils of the London Collegiate Institute, who by hundreds, with teachers and friends, filled the Masonic Temple at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the annual commencement exercises.

Eager anticipation, as well as the happiness befitting the occasion, was written upon the faces of the young people, who came with their flying streamers of collegiate colors, their yells, and their stores of badinage ready for exchange.

Giving the opening address, Chairman A. E. Silverwood of the school board, referred in glowing terms to the splendid spirit of the school, the loyalty to the institution and the staff on the part of the pupils, the enthusiasm manifested for both work and play. This, the speaker considered, a great tribute to the personality and character as well as the efficiency of Principal J. P. Rogers and the teachers.

At such a time, continued Mr. Silverwood, it was natural for thoughts to turn to the ex-students of the school who are upholding its honor by active service for King and country in the great war. The teachers and students were, however, most kindly thought for the members of the school honor roll until commencement day.

For weeks this autumn an absorbing topic of interest at the college was the preparation of Christmas boxes for some 400 ex-students overseas or in training, all in fact whose names it was possible to obtain. Teachers and pupils showed in money, the girls knitting and all gave very practical assistance until the hundreds of boxes were sewn up tightly and ready to be posted.

A Grand Record. In conclusion, the speaker expressed his own gratification, the gratification of the school board, and the gratification which the citizens must feel over the general high standing of the London Collegiate Institute in comparison with other schools of the province. Reference was made to the large numbers who had passed the departmental examinations and congratulations extended especially to the winners of scholarships and prizes. In this connection it was worthy of particular note that a student of the London Collegiate, George H. W. Lucas, had captured the Edward Blake Scholarship in Science, valued at \$100, in the scholarship matriculation, and also ranked for the second scholarship in mathematics and science.

In connection with pupils of other schools in Middlesex County, the three Carter scholarships were carried off by three London Collegiate boys, Roy V. Sowers winning the first, valued at \$100; George H. W. Lucas the second, a \$60 scholarship, and Wm. J. Hodder the third, valued at \$40. Much interest centered in the presentation of prizes and diplomas by the donors and members of the board of education.

Surprise Awards. The presentation of prizes meant more than a pleasing form of the program. Associated with its anticipation was a certain measure of suspense owing to the fact that not until the time came when the names of the winners of the Thomas Gillespie diamond ring for the best essay written among the girls. The usual method of this year has been followed in determining the best writer. Essays were first written by girls of all forms. The best in each form was then chosen, and the second time around the girls were asked to write an essay on the theme "The Future of the Girl." The honor of winning the best prize has this year gone to a second year girl, Alice Darch, of form lower X. Miss Lorrain White, a third year girl in form middle IV, also received a prize, taking second prize.

William Hunter of lower X, a second year student was awarded the silver offered by the chairman of the board.

FINE MUSICAL PROGRAM AT ADELAIDE ST. CHURCH

Service of Praise One of Most Successful Yet Held.

One of the most successful services of praise in the history of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church took place Tuesday evening under the direction of Lesley, organist and choirmaster, He H. Roberts, organist and choirmaster, a large and appreciative audience listened to the presentation of Maunders' cantata, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace," which was rendered with intelligence and feeling, revealing the good judgment of the conductor, who had his chorists under exceptionally good control. The attacks and climax effects were excellent.

In addition, a couple of unaccompanied numbers were given, "Daybreak," by Gault and "Moonlight," by Eaton Fanning, the perfect blending of the voices being revealed in these. The choir gives promise of becoming one of the best musical organizations in the city.

Mrs. Llewellyn A. Koenigswald took the solo in the cantata, sustaining the enviable reputation she won as Miss Reid, soloist of Dundas Street Church, Methodist Church, previous to her marriage. Her clear, silvery voice was heard to good advantage and her interpretation of the solo numbers contributed to the success of the presentation.

J. Farnell Morris, tenor, was a great favorite with the audience. In good voice, he sang, "Mother O Mine," by Tours. The solo work of Ed. Wilmer, baritone, revealed an unusual fine voice.

A treat was afforded in the playing of Miss Florence Dewey, violinist, marked by splendid technique and rare sympathy in interpretation.

Miss Georgia Newbury, reader, had an enthusiastic reception. "The Legend Beautiful," an original story, which was accompanied, was given by her with striking dramatic effect.

Mrs. E. Adams and Leslie H. Roberts were the accompanists of the evening.

ILDERTON TO ENTERTAIN MANY RETURNED MEN

Party Going on Wednesday on Invitation of Red Cross Society.

Many returned men are expected to make the trip to Ilderton on Wednesday next, where they will be entertained by the Red Cross Society of that place. A banquet will be given to the men, followed by a concert in which a number of the returned soldiers will take part.

Addresses will be given by men back from the front, and music will be furnished by the Vanneck orchestra. A chorus of twenty voices will also assist. The proceeds of the concert will go to the benefit fund of the returned soldiers. The party will leave the rooms of the Returned Soldiers' Association, 280 Richmond street at 4 o'clock. The Soldiers' Aid Commission will be glad to receive offers of automobiles to take the party to Ilderton.

ALL SOLDIERS INVITED TO ATTEND DANCE GIVEN BY I. O. O. F. IN THEIR HONOR

Khaki Only Passport, But Way Is Made Easy for Civilians.

The evening of December 15th, with the co-operation of the headquarters staff and the officers and men in training in the city, every soldier in London will have an opportunity of being delightfully entertained by the members of the Overseas Chapter, I. O. O. F., and their friends.

The entertainment will take the form of a dance in the Masonic Temple, with a program and cards for those who do not dance. Refreshments will be served.

Must Be in Khaki. One of the novel features about the evening will be the total absence of any man in civilian attire. Khaki will be the only wear for men and the only passport for admission for them.

The Overseas Chapter has decided thus registers its unqualified approval of the men in khaki and its disapproval of civilians sufficiently fit to dance, yet not sufficiently patriotic to enlist.

Here's a Chance. A qualifying statement in regard to the regulations, however, has come from the Overseas Chapter. "If any civilian young man wants to attend that dance he will find a recruiting officer at the door. We are making it a condition that every civilian to qualify for admission, and we are hoping to welcome a number on that occasion."

The members of the Overseas Chapter, the first women's organization in the city to take so pronounced a stand on the subject of enlistment or non-enlistment, has special reason for an attitude. Every member of the chapter has one, two, three, four or more near and dear ones in training overseas, in the fighting lines, in one of the various theaters of war, or in the various camps of the world. They are naturally anxious to send reinforcements as quickly and in as large numbers as possible for their men folk.

YEAR FULL OF PROMISE FOR COLLEGIATE CADETS

Officers Elected and Boys Are Enthusiastic—Lack of Uniforms Limits Membership.

The London Collegiate Cadet Corps has recently been reorganized for the coming year. The following officers have been appointed: R. Gilbert, captain; A. Morrison, adjutant; E. Dennis and G. White, lieutenants; H. Rowntree, quartermaster; A. Milligan, signalling instructor; and P. Blythe, drum major.

The students seem now to realize the importance of the benefits obtained from this training, as never so many have volunteered to serve themselves up when the organization cards were handed out, as this year. As it is, there are only slightly over 100 uniforms, and if more uniforms could be procured the organization role would undoubtedly number 150 at least.

The boys have turned out to their drills lively, and are showing much interest in the training. The year in the history of the Cadet Corps. The officers are trying to arrange for shooting practice, and as soon as a shooting range can be procured, the boys will have lots of practice.

Some are enthusiastic over ambulance work, and if a capable instructor can be obtained a number of the cadets will take up this work.

The bugle band has been fortunate enough to secure for instructor, Drum-Major A. J. Mowbray, a first class musician, and is making good progress under his instruction.

CHILDREN ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS AT THE PARK

Give Excellent Program Which Is Heartily Enjoyed.

Children are always popular with the soldiers, and last night's concert in the Y.M.C.A. building at Queen's Park was very much enjoyed by several hundred men.

The musical numbers danced, the Hungerford juveniles sang, and little Earton Boss gave some readings which took the fancy of the soldiers. The Misses Brown, Mowbray and Bradley completed a concert which has not been excelled by any of the entertainments yet given at the park.

The concert was early and ended in good time to allow the men to regain their quarters before bedtime. The Y.M.C.A. building will house almost 400 men, and it was well filled last night. Everyone enjoyed himself, the children not least among the crowd.

WEDDINGS.

BROWN-GILBERT. The marriage of Miss Gladys Gilbert of Detroit to Harvey A. Brown, a member of the 14th Battalion, formerly a resident of Windsor, took place Thursday evening at the Wellington Methodist Episcopal Church. They will take up their residence in the city.

GOES TO ST. THOMAS.—Lieut. W. H. McPhillips, C.A.S.C. has been posted for duty at the St. Thomas Supply Depot.

JOIN 63RD BATTERY.—F. H. Taylor of Hilda, Montana, and S. W. Gill, 11th Battalion, have been accepted as recruits for the 63rd Battery. This unit now has a strength of 70 men.

TAKEN TO LINDSAY.—Vincent Georgians, a laborer, arrested here on Wednesday evening, charged by the Lindsay authorities with the theft of a ring, was returned to that town today to stand trial on the charge.

EQUALIZING EXPENDITURES.—A committee of the county council, consisting of Warden T. G. Turnbull, Fred Barrett, reeve of West Williams, David Smith of North Dorchester, D. A. Graham of Carleton Place, and County Engineer Charles Talbot, is in session at the County Buildings today for the purpose of equalizing the expenditure on the county roads system.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.—The Ladies' Guild of All Saints' Church held a bazaar in the school room on Thursday night. Fancy work, hand-knitted and candy were exhibited in prettily decorated booths. A fish pond and a mystic tea room were outstanding features. The orchestra of the 11th Battalion provided excellent music. The attendance was good, and the proceeds amounted to \$150.

FEARS BROTHER WOUNDED.—L. Bateman of Ottawa, whose name appears in Thursday morning's list of 11th Battalion casualties, excellent music. The attendance was good, and the proceeds amounted to \$150.

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Mayor Stevenson continued: "From the first I personally have been very much in sympathy with the Women's Emergency Corps movement. We have fostered it as far as possible, giving it the use of an office in the city hall as headquarters and a registration bureau. A copy of the resolution and the names of the women who have registered as munitions workers will be forwarded to each of the manufacturers of munitions in the city, and it is possible further steps will be taken. I assure you, the resolution for the Women's Emergency Corps will not be overlooked."

MONTREAL AUTO MAN CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Chas. Ledoux, president of the Ledoux Motor Carriage Company of Montreal, was charged in a statement taken this morning with paying W. T. Young, a Government employee in the motor inspection factory at Eastview, \$10 as a reward for passing motor cars supplied by Ledoux without rigid inspection. The case was adjourned till tomorrow.

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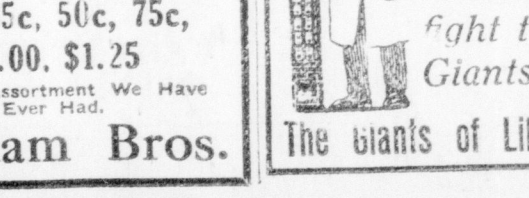
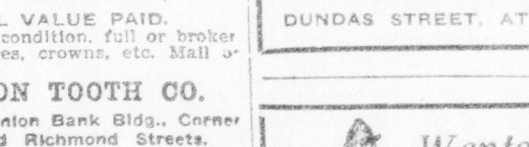
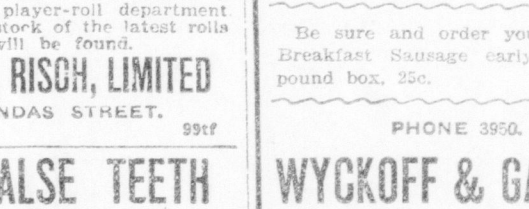
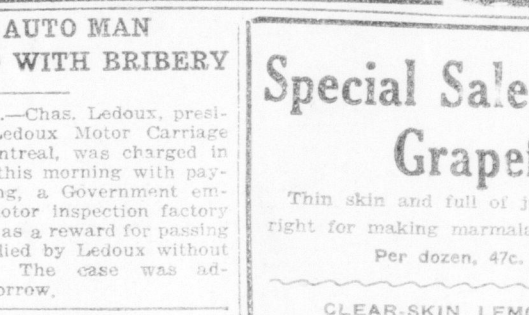
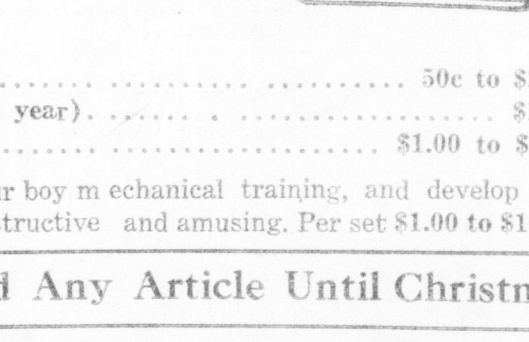
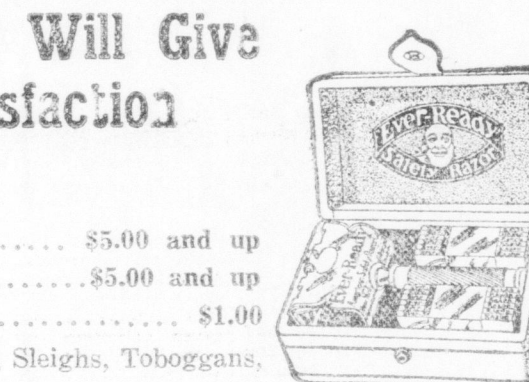
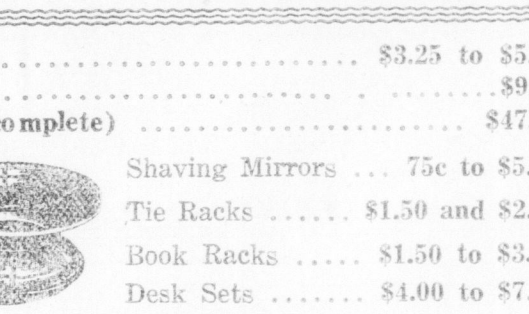
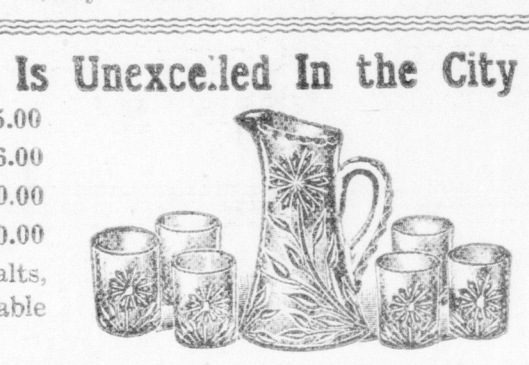
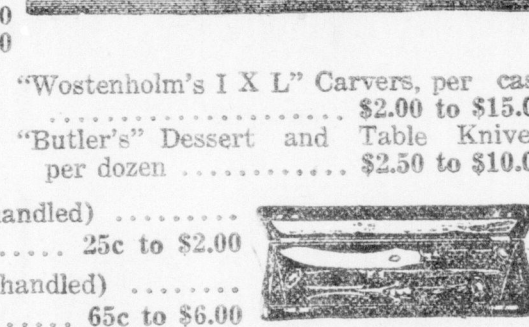
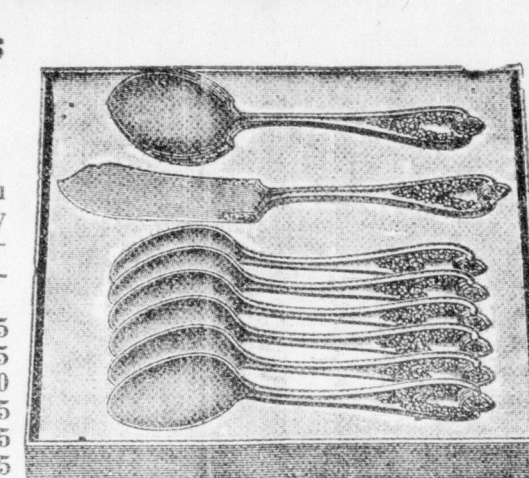
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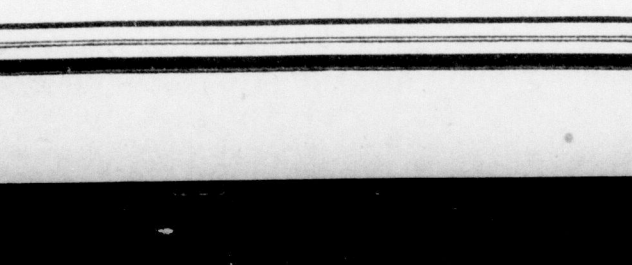
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