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## YORK COUNTY —AND— SUBURBS

### BANTAM BATTALION STILL DOING BIT

Pte. Knight Writes That Many Are Hammering Away at Huns.

Pte. F. G. Knight, C.E.F., 104 Boon Avenue, who was the first man in the Bantam Battalion to enlist in the front-line trenches in France to his wife, takes exception to a recent report in a Toronto evening paper which stated that "one-half of the Bantam Battalion was returning."

Pte. Knight writes: "I think that most of them are in France in the artillery and other battalions. There were only 45 of us who were drafted into the Engineers, I think, however, that some of them that returned became cold-footed as soon as they got to England, and fooled the doctors by 'swinging the lead,' as it is called in the army. The newspapers should give the boys that stayed the credit they deserve. I have met quite fifty of the boys who first joined with me right up the line in the thick of it, covered with mud and dodging the shells, and have met others returning who were wounded and shell-shocked. Who ever put in that report should come over here and see the boys 'doing their bit.' They would soon alter their report. I heard that quite a few of the men who returned from England, and if we could find them they could not live."

"It was a lively time a few nights ago, with his bombs, wounding our cook and wrecking our cook-house and three other houses. He got some of the civilians, mostly women and children, and killed one whole family outright.

"It was a sight to see the poor children. The weather is now getting very cold and we are sleeping in some queer places. It is very enjoyable getting up in the morning and going out in the street to wash in the cold under a hydrant. At some places we just wash in shell holes or puddles of water or in condensed milk tin. I have washed and then rinsed it out and got my breakfast some times in the backyard standing up, and we sometimes eat our dinner on the maroon. Oh, for the comforts of home. There is one thing we have plenty of and that is tobacco, but we don't get enough cigarettes, so you can send a few along.

"I got my first christening on my birthday, up at Ypres, the worst place of the lot. We were there for two weeks. Talk about dodging shells. Well, it is a wonder we are here to tell the tale, but thank God we got safely thru. My mate and I were returning to the house one morning when a shell dropped just in front of the house and the boys were blown off their feet. The first night up the line was like hell to me, with the roaring of our big guns and Fritz's shells coming over and landing behind us.

"Well, that is the kind of stuff we came over for, so I guess we can grin and bear it until we lick the Huns."

### WIFE OF EX-WARDEN OF YORK COUNTY DEAD

Mrs. Alex. Baird Succumbed to Attack of Pernicious Anaemia.

The death of Mrs. Alex. Baird, of Scarborough Township, took place on Monday at 10 p.m. at her home, 303 Kingston road. Mrs. Baird, who was before her marriage Miss Nellie J. Hanson, was a daughter of the late James J. Hanson, of Woburn, previous to her death Mrs. Baird had been confined to her home about a month, her death being due to an attack of pernicious anaemia.

Her husband, Alex. Baird, is an ex-warden of York County, having seen service in the office of councillor, reeve and warden of the county.

Mrs. Baird, besides her husband and two sons, Wilbert, serving on an engineering crew in France, and Earl, student at Malvern Collegiate Institute; a sister, Mrs. A. W. Forfar, at Russell, Man., and two brothers, James, of Port Union, and William, of Alantoba.

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## WAR SUMMARY

### THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

President Wilson expresses in substance almost the same program of war and peace as Premier Lloyd George expressed the other day. The president, however, speaks in plainer language, avoiding the technical and diplomatic terms used by the premier. The present address puts in simple and plain words the allied idea of a just settlement, with the principle of righting of wrongs as uppermost in their minds. This appeal goes straight to the Bolshevik and the Russian people generally, still persistently misrepresenting the program of the allies and the speech of Lloyd George, president Wilson, besides puts his finger on a weak spot in German diplomacy when he asks Germany to declare who are her real representatives, the moderate party or the small and extreme clique of militarists? He thus shows the double dealing of the German Government. Germany has been holding out one hand with caressing words to attract the allied lands, and she has been holding an ax in her other hand behind her back ready to dispatch this same land, if it is foolish enough to come within the reach of the stroke.

The president makes a new departure for the United States in committing the country to no separate peace with the Kaiser. He thus politely rebukes the Allies and he intimidates Germany. The German question was to learn at bitter cost what is coming. The American declaration also goes towards convincing Russia that her stepping out of the war will not cause the allies thus deserted to falter in the doing of their duty. Some of the points in the program are idealistic enough to touch even the idealistic Bolsheviks, as the one for open and public discussion about freedom of the seas crowds into an exception the proposal for international closure of a part of the waters in the world. This is merely what Britain what the rest are doing. A veiled suggestion goes with the speech that the allies might enter into a peace conference with Germany, on the basis of their program. The Germans will shrink from doing this, for they fear that the allied diplomats would derive them from their own confederates loyally to France in a president shows restoration of Alsace-Lorraine. He recognizes the claims of the German provinces of the empire, however, Italy Italian provinces of Austria until forced to his knees.

The reception of the Lloyd George speech in Germany shows the insincerity of the German militarists who boss the German newspapers. The German press desire for a just settlement, not even a discussion of the principles laid down by the German submarines and German armies have toned down Lloyd George in brief, the boia constructor has covered one of the allies with his slime and is preparing to devour it, not nastily, but at his leisure. The Germans are solicited to the Bolsheviks to renew negotiations. It is reported that they are spreading a report that Trotsky is already coming back to pourpours. This report may only have as its design the allaying of German excitement over the breach.

The British operations in Palestine have apparently passed into a lull, owing to the rainy season. The Turks have sent representatives to Berlin. They want to borrow more money and to obtain the covary of German troops to attempt the relief of Jerusalem. The enemy, in order to keep Turkey in the war, will supply more of his worthless paper and use of his olive branches. It is said to be transferring men from Damascus into a large place of arms. Having lost Jerusalem, the enemy has moved to the German campaign project on the Euphrates. The obvious objective of a British advance up the Taurus and the Taurus into Syria and has converted Damascus into a large place of arms. The obvious objective of a British advance up the Taurus and the Taurus into Syria and has converted Damascus into a large place of arms. The obvious objective of a British advance up the Taurus and the Taurus into Syria and has converted Damascus into a large place of arms.

Sir Douglas Haig, in his despatch on the past season's campaign in France and Flanders, declares that the destruction of the enemy's field forces has been brought approximately nearer. He mentions that in the operations up the Meuse and the Fuschendaele Ridge the British engaged and defeated many German divisions, or more than double the number of British divisions engaged. The plan of the allies for the general converging pressure against the enemy. The Russians render little aid, and their inactivity left the enemy transfer west, and replace them with his battered divisions. The additional strength gained by the enemy from events in Russia and Italy, however, has been largely exaggerated. Field Marshal Haig the attack in Cambrai in a later despatch.

Prisoners' Parcels.  
London, Jan. 20.—The applications for coupons for sending personal parcels to prisoners must contain the prisoner's name, number, battalion, and also the name and address of the applicant. Such application must be addressed to the Canadian Red Cross, 14 Cockspur street, London.

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### HAMILTON NEWS

## TO KEEP NUMBERS A DEAD SECRET

Names of Draftees Reporting or Defaulting Will Not Be Given Out.

Hamilton, Jan. 8.—That in future the press would not be given the number of those who report or default under the Military Service Act was stated by Major-General Logie, O.C. of military district No. 2, who was in the city today, following a trip to Brantford and London in connection with the C. O. R. reports there. Major-General Logie visited the local mobilization centre in the morning and the C. O. R. quarters, where the draftees are stationed, during the afternoon.

Hamilton loses Citizen.  
Hamilton lost a well-known citizen today in the death of St. Joseph's Hospital of George D. Richmond, local manager of the Bell Telephone Company.

Welcome to Returned Men.  
Bearing the marks of their experiences in the front line, ten veterans of the great war returned home this afternoon. The men, all of whom had spent months in the battle zone, were tendered a civic welcome by Mayor Booker, the controllers, and Secretary Kaye of the soldiers' aid commission.

Crushed by Steel Billet.  
When a six-ton billet of steel that was being swung by a crane at the works of the Steel Company of Canada fell today it crushed to death Andrew Zabalo, a Russian employe, residing at 16 Arthur street.

Inhaled Fumes of Gasoline.  
Inhaling gasoline fumes from their motor car in a closed garage resulted in the death this morning of Richard Wise, 24 years, of 43 Kensington avenue, and the serious illness of Archibald Gray, 17 Somerset avenue.

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### MINISTER GOES ON TRIAL CHARGED WITH SEDITION

Rev. Clarence Waldron, of Windsor, Alleged to Have Advised Americans Against Enlisting.

Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 8.—Rev. Clarence H. Waldron, of Windsor, was brought before the United States court here today charged with sedition, but after his counsel had retired from the case, Judge H. B. Howe, of St. Johnsbury, who presided, adjourned court until tomorrow. The minister, in the meantime, pleaded not guilty.

He was charged with advising young men not to enlist, and with having stated that no Christian could observe the provisions of the act of congress authorizing an increase in the military establishment of the country. It is also alleged that he circulated a pamphlet calculated to discourage participation in the war.

### OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—While nothing definite was decided on during his visit to this city, it was intimated after St. Wilfrid left for Ottawa at 4 p.m. today that it was practically decided that his successor in the opposition leadership in the Dominion should be Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King. It is said that Hon. Edouard Lemieux, the French-Canadian lieutenant of the Laurierite chief, is prepared to relinquish the electoral division of Missouneuve to the prospective new opposition leader.

### MARCONI'S INCOME.

New York, Jan. 8.—The net income of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of America for 1917 was \$609,439, compared with \$259,888 the year previous, according to a statement issued here tonight. Gross earnings were \$1,325,625, while in 1916 they were \$962,501.

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## CANADIAN FARMS, SECOND TRENCHES

### Sir William Hearst, at Guelph, Urges Greater Efforts at Production.

Special to The Toronto Star.

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 8.—Sir William Hearst, premier of Ontario, was the speaker at the annual supper of the Experimental Union, held in the new dining hall at the O.A.C. this evening. He delivered a magnificent address and called upon the farmers to exert their utmost toward the goal of greater production in 1918.

The labor question was dealt with briefly, Sir William stating that this was being a greater problem in 1918 than ever before because more men were being sent overseas. He had of the high school who had done such splendid work last year and many of the returned soldiers would be able to assist in farm work this year. He supplied of farm tractors on Ontario farms had been the cause of increased acreage and this would be continued in even a greater measure in 1918. He dealt with the importance of the field crops as easily the greatest industry in the country. The value of the field crops of 1917 was about a billion dollars. The premier stated that the record of Ontario, as regards production was one which all were proud of.

In closing he said that Canadian soldiers were holding the first line trenches in France but the second line trenches were the farms of Canada.

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### COUNTING SOLDIERS' VOTE.

London, Jan. 8.—The counting of the soldiers' vote, which began yesterday, proceeded today with some lively passages between C. Lloyd George and the scrutineers regarding the latter's contention that their deputies have the right to be present. The London police were called in to judge the deputies to be withdrawn. They succeeded.

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