

BELGIAN OFFICER'S DAUGHTER TELLS A THRILLING TALE OF CLEVER ESCAPE

Turned Back Once From Holland Frontier on Way From Brussels, She Passed as Wife of Gentleman Who Possessed a Privileged Permit to Cross the Dutch Border and Thus Gained Freedom

A Belgian officer's daughter and wife of London solicitor who happened to be at her old home in Belgium at the outbreak of the war has now succeeded in making her escape from Brussels and tells a thrilling tale of the hardships she had to undergo and the ruses she had to adopt before she was able, after five months' separation, to rejoin her husband in England. It was not till December 14th that she found herself in a position to make the attempt, when she obtained a conditional passport entitling her to travel within the eastern half of Belgium.

"Then," she says, "I contracted with one of those shady general and commission agents who make a specialty of conveying passengers in unlawful fashion across the Dutch frontier, and I left the Belgian capital as one of a party of ten under his guidance."

The railways being closed to them, they had to proceed by easy stages on foot or in country cabs when they could get them, to the frontier town of X—, and put up at an inn while the contractor hurried to the "Kommandantur," or office, of the local German administrators. He returned looking rather grim, saying that they had not to apply for permission.

"We entered the Kommandantur, and the trap so cunningly laid for us by the Germans, to find ourselves placed under immediate arrest. Each of us was closely examined, and re-examined, both publicly and in private, by a Prussian colonel and lieutenant, and then, certain contraband having struck our wardens, we were searched one by one in a neighboring room; the women, at any rate, in most horrid fashion, hardly an inch of their clothing or of their person escaping the fingers of the searchers. I am still in doubt."

"On hearing the order for the search of my lady companions, now a well-known Brussels actress, swooned, or pretended to. And when a male companion of hers failed to reappear the mystery was explained to us by the old colonel, who told us that a secret order had been issued by the German government had been found hidden away in the lining of his jacket. He was a spy and would be at once conveyed to the citadel of Antwerp and dealt with. To-morrow, perhaps, he might be added to the Prussian veteran by way of content. As for ourselves, we were to go to our apartments, associated with such a person, we would at least be detained as 'suspects' pending further inquiries."

"Not until nearly midnight were they allowed to return to the inn which they did under an armed escort. 'Sadly we sat in the dining-room, bewailing our misfortunes, when all of a sudden the young actress, now in tears, confessed to us that she, too, was a Belgian secret agent—in fact the partner of the doomed man—and that upstairs in her room, there were State papers of considerable importance. She begged us, therefore, to join her in her flight, and she was arrested, to our great relief."

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But back in Brussels she determined to have another try. "After spending a sorrowful and memorable night in the fortress city I accepted a rather timid offer by a gentleman, who possessed a privileged permit to cross the Dutch border, to accompany him and his wife. He was, however, very much unnerved at the thought of the punishment that might befall him in the event of his administrative and social misdeeds being found out. "Still one fine morning, about five o'clock, off we went the two of us, in carriage driven by a courageous 'jobber.' As we drove along we encountered crowds of would-be emigrants, who had been roughly sent back by the German frontier guards, and who shouted to us again and again, 'It is no use trying. They won't let you through.' My escort got nervous at this point, and suggested giving up the attempt altogether. But I would not hear of this, and alternately coaxed and lured."

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Blue Serge Suits

NOTWITHSTANDING the advance in price of blue serge cloths we are still offering the same low prices which have made this store famous the country over.

Our celebrated \$15.00 Suits have just arrived for spring and they are beauties—the new collar and all the latest touches

We also have blue serges better up to \$20.00 and the cheaper ones at \$10.00

BOYS' SUITS

The Boys' Suits we are offering at \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 and up to \$10.00 are our regular old values. When we have to pay more we are taking the loss ourselves. Nowhere in our store have we advanced prices one cent.

Big Bargains in All Overcoats

Oak Hall



mailed our passports.

"Husband and wife? A timid 'Yes!' The danger climax is reached. Will they notice that our passports bear different names and different addresses? The officer who is inspecting my husband's permit grants his approval, and inquires of his colleague regarding mine. The colleague in reply points out to me to travel across the frontier. I explain that I should like to see my husband to the frontier limit, adding with a smile, 'Surely, sir, you will understand that wish. It is a pleasure to meet people who speak French so well, and to whom one can explain things.'"

"My German officer beams, my reference to his linguistic accomplishments evidently pleasing him, and, with a friendly nod to the driver, says:—'All right, go ahead!'"

With the Soldiers

A number of the volunteers are nursing sore arms, the inevitable result of vaccination against typhoid.

While seventy members of the Forty-Ninth Regiment detachment were working on the "Royal Yeast" boxes at the Canning Factory this morning, the Fifteenth Regiment boys were treated to a new feature of military drill, namely physical exercises. This was the first occasion on which the local boys had been put through this course of movements. The Forty-Ninth recruits, however, have been drilled by Sergeant Joseph Douch at the early morning hours before breakfast. This is the usual time for exercises of the boys, but the stomach is empty. But the Fifteenth recruits had a ten o'clock drill today. The movements are for the purpose of developing the muscles of the body. Needless to say they were somewhat wearisome to the recruit.

Hotelmen in Belleville are doing their best to live up to the law as regards soldiers drinking in bars. One young recruit went into a certain bar the other afternoon being thirsty and not thinking of the regulations and asked for a soft drink of ginger beer. The dispenser of drink informed the soldier that no drinks even of the soft variety were to be given to soldiers in uniform before six o'clock in the evening.

Capt. Bywater has been gazetted major in the 39th Battalion.

Lieut. Daulton of the 39th Regiment, vice commodore of the Kingston Yacht Club, is drilling his men to the Yacht Club building, Kingston.

Provisional Lieut. E. E. Brandon, Forty-Ninth Regiment is attached to the 21st Battalion.

The officers in the 21st Battalion have been issued with Colt Automatic pistols which will fire eight cartridges in as many seconds.

Major D. Barragar who is in charge of the provincial school, Belleville, was indisposed yesterday. Sergeant Major Howard Shorne is assisting in the instruction of the men.

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COL. PONTON ONCE AGAIN CHAIRMAN

Board of Education Held Inaugural Meeting Last Evening—Session Lasted 45 Minutes.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Col. W. N. Ponton was last evening re-elected chairman of the Belleville Board of Education for a second term. He was escorted to his chair by Mr. L. R. Terwilliger and Mr. Geo. J. Woodley. Col. Ponton addressed the board, outlining the proposed work of the year and the prospects for 1915.

The board members present were: Col. Ponton, Messrs. Bailey, Deacon, Elliott, Ketcheson, McGie, McCrodon, Moore, O'Flynn, Pascoe, C. M. Reid, W. C. Reid, F. Sharpe, H. Sneyd, L. R. Terwilliger, Geo. J. Woodley and Mr. P. J. Wims, the separate school board representative.

Mr. F. Darcy Diamond occupied the post of secretary-treasurer in the absence of his father, Mr. W. Jeffers Diamond.

The following was appointed a committee to bring in a report of nominations for the various committees: Messrs. Sharpe, O'Flynn, Deacon, Pascoe, Moore, Terwilliger, Bailey, Sneyd and C. M. Reid.

The committee reported, the report was received and adopted. Each committee then withdrew, selected a chairman, who was by the chairman of the board declared elected. The standing committees for 1915 are as follows:

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Finance—John Elliott, Chairman; Messrs. Deacon, McGie, W. C. Reid, Malloy, Moore, Bailey Harris, Mur and Sneyd.

School Management.—Mr. F. S. O'Flynn, chairman; Messrs. Terwilliger, Sharpe, Ketcheson, Elliott, Deacon, Woodley, Pascoe, Ives and C. M. Reid.

Police.—Mr. W. C. Reid, chairman; Messrs. Sharpe, O'Flynn, McGie, McCrodon, Harris, Sneyd, Ives and Bailey.

Printing and Supplies.—Mr. F. S. Deacon, chairman; Messrs. W. C. Reid, Pascoe, Ives, Ketcheson, J. J. Malloy, Terwilliger, Moore, Woodley and McGie.

High School.—Mr. C. M. Reid, chairman; Messrs. Deacon, Ketcheson, McCrodon, Elliott, Sneyd, Sharpe, O'Flynn, Pascoe, Ives, Harris, A. McGie, Bailey Wims.

Queen Victoria School.—Mr. L. C. Pascoe, chairman; Messrs. Ketcheson, Malloy, Muir, Ives, Terwilliger and McCrodon.

Queen Alexandra School.—Mr. A. McGie, chairman; Messrs. O'Flynn, McGie, W. C. Reid, Sharpe, C. M. Reid and Sneyd.

Queen Mary School.—Mr. A. E. Bell, chairman; Messrs. Woodly, Elliott, Deacon and McGie, Terwilliger.

Grier Street School.—Mr. T. Harris, chairman; Messrs. Terwilliger, Sneyd and Ives.

Mr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Deacon, that Mr. J. J. Diamond be secretary-treasurer and solicitor of the board at the same salary as heretofore. There were no other nominations and Mr. Diamond was declared appointed.

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WORKED UNDER LATE CHIEF

John Elmer Paid Tribute to Belleville's Fire Chief

The news of the death of Fire Chief Campbell of Belleville, was received with sincere regret by all the members of the Kingston department, the majority of whom knew him. He was an old friend of the latter having worked under him in Belleville many years ago.

"He was a fine fellow," said Mr. Elmer, "and one of the best fire chiefs in Canada. I am very sorry to hear of his death."

Miss Lazer, Sunday School Class—2 handkerchiefs, 10 pins, stockings, mittens, shoes, 10 knitted caps.

I. O. E. D. Quinte Chapter—4 layer cake.

Wm. Maybee—3 bottles cough mixtures.

ADDRESS ON IRELAND

In the course of the "Fourth Degree" at Eureka Lodge A. F. and A. M. last night Mr. John Elliott gave an illuminating address on "Ireland."

Mr. Elliott is well qualified to speak on this subject as he is a native of the Emerald Isle and has returned several times to travel extensively within its bounds. He described in a graphic manner the scenic wonders of Killybegs, Lough Erne, the Giant's Causeway and other points of interest, and gave some account of the rare historic associations entered around Londonderry, Dublin, the Boyne and other places rich in tradition and story.

The great need of Ireland were also dealt with in a very story. Thomas Moore, Dean Swift, Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stewart, Parnell and Wellington. A word was given also to the later military leaders—Roberts, Kitchener, French, White, and the hero of the recent great naval battle—Sir David Beatty, himself a native of Wexford.

An amusing account was given of experiences in travelling over the various routes.

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. Elliott was tendered an enthusiastic vote of thanks.

MISS EMMA YEOMANS HAS PASSED AWAY

Miss Emma Yeomans was a daughter of David Yeomans, brother of the late Horace Yeomans, and one of the eleven children of Asa Yeomans, known here as the "Patriarch" Miss Yeomans resided in Toronto, and was an accomplished pianist. For many years she was the organist of several churches, notably the chief Jewish synagogue. Very fond of literature, she became the intimate friend of several leading journalists in Toronto, and heard from the many amusing anecdotes about the inner life of some leading politicians. She had a very superior mind, and understood thoroughly, the leading and current subjects of the day. Wherever she went, she made hosts of friends. To know her, was to love her, she was so kind and considerate to all, she always took the charitable view, and found some thing to admire, where others could find only warlike weapons, but old china, Japanese relics and pictures.

Col. Ponton exhibited a sun dial from Edinburgh, Scotland dated 1662 with the motto "Time Treth Troth" and the Boy's Coat of Arms, besides a Saxon bridal cup of unknown date.

The I.O.O.F. band gave their musical services on the school rink and in the assembly room gratis. The ladies are accordingly very grateful to them and to those who loaned relics.

The success of the evening speaks much for the energy and "progressive" idea's with which the ladies of the Women's Institute are imbued.

QUEEN MARY SCHOOL FUNCTION

Masquerade Carnival and Exhibition of Curious Last Night Under Auspices of West Belleville Institute

(From Thursday's Daily.) The function at Queen Mary school last evening under the auspices of the West Belleville Women's Institute was deservedly most successful. The attractions were a masquerade carnival and an exhibition of curios of great merit. The attendance was very gratifying.

It was a pleasant sight, so many scholars delighting in the joys of the masquerade. If there is anything a boy and a girl like it is to "dress up" The ladies last night gave them an opportunity and they were rejoiced at the enthusiasm the children manifested. The judges Messrs. Bailey, Balis, and Bonisteel had a most difficult task, so excellent was the competition. Every costume showed much careful preparation on the part of the children. Finally the judges awarded the prizes as follows—

1st girl—Valerie Wrightmeyer as "Canada."

2nd—Mabel Clark "Indian Girl"

1st boy—Jack Andrews "Indian Chief"

2nd boy—

3rd boy—

4th boy—

5th boy—

6th boy—

7th boy—

NAPANEE AND BELLEVILLE TEAMS CLASH AT ARENA LAST NIGHT

Speedy Hockey Between O. B. C. and Visitors—Result a Tie—Belleville Girls Whitewashed Napanee Girls

(From Thursday's Daily.) Napanee and Belleville tried friendly conclusions at the Arena in Belleville last night and so interesting were the developments that, a large gathering of spectators watched breathlessly the elusive wanderings of the puck until the minutes of midnight. It was a glorious end to one of the finest evenings of hockey ever witnessed in Belleville.

The evening was devoted to a double battle. Napanee girls and Belleville girls were first on the ice in three twenty-minute periods. The local ladies without the slightest doubt had all their own way towards the latter part of the game and even at the opening they outclassed Napanee.

Whitewashing them. In skating and in all the tricks of the game the home girls proved themselves superior. In no other way could the score of 9 to 0 be comprehended. Belleville defenses had an easy time of it as they did not, although Miss Anderson at times left her position and did some grand performances on the ice in stick handling, and speed. Belleville forwards were aggressive, keeping their visitors in Napanee—Constantly a great deal of the time. Miss Waters, captain of the local line, was one of the brilliant stars on the ice. Her firmament, driving in no less than six goals. The Misses Elliott gave the Napanee forwards and defense no respite. The scoring was as follows:

First period Belleville 2 to 0. Second period ended Belleville 7 to 0. Third period ended Belleville 9 to 0.

There was considerable heavy body checking which more than one would have expected. But penalties were very few. Mr. Kenneth Cambridge, of Napanee, the referee, pleased both teams by his fairness in decisions.

The players were: Napanee—Miss Dawkins, Goal; Miss Yeomans, Right Defense; Miss Anderson, Left Defense; M. Elliott, Rover; Miss Waters, Centre; K. Elliott, Right Wing; Miss Jenkins, Left Wing; Napanee—Miss Bonisteel, Goal; Gladys Miller, Right Defense; Frances Leonard, Left Defense; Edna Van Luven; Neta Dinner, Centre; Dorothy Reeve, Right Wing; Elsie Woodcock, Left Wing.

NAPANEE vs. O. B. C. The most evenly balanced game played here in many days was that in

which Manager E. Chapman's O.B.C. team battled with the Napanee team. The former had gathered a fast team and it was fully expected that Belleville would be one victor. But Napanee put into the field an excellent team for a town which has no O.H.A. connection. Such playing as they put up last night must certainly stimulate hockey in the eastern metropolis. Napanee hockey is playing on an outdoor rink without the advantages such as are available in Belleville, but in spite of the narrow limit they have to draw from, they were a hard nut to crack. After an hour's battle every minute of the time, the match proved a tie.

Geo. Walters, of Napanee, refereed the game. The preliminary skirmish in the face-off Napanee's heavy defense and left wing seemed to be harbingers of evil for the O.B.C. team. It was with weight and the best of wind, they drove down the ice singly or in combination and began scoring