

SOLDIERS DRAWING EFFICIENCY PAY

Men Are Shooting So Accurately, They Are Surprising the Officers.

FIFTEEN MEN WERE ILL

Since the Camp on Carling's Heights Was Opened—Some Militia Officers of Interest

Throughout the week military instructors in charge of the musketry instruction at the local camp have been watching with the greatest interest for the effect the new efficiency order would have, and they are all considerably surprised to find the very general improvement in the scores made.

When the order was amended and efficiency in musketry practice made the basis of increase in efficiency pay, instead of length of service, as was the rule in the past, it was expected that some improvement would be made in shooting.

The announcement, however, that fully 30 per cent of the men who have shot at the target during the week have made scores which entitle them to first rate efficiency pay of 50 cents per day, in addition to the 50 cents they receive as regular pay, comes as a big surprise even to the instructors.

Second-Class Pay.

Of the remaining 70 per cent, about 45 per cent will be entitled to second class efficiency pay, or 40 cents a day extra, and the remainder will receive 20 cents. It was thought at first that the markers might be padding the scores, and members of the permanent force at Wolseley Barracks were placed on the range and did the scoring, but the results showed no difference.

The new schedule is causing some dissatisfaction among the older men, who have been coming to camp for years, and many of whom arrived this time fully expecting to receive first-class efficiency pay for having served three years. Unless, however, they make the necessary scores in their shooting they will not receive it.

Many New Men.

"One of the troubles we experience every year," an instructor told The Advertiser, "is that we have to deal with so many new men. We have, as it were, to begin our work all over again each year. If we could have the same men that we had last year, and start in with them just where we left off we could make a good deal of progress, and turn out some fine shots. We cannot do this, however, and more than half of the men are entirely new and have the rudiments of musketry practice explained to them."

Ross Rifles Used.

It is interesting to notice that so far nothing but Ross rifles, with mark II, and mark III, sights, are in use at the ranges, and they have given every satisfaction.

On Sunday morning the men will assemble on the open space in front of the camp and church services will be held for an hour, commencing at 10 o'clock.

Canon Dann, senior chaplain of the camp, will preach a special sermon to the men, and the whole service will be under his direction. In former years the Sunday morning service in camp has always been attended by a large number of visitors, and it is expected that the service will be present tomorrow morning.

A Band Concert.

Arrangements will be completed shortly for a band concert to be given in Victoria Park by the members of the Twenty-sixth Band. It is likely the band concert will be held on Sunday evening.

A board of officers composed of Major H. R. Abbott, First Hussars, president, Major E. L. Leonard, First Hussars, and Lieut. C. R. Hunt, of the Sixth Field Battery, will meet Thursday afternoon next for the purpose of examining officers qualifying in equitation. It is requested that officers wishing to be examined send in their names without delay.

Some Orders.

Provisional Lieutenant A. B. Wellford, medical officer of the Twenty-second Regiment, and who has been attached to No. 14 Field Ambulance Unit.

Lance Corporal Daine, R. C. R., and Lance Corporal Verer, R. C. R., have been detailed as instructors in signalling.

Lieut. A. Rouvrie, of the Thirty-third Regiment, has been appointed a regimental musketry instructor.

The following men have reported for duty, and have been taken on the strength of the Twenty-ninth Regiment: Privates Tutt, Frank and Guinness.

A Standing Board.

The following officers are detailed as a standing board of officers, to all inquire into and report upon all cases of illness and injuries to officers: N. C. O's and men; Lieut.-Col. G. Acheson, commanding the Second Infantry Brigade; Lieut.-Col. A. J. Oliver, of the Twenty-ninth Regiment; Lieut. Col. R. I. T. Wiers, of the Twenty-fifth Regiment; and members, Lieut.-Col. A. Wilson, of the Thirty-third Regiment, and Major H. R. Abbott, of the First Hussars.

The orders contain the following instructions in regard to accidents:

Accidents.

(b) The senior present at the time of accident will immediately notify the commanding officers of the injured officer, non-commissioned officer or man, who will at once notify the medical officer of the day, and take immediate action to procure the names of all witnesses which he will at once forward to the chief staff officer, with his report of the accident for the information of the standing board of officers.

The medical officer in charge of the hospital to which any case is admitted, from which he considers a

claim for compensation will likely arise, will at once forward to the chief staff officer the report required.

The standing board will be assembled from time to time as required by the camp commandant. Due notice of time and place of assembly will be given in divisional orders and all commanding officers concerned will be held responsible that the witnesses are present at the time and place specified.

All medical officers to whom cases have been reported, will hold themselves in readiness to attend the assembly of the board.

Fifteen Cases.

So far there have been fifteen cases treated in the hospital. Of these eight were given medicine and allowed to continue their regular duties. There are nine in the hospital at the present time, none of the cases being serious. Private Thacker of the A. M. C. was stepped on by a horse, and had his foot injured yesterday. He is recovering nicely. Private Hopkins, of the A. M. C., had his foot scratched and swollen and became very painful, and he was placed in the hospital. The other men in the hospital are all suffering from minor ailments and will be out again soon.

Battery Practice.

The Sixth Field Battery went to Major Mills' farm in London Township yesterday and held a field practice.

Captain Layborn, camp paymaster, left this morning for Walkerton, where he will muster the Thirty-second (Bruce) Regiment, and arrange their pay roll. He was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Weir, who will make an inspection of the forces.

The parade state yesterday showed that there are 1,621 men and 334 horses in camp.

Large numbers of citizens continue to visit the camp, both afternoon and evening, and all are unanimous in saying it is one of the most cleanly and orderly camps that has ever been held here.

The First Infantry Brigade furnished the duties for today, and the Second Brigade will relieve them tomorrow.

Lieut. Bucke was medical officer on duty at the ranges today, and on Monday he will be relieved by Lieut. Guest, A. M. C.

LEFT OFF LIST

The Hamilton Dragoons Will Not Go to Camp This Year.

Hamilton, June 12.—Hamilton's newly-organized squadron of dragoons will not go to camp this year. The trouble over the appointment of the commanding officer has proved a drawback, and as yet the corps is without uniforms and stores. When the corps was organized it was understood by the officers that it would be included in the list of those which were to go to camp this year. The men who joined were under the impression that they would go into camp and have been drilling faithfully with that end in view. Capt. Ross, who organized the squadron, reported to the Western Ontario command a month ago that the squadron was in good shape and would be ready to leave for camp with the other local units. When the powers that be at Ottawa gave out the list of corps to train at Niagara it was found that several who went to camp last year were cut off.

Major J. Z. Fraser, Welland, has been gazetted a colonel to succeed the late Col. Glasgow, in command of squadrons A, B and D, and Capt. Ross, who is at present in command of the squadron here, expressed the opinion that this morning the trouble over the appointment of a commanding officer would likely be settled shortly. The action of the military authorities in striking the local unit off the list of corps training at Niagara will no doubt cause some trouble in the ranks.

LEGISLATORS HEAR BRYCE

Ambassador Addresses Massachusetts House and Gets Warm Welcome.

Boston, June 12.—The House today took a recess to hear an address by Ambassador James Bryce, who was Speaker Walker's guest. The ambassador gave a hearty reception to the members rising and applauding for several minutes.

He referred to his twenty-eight years of service in the British House of Commons and said it was an especial pleasure to attend and witness the deliberations of a legislative body which is a direct descendant of Britain's Government.

The State Legislatures in America, he said, always interested him, as they have followed the ancient traditions and customs more closely than has the national congress. He explained the British system in Parliament, showing that it is very much the same as in the state—referring all matters to committees and giving all bills three readings in each of the two legislative branches, two bodies having been deemed necessary as offering the greatest safeguard for a thorough examination of all matters. "It is a source of great pleasure to me," he said, "that a system adopted centuries ago should have been followed so closely down to the present time and that the ancient traditions and customs of the British Parliament are still followed by her daughters in America."

DUHAMEL'S SUCCESSOR

Not Likely To Be Known Before Next September.

Ottawa, June 11.—The Roman Catholic authorities are said to have forwarded to Rome yesterday the document left by the late Archbishop Duhamel, containing his suggestions as to the appointment of his successor. The diocesan canons also will meet at once and make a selection, which will be submitted to the archbishops, and their decision forwarded to the sovereign pontiff. An announcement is expected at the plenary council in Quebec next September.

KILLED BY SKEETERS.

London, June 12.—A special dispatch from Cape Town says that the heavy rainfall has caused the overflow of the Orange River, in the Cordonia northern district. This has resulted in the breeding of swarms of mosquitoes, leading to a serious outbreak of malaria. Three-quarters of the population are affected and ninety deaths are reported.

SLAVONIA ALMOST COMPLETE WRECK

410 Passengers of the Stranded Cunard Liner Taken Off Safely.

NO LIVES WERE LOST

Vessel Going to Pieces on Azores Island; Left New York for Naples, June 3.

New York, June 12.—News reached New York yesterday that the Cunard liner Slavonia, bearing 110 cabin passengers and 300 passengers in the steerage, stranded off Flores Island, in the Azores group.

After having steamed successfully more than half way across the Atlantic, the vessel, which left this port for Naples, June 3, is almost a complete wreck; but thanks to the timely aid rendered by North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American liners which were nearby every passenger was taken off in safety. The liner was the Slavonia in her distress are the Princess Irene, of the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American liner Bavaria. Both were also bound for Naples.

The list of cabin passengers on the Slavonia as given out here contains no addresses, but the first-class passengers are practically all Americans. Among them are 15 or 20 in a tourist's party.

Flores Island, off which the Slavonia stranded, is the most westerly of the Azores group with dangerous and precipitous cliffs. The transfer of passengers was accomplished with the usual thrills and dangers attendant on the shifting of nervous human beings at sea.

The Slavonia is a twin screw steamship of 10,000 gross tons, is 510 feet long, with a 50-foot beam, and is 22 feet deep. Her commander is Capt. A. G. Dunning. The vessel is comparatively new, having been built at Sunderland, England, in 1903.

The accident served to illustrate the professional friendship between the North German Lloyd and the Cunard line, and recalls an instance of a dozen or fifteen years ago, when the Fulda, of the North German Lloyd, stood by the Cunard liner Oregon and saved all the officers and crew.

AGED MAN MURDERS AND THEN SUICIDES

Scranton, Pa., June 11.—A murder and suicide, remarkable because of the great age of the two principals, each being an octogenarian, occurred today on a farm in Derry Township, near Honesdale, about 25 miles from here. According to reports received here, George Baker, a farmer, aged 87 years, was murdered, presumably by a shotgun, by his brother-in-law, Mark Vandusen, aged 86 years.

After leaving Baker dead in the barn Vandusen returned to the farmhouse, and informed Mrs. Baker what he had done. Before the aged woman could summon neighbors, Vandusen hurried out of the house and shot himself dead.

What led up to the tragedy is not yet known here.

PRESENTATION TO A POPULAR PRIEST

Rev. Father Goetz Who Goes to Woodstock Was Given Gold Watch.

A very pleasant event took place last evening at St. Peter's Palace, when Rev. Father Goetz was presented with a handsome gold watch by the members of Branch No. 4, C. M. B. A.

Mr. P. H. Ranahan read the address and the presentation was made by Mr. T. F. Gould.

Several of the members expressed their regret at the departure of Father Goetz from the city. During his brief stay in London he has made many friends. However, they were pleased to know that he has been given a promotion, and hoped that in Woodstock, his new parish, he would be as successful in his work as in this city. He left today for the latter city.

NEVILLS CLEARED OF SHOOTING CHARGE

Hamilton, June 11.—The jury in the case of John Nevills, charged with shooting Constable H. Smith, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The defence put in evidence to show that the prisoner was working in a barber shop all evening on the night the constable was shot, and also that it was impossible for the constable, owing to the position of the moon at the time, to be able to recognize his assailant. Judge Snider gave an impartial charge to the jury.

Constable Smith was shot while attempting to arrest a burglar whom he found in the cellar of a residence. The shooting followed closely the Kinrade mystery.

CARGO OF STONES.

Montreal, June 11.—The freight steamer Key West, of Newcastle, has arrived here from Middlesboro, England, laden with paving stones for this city. The cargo consists of 2,400 tons. It is said the boat has been bought by a Toronto firm, and that she will enter the coal carrying trade. The Key West is a modern type of steel freight barge.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

Leamington, Ont., June 12.—On an investment of \$5,000 made three years ago in the purchase of a 50-acre tract of land on the shore of Pelee Island, C. W. Caldwell is said to have made a good thing. Mr. Caldwell bought the island property to obtain possession of a practically inexhaustible supply of fine building sand. He has used large quantities of the sand and has received also a revenue of about \$1,000 a year from Cleveland men, who secured their supply from the sandbar. Now he has sold the property to the Cleveland men for \$30,000 in cash.

KENT WANTS ASYLUM FOR WESTERN PENINSULA

Would Share Cost With Essex, Middlesex, Elgin and Lambton.

Chatham, June 11.—Today the county council unanimously passed a resolution asking the counties of Middlesex, Essex, Elgin and Lambton to co-operate with Kent in building an insane hospital centrally located in the western peninsula, to take care of the many lunatics who at present have to be taken care of in the local jails, because the Government hospitals refuse them, on the plea that they have no room.

Reeve Rankin thought it curious that though the London asylum can always find room for the lunatics who have wealthy relatives, poor patients invariably have the doors shut in their faces by the authorities.

A ST. LOUIS BALLOON WON THE BIG CONTEST

Covered a Distance of 328 Miles —Sailing From Indianapolis to Missouri.

New York, June 11.—The balloon University City, of St. Louis, with John Barr and John McCullough aboard, is the winner of the national balloon contest which started Saturday evening from Indianapolis. Official reports from the contestants were before the Aero Club of America today, and they showed that the University City covered a distance of 328 miles, landing six miles south of Fort Payne, Miss.

The balloon New York, manned by A. Holland Forbes, and Captain Hamner, of New York, was second in the distance contest, landing two and one-half miles south of Corinth, Miss., covering a distance of 355½ miles. The New York was awarded the prize for the longest period in the air, being in flight 35 hours and 10 minutes, unless an unexpected protest is made. The official announcements of the winners will not be made public until next week, when the Aero Club will have an opportunity to examine government maps, which have been requested of the authorities at Washington that the exact distances may be made known.

The following statement was made by an official of the Aero Club today: "The University City balloon won the long distance contest. There is now no question about that."

The report from the contestants examined today, shows the University City wins the race from the balloon New York by 26½ miles, but these figures may be slightly changed when the government's maps are examined.

Those aboard the balloon University City report that they landed nine miles south of the postoffice of Fort Payne, Miss., on the farm of John Meadows, on Eversstone Peak. We think from the maps we have that the landing was probably six miles south of the postoffice. From Indianapolis, or the place where the ascension was made to Fort Payne, is 376 miles, and the six miles added makes the University City's distance 382 miles.

The balloon New York landed on the farm of W. Boyles, two and one-half miles south of Corinth, Miss., covering a distance of 355½ miles.

"The New York balloon will be given the duration trophy as it appears that the Indiana was disqualified by touching the ground in lowering a receptacle on the water. The announcements of the winners next week will be nothing more than a formality."

DISASTROUS FIRE IN QUEBEC TOWN

Seventy-five Thousand Dollars Damage Done at Fort Coulogne.

Fort Coulogne, Que., June 12.—The biggest fire in the history of Coulogne took place last evening, destroying a large general store, and spread so rapidly on account of dry conditions, that workers had no chance to save the surrounding buildings. The places burned are: A. D. Carmichael's store and stock, partly insured; D. T. Gervais' four-story brick hotel, \$15,000, partly insured; William Shores' blacksmith and implement shop, general store and dwelling, no insurance. Alfred Laviolette's dwelling and contents, and two other dwellings were also destroyed.

A FRENCH CRUISER MANY DAYS OVERDUE

Toulon, France, June 12.—Some anxiety is felt over the non-arrival of the cruiser Jules Ferry, which left Turkish waters for this port last week and is now several days overdue. She carries a crew of eight hundred.

DIVIDED FROM A WINDOW.

Berkeley, Cal., June 12.—A somnambulist stroll, during which he dived from a second story window to the ground, 25 feet below, resulted yesterday in a successful ascension to R. Steele, editor of the California Occident, a university publication, and a member of the track squad. His injury consisted of a fractured rib, painful lacerations about the breast, and two missing teeth.

Upon recovering consciousness Steele said he dreamed he was diving into the ocean.

A BOY AERONAUT.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 12.—A large number of spectators were greatly impressed by a successful ascension to a height of 25 feet, achieved yesterday by 14-year-old Irving Harnes, in an aeroplane of his own invention and construction. He was cheered as he peered out from the cockpit of his machine slowly circled about the schoolyard, attaining each second a greater height. When the youth had been twice circumnavigated, he brought the craft to the earth.

LANARK MERCHANT DEAD.

London, Ont., June 12.—A. R. McIntyre, a prominent citizen and merchant of Lanark Township, died suddenly at his home in Middleville last night. He took a prominent part in public affairs, having been reeve and treasurer of the township for many years. He also had held the office of treasurer of North Lanark Liberal Association for the past 30 years.

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Minister Borden in a Hot Reply FRENCH CANADIANS LOYAL TO THE FLAG

Toronto, June 12.—In view of the statements made by Rev. Dr. John Pringle, of Sydney, N.S., at the General Assembly, the Star wired to Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, as follows:

"Rev. Dr. Pringle says he was asked to campaign in your riding last election, and offered as much for four addresses as was equal to a year's salary in the ministry; also attacked you personally. Do you know of offer, and will you take the suit he says he challenges?"

The Star received the following reply from Sir Frederick Borden, dated from Canby, Nova Scotia:

"Toronto Star: 'Your telegram received. I never heard of the Reverend Doctor Pringle unless he happens to be the Reverend Pringle, formerly of the Yukon. If so, he evidently continues to play his old part.'

"I know nothing about his engagements, but had he presented himself here during the last election my majority would doubtless have been considerably increased by the exposure of his Yukon record."

"Presumably he hates me because I am a member of the Government which declined to play his game of self-glorification and self-advertisement, involving denial of justice and fair play."

"The ravings of such a person are not entitled to much notice. Nevertheless, you may publish this in conjunction with your telegram."

"F. W. BORDEN."

Sir Frederick has placed the matter in the hands of his counsel, Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C.

The Dominion Revenue Very Buoyant

Ottawa, June 11.—The revenue of the Dominion for the two months of the current fiscal year, according to the unreviewed statement issued today, was \$13,613,974, as against \$11,899,381 for the same period last year, or a betterment of about a million and three-quarters.

If the increase in revenue is maintained on the same average the revenue for 1908-09 will exceed that of 1907-08 by between ten and eleven millions.

The chief source of increase in the receipts is in customs and miscellaneous. The postoffice department collected \$50,000 more than it did in May, 1908. The expenditure for the month of May was \$3,500,630, as compared with \$2,555,404 in May, 1908.

Quake Shakes South of France

Paris, June 12.—The south of France was shaken by an earthquake early last evening. A house in Lambex collapsed, killing eight persons. Considerable damage was done in Toulon, notably in Vanbana avenue.

M. Borely, the well-known astronomer, while working in the observatory at Marseilles, was thrown down.

CAMPING SITES FOR THE PUBLIC

Only Small Lots Will Be Leased in Forest Reserves.

Ottawa, June 12.—By an order-in-council all places for public camping sites, such as lake fronts, medicinal springs, fishing grounds and the like in Dominion forest reserves are to be reserved for the public before individual leases are granted. Lots of one acre with a water frontage of 100 feet, may be let by the season to private camps at \$5 per year, but large areas will be kept open for the general public for picnic and camp purposes.

It is further provided that permits free of dues may be issued for the cutting of timber for the construction of educational religious and charitable institutions, and buildings in connection therewith, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

CARRIER PIGEON RACE. Parry Sound, Ont., June 12.—The starting of a carrier pigeon race of 500 miles was made from here this morning at 5 o'clock. This was for the annual fly of the Eastern District National Association of America homing pigeons' fanciers' stock. The destination is Eastern, Penn. Thirty-four birds were started. George Moore and H. Y. Compin, of this place, acted as liberators. It is expected the birds will make the distance in eleven hours.

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BRYAN'S SON TO WED. Milwaukee, Wis., June 12.—The marriage of Mrs. Helen Berger, daughter of Alexander Berger, who was well known here for years in the grain and flour business, to William J. Bryan, Jr., only son of William Jennings Bryan, will be solemnized at the Colorado summer home of the father of the bride-elect, Grand Lake, on June 24. Shortly after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Bryan will take up their residence in Tucson, Arizona.