WILL GET $50,000, SAYS RED CROSS CANVASS LEADER

"Hearts of People Are Right," Declares Sir G. Gibbons.

ORGANIZATION UNDER WAY

General Committe for British Fund Meets on Friday To Arrange Details.

There will be a meeting of the general committee of the British Red Cross campaign in the Tecumseh House on Friday afternoon. The captains of teams will be appointed, and the personnel of the teams selected as speedily as possible.

On Wednesday evening, next week, the captains and their teams will hold a session, to perfect the details of the work. On Thursday, the canvass will take place, and it is certain that every team will be fully manned.

The objective is $50,000, and there should be no trouble getting this amount, it is believed.

"The campaign is meeting with success," said Sir George Gibbons. "I have every confidence in the men behind the scheme, and they will be loyally supported. We will get what we are after, as the hearts of the people are right."

S. AFRICAN VETERAN BURIED IN DETROIT

The death occurred in Detroit on Saturday of Albert William Woodward, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodward, 290 Ottaway avenue, city, after an illness of three weeks. Deceased was a veteran of the South African war, going with B Company from this city. He was in his 40th year, and besides his parents leaves two young sons, four sisters and three brothers. The funeral was held on Monday to Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. The services were conducted by Rev. R. J. Lee, B. A., of All Saints' Church, Windsor.

JOINS AVIATION CORPS.

Roy I. Kenny, of 226 Hyman street, for some years with Grafton & Co., has left to train with the Aviation Corps in Toronto, in which he recently enlisted. Prior to his departure, he was presented with a wrist watch, silver cigarette case and fountain pen by his fellow employees and friends.

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SOLDIERS IN FIELD THEY SAY BEFORE ASSOCIATED KIN

Great War Veterans Declare They Had Big Start.

BAND IS IN GOOD SHAPE

Musical Organization of Veterans Has Good Start Already.

Members of the Great War Veterans' Association in meeting on Tuesday evening emphatically denied the statement alleged to have been made on Saturday last by J. M. McEvoy to the effect that the Associated Kin was in the field before the Returned Soldiers' Association.

"Mr. McEvoy is entirely false in what he says," said one of the war veterans, "when he stated that he and Mr. Wright were in the field with the Association Kin before we were. I wish to say nothing about the workings of the Associated Kin—for if I did, I'd be here till tomorrow—but I will say that we started here in these rooms before Mr. Wright had thought about starting, and we were in the field at least four months before Mr. Wright took up his office in the tea-room on Richmond street. As for looking after the widows and orphans, I think we could do that as well as the Associated Kin."

Excellent Progress.

Excellent progress is being made with the organization of the G. W. V. A. band, and it is expected that the instruments will arrive on the 20th of this month, and that the band will be a reality from then on. Twenty members of the association have joined the band, and it is hoped that it will be the means of making the club-rooms more of a rendezvous than ever for the returned men of the city. The central committee have placed $100 at the disposal of the band committee, Lieut.-Col. Coles, president of the association, has donated $50, and at a collection taken up at the meeting $27.35 was obtained. It is expected that the total of $200 required to purchase the instruments will be reached in the near future.

Short of Necessities.

Chairs, tables and writing materials are among the needs of the returned men who are undergoing treatment at the Wolseley Barracks Hospital, and an effort will be made to obtain the necessary furniture, and also a gramaphone, which is badly needed to relieve the monotony of hospital life.

A series of six euchre drives similar to those which proved so successful last year, will be held in the near future for the members of the association. The first and the last of the series will take the form of a smoker.

The membership of the association is increasing rapidly, and is now in the neighborhood of 350. Fifty new members were admitted at the meeting.

MORE BOYS ATTEND TECHNICAL CLASSES THAN GIRLS NOW

Over 300 Enrolled for Courses Starting Last Night.

The technical classes opened last evening with more than 300 names on the register. This exceeds the number that took advantage of these classes last year. It is expected that before the classes are very far advanced the number of those attending will reach the 400 mark. Although it was expected a larger number of women and girls than men and boys would enroll, the latter outnumber the girls' and women's classes by about twenty.

The most popular class among the boys is the machine shop. Many of those attending have been sent by their employers. First aid and home nursing seems the favorite among the girls and women. In the millinery classes girls can bring an old hat from the attic and be shown by expert milliners how to make it into a charming creation at very small cost. The dress-making class is a large one. The first-aid and home-nursing class is conducted by a graduate nurse from one of the local hospitals, and is a very extensive one. Instead of the usual twelve lessons, 24 are given, making the course much more complete than that generally given. Other classes for girls and women are domestic science, cookery, embroidery, English and arithmetic. For boys, cabinet-making, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, wood-carving (afternoon and evening). In other years the wood-carving class has been held only in the afternoon, but this year afternoon and evening classes will be given.

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M. O. H. DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF BYRON WATER USED BY CITY

Sanatorium Supply Has Never Reached Mains, So Far As He Knows.

ANOTHER STATEMENT

Use of Water Was Stopped, According to This Story—Big Supply Available.

Dr. H. W. Hill, medical officer of health, stated to The Advertiser that he had no knowledge that water from the supply developed at the Byron Sanatorium grounds had been turned into the city mains.

"So far as I am aware, no water from the Byron Sanatorium reached the city mains," said Dr. Hill. "Some time ago, I cannot say how long, analyses were made of the supply, and it was found that colon bacilli existed. I made it plain that none of this water was to be used, and I am assured that none of it went into the mains. The sanatorium has, I understand been using city water only. When we have the analyses, which I am arranging for, and if the water is proved to be pure, I have no objection to having it turned into the city mains."

No Water Turned In.

Dr. Craig, superintendent of the sanatorium, stated that none of the sanatorium water was being turned into the city mains. That was all he cared to be quoted about.

Manager E. V. Buchanan of the utilities commission, issued a denial on Saturday of the statement appearing in The Advertiser, that this water had been turned into the city mains. He declared that it was an engineering impossibility to force this water into the mains against the head from the reservoir.

Big Development Possibilities.

The Advertiser is again assured that the water was turned into the city mains, and that its use was later stopped. The water was perfectly pure, it was said, except for some surface contamination that was remedied by sealing up the supply. The water comes from the Hyde Park watershed and is removed from the sanatorium a sufficient distance to insure against contamination from the sanatorium. The citizen who gave the information to The Advertiser stated that the supply was a splendid one that would augment the city supply by many thousands of gallons. He said he believed the field was capable of being developed into a 2,000,000-gallon supply.

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION

SIMCOE.
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DIED OF WOUNDS

441729 Sapper J. Baker (not recorded).
MOUNT BRYDGES.
882908 R. R. Runnels.
COLLINGWOOD.
662487 H. Thomas.
ST. THOMAS.
123486 F. A. Dey.

WOUNDED.

CHATHAM.
438146 Sergt. G. G. Green.
HESPELER.
766125 J. C. Bell.
ST. THOMAS.
823820 W. Boulding.

ILL

SIMCOE.
Corp. A. Schiler.
WOODSTOCK.
799680 A. G. Shelson.

STOP WASTING GRAIN IN MAKING LIQUOR, FOREST WOMEN URGE

Strong Resolution Is Sent to Food Controller.

FOREST, Oct. 9.—The following resolution, passed at the regular meeting of Forest W. C. T. U., has been forwarded to Hon. W. J. Hanna:

"Whereas, the food controller of Canada has urged the women of this country to use every means possible to conserve the food supply, and so assist materially in the winning of the war against Germany, and while agreeing with the supreme importance of this appeal, and believing that all should heed it;

"We, the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the town of Forest, would therefore earnestly petition the food controller in view of the immense waste of over two hundred millions of pounds of food products in one year used in the manufacture of liquors, to at once prohibit the use of all grains and sugar for such purposes.

"By so doing we are convinced that the controller will have the hearty support and co-operation of all classes of people to his appeal.

"We would also suggest the propriety of curtailing the growth and manufacture of tobacco and would also call the attention of the controller to the fact that in view of the urgent necessity of conserving our resources, that the salaries of many officials might be reduced very considerably."

IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA FROM UNITED STATES TRIPLE 1916 RECORD

Saskatchewan and Alberta Get Practically All.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 9. — Immigration into Canada from the United States continues to triple the returns for last year.

During the week ending October 2, a total of 942 entered the country, according to figures issued by J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration. During the same period last year only 294 persons were registered.

Twenty-six chose destinations in Ontario, three in Manitoba, 324 in Saskatchewan, 282 in Alberta and six in British Columbia.

NO DECISION IN STRIKE.

FORT WILLIAM, Oct. 9.—No decision was arrived at between Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, and the striking elevator employees and the managers tonight. This afternoon a session lasting from 1 o'clock until 5 was held between the minister and the representatives of the men.

CANADIAN FLIER PRISONER.

TORONTO, Oct. 9. — Flight Lieut. E. W. Desbarats, R. N. A. C., recently reported as missing, is a prisoner in Karlsrhue, Germany, according to cable advices received today by his father, E. S. Desbarats, of the Desbarats Advertising Agency, Montreal. Mr. Desbarats was in the city when a copy of the cable was wired him.

WHOOPING COUGH A DEADLY DISEASE, SAYS DR. H. W. HILL

Three Deaths Resulted From It Last Month.

65 NEW CASES REPORTED

Statement to Board of Health Also Shows 79 Tuberculous Cases Under Surveillance.

Dr. H. W. Hill, M. O. H., at a meeting of the board of health, stated yesterday afternoon that whooping cough was the most deadly of all infectious diseases. The comment was caused by the fact that of the eight deaths during the month of September from infectious diseases, three were caused by this disease. Three were caused by tuberculosis and one each from diphtheria and septic sore throat. There were 65 cases of infectious diseases discovered during the month, 24 of whooping cough, 15 of septic sore throat, 9 of scarlet fever, 5 of diphtheria, 6 of measles, 4 of tuberculosis and one of chickenpox. Twenty cases had been treated at the isolation hospital, 17 of diphtheria and 3 of scarlet fever. Fourteen had been discharged after treatment for diphtheria and 3 from scarlet fever. There was 1 death, from diphtheria. There are now 79 cases of tuberculosis under the observation of the nurse, of which 12 are new cases.

In response to a question by C. R. Somerville, the chairman, Dr. Hill stated that there was no water from the springs at the Byron Sanatorium being pumped into the city mains.

Dr. Tamlin, veterinary officer, reporter that since August 1 he had examined 1,300 cows, with a daily output of 10,601 quarts of milk. Conditions were generally good.

Inspector Lutman was asked to prepare a written report on the sanitary conditions of a house in the east end, and if improvements are not made the house will be closed up.

The city water supply was shown to be pure, no colon bacilli being present.

City Engineer Brazier will be asked to co-operate with the board in improving the sewerage conditions on Erie avenue.

Health Inspector Lutman made 272 inspections during the month.

SAYS LABOR LACK RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENT H. C. OF L.

Immigration Inspector Declares Dearth of Men To Blame.

POTATOES MEAN MONEY

Despite High Price of Seed Last Spring, Crop Will Be a Paying One.

Despite the high price of potato seed paid by farmers of the district last year a substantial profit will be realized this season from the crop of spuds, and will counter-balance to a large extent the loss sustained last season, according to a statement made by Immigration Inspector Farrel of the Ontario Employment Bureau today.

"The farmer will make good money on all his crops this year," he said. "Almost every variety of produce yielded a bumper output, and notwithstanding the high price of seed a material surplus profit will be enjoyed.

"Farming this year was largely a matter of speculation. The rich man who could afford to take a chance on tilling all his available ground will be the big winner. Owing to the scarcity of labor, the poor farmer did not crop all his land, fearing that sufficient help could be obtained at harvest time. Had the farmers tilled every inch of available ground and at the same time been able to secure sufficient labor, they would have enjoyed an enormous profit."

"The farmer is not responsible for the high cost of living. I have figured the whole thing out, and with the exception of notable graft cases, the condition answerable for the present prices is the dearth of labor.

"Take, for instance, present farming conditions. There was every facility for a crop almost double in quantity to that of any previous year, but owing to the speculative aspect taken by farmers as to the practibility of tilling the usual yearly acreage with a labor famine ominous, less seed was planted this year."

Mr. Farrel has just returned from a trip throughout the district, and says that practically all farmers are jubilant with the large yields of the year. He said that if the farmer had not lost money last year, an abnormal profit for the two seasons would have been realized.

OVER 200 ATTEND RALLY AT FOREST

The Baptist Young People's Association held a rally at Forest on Thanksgiving Day, more than two hundred people being present. Features of the meeting were the election of officers for the coming year, and addresses by Rev. Thomas Waring of Woodstock, and Rev. L. Brown of Brantford. Rev. A. C. Bingham of the Egerton Street Baptist was elected president, Mr. Barnes of Arkona was elected vice-president, and Miss Louis Spacham of Strathroy was elected secretary-treasurer. The executive is composed of Miss L. McKay of Petrolea, Miss Walda Wilson of Ailsa Craig, C. E. Hunter of Sarnia, and Miss Georgia M. Newbury of London.

The sum of $150 was collected to aid some student to be selected going through McMaster University.

FAMILY REUNION AT LYNDHURST

A most enjoyable family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. White of Lyndhurst on Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. White's three sisters and brother, who have been residing in distant parts of Canada and the States, were guests of honor at a Thanksgiving dinner.

Together with the children and grandchildren there were present from a distance: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kelly of London, Mrs. A. E. and Miss Madge Sliter of Brandon, Man., Mrs. Ziba Sliter of Alexandria Bay, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Struthers of Brockville, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farrow of Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Henderson of Morton, and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Johnson of Seeley's Bay.

FIVE I. W. W. AGITATORS JAILED IN WEST CANADA

WINNIPEG, Oct. 9. — Belief that prompt action on the part of the immigration officials alone prevented I.W.W. strife in Canada is strengthened by recent developments at Yorkton, where five members of that organization have been given jail sentences.

All the men carried I.W.W. literature and badges, and were found to have entered Canada illegally, according to a communication filed with Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration.

They will be deported from the country after serving one month in jail.

SCRAPPING RAILWAY MIGHT BE BEST FOR TRACTION INVESTORS

Guelph Paper Discusses London and Lake Erie Line.

NO BONUSES EVER GIVEN

Men Behind Project Have Put Up Their Own Cash.

The Guelph Evening Mercury discussing the situation in regard to the London and Lake Erie Electric Railway has the following to say:

Promoter vs. Investor.

"London appears to have a railway proposition all its own—or at least it concerns the district between London and Port Stanley. The London and Lake Erie line was built some years ago, but, like many another similar venture, it found the financial path hard. It was bought up by a number of investors, and more money was put in. Then came the electrification of the London and Port Stanley line, covering much of the same territory. Of course the hydro line had the backing of the city and the provincial treasury, and the other line found the going hard again, so much so that it is prepared now to go out of business.

Like other things, the war is "kind" to the road. The steel, copper, and other metals will bring large amounts if the whole road is "scrapped," and that is one way the owners of the London and Lake Erie can get out from under. An offer has been made to sell it to the municipalities interested at the price it will bring if "scrapped." London men claim that it is a good thing for London, as it is a street railway for the country people. But sentiment is not of much account now, and the fact is that tearing the road up and selling it for scrap is the one way out for the investors. As far as the Mercury can learn, no bonus has ever been given, and the men have put their own actual cash into the undertaking.

It looks as though this might be a case where the investor would not fare as well as the promoters of other lines. The C.N.R. has had its feet in the public trough for a long time. The municipalities, the provinces and the Dominion have all carried their lands, their dollars and their bond guarantees, and kept the trough full. It came to the same pass as the smaller road near London—it was not paying and could not go on. But there's no talk of tearing up the road or of selling it as scrap. Instead, it looks as though the country might pay again for a road it has already settled for.

It does look in spots as though the wise man was the one who enters the railway business as a promoter, and who puts in the money—of other people.

SCARCITY OF COAL AT INGERSOLL IS CAUSING ANXIETY

Farmers Jump Price of Wood to $5 a Cord.

INGERSOLL, Oct. 9.—The coal shortage here is worrying many both in town and the district, as they have little or no coal stored away and orders placed weeks ago are still unfilled. The dealers say they have been unable to obtain supplies and hold out the hope of getting some in after navigation closes. Another complication locally in connection with the fuel supply is the shortage of wood. Farmers who have any are asking $5 per cord an unheard of price here.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Woodstock district, held in the Methodist Church here today, was largely attended by delegates from all over this section. The various reports indicated most satisfactory progress. Addresses were given by Mrs. (Rev.) Kaye, of Beachville; Mrs. (Rev.) Monsinger, of Princeton. This evening the Learn-To-Do-Well Mission Circle was addressed by Miss Brackbill.

The congregation of St. Paul's Methodist Church in West Oxford is a little more than particularly pleased with the results of its Thanksgiving offering. They were asked for $1,800, and the returns just completed show that this amount was exceeded. This is considered one of the finest showings ever made by a small church in this district.

LIBERAL NOMINEE IN NORTH ESSEX REMAINS IN FIELD

William C. Kennedy Will Make a Strong Run.

WINDSOR, Oct. 9.—An effort is being made by North Essex Conservatives to hold a "win-the-war" convention here on Saturday of this week to select a successor to Oliver J. Wilcox, whose retirement on account of ill-health was announced some time ago.

Posters out this afternoon contain the information that J. M. Godfrey, K. C., of Toronto, will be the principal speaker at the meeting, assisted by a number of lesser political lights.

Prominent Liberals, however, do not agree to the idea, and their regular nominee, Wm. C. Kennedy, will run in any event. He will make a strong fun.

LONDONER LOSES LEGS; FELL BENEATH TRAIN

GILBERT PLAINS, Man., Oct. 9.—While trying to board a moving freight train this afternoon a young man by the name of Bell, from London, Ont., fell under the wheels and had both legs so badly mangled that amputation will be necessary. He was taken to Dauphin for further treatment.

RUSSIAN DESERTERS ARE FORMING BANDIT BANDS

TOKIO, Sept. 13.—Correspondence.—Advices from Vladivostok, officially confirmed, report that two members of the staff of a Japanese mining company were assaulted and murdered by a band of the Russian bandits near Novo Nicolaevsk. A Russian coachman was also killed. The brigands are suspected to be a body of the Russian soldiers who deserted.

G. T. R. OFFICIALS TOURING.

CALGARY, Oct. 9.—A. W. Smithers, chairman of the board of directors of the G. T. R.; Howard G. Kelly, president; W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager of the G. T. P., and party arrived in Calgary tonight from the coast over the C. P. R., and left later for the north over their own line by special train.

ALBERT H. WHEELER DEAD.

TORONTO, Oct 9.—The news of the death of Albert Hamilton Wheeler, at the private patients' pavilion, General Hospital, this morning, came as a great shock to many. He was for a number of years Western Ontario salesman for the Western Canada Flour Mills Company.

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Germans Buy Hides in Argentina, Say War Soon Will End

Declare Hostilities Will Cease in January or February.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 9.—Coincident with the American demand for Argentine dry hides to meet military orders and renewed British buying as a result of the lifting of the leather embargo, the Germans here are buying heavily and their competition in the market is helping to increase prices.

German brokers say they are buying on German Government orders. They express confidence that the war will end in January or February. Prices of hides have risen twelve per cent in the last ten days.

HOPES TO COMPLETE BACON INQUIRY BY NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

Chairman of Commission Assures That Probe Will Be Thorough.

TORONTO, Oct. 9.—"We intend to renew the investigation on Thursday, and we hope to complete it at least by next Monday night, but the nature of the process is such that we may find ourselves facing questions which would require further investigation," said G. F. Henderson, K.C., chairman of the commission on war profits in bacon and other food products. "We are determined that the investigation shall be just as thorough as it is impartial."

"We are dealing with the Davies Company first, but we expect that the principles will be so far settled in the course of that inquiry that the Matthews-Blackwell part of it will be attended with less difficulty. I should like to say that both companies have furnished ever facility for a thorough investigation."

Asked as to whether any general practical result would follow from the investigation, or whether the price of bacon, for instance, would be affected, Mr. Henderson said:

"We are instructed by the Government to recommend a standard system of keeping accounts for cold storage companies, but our present duty is to make a report on the main issue, and not to delay the report till we are prepared to make further recommendations.

"As to the possible reduction in the price of bacon, that is a matter with which this commission has no concern. If it should appear that the profit has been excessive, one would expect that the tendency would be to a reduction in prices. The report, however, will speak for itself, and any businessman will be able to judge for himself whether the summary which the commission will make is accurate."

BLAIN WAS CAREFUL TO SIDESTEP CHARGES MADE AGAINST GOVT.

David Marshall Choice of East Elgin Conservatives.

AYLMER, Oct. 9.—At a convention of East Elgin Conservatives held in the town hall this afternoon, D. Marshall was renominated as the standard-bearer in the coming election. A vote of confidence in the Borden Government was passed. Those on the platform were D. Marshall, Senator Blain, C. A. Brower, E. A. Miller and R. M. Newell.

Senator Blain defended the war policy of the Borden Government and conscription, but was particularly careful to avoid any reference to the numerous charges which have been made in connection with the administration of affairs. He compared the revised militia act of the Borden Government with the militia act under the Liberal regime.

Speaking of affairs in Quebec he declared that 44,000 have enlisted there. He claimed that the revised militia act would not deplete Canadian farms and factories of help, as the old militia act would.

SPLENDID ENTRIES AT WINGHAM FAIR

WINGHAM, Oct. 9.—The fall fair, which opened here today, will be one of the best in years. The exhibits were never better, and the entries are numerous, and include the finest products from the finest farms in this whole district. A fine program of attractions has been arranged.

KERENSKY IS VISITING GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

PETROGRAD, Oct. 9. — Premier Kerensky, Minister of War Verhkovsky and the minister of marine have gone to general headquarters for a series of conferences, including one with the military attaches of allied powers. Minister of Foreign Affairs Terestchenko also has gone to headquarters.

SULTAN OF EGYPT DEAD.

LONDON, Oct. 10. — The Daily Telegraph says it learns that the sultan of Egypt died at noon Tuesday.

Hussein Kemal was chosen by Great Britain in 1914 to succeed his uncle, Khedive Abbas Hilmi, as ruler of Egypt simultaneously with the proclamation of a British protectorate. His father was khedive from 1865 to 1879. The British acting high commission in Egypt, in his letter notifying Hussein Kemal of his appointment, said there was ample evidence that Abbas Hilmi had thrown in his lot with enemies of Great Britain, with the result that "the rights over the Egyptian executive exercised by the sultan of Turkey and the late khedive are forfeited."

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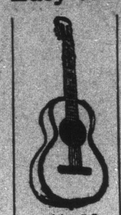

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GERMANY'S MILITARY STRENGTH SHOWS CLEAR DECREASE AND HER SUPREME EFFORT IS MADE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—Germany's military strength now shows a clear decrease for the first time since the war began, according to a review based on the data of the French general staff, made public here tonight by the French high commissioner.

"Worn down and driven back by the never-ending pounding of the Allies on the western front," the statement says, "the Germans have made their supreme military effort after drawing heavily upon their inactive armies in the east and calling out their 1918 and part of their 1919 reserves.

"Thus, while the Allies have reached and are prepared to maintain their full strength awaiting the coming of America's great army, the enemy's resources are diminishing at the very moment when the military situation demands that they increase.

"This shows," concludes the statement, "the decisive character attending the operations in 1918, when three great democracies—Great Britain, France and America—will unite their entire strength in attacking the enemy in conformity with the only sound principle of war."

BERLIN MINIMIZES DRIVE OF ALLIES; CALLS IT REPULSE

Gains Limited to Stretch Between Draeibank and Poelcapelle.

BERLIN, via London, Oct. 9.—The gains of territory by the Entente Allies in the latest battle in Flanders have been limited to the stretch of territory between Draeibank and Poelcapelle, says the official communication issued by the war office tonight. The Entente attacks elsewhere were repulsed, says the communication, the text of which follows:

"In Flanders a fresh battle developed from the fighting earlier in the day, which still continues, between Draelebank and Gheluvelt. In spite of repeated assaults, the gain of territory, according to latest reports, is limited to the stretch of territory between Draelbank and Poelcapelle. For the rest the attacks were repulsed."

MONTREAL NEWSPAPERS FAILED, OWING $535,000

One Hundred and Twenty-Five of 300 Creditors Are Former Employees.

MONTREAL, Oct. 9.—About $535,000 is the amount owing by the Daily Mail Publishing Company, Limited, and the Evening News Company, Limited, of this city, so it was stated here today in the course of proceedings before Mr. Justice Allard, in the practice division of the superior court, in connection with a meeting of the creditors of the two defunct newspapers in question. The creditors number nearly three hundred, of whom 125 are former employees, who claim unpaid salaries. John D. Wallace was appointed liquidator, and five inspectors were appointed. Both the Mail and News were under one management, the News ceasing publication a few months before the Mail, a morning paper, failed.

PRESIDENT OF NICKEL CO. ON U. S. AVIATION STAFF

Ambrose Monell Expects to Reach France In Six Weeks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Ambrose Monell, president of the International Nickel Company, today tendered his resignation, to accept a commission as colonel on the staff of the commander of the American aviation forces abroad. Mr. Monell plans to reach France about six weeks hence, he said.

PROVISION BEING MADE FOR STORING POTATOES

TORONTO, Oct. 9.—Questions in connection with the distribution and storage of this year's potato crop in Central and Eastern Canada were considered today at a meeting of the fruit and vegetable committee of the food controller's office. It is intended to take such measures as may be found necessary to insure that no part of the large crop will be lost through unequal distribution or the lack of proper storage facilities.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

CLINTON, Oct. 9.—Conservatives of South Huron will hold a convention in the town hall, Clinton, on Monday. Addresses will be given by the Huron members, as well as outside speakers.

A candidate for South Huron will likely be selected.

The executive will meet in the morning.

LAMBETH.

LAMBETH, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Kent of Courtright is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Hopkins.

Mr. Chester Mann of Flint, Mich, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harley of Rodney are guests of Mrs. G. H. Routledge for a few days.

Mrs. McAlister of Toronto is a visitor with her daughter, Mrs. R. Grant.

Miss Gladys Shaw of London was a recent visitor with Miss Alice Brady.

Mrs. Varley Finch spent Thanksgiving with friends in Toronto.

ATLANTIC SEA FISH CARRIED TO ELEVEN CITIES THIS TRIP

London Receives 600 Pounds, St. Thomas 100 and Galt 75 Pounds.

OTTAWA, Oct. 9.—The chairman of the fish committee of the food controller's office announced today that consignees in no less than eleven cities in Ontario and Quebec had shared in recent shipments of fish from Mulgrave, N. S. This morning's train from Mulgrave carried special fish cars with the following consignments:

Toronto, including Parkdale, 8,550 pounds; Montreal, 2,100 pounds; London, 600 pounds; St. Thomas, 100 pounds; Ottawa, 200 pounds; Galt, 75 pounds.

The last previous shipment, on October 6, was the largest which has yet been sent westward since the fish committee commenced its campaign to increase the consumption of Atlantic fish. It included these consignments.

Toronto 10,300 pounds, Montreal 6,250 pounds, Quebec 3,700 pounds, Hamilton 1,700 pounds, Kingston 1,000 pounds, Windsor 600 pounds, Galt 250 pounds, Ottawa 200 pounds, and St. Catharines 200 pounds.

NURSING SISTER LANG HAS FALLEN IN FRANCE

Her Sister With the C. A. M. C. Died at Rouen In 1915.

TORONTO, Oct. 9.—Corp. Ernest Lang, who was gassed and wounded in France while serving with the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion in September, 1915, and who has spent many months in the base hospital here, has just received a letter from France, stating that his sister, Nursing Sister Frances Elizabeth Lang, No. 3 General Hospital, Boulogne, France, has been killed. Since no details as to how she came to her death are contained in the letter, Corp. Lang is of the opinion that his sister had been out to the trenches to attend the wounded when she was struck down by shell or rifle fire. Miss Lang was 24 years old, and a native of Scotland. She came from hospital work at Massachusetts, U. S. A., where she was in training, and enlisted in the C. A. M. C. Prior to taking up her duties in the United States she was employed in hospitals at Brandon, Man., and Vancouver. The late Miss Lang went overseas in 1914.

Another sister, Gertrude L. Lang, also formerly a nursing sister in the C. A. M. C., died in Rouen, France, in May, 1915.

Corp. Lang has re-enlisted with the 1st C. O. R.

BRITISH CASUALTIES 17,505 DURING WEEK

LONDON, Oct. 9.—British casualties reported during the week ending today totalled 17,505. The losses were divided as follows:

Officers killed or died of wounds, 311; men, 2,965; officers wounded or missing, 862; men, 13,367.

TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD TO SAVE NEWSPAPERMAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 9.—Jabez Nelson, head of the Associated Press office at Seattle, and one of the most widely-known newspapermen in the northwest, is reported seriously ill at his home. His physician will attempt a transfusion of blood, in an attempt to save the patient's life.

GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS.

INGERSOLL, Oct. 9.—"A Christmas box for every Ingersoll soldier" is the slogan of the local Red Cross workers who have divided themselves into ten teams and are canvassing the town. They are meeting with a generous response from citizens and expect to be ready to ship 225 boxes of gifts for the boys in the trenches overseas very shortly. The boxes will be sent in good time for the soldiers to get them for Christmas.