

ASK RECRUITING LEAGUE WHERE MONEYS WENT

Police Commission Refuses Tag Day Permit Until Statement Has Been Made.

MORE FOR OVERSEAS

Thirteen Policemen Handed in Their Resignations Yesterday to the Board.

Two deputations desiring a tag day for military purposes appeared before the board of police commissioners yesterday afternoon at the city hall. One deputation represented the Citizens' Recruiting League, and was composed of the Hon. Thos. Crawford, M.L.A.; Mr. Robertson, and eleven ladies. The second deputation comprised members of the Sportsmen's Recruiting League, Lieut.-Col. R. Greer, Lieut.-Col. Kingmill, Lieut.-Col. LeGrand, and Mr. Macdonald, and John Godfrey. April or May was designated for the desired tag day by the respective deputations.

John Ross Robertson, however, pointed out that there had not yet been any statement issued by the Citizens' Recruiting League as to what had been done with the money collected on the last tag day. The commissioners decided not to grant permission for a tag day until a financial statement of receipts and disbursements had been issued by the Citizens' Recruiting League. If satisfactory, it would then be necessary for the two recruiting bodies to get together and agree as to who was to be responsible for the distribution of the money collected. It was decided that the city treasurer should receive all money collected, and that the account be audited for the public benefit by the city auditor.

More Policemen Enlist. As treasurer of the police benefit fund, Chief Grant submitted his annual report of receipts and disbursements. A surplus of \$40,000 was reported. Chief Wm. Banks, sen., reported that all theatres were complying with the law.

A merit mark for re-enlisting two soldiers who were overcome by illuminating gas recently, was awarded to Policeman Pickering.

The following 13 resignations of policemen who have enlisted were accepted: Policemen A. Micham (438), H. Hallway (466), A. Spence (562), W. Barnes (461), J. Dugdale (384), S. Third (174), A. White (44), A. Macdonald (133), W. Buchanan (366), C. A. Rumble (262), W. Gregory (115), McGowan (274), Gibson (106).

A letter was received from Chief of Police Alf. Cuddy of Calgary enclosing a pension cheque for \$83.33 for the benefit of the Toronto and York Patriotic Fund.

It is expected that the estimates for the coming year will be submitted at the next meeting. The strength of the police force, which is now 663, will not be allowed to go below 600 men.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS UNDER SPECIAL GUARD

Grips and Parcels in Visitors' Hands Are Being Examined.

The Ontario Department of Public Works instituted somewhat drastic precautions yesterday to safeguard the parliament buildings at Queen's Park. Every person who enters the buildings henceforth and who is not known to the guards must state his mission, and if he carries a suit case or parcel, must satisfy them as to its contents.

All morning the only means of entrance to the buildings was the front doors, but this was found inconvenient to the officials of the government, and in the afternoon the back entrance was also opened up, the side entrances, of which there are several, are now locked up.

To carry out this extra precaution two new guards were necessary and one of these is on duty all day, patrolling the yard between the new east wing and the older portion of the building. "We have instructions to search every grip and parcel and if the possessor refuses to allow it, we are ordered to place him or her under arrest," one of the guards said yesterday.

Don't Give Damages For Death of Terrier. Action of Miss A. P. Cassidy Against H. P. Phillips Dismissed.

In the division court yesterday Judge Moran dismissed the action brought by Miss A. P. Cassidy against H. P. Phillips to recover \$50 damages for the death of a five-month-old terrier, which was run over by a motor car driven by the defendant.

Mr. Phillips said that he did not see the dog and the judge was satisfied that it was an accident.

Exclude "Hate" Verse. In a vote taken by mail the members of the Methodist Hymn Book Committee decided not to include the second, or "hate" verse of "God Save the King" in the revised hymnals of the Methodist Church. The vote to restore the "hate" verse resulted: Yeas, 16; nays, 10. But 20 "yea" votes would have been necessary to carry the motion, or a three-fourths majority.

Trip to the South. Now is the time to avoid the cold weather by taking a trip to Bermuda, Jacksonville, Jamaica, Nassau, Cuba, Barbados, Panama, South America. If you want a special tour to any part of the world, just call on S. J. Sharp & Co., 79 Yonge street.

Ninety Days for Marrying Twice. W. H. Stock was given 90 days in jail when he came up before Col. Denison in the police court yesterday, on a charge of bigamy. He left his wife in Scotland 17 years ago.

Enemy Win in Persia? BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—Persian forces defeated the Russians in a two days' battle near Muwendit, taking 600 prisoners.

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RUSSIANS NOW HAVE PLENTY OF MUNITIONS

War Minister Says Crisis in This Respect is Thing of Past.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—"Russia's munitions crisis is now a thing of the past," said General Polivanoff, Russian minister of war, in an interview with Ludowick Naudon, the special correspondent of The Paris Journal in Russia. It is an unpleasant memory, but, fortunately, only a memory.

"With regard to the troops," the minister said, "their spirit is excellent, thanks to the system of mobilization by masses, which was put into force a few months ago, and to the doubling of the number of supply depots. At the present time we have a permanent reserve of young recruits large enough to enable us to keep all the units up to their full strength without having to send to the front half-trained men. This is of great importance, for it has been observed that the morale of the soldier is apt to deteriorate when he sees his company, which originally had 250 or 300 men, reduced to a few dozen."

LLOYD GEORGE WILL SUCCEED KITCHENER?

Lord Derby Also Mentioned for Post of Secretary of War.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, was again being mentioned today as a possible successor to Lord Kitchener, of "K. of K." steps out of the war office. Lord Derby, who directed the recent recruiting campaign, was another civilian whose name was connected with the position.

No confirmation of rumors of Kitchener's impending resignation was obtainable from any authoritative source. It was generally agreed that if he quits, his new post will be in Egypt or Mesopotamia. Two Scotchmen, it was pointed out today, are now directing the chief operations of Great Britain's armies, Sir William Robert Robertson has taken over Kitchener's most important task, that of directing all military operations, and Sir Douglas Haig only recently became commander-in-chief of the British forces in France.

ENGINEERS CONFER ON ROAD BUILDING

Department of Public Works Opens Three-Day Educational Session.

The department of public highways held their first session of a three-day conference in the parliament buildings yesterday. Hon. Finlay Macdonald opened the conference with an introductory address in the afternoon. Throughout the day the department's engineers heard half a dozen splendid educational addresses on road construction and maintenance. Some of the addresses were illustrated by pictures thrown on a screen.

R. C. Muir, one of the department's engineers, read a paper on the requirements of road construction and told the meeting that the requirements of modern traffic, the modern motor truck and car, had made obsolete many of the older methods of road construction.

A. A. Parker spoke for half an hour on the necessity of accurate grading on highways. In a talk on the maintenance and management of roadways, A. A. Smith declared that the common idea is that the initial construction and cost of same is all the worry connected with a good highway, whereas the proper management and efficient maintenance were just as important, if not more so, than the construction. G. C. Parker spoke on the administration of the county road system.

GERMANY TRYING HARD TO OVERAWE ROUMANIA

Main Efforts Are Devoted Toward Provoking a Ministerial Crisis.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Daily News correspondence at Rome says that Germany is apparently determined to resort to reprisals as well as intimidation in order to prevent Rumania's intervention on the side of the allies. She is adopting at Bucharest methods identical to those she attempted with Italy before the latter's intervention. Her main efforts are now directed towards provoking a ministerial crisis, since she realizes that only a cabinet composed of avowed pro-Germans could prevent Rumania's stand with the allies.

FORTY TURKISH SHIPS DESTROYED BY RUSSIANS

Naval Construction Yards Along Anatolian Coast Was Bombed.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Russian torpedo boats sank 40 Turkish sailing vessels in the Black Sea and destroyed three naval construction yards along the Anatolian coast, according to despatches received here today.

Who Shall Control ? Your Private Life ?

Do you propose to be robbed of your freedom as British subjects or not? That is the plain issue in this Prohibition campaign.

It is not whether you may drink a glass of beer: that is a minor matter. It is whether a body of men, obsessed with one idea and working upon the excited enthusiasm of their followers, shall presume to control your private life. For, if they do this in one thing, why not in everything? That has always been the story of these assaults upon personal freedom, and history is full of them: an attack upon one particular point and then gradually along the whole line.

Puritanism in England and the Blue Laws of New England are instances in point.

The men who are opposing Prohibition to-day, therefore, are fighting exactly the same battle as are the Allies; for Liberty against Tyranny.

THERE are several things, also, to be remembered in this connection. First, this contest has nothing to do with individual abstinence. Many of the strongest opponents of Prohibition are total abstainers. Every man has a perfect right to be an abstainer, and in some instances duty may demand this of him. Again, this question of Liberty is entirely apart from the religious phase of the subject, for even the most ardent Prohibitionist will not claim that he is supported in his position by Christianity or the Bible. Again, Provincial Prohibition is heralded as being but a step towards the Absolute Prohibition throughout the whole Dominion of the manufacture and importation of alcoholic beverages. Now, does anybody in his senses believe that this could possibly be enforced when it is the easiest thing in the world for anyone to make whiskey? Especially in Canada would it be unenforceable, with its enormous and open frontiers. The Dominion would certainly then be the favored home of the "Boot-legger," "Blind-pigger," and "Moonshiner."

Do you intend, then, to forfeit your Liberty, won through centuries of struggle, or do you not? That is the question: no more, no less.

THE PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE OF ONTARIO

COTTON CARGO ON FIRE.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—With her cargo of cotton on fire, the Swedish steamship Texas is making for the port of Kirkwall, Scotland. The vessel left New Orleans, January 22, and Newport News, January 27, bound for Gothenburg and Christiania.

McGraw Remanded.

George McGraw, charged with the murder of Joseph McElbannon, appeared in the dock for a few minutes at the police court yesterday, but was remanded till the 15th.

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Mr. Justice Sutherland, in a
decision in the high court at Ottawa,
yesterday, gave the opinion in the case
of Sarah A. Hamilton, who was con-
sidered in the possession of lands re-
served for the use of the Crown.
The plaintiff had to pay the costs of
the action, according to the rule of
the court, as no damages were
found. The property in the case was
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