

GERMANS LAST
RESERVE TRENCHES

Letter from Fred Taggie, At the Front, Tells of Good Gains by Allies.

CANADIANS ADVANCING

Enemy's Reserve Trenches Are Falling—Hard Work Yet To Be Done.

Word has come back from the front line that the Allies are now forging ahead to the extent that the Germans are in their last reserve trenches, according to a letter received here from Fred Taggie, a member of the Postal Corps, who is stationed some miles back from the battle front.

"These last two or three trenches," says Taggie, "are made of concrete, so you can understand how hard the battle will be before they are destroyed and the Germans captured."

"A column of motor ambulances just passed me," states Fred in a letter dated May 27, "and nearly every wounded soldier in them has a German helmet. They would not part with these for love or money."

"Aeroplanes are always in the sky above us now keeping watch on the Germans, and our boys have nicknamed them 'The eyes in the sky.'"

"We had word back from the front that Kitchener is proud of the Canadians, and he is credited with the statement that the Canadian front line here has been strengthened by a number of men from the second contingent, but that the 'latter,' at the front, had not been so lucky."

"In a letter dated May 29, Taggie mentions that the first contingent of the Canadian front line here has been strengthened by a number of men from the second contingent, but that the 'latter,' at the front, had not been so lucky."

"Concluding this letter Taggie says that it is rumored among the boys in the year that the Canadians have advanced quite a distance, and that the German reserve trenches are falling, and in some instances the enemy dug for themselves."

GOOD YEAR TO BUILD
SAYS MR. SILVERWOOD

Board of Education Has Been Able to Get Making Reduction.

No. 2 committee of the board of education meets this afternoon to let contracts for the new Prince of Wales school, the last of the board's building program for the year, and the new school will be the largest built, the cost being in the neighborhood of \$70,000.

"We have been much gratified at the prices we have been able to obtain this year," said Chairman A. E. Silverwood to The Advertiser this afternoon. "We figured at the start that by building this year we would be able to get the work done for from 10 to 15 per cent less than last year, and we are well within those figures. Last year one eight-room school cost us \$50,000. This year the new eleven-room Riverdale Avenue school is being built for \$32,000."

MISS YOUNG'S RECITAL

Young Organist Makes Most Pleasant Impression.

A large and very appreciative audience of music lovers assembled in St. Andrew's Church, Monday afternoon, to hear the recital of Miss Lillian Young, assisted by three vocal soloists, Misses Jean Purdon, Lottie Martin and Kathleen McQuinn. Miss Young, who is a pupil of Charles E. Wheeler, F. C. G. O., but recently received her degree of A. C. G. O., her standing being exceptionally high, and her performance yesterday stamped Miss Young as an organist of exceeding ability, her playing being marked with an excellent technique combined with a fine sense of rhythm. Her numbers contained selections from the different organs, and her entire performance was most creditable to her teacher, Mr. Wheeler.

The assisting vocalists also pleased their hearers in their several numbers, clear enunciation and sympathetic rendition specially marking their selections.

A pleasant feature of the program was the presentation of a bouquet of roses to each of the artists. Little Miss Helen McCutcheon making the presentation. Mr. Wheeler played the accompaniments for the vocal soloists.

A German prisoner—Relatives in Central have been officially advised that Pte. Maxwell Baynam, who went with the first contingent, is a prisoner of war in the right arm.

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LOCAL NEWS
BOB WATT WELL
ENOUGH PRISONER

Miss Isabel C. Armstrong, late of the Regina Leader, who has been doing special work for The Advertiser during the past year, has been appointed to the editorial staff as special writer and musical critic.

OBTAIN CHARTER.—The Lustrifer Pumping Engine Company of this city has obtained a charter.

GIVEN A WARNING.—Edward Turpin operated an automobile while under the influence of liquor, and after a warning and a \$2 fine he was allowed to go today by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd.

TO PREPARE ESTIMATE.—At a meeting of the board of control yesterday afternoon, City Engineer Brasier was instructed to at once prepare an estimate and report at soon as possible on the construction of the West London breakwater.

WANT MORE SEWERS.—The council has received a request from the Western Fair Board for additional sewers at the fair grounds, and will take the matter up shortly. Work on the new grandstand at the fair grounds is progressing rapidly.

PASSED MEXICAN MONEY.—Members of the police department are conducting a search for a man who yesterday was successful in getting a gun in an east side store to change a \$5 Mexican bill for additional new money. The man who made the purchase that amounted to less than \$5 cents.

TO HOLD GARDEN PARTY.—A garden party will be held in "The Grove" Church, Monday evening, June 8, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid. The Birr band will furnish music throughout the evening. In addition, a good program of solos and readings will be given.

SUIT DISMISSED.—Owing to a misunderstanding, the suit of Robert Graham and Louis Mahler, on the docket at the county court session this morning, was dismissed by Judge Macbeth, unless the costs of the day are paid within 24 hours, when the case will be tried at the next court. Harper & Gibbons, for the plaintiff, did not appear.

DETERMINATION SHOWN.—West London people, while much pleased that the engineer has been instructed by the council to prepare a report regarding the new breakwater, are not so sure that the matter will be done. They are keeping after the aldermen, and plan to continue to do so until construction is commenced.

PRICE TO BE RAISED.—After eight weeks had paid for riding bicycles past standing street cars, Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today announced that he would raise the price to \$2, and that if the citizens persisted in breaking this law he would shortly make the fine \$5 and costs.

"HELLO, KID," COSTS \$5.—Charles Hutchinson, who persisted in saying "hello" to a young girl as he passed her, was fined \$5 today by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd, and fined \$5 and costs. Hutchinson was driving along Richmond street recently when he was stopped by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today and fined \$5 and costs. Hutchinson was driving along Richmond street recently when he was stopped by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today and fined \$5 and costs.

PRESIDENT BATHWATER RETURNS.—President E. E. Bathwater of the Western University returned yesterday from a lecture tour, taking in the districts around Seaford and Blenheim. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, who will graduate this summer and addressed the advantages of enrolling for a course at the Western University were placed before the students.

MISS LAMON'S TOUR.—Miss Lillian Lamont, the popular young contralto, leaves next week for a month's visit in Wisconsin, where she will appear in a number of concerts. One important engagement is at the University of Wisconsin, where she will give a recital in Wisconsin early in July. During an extended visit in Wisconsin a year ago, Miss Lamont was enthusiastically received by the people, who are anxious for her return.

DID SPLENDID WORK.—The sum of \$1,224.75 was raised during the past winter by Presbyterian congregations of the city to be applied to the relief work for the victims of the war in Belgium. With this amount, 245 bags of flour have been purchased, and Mr. Anderson, secretary of the Belgian Relief Committee, writes that the donation is greatly appreciated by the committee as there is a serious and growing shortage of food in Belgium.

MANAGER IN TORONTO.—General Manager Buchanan of the utilities department is in Toronto today, going over with hydro engineers his plans and specifications for the new main, and pump and its proposed installation at the bank. It is expected that the contracts for the work will be awarded at the next meeting of the board, and the work will be completed early in the fall.

ACTING MAYOR.—During the absence of Mayor Stevenson yesterday, Ald. W. A. Wilson was acting mayor.

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