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C. L. B. Cadets

The Church Lads welcomed the Nfld. Highland Brigade last night, who paraded under Captain Spry, at the Armory. All ranks were delighted to see them join and listen to Chas. H. Hutchings, Esq., O.B.E., Inspector General of Constabulary and Chief of the Fire Department, who addressed both Brigades on the subject of Fire Prevention.

The "Inspector General was a welcome guest and the Brigades were pleased to have been given an address by the Chief of the Fire Brigade. He spoke twenty minutes and began by paying a compliment to the City Brigades who were doing good citizenship generally in the direction of discipline, honesty and character. The Inspector General said that the Brigades deserved credit for their work in this way and he took special notice of the fact that he had the pleasure to enroll the first man in the Nfld. Highland Regiment, Captain L. Stick, who was still doing a man's job and playing a man's game as a member of the C.L.B. The Inspector General asked the co-operation of the Newfoundland Highlanders and the C.L.B. to aid him in "fighting the good fight" against carelessness in the matter of dealing with fire. At the close of his address Lt.-Col. Walter F. Rendell, C.B.E., Officer Commanding on behalf of both Brigades tendered their thanks for the address of the Fire Chief, and assured him of their assistance generally towards his objective.

The following officers were on duty besides the O.C., Brigade Major Williams, Captain Stick, Adjutant; P. B. Rendell, Fred W. Burden, M.D., C.M.O.; Harold Hayward; Lieuts. A. B. Perlin, M. Job Taylor, W. R. Mott and Eric Jerrett, and 149 all ranks.

We also had a visit last night from Mr. A. Tooton and A. Reid. The latter is a professional photographer from Windsor, N.S., who photographed a large number of the Can-

adian Regiments at their military camps. They were shown over the Armory by the Brigade Major. On Sunday next at 2.15 photographer Reid will take a panoramic view of the Brigade, Old Comrades and Battalion Bands, on the Parade Ground. The Brigade Staff asks every officer and lad to be on duty Sunday afternoon at 2.15 sharp. After the photograph the Brigade attends service in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. The Cathedral Men's Bible Class will also be present at the service. Captain Stick, Adjutant, is sending an invitation to Spencer College and the Girls' Friendly Guide Companies to participate in Sunday's parade.

Trinity East—Port Rexton Company is the first Company to report for September. They have 39 on the strength, and an average of 35 per cent. attendance. A Church parade was held and as the Church was three miles away the Company did a six mile route march, and whilst the day was warm—the lads acquitted themselves like real soldiers. Lance Corporal G. Day has resigned in order to proceed to King's University, Windsor Nova Scotia, to pursue his studies, and we wish him good luck. Captain Fitzgerald, O.C., is holding an examination of lads for N.C.O.'s rank on October 9th. We hope all the lads will get their passes. Congratulations Trinity East—Port Rexton on your report.

Captain A. S. Lewis, Manager of the Savings Bank Department reports for September as having 170 depositors with \$3457.92 to their credit. The Bank pays four per cent on all accounts.

The Old Comrades have had their constitution and bye laws recently printed. All members wanting a copy will please apply to the Secretary. The object of this Branch is to help the C. L. B. to encourage fellowship and recreation.

Headquarters, St. John's are in receipt of a copy of the annual report of the governing body for the year ending December 31, 1923.

Captain Stick lectures next Thursday night to the N. C. O.'s, on the great war and particularly about July first at Beaumont Hamel. The Adjutant is also arranging a stag card party on October 27th in the gymnasium. The Ladies' Auxiliary are

catering. Last year's party was a great success and a large number are booking tables.

Major Outerbridge is having a financial conference next Tuesday with the Brigade's Finance Committee.

Doctor Burden was busy last night examining recruits. The lads were stripped to the waist and they were all smiles as the "genial doctor" examined them with the stethoscope. Any lads a bit under the standard are given a note to see their family doctor. A stitch in time saves nine. Our Chief Medical Officer is doing great work. Carry on Doctor, carry on!

Jackie Coogan at the Nickel To-Morrow

IN HIS GREAT PHOTOPLAY "A BOY OF FLANDERS."

"A Boy of Flanders," the new Jackie Coogan photoplay which will be shown at the Nickel Theatre to-morrow, is sure to delight both young and old.

Its comedy touches will make them chuckle with joy, its pathos will tug at the heartstrings, and the general effect will be to send them away satisfied and gratified that they saw the film.

King or pauper, Jackie is never found wanting. As the poor little orphan burdened with the care of a household and the worry "of making both ends meet"; entrusted with the selling of the family wares and the difficult task of cheering up a failing grandfather, Jackie is provided with a role which gives him innumerable opportunities to demonstrate his pantomimic ability and never once does he fall short.

Surrounded by a picturesque Flemish background, the little fellow radiates added charm. The story, simple as it is, is still within the scope of the youngster and fits him admirably. The juvenile romantic theme is simply delicious. The subtle flirtation between little Nello and the landowner's daughter, Alois, will make everyone sigh and smile. It is a delicate touch delicately handled, and admirably portrayed.

Yes, there is no doubt about it, this newest Jackie Coogan film is a winner. Do not fail to see it at the Nickel. It will be shown three days only commencing to-morrow.

Is the World Growing Worse

Recent history and perusal of the daily page incline not a few observers to believe that the world is growing worse, that Christianity is failing, that our civilization is "predominantly pagan." Such sweeping statements do not seem to the Nashville Christian Advocate (Methodist) to be true, and The Herald of Christian Liberty, taking a look at history, remembers:

"Seventy-five years ago many of the clergy were supporting slavery as a divine institution. Most of them were silent upon the liquor traffic or aiding it or even engaged in it. Children of six labored eleven hours a day in the mills of England, victims of cruel greed, farmed out by the guardians of the poorhouses for the purpose. Mission was opposed by the clergy or lukewarmly supported. The Church was not critical of war. There were few welfare organizations, and those that existed were weak. Prisons were hotbeds of cruelty and vice. There was no Red Cross Society then. Corruption was rife in politics. Business was tricky. Every one with a knowledge of history knows that the public conscience of to-day is much nearer the spirit of Christ than it was then."

Gratitude or Ingratitude Toward General Pershing

As the clock strikes noon, Saturday, I retire; that's all there is to it," said General Pershing, but the newspapers feel that there is vastly more to it, and scores of them denounce the military law that deposes a great chieftain solely because he is sixty-four years old. "Silly" the Brooklyn Eagle calls it, while the Indianapolis News says General Pershing, "is younger to-day by nearly three years than Foch was when he took supreme command of the Allied Armies," and adds, "A careful observer who spent some time with him last week reported that he had the light step of an athlete, an iron grip, and the chest, weight and eyes of a man of forty." Meanwhile, the Tacoma Ledger remarks, "The age limit is defended upon the ground that men beyond sixty-four could not endure field service," and continues: "That may be true, but generals of the army would never be called upon to perform field service even in a great war." Several papers scent politics, and the Cleveland Plain Dealer observes:

"No business firm would discharge a tried and efficient employee merely because he had passed his sixty-fifth birthday. But Army rules are rules, unelastic as the laws of the Medes and Persians; when it comes to a matter of Congressional action there are enough votes swayed by the pacific element and other special and petty vindictive elements to prevent the doing of the sensible and gracious thing."

Reminding us that "a bill was introduced in Congress to keep General Pershing on the active list," a Tennessee paper declares, "It is a shame the bill was not passed. Pershing should remain Commander-in-Chief until he dies. Only death can retire this man." As vigorously, the Washington Post asserts: "The prompt restoration of General Pershing to active service as General of the Armies, with duties corresponding to that rank is obviously called for. Justice to him and to the national defense demands that he shall be kept in command of the Armies." So thinks the Baltimore Sun, which believes that—

"His retirement is a loss to the country, and there is no doubt that when the public becomes acquainted with the circumstances of his retirement, especially the sharp reduction in his pay, it will demand tardy justice for him. Pershing has never stooped to the more obvious devices to obtain popularity; and this very fact has strengthened his hold on the country."

The "sharp reduction in pay" leaves him only \$10,125 a year, whereas his active-duty income was \$21,500. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington,

"General Pershing will receive on the retired list three-fourths of his active-duty pay of \$13,500 a year (\$10,125), and he will not receive the allowances, which go only to officers on the active list. The allowances in his case amount to \$1,500 a year for heat and light and \$5,500 for quarters, making total active pay and allowances \$21,500."

The contrast between our treatment of General Pershing and the rewards showered upon their great generals by certain European countries is pointed out by the Memphis Commercial Appeal, which reminds us: "France gave to Foch the baton of a Marshal. More than seventy years old, Foch still commands the Armies of the Republic. England, not unmindful of her own-made Haig and Earl and gave him an allowance of half a million dollars. England rewarded Kitchener for his services in South Africa with an Earldom and a money grant." Moreover,

"Moreover the American people made Washington a full General. They made Scott a full General, and he held command until the Civil War. Grant was made a full General, and would have received a full General's pay for life except for becoming President. When death hovered over him a sympathetic nation restored to him the pay of his high rank."

"Sherman and Sheridan were made full Generals and held the rank and pay until their death." However, General Pershing receives countless verbal expressions of admiration and gratitude. In a public tribute, President Coolidge says: "General Pershing has already received from the Congress the thanks of that body and of the American people, and now I extend to him anew the thanks of the nation for his eminent services, and feel certain that I voice the sentiment of the entire citizenry of the Republic in wishing him long life, happiness and prosperity in the retirement he has so richly earned." The entire press acknowledges America's indebtedness to him. For example, the Denver Rocky Mountain News says,

"The New York World finds 'no flaw in his distinguished record, nothing to blot out or regret,' and the Providence News says, 'With the title of full General, the fifth to hold it since it was created for George Washington, Pershing steps out of harness leaving a record that measures well up with other illustrious Americans whose memory we shall cherish as long as time lasts.' As the Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald remarks, 'the American people extend to General Pershing their sentiments of heartfelt appreciation for the life he has led and for the credit he has brought upon the American Army and the American people.' Joining the universal chorus of applause, Marquis James writes in The American Legion Weekly,

"Frederick Palmer, the noted war correspondent, told me once, 'There are two Pershings—John Pershing, the man and Gen. John J. Pershing, the soldier. I never hope to meet Gen. John J. Pershing, the soldier, is the best soldier I ever hope to meet.'—Literary Digest.

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