

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

NO BRANTFORD MEN.

Among the list of Western Ontario soldiers invalided from the front and now at Quebec no names appear of men from Brantford. M. Labin of Paris is one of the men coming home.

HAVE ARRIVED.

The Post Office staff will have an extra busy time the next two or three days as the pay cheques have arrived for the dependents of soldiers now at the front.

TOTAL CONTRACTS.

The total number of electrical contracts issued last month was 87, this of course, included those of St. George, Paris, Burford and other neighboring villages.

IN THE TRENCHES.

Word has been received here that "Lady" Taylor who used to play professional lacrosse and hockey for Brantford, is in the trenches. Taylor enlisted with the Black Watch, in Montreal.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS.

Inland Revenue Collections, Nov. 1915: Spirits \$4034.64; Malt, \$630.00; Raw Leaf Tobacco, \$692.44; Cigars, \$612.78; Methylyate, \$986.34; Vinegar, \$152.44; War Tax, \$1705.88; Other Col., \$51.24. Total \$8,165.76. Increase \$1,374.39.

SOLDIERS' WIVES MEETING.

The regular meeting of the soldiers' wives took place Tuesday afternoon in the choir room of the Park Church. The room was comfortably filled. The usual Bible Study, which was taken from Matthew Gospel, Chap. 9, the subject, "The Healing Touch," was listened to with marked interest. The social talk on Chivalry, was much appreciated. Miss F. VanSomeren sang a very touching hymn. There will be roll call at the next meeting.

AS TO THE GAS COMPANY.

In connection with a recent item in the Courier, which gave currency to a rumor that the Brantford Gas Company with others, had been purchased by a U. S. syndicate, enquiry shows that such has not been the case. The facts are that the controlling corporation sold \$5,000,000 city service stock to purchasers on the other side of the line. This was simply commercial investment and does not in any sense give control.



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THREE BOARDS.

The Board of Park Commissioners, the Board of Works and the Separate School Board all meet this evening in the city hall.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

"B" Company of the 84th and the Dormitory Kolts will struggle for the victory this evening in a game of indoor baseball. The fight will be a lively one.

WATER PUMPED.

The water pumped at the Waterworks for city consumption during the month of November was 74,453,282. The total for the corresponding month last year was 125,919,752.

BEFORE JUDGE HARDY.

The court of sessions and county court, jury sittings, will begin on December 14th before His Honor Judge Hardy. The cases have not yet been entered at the clerk's office.

HOSPITAL REPORT.

The General Hospital report for the past month shows that city patients spent a total number of 474 days there, at a cost of 70 cents a day. This amounts to \$331.80. There were three births last month in the hospital, two being males.

ONLY ONE CASE.

Only one case appeared in police court this forenoon, and that was an unimportant one. A citizen was charged with a breach of the vehicle by-law because he had apparently passed a stationary street car on its motor cycle. The case was dismissed.

WON PRIZE.

The prize presented by Mr. A. Macfarlane for the best bowling score of last week, was won by Mr. Geo. Ryley, of the Dormitory Kolts, with a score of 564.

LARGE INCREASE.

Mayor Spence stated this morning that the industrial sheets of the city show an increase of nearly 100 per cent, over those of last year. This is certainly promising for such troublous times.

WANT 1000 LOADS.

The committee in charge of the erection of the Bell Memorial monument need a thousand loads of good, clean earth for gardening purposes in the park. It does not necessarily have to be first class, but good soil is preferable as it will be used as a bed for the trees and shrubs when they are planted in the spring of next year.

INFORMAL PRESENTATION.

The girls in residence at the Y. W. C. A. held an informal evening yesterday in honor of Miss Bess Porteous, who will sail shortly for England. Because it was informal everybody enjoyed themselves. Just after the refreshments had been served the departing member was presented with a splendid travelling bag.

NEARLY COLLIDED.

What might have been a serious accident was prevented just by good fortune. The street car tracks were very slippery early this morning and when the Market street car arrived at the end of its run, the brakes had no effect, and the car slid right around the curve onto Colborne St. One of the main line cars had very fortunately just started up the street and a collision was just avoided by a matter of inches.

Remember the auction sale of Household Furniture, store fixtures, cigars, etc., Look for Ad. in this paper to-morrow, 185 Market street, Saturday at 2 o'clock. W. J. Bragg, auctioneer.

SHIP ARRIVED SAFELY.

Magistrate Livingston received word this morning that the ship in which the 58th had crossed the "pond" had arrived safely this morning in England. Many people in the city will be relieved to learn of this.

BUILDING PERMITS.

A building permit was issued to Grace church for the erection of a stone porch at a cost of \$1,000. Mr. G. M. Willis of 85 Emile street also obtained a permit to build a frame fibre board garage, at a cost of \$50, approved by Chief Lewis.

INCREASE LAST MONTH.

The total building permits issued last month was 231, while the total value was \$224,085. This is an increase of \$5,410 over the total value of permits issued during the corresponding month of last year.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL.

To-morrow evening two basketball teams of the Hamilton Y. W. C. A. will come up to the city on a special car and will be entertained at the local Y. W. Afterwards two games will be played in Victoria Hall between the Hamilton and local Y. W. teams and another visiting Y. W. team and the B. C. I. team. They will certainly be worth seeing.

MATTERS ARE STATIONARY IN BALKAN AREA

Quietness May Presage an Attack by Teutons on the Anglo-French Forces.

Serbian Losses in Men and Equipment Must Have Been Heavy.

London, Dec. 2.—Military events in the Balkans are apparently in a transitory stage which may preface another offensive, but whether this will be made against the Franco-British troops which hold all that remains of Serbia or against the Russians should they launch an attack against Bulgaria, from the east, the present situation gives no indication. A Saloniki despatch reporting withdrawal of Field Marshal von Mackensen's first forces from the Serbian front to Bulgaria is interpreted in some quarters as confirmation of the second alternative.

With Pristina in Bulgarian hands, both the Austro-Germans and the Bulgarians have formally announced the completion of their Serbian campaign. Vienna officially estimates the capture of more than 60,000 Serbians by General von Koevess' army during the month of November alone. Moreover, it seems certain that the Serbians in their retreat over Albanian mountain passes encumbered by civilian refugees and made more difficult by wintry weather were forced to leave behind them a large part of their equipment, including most of their heavy artillery, motor cars and other transports.

The Germans are now engaging the Montenegrins on Montenegrin frontier and at heavy cost have penetrated some distance beyond the border. Yet this struggle is not comparable to the serious and sanguinary fighting which marked the Serbian campaign last month and which has now almost ceased. Notwithstanding all the Entente negotiations at Athens, the Greek situation to-day remains much as it was a month ago. It is now clear that Greece has determined not to demobilize or withdraw her army from Saloniki. Though a deadlock seems to have been reached negotiations are still under way.

No change of significance was reported on either the western or the eastern front during the last 24 hours.

Engineer Con Cannon and Fireman Edward Hopkins were killed at Quinev, Ill., when the engine pulling train No. 15 on the Burlington plunged off the drawbridge into the Mississippi River.

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By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 2, 11.49 a.m.—The total British military and naval losses from the beginning of the war to November 9, was 510,230. This figure was given in a written reply by Premier Asquith (to a question addressed to the government in the House of Commons).

The losses were distributed as follows—

FRANCE.
Killed, Wounded, Missing
Officers . . . 4,620 9,754 1,583
Other ranks 69,272 240,284 54,445
Total, (all figures), 379,958.

MEDITERRANEAN.
Killed, Wounded, Missing
Officers . . . 1,504 2,850 355
Other ranks 21,537 70,148 10,211
Total, 106,610.

OTHER THEATRES.

Killed, Wounded, Missing
Officers . . . 227 337 76
Other ranks 2,052 5,587 3,223
Total, 11,502.

NAVY—(Marines).
Killed, Wounded, Missing
Officers . . . 589 161 52
Other ranks 9,128 1,920 310
Total, 12,160.

Grand Total, 510,230.
The totals given as killed include those who died from wounds or other causes as well as the officers and men killed outright in battle.

Big Storm.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 2.—A blinding snow storm raged on the lake all last night and is continuing to-day, and as a result navigation is tied up. Word from Oswego this morning stated there was a heavy fall of snow there and that vessels bound for Kingston were compelled to stay in harbor.

Charles Farmer of Aledo, Texas, was killed by his 15 year old daughter. She mistook him for a tramp and shot him.

"This whole Sing Sing investigation is a frame up," declared Thos. Mott Osborne, warden of the prison in Yonkers.

CENTRAL SCHOOL—KINDERGARTEN



FIRST ROW.—Fred Sullivan, Melvin Crandall, Jas. Kieth, Ruth Erb, Kenneth Pummel, Ella Halstead, Gladys Mertindale, David McKay, Sam Olanon, Jaffray Stokes, Olga Smith, Ora Blackwell.
SECOND ROW.—Carle Losev, Amabel Arey, Rosa Coronsky, Marian Oliver, Grace Martin, Elden Bye, Jean Samagochian, Rose Savey, Helen Jacob, May Young, David Maldoover.

SUGAR HAS AGAIN ADVANCED

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DISTINCTIVE LADIES WEAR

Geo. E. Marchand, elected to the State Legislature from Lowell, Mass., continues his work as a chauffeur.

There is a proposal to divide the work of the American Red Cross into two sections—one devoted entirely to war relief work.

Judge Bird of Kansas City says the wife must request alimony in her plea for divorce or he will pay little attention to her case.

The body of John Henry Wiley, under suspicion of having slain his aged grandmother, was found dangling from the limb of a forest tree near Gibsonburg, O.

Too Late for Classification

WANTED—A good girl for general housework; sleep out. Miss Sears, 145 Peel.

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