

The Evening Times Star

VOL. X, No. 191

ST. JOHN N. B., TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1915

TEN PAGES—ONE CENT

Recruiting Campaign Opens Several Meetings Arranged For This Week—Today's Local News of The War

Chief interest in military circles at present centers in the recruiting campaign for the 55th. Meetings arranged for this week are: Tonight, Opera House, Sussex, speakers, officers of the 55th, Regt. S. M. Ford, staff sergeants, etc., Hon. A. J. Murray presiding. Tomorrow, Opera House, Fredericton, Major Osborne and Fredericton men. Wednesday night, Sackville, Lieut. Governor Wood, presiding. Thursday night, St. Andrew's rink, city, Lieut. Col. Kirkpatrick, Col. McLean, and Major Weyman. Thursday night, Hayden-Gibson Theatre, Woodstock, Lieut. Col. Kirkpatrick, officers of 55th, Sergt. Maj. Ford, and Rev. Dr. MacDonnell. Saturday night, St. Martins and Lorneville, St. John speakers. "Keep It Up" Sergeant Stairs of the headquarters staff of the 55th arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Minto and Chipman where he had met with success in recruiting. At the Union depot Major General Hughes made some enquiries as to the progress of recruiting, and on being informed, remarked to Sergeant Stairs, "That's fair," and as he boarded his car he gave him a parting injunction "Keep it up, sergeant, get the men, we need them."



SERGEANT F. W. STRINGER

Medical Orderly Sergeant Breen of St. Stephen, in charge of No. 6 Field Clearing Hospital, C. A. M. C. returned to Camp Sussex last evening. He came to the city yesterday with Private George E. Saunders of the 29th who was suffering from appendicitis and who was to be operated upon in the General Public Hospital. Another Draft The ranks of the 29th were further increased today and the strength of the 55th depleted by a draft of some fifty men from the latter body, brought to the city from the camp grounds at Sussex, under Major Weyman, to swell the ranks of the 29th. They are to take the place of some of the men of the battalion discharged through illness or other causes, still sick in hospital and unable to go with the unit. On the arrival of the draft at the depot they were met by the 29th Field Band, and Lieut. J. E. March, and he accompanied them to the army. They were given a hearty reception. Major Weyman presented their attestations to Capt. Griffith, adjutant of the 29th. The understanding is that this draft is to be used to make selections from if needed, that is if the 29th at the time of departure is not up to full strength. It is also understood that the same is true with regard to the first draft taken in the battalions from Sussex, and if there is a surplus they will be returned to the 55th. Some twelve men from the 4th Mounted Rifles also came to the city today to join the 29th.

Today's Drill The 25th Battalion and Construction Corps spent today about their quarters in company or section drill. Many of the former had been out of the city over a holiday. The most of them reported again for duty today. A Lively Time A sergeant of the 26th received instructions last week to go to Minto, N. B. to bring back two men who had overstayed their leave of absence. With two privates he went to secure the men, but before he got them there was considerable excitement. It is said that the men did not wish to return to duty just at the time and tried to get away, but some shots fired in the air as a threat of what might follow, brought them to their senses and they are now back in the army.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT NOW PROTESTS AGAINST MURDER BY GERMANS The Hague, Netherlands, May 25.—The government of the Netherlands has sent a note to Germany protesting against the sinking of the Lusitania. The lives of several Dutch subjects were lost with the Lusitania.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service. Fine and Warm A moderate depression centered in Kansas is moving towards the Great Lakes. A few scattered showers have occurred in the western provinces; also in southwestern Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces, but the weather generally has been very fine.

STRIKES ROCK BUT MAKES SYDNEY Sydney, N. S. W., May 25.—Steamer Chelton, under charter to the Canada line, from Montreal to London, struck a rock yesterday off Cape Ray, Nfld., staying a great hole in her bow. The captain ran for Sydney where he beached the ship. Temporary repairs will be effected and the steamer will proceed to Halifax.

FORCE FLEMMING OUT OF CONTEST

Interesting Report Comes From Carleton County B. F. SMITH AS CANDIDATE

Story Comes From Latter's Friends —It is Said Borden Will Not Countenance Fleming Candidature But Ex-Premier's Friends Want a Say Woodstock, N. B., May 25.—There is a persistent report that J. K. Fleming will be forced to quit as the federal candidate for Carleton-Victoria. Considerable opposition has developed, and curiously enough it comes from the B. F. Smith camp, where they are circulating the report that it is utterly impossible to elect the ex-premier, and as a striking vindication of their politics, Smith wants to enter the contest as the Tory candidate. Smith arrived here yesterday after an interview with the Tory leaders in St. John and Fredericton. It is announced that Premier Borden will not be connected with the Fleming nomination, as he publicly denounced Foster and Garland for their connection with charges not so serious brought out at the royal commission. Fleming still has friends who are standing by him, including E. R. Tord, his timber fund treasurer. Some are saying that Smith is not a paragon of wisdom, and that the patriotic potato gift with which he has been connected, is a shameful political farce. It is also said that the announcement of his retirement may be made very soon if the Smith faction can be persuaded to like a studied and deliberate attempt to add to Fleming's humiliation, whatever way it goes.

THE HONOR ROLL Recruits signing the roll of volunteers for the 55th at the army this morning were: Frederick Charles Jennings, Southampton, Eng.; George W. London, Walter S. Freese, Addison Sabean and Howard Curran. All were a fine type of men. They will report for duty at Sussex. Most of the men of the 29th received the military equipment this morning, this replacing the Oliver equipment, which has formerly been in use.

BACK AFTER SEEING TRENCHES They Are Arranged Like Streets of a City SIR ADAM BECK HOME Tells of Visit to Places Where Canadians Have Covered Themselves With Glory—Found Them Fit and Eager to do Share Against the Enemy

New York, May 25.—Sir Adam Beck, of London, Ont., chairman of the royal commission, arrived here on Monday with Lady Beck and their two children after an official visit to Europe. He said he had visited the trenches in France and found the Canadian troops all in good spirits and eager for the fray. Those who were seriously wounded were sent to England for treatment, while others less injured were sent to the base hospitals. The Canadian troops did trench duty for twenty-two to twenty-five days continuously and then went to the French villages at the rear of the line for a rest. He stood for several hours on the roof of a monastery near Ypres between the British and German trenches and the shells whistled over him from both sides, sometimes making a noise like a train going through a tunnel. The trenches were more than seven feet in depth and were divided into sections like a small town, with alleys leading off the main avenues. The food supply of the Canadian troops was very good and superior to that issued by the French government. He saw a batch of several hundred German prisoners brought into the camp near Arras and said that he was surprised by their neatness and smart appearance, although they had been living in the trenches like the British and French soldiers. Sir Adam said that he had been booked to sail on the Lusitania from New York on May 1, but could not wait and had to go by the White Star liner Adriatic a few days earlier.

GERMANS TAKING OVER SUPERVISION OF AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY Amsterdam, via London, May 25.—All property of the British-American Tobacco Company in Germany has been placed under German supervision, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraph."

CONGRATULATIONS P. J. Fitzpatrick is busy shaking hands with his friends. A baby girl came to his home on Sunday.

ITALIAN SUCCESS ON AUSTRIAN TERRITORY

Troops Occupy Several Places on Enemy Soil—Austrians' First Attempts to Strike at Italians Not Very Effective

Rome, May 25.—Official announcement was made by the War Office today that Italian forces had penetrated Austria, occupying Caporetto, the heights between the Tisza and the Isonzo, and the towns of Cormons, Cervignago and Terzo. Rome, May 25.—The following official statement was issued last night by the Italian general staff: "An Italian destroyer entered the port of Buzo near the Austrian frontier, and destroyed the landing stages, the railroad station and barracks as well as motor boats in the harbor. The destroyer was not damaged and some of the crew was wounded. Two of the enemy were killed and we took forty prisoners, including an officer and fifteen non-commissioned officers who were brought to Venice. According to supplementary information received, the two enemy airplanes which appeared over Venice this morning dropped eleven bombs without causing serious damage. The fire from our defenses put them to flight. The damage to the railroad caused by the attacks of airplanes and aeroplanes in the early hours of the morning was unimportant and already has been repaired. The Austrian cannonade sank a German steamer in the harbor at Ancona."

ENEMY AMBASSADORS LEAVE Rome, May 25.—Baron Von Macchio, Austrian ambassador to Italy and Prince Von Schoenburg-Zarnecki, ambassadors to the Vatican, with their staffs, left for Vienna on a special train last night. They were accompanied to the railroad station by Count Vinas, Spanish ambassador to the Vatican. There was a large crowd at the station, but no demonstration. Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, with Princess Von Buelow, left for Berlin at nine o'clock. They were followed fifteen minutes later by the Bavarian minister to the Quirinal and the Vatican and their staffs.

MANY ATTACKS BY GERMANS BUT ONLY RESULT IS LOSS OF MANY OF THEIR OWN MEN

Paris, May 25, 2:40 p. m.—The French War Office this afternoon reported: "It was a night of considerable activity between the sea and Arras, in Belgium. Following a violent bombardment, a German attacking column endeavored to gain a footing on the highway between Langemarck and Ypres. It was definitely checked. The Germans delivered two attacks yesterday to the north of Abbeville. In each case they were repulsed. To the north of Neuville they delivered four attacks, each one of which was checked by the fire of our artillery. In these various aggressive endeavors, all of which resulted in complete failure, the enemy suffered heavy losses. The statement follows: "On the Canislo front Austrian artillery opened fire against our positions without result. During the day of May 24 our artillery fired on positions occupied by the enemy. "On the Froid front our troops advanced everywhere and encountered only feeble resistance. We have occupied Caporetto, the heights between the Isonzo and the Tisza, Cormons, Cervignago and Terzo. The enemy withdrew, destroying bridges and burning houses. Our torpedo destroyers opened fire against the enemy detachments at the Port of Buzo, and have dismantled the railway. We captured seventy Austrians from other points. Our losses were one dead and some wounded."

KING OF GREECE OUT OF DANGER London, May 25.—A despatch to Reuters from Athens says relief is manifested over the improved condition of King Constantine. His physicians think he has now passed the danger point.

ALLIES AT THE DARDANELLES RE-INFORMED Paris, May 25.—All recent attacks by the Turks on the Gallipoli Peninsula have been repulsed by the allies, who have been reinforced and have taken the initiative, says a Havas despatch from Athens. The bombardment of the Straits by allied warships continues.

ONE WAS AT FRONT FOR SEVEN MONTHS Mrs. George West of Lancaster Heights Has Five Relatives in War

Mrs. George West, of Lancaster Heights, has three brothers and two brothers-in-law in the war. She has a letter from one brother, S. W. Lerner, from Colwyn Bay Hospital, where he is recovering and expecting soon to go to the front again. He was one of the first to enlist, and was in the retreat from Mons, and in the battles of Le Coteau, the Aisne and the Marne. He was also in the fighting at Ypres, Messines and Arras. He says it was seven months of "hell" from the time he went to the front until he was taken to the hospital. He expected, when he wrote, to be well enough in a few days to go back to his comrades of the 1st Battalion, who have been sent to the Dardanelles.

REV. E. BELL DIES SUDDENLY Aged Methodist Clergyman Had Preached Twice on Sunday

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 25.—Rev. Edmund Bell, Methodist, died suddenly here yesterday from heart trouble. He had preached twice on Sunday in the country. He was born in London, Eng., in 1845 and came to Canada in 1878 and preached in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island till his superannuation in 1911. He has been stationed at Petticoat, New Brunswick, Boiestown, York, Souris, Murray Harbour and other points. His superannuation has been supplied since from time to time.

LETTER FROM JAS. DUNCAN Alex. Duncan of 153 Paradise Row, yesterday received an interesting letter from his son, James Duncan, formerly of the I. C. R. here, now with the Army Service Corps in England. He tells of how he has been enjoying life at the camp where he and his unit are quartered, and describes the scenery as being attractive. The writer says that some of the St. John men who left here last fall with the first contingent, were still at Shorncliffe, England, when he was writing.

MORE GOOD BOWLING. Yesterday, on the Victoria bowling alley, a special single string contest was held in which the following came out in top form: McKean, 117; Black, 112; Davis, 112; Henderson, 112; McMichael, 110. Last week's prize winners in the five string contest were: Jenkins on Monday, 546; Stevens on Tuesday, 524; Kelly, on Wednesday, 570; Kelly, on Thursday, 591; Swenney, on Friday, 561; Davis, on Saturday, 562 which were unchanged to half cent higher, were followed by a maturing advance all around, and then a moderate reaction.

St. John Soldier In Germans' Hands Private J. Beckwith is in German Hospital, Wounded—Writes That He Is Being Treated Well

Not having heard from his brother, Private J. Beckwith, who left St. John last fall with the first Canadian contingent, Robert Beckwith, coxswain, of 22 Brussels street, was anxious for the last month. This morning's mail, however, brought a measure of relief, as there was a letter from the soldier, dated Dunsdorf, Germany, saying he was a prisoner of war, and being treated in a German hospital for a wound in one of his hands and legs. It is presumed that he was taken prisoner after having been wounded at the battle of Langemarck, but as he wrote in his letter: "I can't very well tell you my little yarn at present, but I hope to do so whenever this trouble ends. We are being treated splendidly here. My wounds are not serious, but we get excellent service, the doctors being very clever, and the people most kind. They will probably send me to a concentration camp as soon as we are recovered." Private Beckwith was formerly with the 12th Battalion, but transferred to the 14th so as to be the sooner in action in France. It is understood he was taken prisoner with the French. His brother Robert, was considerably relieved to hear that he was not more severely wounded. The prisoner wrote that he would appreciate a gift of tobacco. He acknowledged receipt of some sent him before.

TODAY'S SESSION OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE

Important Resolutions—Report on State of Order The Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, convened this morning with G. W. P. Rowley in the chair. The following reports were adopted: The Kent-Northumberland District Division reported nineteen divisions. The membership on March 31 was 1,038 of whom 698 were adults, a net gain of seven, of if the dormant divisions are counted, ninety-seven divisions. The committee on resolutions reported: Resolution No. 1.—We deeply regret that, while the provincial government has granted the temperance people some progressive amendments to the Liquor License Act, it has refused the request for prohibition of the sale of liquor in the province during the present war. Another urged a strong stand to be taken for prohibition and support only prohibition candidates. Another recommended leaving with the executive the matter of the dismissal of George N. Clark. Another expressed appreciation of the activity of Most Worthy Patriarch Rev. R. H. Stavert and the grand and district officers. Another expressed thanks for St. John hospitality. H. H. Stuart, F. G. Moore and W. H. Macdonald composed the resolutions committee. The endorsement committee reported attendance of twenty-five delegates and fourteen visitors at the grand division. The committee on the state of the order reported: In looking over the whole area of moral and social reform, we are glad to note everywhere many signs of progress, and especially in the field of temperance. Many agencies have been working toward the crushing out of the liquor traffic, and no one force has done more to help toward this goal than has the present war. While we deeply regret that such a calamity has fallen upon the civilized world, we cannot but feel that an All Wise Providence is working out some purpose which will redound to His glory and the good of all mankind, and thus, in the midst of sorrow, we cannot but be grateful and trust that all will yet be well. The report went on to note: 1. General optimism. 2. Good work by the G. W. P. 3. Enlistment of many members of the order. 4. Good work by the Grand Conductor, R. S. Wood to the work at present, but pride at his patriotism. 5. Carelessness in enforcement of laws. 6. Good financial standing in the treasuries of the subordinate divisions there being \$1,200. 7. Balance on G. T.'s report. 8. Good work of grand patron. 9. Six new divisions and two new Bands of Hope. 10. Good work of national grand and district officers. 11. Good work on part of the subordinate divisions in reporting each quarter. 12. General optimism. Messrs. Rowley, Robinson, Macdonald, Stavert and Macaulay were appointed to prepare a pledging campaign. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to Grand Treasurer James Falconer of Newcastle, and Grand Chaplain, Rev. B. H. Thomas, of Dorchester.

BOUND TO GET TO WAR ZONE Brother of St. John Woman Referred to in English Newspaper

An English paper contains the following article about Alfred Martin, a brother of Mrs. Charles Westwood, of 214 Queen street, St. John, and a soldier who went through five countries to recruit in his old regiment. "A fine example of determination to serve the country has been shown by a Briton who traveled all the way from Tientsin, in China, to re-enlist in his old regiment. "When about eighteen years of age, Alfred Martin enlisted in the Royal West Surrey and served for seven years. He then went to Canada, and after a time joined the United States army. He was bought out, but when trouble arose over the Philippines he rejoined, served through the campaign, and later went with his regiment to Tientsin. He was made a corporal. "When the war broke out he decided to return to his old British regiment, and after a time was able to leave Tientsin. He spent three weeks in a train bound for Russia, and from Petrograd he traveled through Poland, Sweden and Norway, and landed at Newcastle on March 22. "Spending a few days at home at Herne Hill, he met a sweetheart who had refused his offer of marriage before he went to Canada. "He proposed again, was accepted, got married, and after a very brief honeymoon journey to Gulliford and rejoined his old regiment."

MORE SHIPS IN PAN-AMERICAN TRADE

Washington, May 25.—President Wilson, speaking at the opening of the American Financial Conference here yesterday, expressed the hope that the means of communication would be the path to peace. In advocating more ships in Pan-American trade, and the opening of new routes, the president said that if private capital cannot soon establish such means of communication the government must undertake to do so.

PROBATE COURT In the probate court today the master of the estate of Mrs. Catherine E. Wetmore, wife of Henry S. Wetmore, builder and contractor, was taken up. She died intestate, leaving her husband, four daughters and three sons, all infants. On the petition of the husband he was appointed administrator. The real estate in the estate of Mrs. Wetmore, subject to a mortgage of \$2,000, personally consisting of household furniture, valued at \$40, Francis Kerr is proctor.

MRS. BERT URQUHART Mrs. Bert Urquhart died at the home of her father, L. S. Sprague, Kings county, N. B., on the 19th inst. For several years she had suffered from consumption, and her death, after such a long and painful illness, came as no surprise. She was a well known and highly respected member of the community in which she lived, and the Star-United Baptist church loses one of its most faithful members. The pastor, Rev. E. J. Barras, conducted the funeral service on the 21st. It was attended by many and well showed the sense of loss which all realize they have sustained.

NOT LIKELY TO ASK JAPAN TO SEND ARMY TO EUROPE There is said to be excellent reason for the statement that the allies have definitely abandoned the project entertained by them at one time to induce Japan to send a regular army to Europe.

GERMANS DROWN PRISONERS London, May 25.—The Petrograd correspondent of the London Chronicle writes:—"The Germans are deploring, in their treatment of Russian prisoners, an amazing brutality. They drowned one party of Russian prisoners in the San. Five Russian prisoners a German officer shot with his revolver, and another Cossack has just escaped to the Russian lines after having had his ears snipped and strips of flesh cut off his thighs for refusal to give information as to the Russian positions. On Narow, on the Prusian front, the Germans have for the first time made use of asphyxiating gases."

OF STEAMER DACIA Brest, France, May 25.—The American steamer Dacia left here yesterday for Havre, where her cargo of cotton will be discharged. The prize court decision has not yet been announced. The Dacia was seized by a French cruiser.

MT. ALLISON EXERCISES In the account of the graduation exercises at Mount Allison, published elsewhere in this paper, the graduates of the academy are credited to the ladies' college and vice versa, the corrections have been received too late to alter the make-up of the page on which the error appears.