

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

## THE TEMPERATURE.

Record for the last 24 hours. Lowest, 39; highest 69. Same date last year: Lowest 47; highest 73.

## SEMI-WEEKLY SWIM.

The overseas contingent of the Dufferin Rifles visited the Y. M. C. A. tank this morning and enjoyed another of their semi-weekly swims. Another squad will be there at two o'clock this afternoon.

## HAS ENLISTED.

Mr. James Napier, of the Y. M. C. A. staff, enlisted for active service last evening with the 32nd Battery contingent. Many friends in the city will greatly miss his cheerful company when he leaves.

## IS SAMUEL DAVIES ALIVE.

City Clerk Leonard would be pleased if Mr. Samuel Davies, who served in the Red River Rebellion of 1870-71-72-73, or any of his relatives, would call at his office as soon as convenient.

## INSPECTED MOHAWK

Mr. Mower, chief superintendent of parks in Niagara Falls, was in the city this morning, and with City Engineer Jones and Parks Supt. Waller, visited Mohawk Park. They discussed the improvements which could be made to the buildings and grounds.

## SUCCESSFUL

The results of the Summer School, Primary Kindergarten Teachers' examinations have been announced and the names of several well known local teachers are in the list of the successful—Misses Emma Coyne, Annie Heenan, Ethel Howell, Flora Jackson, Muriel Middlemiss, Mary Moffat, Florence Robertson, Elsie Senn, Lena Simpson and Jennie Wilson.

## ARBITRATION CASE.

An arbitration case was held this morning in the County Clerk's office. The arbitrators, Messrs. Geo. Teifer, T. Scott Davidson, M. P. P., and A. E. Watts, considered the case of the Samuel Foulds v. W. S. Brewster, K. C., appeared for the L. E. and N. and Attorney Layton represented the owner of the property claimed to be damaged. The plaintiff's farm is situated near Paris.

## BARNS WERE IN DANGER

While several farmers were busy baling hay yesterday afternoon, on the farm of Mr. Young, on the Paris road, several bundles of hay near the straw stack caught fire in some inexplicable manner and threatened the near-by barns. The men succeeded in hauling the bales into a clear spot and then putting out the blaze. But this was not accomplished before the well was nearly empty, and one of the men, fearful for the safety of the barns, phoned the Central Fire department. The call was received at three o'clock and the captain and one fireman went out with chemicals. Then the blaze was soon extinguished, but it took considerable time to drive out there. The need of an automobile truck in the city was again urgently seen.

## BRANT THEATRE

Earl's six water nymphs and the Charlie Chaplin picture attracted a very large crowd yesterday. The fair nymphs were better than usual, and made several new dives. The boys' amateur contest, held after the regular exhibition, drew a continual roar of laughter from the audience. Two of the best divers were selected by applause, and they will compete on Saturday evening with the "two best" girl divers, for the beautiful silver loving cups. The girls' contest will be held this evening.

Charlie Chaplin in "By the Sea" was never funnier than in his last picture shown here. His antics were as original as ever, and kept his admirers in tears during the two reels of film. Lovett and Wyatt appeared in a song and dance revue, and with a fine production featuring Francis Buchanan completed the fine bill.

Pittsburgh fears a labor famine. Chicago is to have a mid-wife school.

Philadelphia's trade with Cuba has nearly doubled this year.

Maryland's Gretta Green, Elkton, had 57 marriages last week.

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## SECOND DRAGS EFFECTED VERY QUICK RESCUE

To save three little children from death by burning, and also to check at the outset a formidable blaze, is the proud record of the Second Dragons this morning, although as the men say, "it is all in the day's work."

When the Second Dragons under charge of Serg-Major Mayot were marching over Lorne Bridge this morning, smoke was noticed issuing from the rear window of a house on Gilkinson street, and flames could be seen mounting the window curtains. Immediately the command was given to "break ranks" and the whole squad, rushed pell mell over the intervening fences and into the house. They found there that not only was the fire making headway, but that three little children were in the midst of the flames. They quickly rescued the tots and attacked the flames, extinguishing them in short order.

The house is No. 33 Gilkinson street and owned by Mrs. Farr, who had gone next door for a moment leaving her three children in the kitchen. By some means or other the gas stove became overheated and set fire to the window curtains, the little children, helpless, were too terrified to escape. All of them were scorched, their hair being singed, and one little boy's blouse was in flames when the soldiers burst in.

The distracted mother came in a few moments later and found to her unspeakable relief that the black coats had averted what might have been a terrible tragedy.

The fire was completely extinguished before the soldiers left, so no alarm was rung in.

Chief Lewis, however, upon learning of the incident, expressed his deep appreciation of the work that had been done by the soldiers and commended highly their promptness and efficiency.

## MACHINE GUN FUND GOING ON STRONG

Further expressions of generosity and loyal feeling are to hand in the lists below. They are highly creditable to the city and people:

W. R. Hatcher	..... \$	1 00
Edwin Waters	.....	5 00
Geo. Strachan	.....	5 00
W. H. McIntyre	.....	5 00
Caudwell & Beckett	.....	25 00
Northway Co., Ltd.	.....	25 00
"A Home Defence Lady"	.....	200 00

Total to date ..... \$27,595 96

The five dollars in the name of Edwin Waters, is sent by his sister, Mrs. Gilbert Youmans (nee Edna Waters), who says: "I spent many happy years in Brantford and still love it. How proud and glad I am that I am a Canadian."

The \$200 subscription is from a Brantford lady, who has already subscribed to the machine gun fund, and makes this donation towards providing a machine gun for home defense. A meeting of the committee is to be held next Monday morning. It is proposed to close the subscription list next Tuesday and to call a meeting of the subscribers immediately right after.

The jitney busses of Youngstown, O., propose to issue transfers.

Nine auto parties were held up and robbed in one night at Butte, Mont.

Vaudeville features were given at a swimming club fete at Bar Harbor, Me.

## A.O.F. Will Meet Here in Year 1917

Mayor Spence announces that he received this afternoon a telegram from Dr. E. R. Second stating that the next meeting of the High Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters will be held in Brantford in 1917.

## FINLAND AND THE WAR—HER VIEW

A Finlander, in whose friendship a Courier representative stands, on a confidential basis, talking many months ago, gave some interesting sidelights, which are borne out now relative to the reported attitude of the Finnish people towards this war.

Finland, it must be remembered, was ceded from Sweden to Russia, and thereby lost her autonomy and her religious and political freedom. She became part of Russia and the process of Russification, while it left her with a house of representatives, took from her the right of final judgment, that resting with the Czar and the imperial government. Her school system has altered also, and the spiritual submissiveness for which the Slav has been remarkable, has been to some extent grafted on the alien virile Norse stock of the Finns. The people are very ignorant—schools are luxuries, living is poor and the daily wages of a laboring man is only a matter of 25 cents per diem. In fact, between Poland and the Finns there exists a bond at present which reflects the racial antipathies engendered by centuries of oppression by the Big Bear.

There are many of both nations in Brantford, and their opinions are indeed on one point—Why is Democratic free England on the side of autocratic Russia?—it presents to their mind such a contrast, that to a prejudiced person amounts also to pro-German sentiment.

Says one: "My brother a soldier of Russia (a Finn) sends me a letter asking is it true 'England is on the side of Russia'—the feeling of concern being that England, which to them has represented democratic advance, has fallen from her high estate in taking up arms with such an ally."

Germany they love as little and fear as much, though they can admire the better conditions of her people and the education freely given, even if it has resulted in the Prussianizing of a whole nation—to them it looks preferable to the dull, dead officialdom and merciless punishment meted out to their leaders for political freedom.

"Yes," says the Finn, "I have lived in England, great free country, fine people, but as yet not economically free as she is politically free, and I gave me refuge, but if the war will mean a defeat for Russia without the allies in the west being shattered, I say let's have it—Russian militarism will one day be as fearful a thing as Germany is to-day unless that happens—even if she loses, at the end what then? Russia greedy, Britain and France and Italy pacific and tired of war, ready to lay down arms, what if Russia ask a much—another war within a few years—so," and with an expressive shrug he concludes his statement.

Briefly he left Russia young enough to escape service, has since been a resident of England, and a follower of Marxian and Slavian Socialism, a student wherever he could find tutors in shop or school, and to-day feels bitterly from his enlightened mind on western freedom—the doom of his beloved motherland.

"Yes, sir, I would fight Germany, die for Canada, if the need comes, but no, sir, I would not take up arms on the battle front for Russia. She has done nothing to make that worth while doing. England lose? Never! fine navy, fine spirit, but she will cripple herself if Russia does not get a set back in this war. Some day in the future, Germany and England will fight side by side to smother Slav militarism. I like that; for outside race things and militarism, they are very nearly alike; but with this war, as with all war-madness, why not disarmament and peace?"

So the questioning goes on from many peoples, and the truth and hope is that once the autocracy that demands from German and Muscovite the price of their life's blood, have in this welter of bloodshed and false glory, there will come economic changes that will remould opinions as to what constitutes living.

The above opinions are an interesting sidelight on the despatch which said that Finnish sentiment swayed wholly by the feeling of antipathy to Slav rule was overwhelming in favor of Germany as victor over Russia, and not for any other viewpoint—England, as they call her—has always stood for freedom, but "why this?" France a republic, "why this?" Italy with a king who mingles on state terms with his subjects, "why this?" and only the victory of the Allies will give a solution; only the expansion of ideals and the communion of collective suffering would supply the remedy; for Russia, no more than the others, can be the same.

Our friend states that the Finns are not whole-hearted in this war, they are rather like sheep driven to the slaughter, and therein lies, perhaps, some truth.

## RECRUIT CLASS GOT INCREASE IN STRENGTH

The recruit class of the 38th Dufferin Rifles grew enlarged. It contained nine active youngsters last night, of which five were Canadians and the rest Old Countrymen—one up this time.

Col-Sergt. Hart was on the floor, and the recruits on the qui-vive, so that a couple of hours were passed quickly.

When the colors are finished with that squad they ought to be one of the best tutored sections to be drilled into the regiment, if painstaking thoroughness and patient repetition, with an irresistible fund of humor to aid, can inculcate into civilian minds the articles and essentials of a soldier.

Next night additional recruits will be taken on, and two squads may be at work, the fact that the number increased so quickly being an augury of greater things.

## ACTIVES LOOKED ON

The "lookies" were commented upon as "decent looking," by several active, and one sergeant, an ex-Guardsman of twelve years service, said "He'd seen worse." There is hope therefore that the bunch will be made into a fairly efficient lot in three weeks, the thorough grinding is bound to influence their ability to execute.

## OTHERS LOOKED ON

How shy some young men are—they take a trip to the armories, but cannot be induced to sample the work; cannot something be done? The N. C. O's up there are of the opinion that employers of labor, viewing the situation in the light of the recent diocesan letter from Bishop Williams, should now stir up their office staffs into playing a part to be prepared to defend Canada. "The theatres are crammed full, and streets thick with young men who feel England's allegiance to it has place in their mind—cannot they be induced to do something for Canada," is the question much asked.

## MY EMPLOYER, ETC.

It is felt also that the excuse "my employer might not like it," is a poor one, which employers could eliminate by having a printed slip to this effect placed on the office notice boards, stating their willingness.

## MEN KEEP COMING IN FOR FRONT

Eight men, five of them Canadian and six of them unmarried, joined the 32nd battery last night for active service. This brings the battery strength up to 32, and the officers of the 32nd are highly pleased at the way recruits are coming in.

If any persons has any sporting goods he wishes to contribute, the battery would be pleased to receive them—football or baseball material preferred.

Captain Cutcliffe being still slightly under the weather, Capt. McLean is now in charge at the armories. Eight men joined yesterday and are out at drill doing hard work.

The 25th Dragons also for yesterday recruits that the total for yesterday was twenty.

The following are the names:

## DUFFERIN RIFLES.

Wm. Murray, 44, married, 216 Park avenue, Scotch, 3 years A. and S. H. Thomas Burton, 18, single, English, Thomas Walsh, 25, single, 3 Ontario street, English.

F. J. Mavin, 25, single, 36 Curtis Street, English.

Frank Wilkes, 39, single, 255 Wellington St., English.

Ernest Walsh, 35, married, 227 West Mill street, Canadian.

H. Carrow, 30, Canadian, single, Paris.

Oliver Stevens, 26, Canadian, Paris.

32ND BATTERY.

Leo O'Heron, 19, 12 Bowes Ave., Canadian, single, 6 months Dufferin Rifles.

F. J. Webber, 30, 4 Spring Street, English, married.

Charles Butler, 18, 21 Bowes avenue, Canadian, single.

Roy J. Kelso, 21, 9 West Mill St., Canadian, single.

J. N. Cook, 19, Court House, Canadian, single.

R. T. Moyer, 19, 46 Superior Street, Canadian, single.

J. R. Napier, 37, 219 Nelson Street, Scotch, married, the honor of commanding the machine gun battalion, the first of its kind raised in the British Empire. Hamilton receives this honor in recognition of its generous gift of two hundred machine guns.

The junior major will be Captain Roy Moodie, also of the Highlanders.

## A SIGNAL HONOR

Hamilton, Ont., Aug 27.—Major Walter Stewart, of the 91st Highlanders will have the honor of commanding the machine gun battalion, the first of its kind raised in the British Empire. Hamilton receives this honor in recognition of its generous gift of two hundred machine guns. The junior major will be Captain Roy Moodie, also of the Highlanders.

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## WON CHAMPIONSHIP

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Chicago, Aug 27.—Miss Elaine Rosenthal of the Ravinlo Country Club, Chicago, won the women's western golf championship to-day in the finals at the Midlothian Club links, defeating Mrs. Harry D. Hammond, Highland Club, Indianapolis, 4 up and 3 to play.

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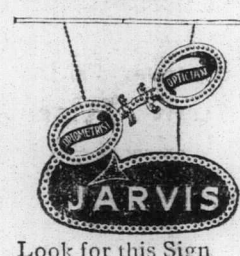
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