

BRANT COUNTY IS PROUD OF THE 125TH BATTALION--IS BRANT COUNTY PROUD OF YOU? GET INTO THE RANKS AND DO YOUR DUTY IN THIS TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE

Capture of Erzerum by Russia a Great Victory

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Feb. 17.—The capture of the great Turkish stronghold of Erzerum by the Russians, is declared by the French newspapers this morning as the best item of news for the Allies in many months. The military experts dwell upon the importance of the capture, declaring that it gives the Russians the key to Asia Minor, and is a victory which will inevitably have far-reaching consequences.

General Berthaut in the Petit Journal says it is not only a deadly blow to Turkey, but an event which cannot fail to have its effect in the other theatres of the war, Major De Civiex says in the Matin:

"The conquest of Erzerum is of more importance than would be that of any other fortress in the whole war theatre. In Asia we are not faced by a strategic chessboard, ruled across by railroads and excellent routes along which fresh forces could be brought up in a few days. Erzerum was the solitary bulwark of the Turkish Empire in Asia. Open spaces, suitable for operations on a great scale, now present themselves to the forces of Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia."

War With U. S. Fatal For Germany, Thinks Ballin

Head of Hamburg-American Steamship Company in a Very Pessimistic Mood—Britain Now Has Got German Trade in Africa and Australia.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Feb. 17.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the manager of one of the greatest German shipping companies, in an interview in the Bremen Tageblatt, expresses a most pessimistic opinion concerning the effects of a possible breach of relations between Germany and the United States. This shipper, who, the despatch says, is believed to be Albert Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, is quoted as follows:

"A breach of Germany's relations with America, would have a most serious effect. All America's money and munitions would be at the disposal of the Entente Allies. We should have to take over the feeding of the Belgians, and America's attitude probably would induce neutrals to attack us. All our ships would finally be interned in American ports. This would represent taking away enormous wealth from us. Our plight would be most difficult. When the war is over, Germany will have to replenish her stock of the raw materials. Do not let us entertain any illusions with regard to passenger service. Commercial warfare long after military operations are over. She will take away all our trade with South Africa, and Australia, and it will take years for our passenger service to reach a condition anything like that which existed before the war."

SERGEANT FRED HETHERINGTON IS WOUNDED

Shell Was Cause of the Trouble—Is in a Hospital.

Mrs. Hetherington, 9 Maple Avenue, received a telegram this morning from the Militia Department stating that her son Sergt. Fred Hetherington had been wounded at the front, by a shell shot and was now in the hospital. The extent of the injury was not stated.

Fred went over with the Third Contingent, but was afterwards transferred to Col. Colquhoun's battalion. He was for some years with the Dufferin Rifles and was prominent as a pitcher in connection with indoor baseball matches.

His numerous friends will sincerely hope that his hurts are not serious.

METAGAMA SAFE IN OLD COUNTRY

Sailed From Canada Feb. 5 With About 1,600 Men.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—It is officially announced through the chief censor's office that the troop ship Metagama, which sailed from Canada on February 5, has arrived safely in England. She had on board the following troops:

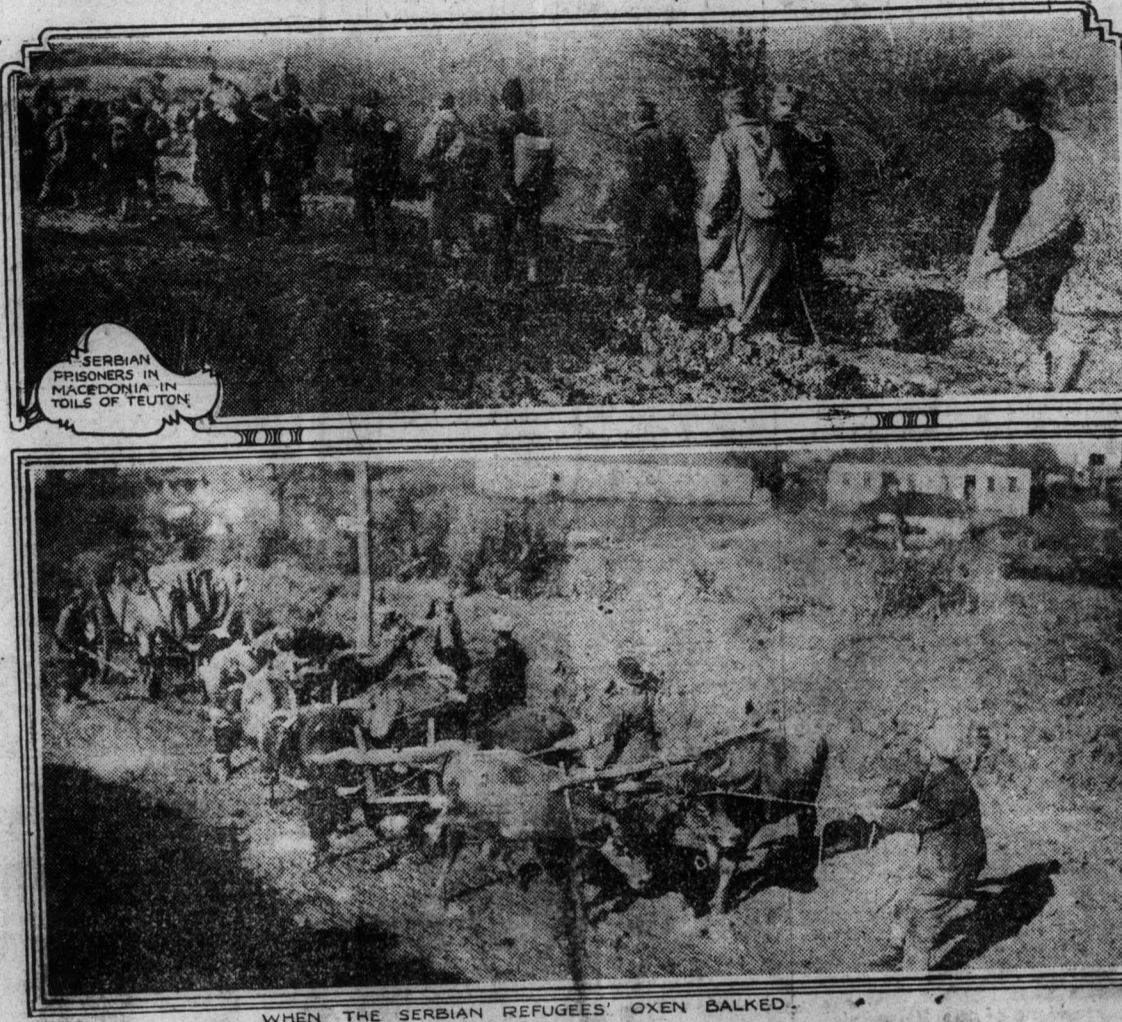
- Eighth field artillery brigade, 31 officers, 718 men.
- Ninth field artillery brigade, 24 officers, 723 men.
- Ambulance workshop, 1 officer, 20 men.
- Sanitary section, 1 officer, 25 men.
- Port Garry Horse, reinforcements, for cavalry depot, 1 officer, 50 men.
- Army Service Corps, reinforcement, 4 officers, 40 men.
- Flight Lieutenants (naval) 14 officers.
- Details, 3 officers, 17 men.
- Total troops abroad, 77 officers, 1,593 men.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



WAR PROFITS
Barber (who thinks he's got Lord Kitchener in the chair): Now then, if there's going to be any lockets made, I'll make them. —London Opinion.

SCENES ATTENDING TEUTONIC SERBIAN CAMPAIGN



WHEN THE SERBIAN REFUGEES' OXEN BALKED.

THE NUMBER OF MEN ENLISTED IS MOUNTING STEADILY; 30 MORE YESTERDAY; ALMOST 1000 NOW

Great Parade Last Evening Through Eagle Place and Downtown Viewed by Hundreds of People—West Brantford Visited This Morning—Big Parade of Children To-night.

The recruiting campaign undertaken by the officers and men of the 125th Battalion continues to progress. Yesterday the number of enlistments was particularly gratifying, there being no less than thirty splendid types of Brant County manhood accepted by the medical officer in service in the King's army. In addition to these nearly a dozen others presented themselves at the headquarters of the battalion, but were unable to pass the severe physical test. Six others, all Collegiate boys, reported at the Old Post Office late yesterday afternoon, but owing to the absence of the M. O., Dr. Hanna, were not examined, and could not be attested. These collegians are anxious to be attached to the machine gun section and are expected to report to-day.

985 MEN NOW.

As a result of yesterday's satisfactory harvest of the recruiting campaign, the total muster roll on Wednesday night was 985 officers and men. At the commencement of the week's campaign the strength of the Brant Battalion was 860, and it is still probable that with an extra effort towards the end of the week, the required number of 1158 of all ranks, will be secured.

PARADED LAST NIGHT.

With brass and bugle bands, the battalion, in command of Lieut. Col. Cutcliffe paraded last evening, the route being through Eagle Place, East Ward and the business section of the city. The 125th made an unusually striking appearance and many favorable comments were heard along the roadside as the men marched smartly through the streets. The entire battalion was formed in mass on the Market Square at 11.30 this morning, and proceeded to West Brantford, where the factory districts were visited.

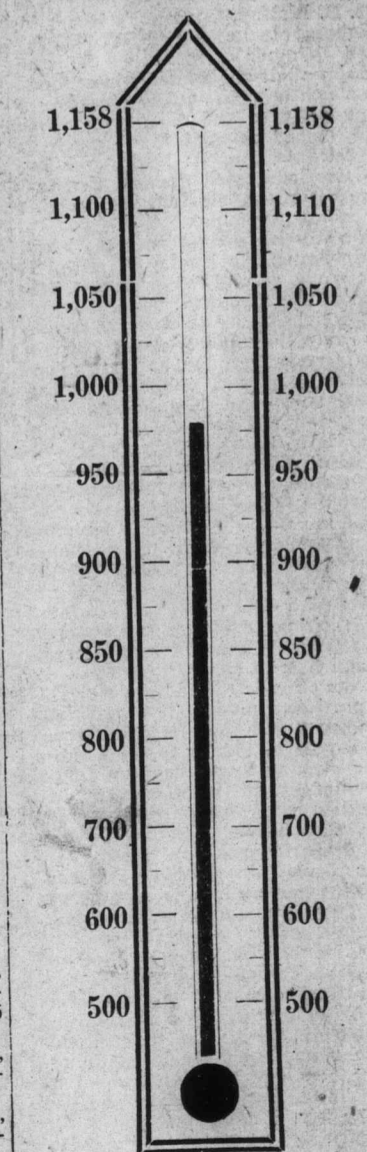
CHILDREN'S PARADE TO-NIGHT.

This evening arrangements have been completed with the pupils in the local Public schools to assemble at 7

o'clock on the southeast corner of the Marke Square, and march with the battalion through the central part of the city. It is expected that there will be a large turnout of citizens to watch the kiddies marching with the men, who are going to fight for their safety and protection.

- TOM LONGBOAT HERE.
- Tom Longboat, the well-known Marathon long-distance runner, tried again this morning to enlist with the Brants. According to directions from headquarters, Indians volunteering for overseas service, must be referred to the Haldimand County Battalion. There is still a chance however, that "Tom" will be linked up with the Brants, probably with the scouts under Lieut. Livingstone.
- THE RECORDS.
- The names of those who were added to the muster roll yesterday follow:
- NORMAN L. PITE, English, 20, mail carrier, single, Burford, Ont.
 - FRANK BUTLER, Canadian, 35, weaver, single, Paris, Ont.
 - ALBERT H. SHINGLER, Canadian, 26, laborer, married 2 years, 25th Brant Dragoons St. George, Ont.
 - ERNEST WRAY, English, 20, farm hand, single, Paris, Ont.
 - WILLIAM H. JONES, English, 41, painter, married 43, Walter Street, London, Ont.; 3 months in Toronto, 286 Dalhousie street.
 - MAHLON HARDY, Canadian, 37, laborer, single, 2 years 39th Norfolk Regiment, Gordon Street.
 - PEARSON DRAKE, Canadian, 21, telephone inspector, single, 71 Gilkison street.
 - EDWIN J. HARRINGTON, English, 38, bricklayer, married, 6 years Queen's Own, W. Surrey, Regiment, Sheridan street.
 - NORMAN W. NORRIS, Canadian,

WATCH THE MERCURY CLIMB FOR THE BRANT BATTALION!



The Kaiser deeply appreciates the attitude of the shirkers. He would be grateful to receive a few letters from these expressing their approval of his policy of frightfulness.

Bulgarian Army Greatly Reduced by Losses in War

By Special Wire to the Courier. ROME, Feb. 17.—(Cable to London Daily News and New York Times)—A neutral diplomat, who recently returned from Bulgaria, says the Bulgarian army is now reduced to about 180,000 men. This is absolutely insufficient to aid the Germans in an attack on Saloniki.

The soldiers, who are on short rations as the Germans requisitioned all available supplies of wheat, are disheartened and tired of the war. They fear Russian reprisals in the near future. The king is openly blamed for selling the country to the Germans and is becoming very unpopular. His journey to Germany and Austria was taken because he feared it would be impossible to avert a revolution unless the Austro-Germans took the precaution of organizing timely measures. These the king personally urged in Berlin and Vienna.

Enormous Booty Taken When Erzerum Forts Fell

By Special Wire to the Courier. PETROGRAD, Feb. 17.—via London, 2.15 p.m.—The Official Messenger estimates the Turkish garrison at Erzerum, capture of which was announced yesterday, as 100,000 men. It is also estimated that more than 1,000 guns were captured. It is said there were 467 guns in the outer forts, 374 in the central forts and 200 field guns at Erzerum.

President Poincare telegraphed congratulations on the capture of Erzerum to-day to Emperor Nicholas and Grand Duke Nicholas, commander of the Russian forces on the Caucasian front.

Public rejoicing over the capture of Erzerum is reflected in the newspaper comment on the fall of the fortress. The Novoe Vremya considers the capture to have enormous importance, as it points out that Erzerum is a centre of trade and railway routes as well as of military administration, and has immense depots for ammunition and supplies. It declares the fall of the city opens routes north and south to the Russians, and will seriously affect the activities of the Turks in Mesopotamia and Syria.

The Retch says that the taking of Erzerum menaces all Asia Minor, and even Constantinople. The Bourse Gazette believes the capture will have an effect upon Athens and Bucharest, as well as upon Persia and Afghanistan.

DOWN GOES THE MARK

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A news agency despatch from London to-day says: Capture of Erzerum by the Russians has caused a record-breaking slump in the price of the German mark, according to despatches from Amsterdam to-day.

Canadian Troops Engaged in Very Hot Fighting Near Ypres; Casualties are Few

By Special Wire to the Courier. OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—A report received by the Militia Department to-day indicates that the Canadians have been in the thick of the fighting near Ypres, but that casualties are small. The report is not an official one, but is direct from the front.

Under sustained enemy artillery fire the Canadians were forced to withdraw from the front trenches. The enemy's onrush was met with a heavy fire from the Canadians, and the losses among the Germans are said to have been very heavy. "There are lots of Germans in our trenches, whole platoons of them," reads the report, "but they are dead Germans, and our losses are slight."

The trenches attacked extended over a front of about 4,000 yards, and those evacuated were re-taken. It is not stated what battalions figured in the engagement.

GERMANS EMPLOYED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa Feb. 17.—An enquiry is being instituted by the Government as to Germans and Austrians employed in Government Offices. It was announced yesterday in the House in reply to a question by Mr. H. Boulay of Rimouski.

Mr. Boulay asked whether Dr. Hannel superintendent of the Mines branch and his son, who holds a position in the same branch, were still in the Government employ. The answer was that they were. Dr. Hannel, it was stated, was a naturalized citizen of the United States, who had come to Canada in 1873 in answer to a call from Victoria University. In 1901 he had been called on to take the position of superintendent of mines for the Canadian Government with a view to the organization of a Department of Mines and had held this post ever since.

"Dr. Hannel's son, it was stated, was a British subject by birth. As both Dr. Hannel and his son are peaceable, law-abiding citizens and perform the duties of their offices satisfactorily," states the answer, "the Government sees no reason to dispense with their services."

It is further stated that an enquiry is being instituted as to the Germans and Austrians employed in Government offices with a view to dealing with each case individually.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all
persons having claims of any nature
against the estate of Charles E. Amy,
late of the Township of Burford, in
the County of Brant, Yeoman, de-
ceased, are required to send same,
together with proof thereof to the
undersigned solicitors for Josiah
Kestle, Frederick Harrison and Eliza-
beth Ann Amy the Executors named
in the Will of the said deceased not
later than the Tenth day of March,
1916, after which date the said Execu-
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assets of the said estate, among the
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gard only to the claims of which they
shall then have received notice.
Dated at Brantford this Twelfth
day of February, A.D. 1916.
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Solicitors for Executors.