BRITISH ADVANCES TO RECTIFY FRONT

Australians Push Forward in Driving Rainstorm Near Roisel.

British Armies in France, Sept. 10.—The continued downpour of a cold fall rain has thoroly drenched the battefield, but notwithstanding this slight line-straightening gains have again been made by the British in the face of increased enemy resistance, especially in the region southwest of Cambrai.

The line northeast and southeast of Hesbecourt, east of Roisel, has been advanced by Australian troops in a driving storm, and posts have been established well to the eastward of the former front. In the same general locality the British forward movement continues today.

The Germans seem to have thrown in more machine gunners here, and, as they came from fresh divisions, they are holding out a little better than the troops they relieved who had become so fatigued or disheartened that some of them during recent days surrendered without firing a shot when they saw the British advancing.

The Germans delivered a number of counter-strokes, but all except one broke down. In one attack the Cermans penetrated the forward British positions, but the line was immediately restored without much difficulty.

Heavy artillery firing is reported, especially from the German big guns in the valley of the River Scarpe.

British troops have now drawn their lines closer about the coal centre of Lens.

The British line northeast of Nieppe, in the Lys salient, was advanced during the night and the British positions in the Ploegsteert region were improved. Kemmel is under fire from the heavy guns.

North of La Bassee the Germans evidently are trying out the British strength.

They have made three attacks on the British posts, but each time they were repulsed with heavy losses.

BIG FIGHTING CENTRES IN THREE VITAL SPOTS

Paris, Sept. 10.—The allies are now almost back to the lines they occupied before the German offensive, after six weeks of unbroken victory, and the war has entered a period, not of calm, but of precaution, with a promise of just as wonderful things to follow. The dry, and, on the whole, fine weather, which helped Marshal Foch to turn the tables on the Germans so fast has now ended and a wet stormy spell has set in.

The fighting yesterday centred south of Cambrai, south of St. Quentin and to the heights north of Soissons, three vital spots for the Germans, who resisted desperately, but unsuccessfully, the allies' forward thrust. The German heavy artillery is becoming active from Arras to Rheims, indicating that General Ludendorff fears no further removal will be forced upon him.

LARGE U-BOAT SUNK BY AMERICAN TANKER

New York, Sept. 10.—The claim that their gun crew sank a German submarine of large type 400 miles off Sandy Hook on Sunday morning was made by the captain and crew of an American oil tank ship which arrived here today. The U-boat, according to the mariners, was blown to pieces by a shell, which landed squarely on its hull.

The submarine, at first mistaken in the half-light of early morning for another tanker, was sighted by the American ship's outlook, it was related. A moment later, however, its real identity was disclosed, and the tank ship, going to the attack at full speed, opened up on the German boat with 4.7-inch shells. The German closed in, and a forty-minute battle followed, in which the American skipper, manoeuvring his vessel so as to bring his 6-inch stern gun to bear on the U-boat, finally scored the direct hit which finished the enemy. Bodies of the U-boat's crew were seen, according to those on the tanker.

AMERICAN COLORED MEN FRIGHTENING GERMANS

With the American Army in France, Sept. 10.—The enemy heavily shelled towns in the Woevre sector behind our lines this morning. One of his patrols attacked the American outposts, but was easily driven off.

There was considerable patrol activity in the Vosges district last night. One encounter took place, the enemy retiring with one wounded man. Colored troops have occupied one Vosges village, in which French civilians were being held prisoner. The Frenchmen, on coming thru to the American lines, declared that the Germans were considerably excited at finding themselves opposed by negroes, of whom they are said to be afraid, because of reports that the American colored troopers cut off the ears of their prisoners. The negro soldiers in this sector recently had an example of German treachery, when a German patrol attacked after shouting "Kamerad!" They are now thoroly determined to have their revenge.

GERMAN CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY TOTTERING

London, Sept. 10.—"Popular confidence is tottering," and "we may win," are significant phrases made in a speech at Dresden on Monday by Count von Vitzthum d'Eckstad, the foreign minister of Saxony, according to a despatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph Company. He added:

"The more we speak of peace, the further away it is. The enemy's means of success have plunged him into a kind of warlike folly which makes conciliation impossible. We must, therefore, hold out. We can trust the army and the high command, but popular confidence is tottering. Why? Because Germany having no enemy in the fatherland, becomes too oblivious of the risks incidental to war."

LOCOMOTIVE DIVIDENDS.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—The Canadian Locomotive Company's regular quarterly dividends have been declared of 1 1-2 per cent. on the common stock, and 1 3-4 per cent. on the preferred, both payable Oct. 1, to holders of record Sept. 20.

HOTELMAN'S WIFE SHOT BY PORTER

West Lorne Woman Seriously Wounded, and Assailant Attempts Suicide.

St. Thomas, Sept. 10.—Mrs. W. B. Taylor, wife of the proprietor of the Argyle House, West Lorne, was shot and seriously wounded last night by the porter of the hotel, David Smith. Her condition tonight was pronounced serious.

Mrs. Taylor, who is fifty years of age, and the mother of a grown up family, was sitting on the balcony on the second storey of the hotel, when, it is alleged, Smith called to her to come down. When she entered the hall, he opened fire with a .32 calibre revolver. The first shot struck her in the left hand, and the second pierced the fleshy part of her neck.

Smith fled, but was arrested at midnight in the lane back of the hotel, where he made an attempt to commit suicide, by cutting his throat and severing the arteries in his forearm. He only succeeded, however, making deep, but not fatal wounds. That Smith was drunk and enraged at the time of the shooting, is stated by the police officer who arrested him.

Smith appeared before Justice Pethrich this morning and was remanded to the county jail at St. Thomas until Sept 17, when it is hoped the injured woman may be able to give an account of the shooting. Smith is about 50 years of age and is well known in St. Thomas where he lived until a year ago. He was an employe of Begg and Rudolph, brewers.

MEN OF KITCHENER AMONG CASUALTIES

Kitchener, Ont., Sept. 10.—Mrs. Cuthbertson, residing at 131 Courtland avenue, was notified today that her husband, Pte. Hugh W. Cuthbertson, had been admitted to hospital on Aug. 31, having been gassed in action. Pte. Cuthbertson before enlisting was a local mail carrier for three years and was well known.

Mrs. Mary Lawrence, residing at 9 Mary place, today received an official message from the director of records informing her that her husband, Lt. Reginald Ernest Lawrence, has been admitted to hospital at Letouquet suffering severe gunshot wounds in the neck. Lt. Lawrence went over with the 18th as a sergeant and won his commission on the battlefield.

Pte. J. E. Woolner, son of Mrs. Pauline Woolner, 143 Elgin street, is in hospital suffering gunshot wounds in the abdomen, according to official advice received today by his mother.

Word has been received here by his father, Mr. C. Eby, Mill street, that his son, Signaller Gordon Eby, was gassed on Aug. 29, and is now in a hospital in France.

Pte. Raymond Gillespie, who went overseas with the 118th Battalion, has been wounded. A telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Thomas Gillespie, imparts the information. He is a brother of the young man who last winter was frozen to death on the Georgian Bay waters.

John S. Weichel of Elmira has received a cablegram informing him that his son, Corp. Oscar Weichel, was wounded in the recent Canadian drive on the western front, and that it became necessary to amputate one of his legs at the knee. The cablegram also conveyed the intelligence that he had been promoted to corporal on the field of battle for conspicuous bravery.

COLONEL J. A. BOYLE PRISONER IN GERMANY

Woodstock, Sept. 10.—That Colonel J. A. Boyle of this city is a prisoner in Germany was the information received here today by the colonel's brother. The news came in a letter here from Lieut. Rean of London, Eng., who had received his information from a Canadian soldier who had escaped from a German prison camp. Altho a prisoner the colonel is quite well. It was only a couple of months ago that "Joe" Boyle was the popular hero in Rumania, and had received the highest decoration in the gift of the king for saving the lives of a number of Rumanian deputies from exile to Siberia and possible death at the hands of the Russian Bolsheviki.

SEPTEMBER IN ALGONQUIN PARK.

Algonquin Park is situated at an altitude of 2,000 feet above the level of the sea. Two hundred miles north of Toronto, and 170 miles west of Ottawa. The "Highland Inn," a charming hotel, affords most comfortable accommodation at reasonable rates. It is heated by steam, and grate fires add cheer to indoor pleasures. The "Highland Inn" is operated by the Grand Trunk Railway and will close for the season on September 30th, so make your reservation early and enjoy the few remaining days. Handsomely illustrated descriptive literature telling you all about it from any Grand Trunk agent, or C. E. Horning, D.P.A., Toronto, Ont.

LIVED IN CANADA.

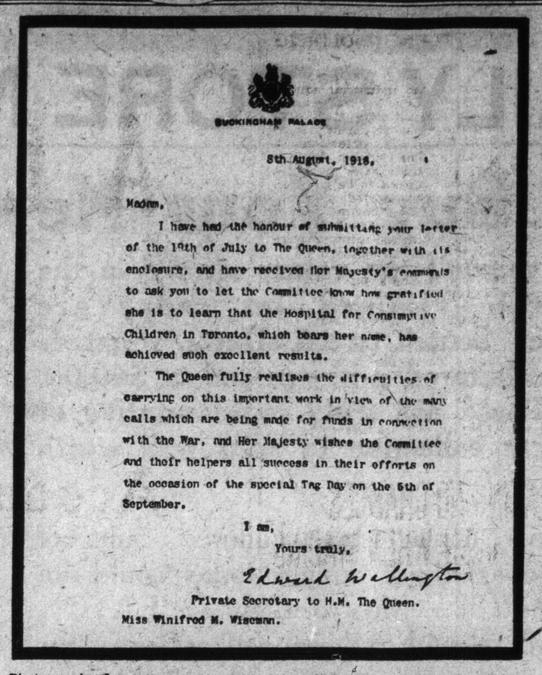
Lieut. Longman is Dead on Torpedoed Vessel.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Sept. 10.—Capt. Valentine Longman, who was killed when his vessel was torpedoed, was in Canada at the opening of the war. Lieut. James Lindsay, Army Service Corps, is dead. He formerly lived at Edmonton. Fanny Grace, daughter of the late John Plimsoll, Montreal, is dead. The marriages are announced of Lieut. Archie Gordon, Canadian Artillery and Marguerite Ducols of Montreal; also Lieut. John McConnel, London, formerly of British Columbia, and Ursula, daughter of Lieut.-Commander Woods.

BIG BALES OF PAPER SEEN FLOATING IN SEA

An Atlantic Port, Sept. 10.—The captain of a fishing vessel which arrived here today reported that on Sept. 5, twenty miles north of Sable Island, he passed more than fifty big bales of wrapping paper floating in the sea. Some of the bales were taken aboard and examination showed that they had evidently been in the water but a short time, as the outside wrapping was not wet thru. They were stenciled "Wayamac Canada," and "Durban." No wreckage was sighted in the vicinity.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

8th August, 1918.

Madam,

I have had the honour of submitting your letter of the 19th of July to The Queen, together with its enclosure, and have received Her Majesty's commands to ask you to let the Committee know how gratified she is to learn that the Hospital for Consumptive Children in Toronto, which bears her name, has achieved such excellent results.

The Queen fully realises the difficulties of carrying on this important work in view of the many calls which are being made for funds in connection with the War, and Her Majesty wishes the Committee and their helpers all success in their efforts on the occasion of the special Tag Day on the 5th of September.

I am,

Yours truly,

Edward Wellington

Private Secretary to H.M. The Queen.

Miss Winifred M. Wiseman.

Photograph of a letter received by Miss Winifred Wiseman from Edward Wellington, private secretary to Queen Mary, with reference to the Queen Mary sanitarium for consumptive children. A tag day is being held tomorrow to raise funds for the institution, having been postponed from last Thursday on account of rain.

EXPRESSMEN'S STRIKE DID NOT MATERIALIZE

Contrary to expectation there were no expressmen on strike in Toronto yesterday. According to a prominent official of the company, the whole trouble lay between the employes themselves, who were members of two different organizations known as the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employes, consisting of employes of all departments, and the Brotherhood of Dominion Express Employes, which the company alone recognizes. Under an agreement made by the company with this body, the men are bound under a contract of wages and working conditions till May 1, 1919.

This organization of the Dominion employes is said by the Canadian Brotherhood to have been fostered by the company to use as they pleased. However, it is denied that the company had any hand in organizing this union, and they further point out that no officials of the company are members. As to the statement that there were seven men dismissed for being members of the Canadian Brotherhood, the company states that there were no members dismissed in Toronto.

CROTHERS CANNOT ACT.

Dissensions Between Two Unions Not Subject for Conciliation Board.

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, when asked this morning with regard to the strike of a number of the employes of the Dominion Express Company, said that he could not see his way clear to establish a board of conciliation to deal with the dispute. He explained that the men on strike were members of an organization known as the Brotherhood of Railway Employes, and comprising a minority of the total number of those working for the company. Another organization, called the Brotherhood of Dominion Express Company Employes, had agreed to a wage schedule drawn up by the company and covering all of its employes. This schedule of wages was still in force and would continue in force until the first of next May or 30 days thereafter.

The minister of labor pointed out the difficulty of the company conducting negotiations with two organizations, both covering the same class of employes. An agreement had been made with one union which presumably represented the employes. Under these circumstances he found himself unable to establish a board to deal with the demands of another union representing a minority of the workers.

The minister is watching the situation carefully and doing what he can to adjust the matter.

LITTLE EFFECT AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 10.—Very little effect is anticipated at the local offices of the Dominion Express Co. from the strike called today. Sixteen men are employed here and only one-half belong to the union.

WILL NOT STRIKE.

Winnipeg, Sept. 10.—Winnipeg drivers announced today that they do not intend to go on strike at present.

SEVENTY QUIT AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—The majority of the drivers, porters, messengers, and stablemen in the employ of the Dominion Express Company went out on strike this morning, owing to the strength of the local of the Brotherhood of Railway Employes in this city. Approximately 70 quit work. Men are being hired to fill their places, and no serious interruption of the express business is anticipated by the local manager of the company.

TAKE MEN FROM TORONTO.

Express Company Transfers Hundred With Whom it Has Wage Agreement.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—To make good its threat of filling the places of strikers, the company today transferred one hundred of its Toronto staff to Montreal. These men are members of the Brotherhood of Dominion Express Employes, with which the company has a wage agreement.

The officials of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes state that the express brotherhood is not recognized by organized labor, and cannot speak for the employes of express companies.

OTTAWA POWER.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—Ottawa Light, Heat and Power Company has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1-2 per cent., payable Oct. 1, to holders of record Sept. 20.

ONTARIO CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—J. J. Barrett, 25 Euclid avenue, Toronto; W. C. Biffin, Brantford; C. E. Mason, Brampton; H. Moore, Kingston; W. Prue, Erinsville; W. C. Hamilton, London; J. Ballak, Tillsonburg; A. W. Smith, 12 Otter avenue, Toronto; S. B. Curtis, Newboro; W. J. Wilson, Hamilton; W. E. Oxby, Sadowa; S. Newell, 25 Redwood avenue, Toronto; W. M. Roys, Milleroches; T. E. Hackett, Hamilton; S. Connacher, 364 Victoria street, Toronto.

Died of wounds—D. W. Swan, Cobourg; G. Nettleton, Hamilton; A. K. McCoy, Collingwood; W. T. Carling, 57 Badgerrow avenue, Toronto.

Died—J. A. Robertson, Brown's Brae; D. Morland, 2 Cremore avenue, Toronto; E. McConnell, Mattawa.

Wounded and missing—W. Jennings, 202 Morley avenue, Toronto.

Missing—Lieut. A. T. Byrd, Woodstock; Lieut. W. F. Cole, Walkerville.

Ill—W. A. Brady, 26 Fermanagh avenue, Toronto; J. Trebble, Brantford.

Wounded—Lieut. N. G. Charlton, Tillsonburg; Lieut. W. C. Bogart, Windsor; Lieut. W. F. Leader, Peterboro; Lieut. R. E. Dallyn, 137 Geoffrey street, Toronto; A. Gaillmore, 99 Palmerston avenue, Toronto; H. M. Fraser, Stratford; L. J. Hughes, Haileybury; H. Holmes, 138 Duchess street, Toronto; C. A. Caister, Dashwood; J. Gillespie, Petrolea; W. H. G. Faragher, 655 Crawford street, Toronto; G. Flint, Niagara Falls; A. Craigie, 335 Parliament street, Toronto; R. Cockett, 41 Redmond avenue, Toronto; P. M. Chambers, Listowel; D. W. Campbell, Milton; F. E. Bush, Callender; B. Bogie, Goderich; F. A. Blanchard, Raglan; J. Blair, 173 St. Helens avenue, Toronto; W. W. Birtch, St. Marys.

ARTILLERY.

Wounded—Lieut. I. H. Jordan, Goderich.

MACHINE GUN.

Wounded—Capt. W. G. Walsh, Port Hope; Capt. J. P. S. Cathcart, Courtright.

SIXTEEN MINERS KILLED BY FALL

Cable in Nanaimo Mine Broke and All Occupants of the Cage Met Death.

Nanaimo, B.C., Sept. 10.—Owing to the breaking of a cable by which the cage in the protection shaft of No. 17 mine here is operated, 16 men are believed to have been hurled to instant death at 7.30 this morning. Miners who have come out of the mine say that the cage dropped the full distance and even went thru the heavy planking at the bottom.

Late this afternoon three bodies had been recovered from the shaft. Two of them were so badly mangled that identification is impossible. The third body is that of Robert Kelly.

It is now estimated beyond doubt that every man in the cage when it fell has been killed.

NO GERMAN VICTORY; ENEMY WANTS PEACE

Basel, Sept. 10.—President Wilson's program as a basis for negotiations for peace are endorsed by Count Karolyi, president of the Hungarian independent party, A despatch from Budapest, quoting from an open letter letter written by Count Karolyi to his electors, to whom he recommends an early peace, says:

"A decisive military victory, despite its successes, is a dream for which it is useless to pursue. The prime condition of peace negotiations is the democratization of nations and the abandonment of imperinlists' theories. A second condition is that we should not become slaves to the idea of a middle Europe, either military, economically or politically, and that we should not strengthen our alliance with Germany, which would form the first step towards the realization of this central Europe.

"We ought to accept as a basis for negotiations President Wilson's program."

C. P. R. EARNINGS.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—Traffic earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the first week in September aggregated $3,053,000, an increase of $387,000, or 14.5 per cent. over the corresponding week a year ago.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

Riverdale

EAST ENDERS WANT A SUPPLY OF COAL

Meeting Held Last Night and Resolution Passed After Discussion.

A well attended meeting of representative east end citizens was held last evening at the residence of L. W. Mullen, president of the Riverdale Ratepayers' Association, to discuss the coal situation and to consider what action should be taken to secure an equitable distribution of fuel among the residents of the eastern section. J. Roberts occupied the chair and it was decided after a long discussion to send the following resolution to the board of control. "The board of control be requested to immediately appoint a controller (not a civic employe) to look after the coal situation in Toronto, and that all citizens receive an equal supply."

The following were appointed a deputation to interview the board of control at its next meeting: J. A. Wiederhold, convener, L. W. Mullen, T. W. Brown, A. Rolls, George Shields, G. S. Smith and George R. Ellis.

J. A. Wiederhold cited cases where householders have received one hundred per cent. of their coal requirements this year, which he said was contrary to the law.

Geo. R. Ellis outlined the work of the citizens' committee of Earlscourt and pointed out that a similar organization was necessary in the east end to enforce equitable treatment in the matter of getting coal orders delivered by the coal dealers. He showed according to official figures, that 44,028,000 tons of coal were mined in the United States up to August 31, this year. Last year 42,800,000 were mined up to the same date. Last week there were 2,260,000 tons of coal mined, being an increase of 125,716 tons over the previous week. "Where is Canada's proportion of this coal going?" asked Mr. Ellis, who added that there are thousands of citizens in Toronto at the present time without one pound of coal in their coal bins, thru no fault of their own. "It requires a man with any number of assistants he may require to look after the fuel situation this year, in order to prevent untold suffering among the people," he said. J. A. Wiederhold, T. W. Brown, A. Hanna and others also spoke.

RIVERDALES TO HAVE A PAID ORGANIZER

It was unanimously decided that an organizer be secured for the Riverdale branch, G. W. V. A., at an executive meeting held at the headquarters, 348 Broadview avenue, last evening, with R. J. Roberts, president, in the chair. The appointment, which is to be offered to a war veteran, is to be a salaried position, and the appointee must automatically become a member of the branch, altho not necessarily a resident in the district. The matter will be brought forward at next meeting.

It was also decided to commence work in connection with the sick, and the various committees will report in this connection.

An address will be delivered at next meeting in Dion Hall, on Oct. 3, by George Miller, president of the Veterans' Mechanical Farming Company.

Leaside

FINE NEW BUILDING GOES UP AT LEASIDE

The work of excavation for yet another large building in the Town of Leaside commenced yesterday. The site of the structure, which will be a two storey office building for the Leaside munition works, is on Laird drive, and will have a frontage of 60 feet, with a depth of 65 feet. The material will be pressed brick with Indian limestone trim, and oak finish inside. The building will be steam heated, and will have electric light thruout.

The entrance will face west, and the entire structure will present a handsome solid appearance when completed, in about two months time.

The cost will be in the neighborhood of $50,000.

Todmorden

RESULT OF FIELD DAY.

As a result of the field day recently held under the auspices of the war auxiliary of school section 27, Todmorden, $404 was realized. This will be devoted to the work of the organization for the boys overseas. Mrs. R. F. Fleming is president.

COUNTY POLICE COURT

Angus Sweet, Holland Landing, was up in the county police court yesterday morning charged with manufacturing liquor without a license. Constable McMullen raided his place along with others and found incriminating evidence. Sweet was remanded in court. Later he made a statement to the chief magistrate to the effect that he himself had not been manufacturing the beverage, but had lent his house to another man. The other man has been sent for and will appear later to explain the hops, potatoes and sugar.

Fred Miller, 16, pleaded guilty to throwing stones at a motor car at Woodbridge and striking Mrs. Greensides on the head. Defendant claimed it was an accident and occurred while he was aiming at some birds. Sentence was suspended with a warning on payment of costs.

Earlscourt

PUBLIC CONTROL OF PUBLIC HALL

Many Opinions Regarding Memorial Proposed for Earlscourt.

That the movement promoted by the British Imperial Association of Earlscourt to build a memorial hall in honor of the heroes who have fallen in the great war will be opposed on the ground that the B.I.A. is a semi-political organization, is indicated by opinions expressed by leading residents of the district yesterday. Earlscourt has great need of a public hall, containing a library, where public bodies can meet, but the leading opinion of the district is that such a hall must be absolutely under public control and decidedly apart from any quasi-political outfit. The letter of Charles T. Lacey, secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, which appeared in The World yesterday morning, seems to express the opinion of the great majority of the members of that body.

A clergyman of the district said it was a pity that the project should be endangered by the self-seeking of political aspirants identified with the B.I.A. The fact that that body had adopted the idea as its own was certain to have a detrimental effect. Everybody in Earlscourt wanted to see a memorial hall which would do credit to the district and which would honor in a fitting manner the brave men who had given their lives for their country's cause. But it was certain that if the movement was to be turned into a scheme to boost individuals it might fail.

Harry Smith of Dufferin street, a war veteran, said: "A memorial hall in Earlscourt for the benefit of the people, and in memory of their honored dead, is a fine thing, but why bring it forward just at this time? It could well be laid over till after the war, but this would not serve the ends of the logrollers."

Another resident said that the people were told to save their money for war purposes. He thought it unwise to attempt to carry out the project just now. At any rate, when the hall is built it should be wholly in the control of the public.

Who Originated It?

To add to the confusion existing over the two memorial halls for Earlscourt, one under the auspices of the B. I. A. and the other from the Great War Veterans, there comes high tension as to who among the B. I. A. members was the originator of the scheme to build this hall and library which was launched at the meeting on Monday night in Earlscourt. Henry Parfrey claims the premier honor and other members also wish to take the credit. To a reporter for The World R. Macdonald Russell, one of the charter members of the association, number 27, said:

"I was the first man in Earlscourt to propose the erection of a memorial hall in commemoration of Earlscourt's noble dead, and I worked out a plan for it, for a library, swimming baths, and Lyceum, which was to have as caretakers a returned soldier and his wife. This was nearly two years ago. Now I see that Parfrey and others here are claiming the credit. My proposal was made at a public meeting and all the members who were present on that occasion know it. I very much resent other members trying to rob me of the credit of what I consider the greatest thing that Earlscourt ever could have—this memorial hall."

The chairman of the committee states that $11,000 was promised at Monday night's meeting, but whether the amounts promised included one from the prime minister he could not say. One city official offered $100, he said.

From the G. W. V. A.

September, 10, 1918.

Editor World: Apropos of the clash between the Earlscourt G. W. V. A. and the British Imperial Association, concerning the building of a memorial hall to the fallen heroes of that district, it would only be fair to the veterans to give full publicity to their views in the matter.

In the first place, the Earlscourt G. W. V. A. are convinced that the real and last aims of the B. I. A. are political, and not patriotic, and that the B. I. A. simply conspire to use the G. W. V. A. to help exploit the people of Toronto for that despicable purpose. The veterans wish to stand alone in this matter; at least as far as political or semi-political organizations are concerned.

If the B. I. A. succeed in their intentions, the memorial hall and library would become practically their property to do just as they please (within bounds). The control of such a hall would be a political factor of no small importance. The fact that a public library is to be built in conjunction with the hall (with presumably public funds), complicates the case further.

A suggestion was made by an official of the B. I. A. that the use of the rooms be allowed at a nominal rent; in short, the G. W. V. A. to play second fiddle in their orchestra.

As the government, the press, pulpit, and public are unanimous in the idea that the returned men should be encouraged to help themselves, rather than to rely on others, we propose to be the founders of the Earlscourt Soldiers' Memorial Hall to our dead comrades; and to use all surplus funds for the alleviation of distress among their widows and other dependents, rather than for political objects.

There cannot come thru political pow-wows that amelioration of the pathetic lot of the soldiers' dependents that they so sorely need in this painful reconstruction period that lies ahead of us. Such one-sided affairs do not spread the right spirit. They breed division and bitterness, not the necessary brotherly love. As a practical illustration of how matters work out under political auspices, it should be noted that at a meeting of the B.I.A. in the Earlscourt Methodist Church on the 9th inst. representatives of the mothers, wives and the unfortunate war widows of Earlscourt sent a written request to be heard at the meeting, but their request was turned down flat. While appreciating fully the good work of the B.I.A. for the dependents of the veterans, and for which we accord them all due respect, we firmly contend that it is both the duty and the privilege of the G.W.V.A. to work out their own salvation, with, we are grateful to say, the loyal aid of our civilian comrades.

Lione! Gea. Gardner,
For executive of Earlscourt Branch G.W.V.A.

98 Bird avenue.

FALL FAIR TO HAVE A FINE BABY SHOW

At a meeting of the Earlscourt Fall Fair committee last night, the secretary reported that the mayor had promised the use of a city band of returned men for the first three days, and had consented to be one of the speakers on the opening day.

The baby show has now received about all the entries the committee care to handle, and this bids fair to eclipse all other features of the fair. A large number of prizes have been donated including cash, silver cups and shields. A singing contest for school children has also been arranged, and a parade of automobiles and trucks will take place on the morning of the opening day.

WILLIAM REID WOUNDED.

William Reid, Oakwood avenue, Earlscourt, has received news from his son, Pte. Wm. Reid, 116th Battalion, C.E.F., that he has been wounded and is now lying seriously ill in Netley Welsh hospital, Southampton. Mr. Reid has lost one son killed in the war, and has two sons-in-law, one in France, the other at Salonica.

E. W. MILLER'S FUNERAL.

This afternoon the funeral takes place in Toronto of the late Edward Watson Miller, for many years Dominion customs appraiser. His death occurred on Monday at his residence, 190 Indian road, from heart failure. He is survived by his wife, one son, Harold, of Brantford, and two daughters, Mrs. Edna Mathor, and Miss Violet Miller. Controller Alfred Maguire is a brother-in-law. The late Mr. Miller was a member of Zetland Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and also of the I.O.F. The funeral will take place at 2.30 o'clock from the residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

REFORMS PROMISED IN VETERANS' PENSIONS

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 10.—Reforms in the scope of pensions for returned soldiers and their dependents are to be incorporated in orders-in-council at an early date, according to Major E. L. Buchanan, traveling representative of the board of pensions commissioners, who is meeting with pensioners in Halifax who have claims to be adjusted. At the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association tonight Major Buchanan stated that the board has passed several resolutions for widening the scope of pensions. Two of the most important are these:

First: Prospective dependency, where a widow or mother of an invalid father of a soldier was not dependent at the time of the death of the soldier, but has become so thru illness or other causes, the board has recommended that by order-in-council the regulations be amended to have a pension paid such worthy causes. A second resolution was passed recommending that the allowance now paid to disabled married soldiers also be paid to unmarried soldiers who are pensioners and have a dependent mother or father.

FACES SERIOUS CHARGE.

Prominent Farmer Accused of Harboring His Deserter Son.

Sudbury, Sept. 10.—Facing the serious charge of harboring his son, Pte. Harry Leduc, a deserter since Feb. 10 from the 1st Central Ontario Regiment, Andrew Leduc of Blezard Township, prominent farmer, appeared before Magistrate Brodie and was remanded for one week. The remand is for the purpose of giving him a chance to deliver up his son to the authorities. The son is still at large. The case indicates the opposition to the Military Service Act still existing in the Township of Blezard.

The chief evidence was given by John Frappier, a self-confessed military defaulter, who was arrested last Thursday by the Dominion Police. He testified that he and Leduc had been together in the bush for several months endeavoring to evade the police. The Dominion Police testified that they had entered the Leduc home about three weeks ago, when the father on being told that he was committing a serious offence by harboring his son and liable to heavy penalties, declared he would commit suicide rather than pay the penalty of the law. The accused denied to the magistrate that he knew the location of his son.

STEEL WORKERS WANT RAISE.

Sydney, N.S., Sept. 10.—Scotia Steel workers, Sydney mines, are asking a general wage increase of 10 per cent. for all workers now receiving more than $3.50 per day, and of 20 per cent. for men getting $3.50 or less. The prospect of success is said to be good, and no trouble is anticipated.

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