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ALBERT EDWARD VEAR; English; fitter; single; Brantford.

ASSAULT AT ARMS.

An assault-at-arms will be put on in the armouries by the 84th Battalion on Saturday, March 11th at 8 o'clock. The affair will be open to the public, a small admission fee being charged. There will be boxing bouts between picked men of 84th and the 125th as well as a tug-of-war between a team from each battalion. A bayonet fighting competition between the 84th and the 125th will be another feature.

The Signallers will give an exhibition of signalling and the machine gun section will show how a machine gun is worked.

NEW REGULATIONS.

An important order regarding the much-sought-after positions of paymasters for overseas units is issued in camp orders for yesterday to the effect that hereafter commanding officers of overseas units will not be allowed to select their own paymasters, but that applicants for such positions will be required to undergo a two months' course of qualification, after which they will be appointed to vacancies as they occur. This much-needed rule is in line with other orders recently issued tending to secure greater efficiency in the staffs of overseas units, and it will prevent commanders of units from being besieged with applications from all sides for the position of paymaster. According to the new regulations a list of applicants for paymasters' posts will be kept in the office of the Accountant and Paymaster-General at Ottawa. Applicants will be detailed by headquarters as probationers in the various divisional pay offices for a two months' course. Probationers who prove satisfactory will then be detailed to vacancies as they occur.

The order-in-council regarding marriages after enlistment of January 28, 1915, is republished in camp orders of yesterday, with comment. The order, it is pointed out provides that only those men who obtain their commanding officer's permission to marry at the time of enlistment and whose marriage tokes place within twenty days after, are entitled to receive separation allowance for their wives. The terms of the order are intended to prevent improper and undesirable persons from being brought on the married strength. In order to prevent injustice or hardship, however, it is permissible in special cases provided the commanding officer has satisfied himself that the man has been engaged to marry prior to enlistment, and that the woman is a proper person to receive the benefit of the separation allowance, that the cases be sent to the Assistant Arjutant-General for special consideration. It approved by him the case will be referred to Ottawa for official approval even after the expiration of the twenty days specified in the order in council.

The total actual strength of units in the division as on the last day of February, is announced as 1,196 officers and 33,443 men.

COURSE IN BAYONET FIGHTING.

A school for instruction in bayonet fighting and physical drill, which will be attended by 35 officers, and 319 N.C.O's. representing every overseas battalion in the divisional area up to and including the 180th, will start at the Exhibition camp on March 10th, and will last until April 4th, 35 35 overseas units in all being represented. The school will be in charge of Capt. R. V. Conover, of the instructional staff, with Lieut. F. Carter, 123rd Battalion, as adjutant, and Company Sergeant Instructor Coleman, R.C.R., as sergeant-major, while a staff of 19 Q. M. S. instructors drawn from various battalions and the headquarters' school, will cary out the training. Officers are to be selected specially for the course, and N.C.O's. selected should be quick, active, and of fair education, those with previous physical training being preferred. The Transportation building will be used for instructional purposes, and all N.C.O's. will be quartered in barracks at the Exhibition.

APPOINTMENTS TO 54TH BATTERY.

Lieut. C. L. Waterous, 32nd Battery; Lieut. B. N. Simpson, 33rd battery; F. J. Gooch, Ammunition Column, 2nd brigade, are appointed lieutenants and Lieut. H. C. Heintzman, 9th battery, supernumerary lieutenant in the 54th Depot Battery, C.F.; C.E.F.; Lieut.-Col. J. W Odell, C.F.A., has been given the temporary appointment as brigadier of 47th, 48th, 49th and 54th batteries, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the C.E.F.

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLES

Ottawa, March 2.—Sir George Foster told Mr. Ethier, member for Two Mountains, in the House of Commons yesterday that the population of the Dominion was 7,206,643; male population was 3,821,985; the male population from 19 to 19 years, inclusive, 706,155; the male population from 20 to 29 years, inclusive 756,349; from 30 to 39 years, inclusive, 568,214.

According to these statistics, said Sir George, 62 per cent. of the male population from 19 to 40 years of age would remain in the country after the recruiting of 500,000 men of that category.

Nuptial Notes

WATKINS-MOUNTJOY

A quiet wedding took place yesterday in St. Judes Church, when Rev. T. B. Jeakins united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. John W. Watkins, and Millicent Beatrice, daughter of Mr. Joseph Dewfield Mountjoy, of Gloucester, England.

Miss Jeakins played the wedding march. The bride looked very attractive in a travelling suit with furs. Since coming to Brantford, she has been well known and very popular as a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Mr. Watkins is a son of the late William Watkins, for many years connected with the Grand Trunk Railway, and he has resided here all his life. After passing through the usual school course he became associated with the newspaper and printing trades in Brantford, and is at present a member of the Courier board of directors. He is also identified with industrial and other interests and has always chown his faith in the city of his birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins left on the 6 o'clock train for a honeymoon trip to New York and Washington. They will have the sincere wishes of many friends for a happy life together, a sentiment in which the Courier staff and employes heartily join.

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Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 236.

Miss M. Symington left for Buffalo last Tuesday for a short visit.

Mrs. McKegney, Trinity rectory, 65 Ontario street, will receive on Friday March 3rd from 3 to 6.

Mrs. Mathewson of 233 Darling St. has been called to St. Mary's to the death of her sister, Mrs. Murray.

Mr. T. George Boles is spending the week in New York City on a business trip.

Miss Susie Campbell, delegate for the Womens Institute, of Toronto, is visiting her nephew, Mr. M. E. Mitchell, of the Prince Edward Hotel.

Music and Drama

COLONIAL THEATRE

Ben Toys Musical Comedy Co. is still growing in popularity daily, as is attested by the packed houses to which they are showing. To-day, they are producing still another new bill in "The Seminary Girls," a comedy abounding in fun, and full of good music. The Toy show is one of the best all round fun provokers on the road to-day, and those who have not seen the clever little company should not miss this last opportunity, these last three days being their final, in Brantford for this season. The pictures are excellent for this last half of the week. Don't miss "The Seminary Girls" to-night. Daily matinee 10c; evening 10c and 20c.

SEAT SALE FOR "TOO MANY COOKS."

Seats for the 'Too Many Cooks" engagement at the Grand on Tuesday, March 7, will go on sale at Boles' drug store to-morrow morning and judging by the numerous inquiries and mail orders, there won't be an empty seat when Albert Brown and his distinguished fellow players of "The White Feather" Company return to town for a performance of this sparkling three-act comedy. Everyone who sees "Too Many Cooks" will sleep well afterwards and rise in good humor in the morning. Clean, wholesome laughter is very healthful; it makes the blood circulate and it house-cleans the mind of peevishess, discontent and boredom, further, "Too Many Cooks" will shake your sides with laughter from curtain rise to drop. Mr. Brown will play the hero, a home-builder for his bride-to-be while his distinguished fellow-players will be seen in parts that will fit them like the proverbial glove. If it be true that a good laugh saves a man many a doctor's bill, "Too Many Cooks" will make Brantfordites add a long list of credits to their medicine account.

"THE WINNING OF BARBARA WORTH."

Coming to the Grand Opera House is the excellent production of "The Winning of Barbara Worth," whose central character, Barbara Worth, bids certain to become a fixed character in dramatic literature. In no other work of fiction than the one in which her life story is told, has there been pictured a woman so characteristic, so typical of Western America. She is the woman, while saturated with the wisdom of ages, is none the less clean, wholesome, unspoiled, untainted by worldliness. Found in "The Hollow of God's Hand," imbued with the spirit of the desert, the mystery of nature inspires her soul and keeps her in harmony with the infinite. She is the superwoman. The future rests in her keeping. It is never of the present she thinks, but her eyes are fixed ever on that time to come when her desert shall become the abode of thousands of prosperous people, the home of well-doing men and women whose children will grow up out-of-doors, warmed at the heart of Mother Nature, strong, wholesome sons and daughters to form a working leaven in society.

Like the author, Harold Bell Wright, the dramatist, Mark E. Swan drew with unerring hand a figure which must ever stand as a symbol of all that is strong, clean and wholesome in womanhood. He made Barbara Worth the daughter of the West, a woman well worth winning, such a one as in olden times men went to battle to win. So Willard Holmes must go to battle. He must meet and conquer Nature in an ugly mood before he proves himself fit to mate with the child of the desert. Barbara is strong in her own right, she is almost plain looking as the desert was even ugly at times, yet there is in her features that beauty which comes from within, from goodness and sincerity. Few novelists, or dramatists, have dared to so confront the readers and theatre-goers' demand that even the heroine shall be a creature of faultless beauty, but in this case there has to be something above mere beauty driving the hero to battle.

Mr. John McDougal, chairman of the cost of living commission which has just made its report, was particularly well qualified for this investigation. Mr. McDougal is a "Blue-nose," born at Pictou, N.S., in 1848. He represented his native county in the House of Commons for fifteen years, in the Conservative interests and was then appointed commissioner of customs. Mr. McDougal accompanied Messrs Fielding and Paterson to Washington in 1911 to negotiate the Reciprocity Treaty with President Taft.

The Senate unanimously ratified the treaty with Hayti under which the United States assumes a protectorate over the island republic.

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Liberals Want Investigation

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Regina, March 2.—A delegation of four prominent Liberals of Regina, bearing a petition signed by many other Regina Liberals, waited upon the government yesterday afternoon and demanded a royal commission to investigate the graft and bribery charges.

Former Mayor R. H. Williams, J. A. Allan, K.C., J. H. Fraser and George S. Gamble presented the petition.

When asked about it, Hon. J. A. Calder refused to talk. It is stated that most of the prominent Liberals of Regina have already signed the petition. No answer was given the delegation, and none was expected until to-day at least.

MENTONED IN DISPATCHES

The Hon. Andrew Fisher, who has recently assumed the Australian High Commissionership in London, has had to eat his own words in regard to salary. Some years ago Fisher declared that a salary of £350 a year was far too much for any man to receive. He is now getting £3,000 as Australian High Commissioner. In this respect, Fisher is like John Burns the former labor member of the Asquith cabinet who protested all his life against big salaries until he was offered one as a member of the government. Fisher was born in Scotland in 1862, and worked there as a miner until he was 23, when he emigrated to Australia. He soon found his way into parliament and eventually became premier, a position he held for several years. He is an ardent Imperialist, but, above all, is proud of the fact that he was a laboring man.

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Col. George T. Denison, 77 years of age, and a veteran of two wars, was recently stopped by an energetic recruiting sergeant in Toronto and asked to enlist. The sergeant informed Toronto's police magistrate that he was a fine, healthy looking chap and carried himself well, and that it would not take much to lick himself into shape. Col. Denison is one of the most enthusiastic Imperialists in the Empire and a soldier with an international reputation. For some forty odd years Denison was in command of the cavalry in Toronto and saw service in the Fenian Raid and in the Northwest Rebellion. He is a recognized authority on cavalry tactics, and as a matter of fact his book on the subject is generally regarded as one of the world's standard text books.

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The Hon. William Morris Hughes, Premier of Australia, is now passing through Canada on his way to England, where he will deal with matters relating to the welfare of the Commonwealth. Hughes is known as the umbrella mender. Thirty odd years ago as a young man he left Wales and journeyed to Australia, where he made his living for a time as an itinerant umbrella mender. Later he studied law, entered Parliament, became Attorney-General in the Fisher Administration, and some months ago was made Premier. The head of the Australian Commonwealth is a labor leader, and has done a great deal for the labor movement throughout Australia. He has been in Parliament for some thirty years, being now a man in his fifties. Mr. Hughes announces that he will have 300,000 Australians on the firing line next Spring.

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Lord Goschen has been bereaved through the death of his only son as a result of wounds contracted fighting the Turks in Mesopotamia. Young Goschen was a lieutenant in an East Kent regiment and had been in the thick of the fighting since the outbreak of the war. The Goschen family have been prominent in the financial and political affairs of Great Britain ducing the past fifty years. The grandfather of the young officer, who has just died, was one of the leaders of the financial world of a generation ago.

Viscount Ridley, who has just died in England following a serious operation, was best known through his connection with the Tariff Reform League, of which he was chairman. Tariff matters will undoubtedly play a very large part in Great Britain following the cessation of hostilities, as part of the Allies plan seems to be to wage an economic and industrial war upon Germany, as well as crushing her by force of arms. Ridley was born in 1874 and educated at Oxford, where he took a brilliant course. He was a member of Parliament for some sixteen years.

Five women collapsed in a river tunnel panic as a derailed train tied up a New York subway.

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Pause in Verdun Attack is Mystery to the French; Greater Drive Coming?

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, France, March 1. — The press and public of France are mystified at the continued pause in the German attacks around Verdun. Caution born of experience leads generally to the rejection of the view that the Germans have given up all hope of trying to capture the Lorraine fortress. It is thought more likely that they are merely resting before starting afresh with greater energy. It is believed in many quarters that the attack on Verdun was only a preliminary to operations on a much larger scale for the purpose of trying to crush the French once and for all. However, that may be, it is affirmed that General Joffre is fully prepared for all eventualities. So far only the local French reserves have been called upon at Verdun, the great general reserve forces remaining intact for use in repelling other heavy onslaughts or for carrying out a great counter-attack when the opportune moment comes.

The question is raised as to whether the next German attack will again be at Verdun or along the front from the Somme to the Aisne, as it is known that the Germans have been making preparations along the latter lines, the southern limit of which is many miles nearer to Paris than is Verdun. These preparations, however, are not so elaborate as those which had been made for Verdun and, should the Germans attempt the latter plan, the military observers say they would be liable to a flank attack by the British in Artois and Flanders.

"On the other hand, if the Germans continue their assaults against Verdun from the plain of the Woevre, their infantry will have to attack virtually unsupported by the heaviest of the German guns, it is argued, as the water soaked clay soil of the Lorraine plain makes the transport of such guns almost impossible. The plain is only crossed by four military roads and troops and light artillery would be obliged to deploy in the open under fire from the French positions on the heights of the Meuse.

Two valleys lead to Verdun from the plain. Both are blocked by forts—Des Aavannes and Rozellier—and everywhere else the infantry would face thickly wooded heights with a straight drop of 250 feet. The Germans would have here, however, all the resources of Metz within easy reach.

No news has been received of Lt.-Col. Driant, a son-in-law of the late General Boulanger and deputy for Nancy, since the beginning of the battle, in which he commanded two battalions of light infantry.

O. P. Heatn, a prominent cotton operator, committed suicide in his office at Charlotte, N. C. He met financial reverses.

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