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COMFORTS FOR THE SOLDIERS APPRECIATED

Miss Arnoldi, in Excellent Address, Speaks of Work Amongst Fighting Canadians.

There was a large attendance in Stone church schoolroom yesterday afternoon to hear Miss Arnoldi speak of what has been and is being done in connection with the provision of comforts for Canadian soldiers since the beginning of the war. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club and other organizations in the city, and her friends, to attend the gathering. Miss Arnoldi ranks as an officer as a representative of the Field Comforts Association of Canada and wears a uniform both simple and attractive. She spoke in a most entertaining way of many activities having for their object the comforting and cheering of the boys from the Dominion who have so willingly donned the uniform of honor. The chair was taken by Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. Richard O'Brien being also on the platform.

Miss Arnoldi explained in detail the objects of the association and the methods adopted for carrying out the work. She spoke of many incidents of interest in connection with the departure of the first Canadian contingent from Valcartier when she accompanied the troops. After arriving at Southampton, the speaker stated, some difficulty was experienced in getting accommodation as a base for the work in view, but a house was ultimately secured at Amesbury. From this point it was found possible to do an immense amount of good work, and the method of collecting and distributing the large number of articles sent by Canadian people for the comfort of the soldiers at the front.

In speaking of the stay of the men at Salisbury Plain, Miss Arnoldi referred to their cheerful demeanor. The mud and general discomfort occasioned by bad weather, she said, were dreadful. But none kicked. One soldier was "Are we downhearted? No! Are we not? Yes!" A very interesting account of the review of the troops before their departure from Salisbury Plain was given, and the plans adopted both at Salisbury Plain and at Bournemouth for the collection and distribution of field comforts were fully explained. Miss Arnoldi said it would be difficult to show how much the generosity of the Canadian people in providing comforts for the fighting men is appreciated, as that she was glad to be an agent of these people in seeing to the proper distribution of the large number of articles provided. Officers, she said, asked for all sorts of things for their men, many of which it had been possible to furnish owing to the foresight of the women and men of Canada. The work of supervision, Miss Arnoldi said, had been no easy task, but she had assistance from very many. Her orderly, Private Eagle of St. John, she remarked, had been invaluable as a hard and sympathetic worker. The address concluded with reference to the good work done in the Canadian hospitals in France.

On motion of Mrs. George McAvity, seconded by Mrs. Adams, a vote of thanks was tendered Miss Arnoldi for her fine address. Miss Arnoldi leaves today for Fredericton and will then visit Moncton, later going to Quebec for England. She has been the guest of Mrs. Murray McLaren whilst in the city.

FLY YOUR FLAGS.

CAN A WORKING GIRL LIVE ON \$6.00 A WEEK?

Noted Play at Opera House Next Week Answers the Question.

At the Opera House, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, the Klark-Urban Company are to produce for the first time in this city the modern problem melodrama, "Within the Law." It is a pitiless arraignment of the men who ask girls to work for them at wages so low that the girls cannot live. It is an ironic exposure of the way the law is successfully twisted by expensive lawyers to fit rich client's needs, and above all it is an exciting entertainment of the most vivid kind in which sympathy from the first to the last is with the shop girl who is sent to prison for a crime she never committed. The story is so complicated to be told here completely. The main ideas can only be suggested on paper. To enjoy them fully they must be watched as they unfold on the stage at the Opera House next week. The engagement opens with a special holiday matinee on Labor Day. Seats for the entire week go on sale tomorrow morning.

Toronto Bank Clearings.

Toronto, Sept. 2.—Bank clearings this week were with comparisons as follows: This week, \$35,535,398; last week, \$30,569,978; a year ago, \$31,101,450.

RUSSIA'S TINIEST SOLDIER PREFERS WAR TO SCHOOL



AN ELEVEN YEAR OLD SOLDIER OF THE RUSSIAN LINE

Francis Ostaschek, aged eleven, is a private soldier in the Russian army. He belongs to the 216th Kotelitchevski regiment, and is seen here on top of the second line of trenches "somewhere" with two of his comrades, who are not really the giants they appear to be. Little Francis is a Pole from Miava. His father is also in the army; his mother is dead. When the Germans came to Miava they took all the family possessions, so the boy ran away with a Russian regiment. For five months he has been in the trenches, carrying cartridges and other supplies. "He is just the right size," said a Russian officer. "There are quite a number of these boys with our army, and they are very useful. Being small they can run about the trenches with ammunition, messages and so on without much danger of being shot." Boys are boys all the world over, and Francis the soldier is no exception. With the Russian officer an interpreter he was asked about his life as a soldier. "If I wasn't a soldier," declared the boy with great delight, "I'd have to go to school." To the healthy youngster anything is preferable to the horrors of the desk and blackboard.

A BALANCE OF \$2,968 NOT ACCOUNTED FOR

Alleged Discrepancy Connection With Purchase of Remounts in Nova Scotia

Halifax, Sept. 2.—The estimated alleged discrepancy in the accounts for the purchase of remounts in the counties of Kings, Hants and Annapolis last year is \$2,968, according to a statement compiled by the auditor-general of Canada, which was produced at this afternoon's session of the Davitt war contracts' commission in the county court here.

When the final examination of Gifford H. Oakes, secretary of the Kings county Conservative Association, who acted as the agent of A. J. Foster, ex-Tory M. P., in the horse purchases in those counties, was being made this afternoon, Mr. Thompson, counsel for the commission, read the auditor-general's statement and asked Mr. Oakes how he accounted for the discrepancy.

The witness replied that he could only state that, including a memo which he had for horses purchased at Berwick (the receipts of which had been missing), he had the receipts for \$2,968, and that the discrepancy amount called for in these receipts corresponded with the aggregate amount of the checks which he had issued to the remount buyers.

When questioned later by Sir Charles Davidson, the commissioner, Mr. Oakes said that he could offer no further explanation of the alleged discrepancy than that which he had given.

"What part did you take in the actual purchasing of the horses?" asked Sir Charles.

"None whatever,"

"You have heard the evidence given before the commission?"

"Yes."

"How do you account for the acceptance of the most discreditable horses such as those sold by Chute and Harvey?"

"Those matters did not come under my observation."

"I suppose you have some knowledge of horses?"

"Very little. I am not a horseman."

"As regards McKay, how often to your knowledge did he account to Keever?"

"McKay was one of the remount buyers in those counties and Keever, his chief, was the other."

"I don't know anything about his accounting to Keever. I presume he did, but I don't know."

\$49,855 for 291 Horses.

The total number of horses purchased in three counties was 291, and the total value of the checks issued by Oakes for their purchase was \$49,855. This is where, according to the auditor-general's statement, the alleged discrepancy comes in. The commission, in their examination at Kentville, traced, under oath a total of 232 of these horses. The total amount paid for these, according to the evidence of the vendors, was \$37,367. The statement adds to these two more horses,

the prices of which were ascertained, but not under oath. The average price paid for these 234 horses was \$159.65. The statement takes in the twenty-five horses sold by Walter Moore of Kentville, for a total of \$4,400. The average price of these twenty-five was \$176. Adding the two lots together, there were purchased 259 horses at a total cost of \$41,764. This leaves 32 horses to be accounted for. Estimating the price paid for these 32 horses at \$160 a piece, based on known averages, these animals would cost \$5,120. This makes a grand total of 291 horses for \$46,887, as compared with 291 horses for \$49,855, the amount of Mr. Oakes' checks, leaving a balance of \$2,968 not accounted for.

Further evidence in the case of the "black bronchos" which had been sold by the government at the time of the South African war, was given yesterday. Ralph Innes, of W. H. Innes & Sons, who was the first witness of the afternoon, testified to having bought this horse from the Scotia Pure Milk Company for \$115 and sold it to the remount buyers at the exhibition grounds here last year for \$130. This was the horse about which Charles N. Butcher, manager of the Scotia Pure Milk Company, had testified on the previous day. Butcher then said Innes paid him \$100 for the animal.

Several witnesses from Truro and New Glasgow testified to selling sound horses at fair prices after which the commission adjourned until tomorrow morning.

PRIZE COURT CONDEMNS PART OF KUMERIC'S CARGO

London, Sept. 2, 9.15 p. m.—In the prize court today, Sir Samuel Thomas Evans, president of the Tribunal, condemned as enemy property, the greater portion of the cargo of the British steamer Kumeric, the steamer left Galveston July 17, 1914, before the outbreak of the war, laden with cotton and wheat for Bremen and Hamburg. On wireless orders from her owners, the Kumeric sailed to Queenstown August 6, 1914, where her cargo was seized and subsequently sold. The president of the prize court made an exception in his ruling respecting 465 bales of cotton, which was claimed by the El Paso Bank and Trust Company on the ground that it had been assigned to it by the shippers for money advanced. He directed that the proceeds of the sale of this cotton be turned over to the El Paso Company.

GRAND JURY FAILS TO IDENTIFY MEN WHO LYNCHED FRANK

Marietta, Ga., Sept. 2.—The Cobb county grand jury reported late today that it had been unable to find enough evidence, after a two days' examination of witnesses, to indict anyone for the lynching of Leo M. Frank. The report stated:

"We have found several clues, but we have been unable to find anyone who could identify any party. We have done our best, under our oath, and we regret to state that we have been unable to find enough evidence to indict anyone for the crime."

ARRANGING FOR CANVAS IN CITY AND SUBURBS FOR PATRIOTIC AUCTION

Committees Plan Routes; Preliminary Soliciting Brings Gratifying Returns; Executive Meeting Today.

Although the date set for the collection and receipt of articles to be sold at the Patriotic Auction is more than a fortnight distant, most generous donations have been received by the committees from the Daughters of the Empire, Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus and the Rotary Club, having the promotion of the scheme in hand. It has not been intended to receive articles until about September 20, from which time up to the holding of the auction from October 4 to October 9, the idea has been to accept delivery of all goods received. The main exception was as to office material, stationery, and other similar essentials for the opening of the executive offices, and a brief canvas made by Miss Travers and Miss MacLaren resulted in a most generous response in this connection, contributions of printing material on an elaborate scale.

While some local canvassing is planned for this week the principal campaign in this respect will begin with a rush next week, when the various committees of solicitors will visit the districts allotted them. Routes for those who will go into the country sections are now being arranged by M. D. Coll and F. W. Coombs, the committee selected for the purpose. They have been consulting maps, drawing out areas, and arranging the territory to be covered by the automobile parties, and will have their plans ready today or tomorrow for submission to the main body of canvassers.

Another committee, George Fleming and W. J. Mahoney have been going over the lists of automobile owners in the city for the purpose of knowing upon whom to call for aid in the loan of their motors in the big canvas to be made. It has been suggested that owners of cars who can afford to lend their use to the committees in the development of the Patriotic Auction, might greatly alleviate extra efforts if they would communicate with the members of the committee named and have their cars listed for service. Already many gratifying proffers of assistance have been registered.

The preliminary work is going on well. A highly flattering beginning was made in the soliciting for office stationery and material for the checking and tagging of contributions. From Fred Doig were received 500 envelopes and 500 letter heads; from Roger Hunter, Ltd., 20,000 tags; from F. C. Westley & Co., a cut for an engraving to be placed on the stationery; from the United Typewriter Co., packages of carbon paper; from George A. Knodell 10,000 cardboard shipping tags. These various tags are of different kinds and will be used in the acknowledgement of contributions, their checking, delivery, etc.

A meeting of the executive is to be held this morning at 10.30 o'clock in the quarters of the I. O. D. E., when the canvassing of the city and suburbs and the thousand-and-one other matters which are essential to the achievement sought—\$50,000 in a week for the Patriotic Fund.

DURNAN TO ROW.
Toronto, Sept. 2.—After months of negotiation between Eddie Durnan, of this city, professional sculling champion of America, and Frank Haxney, the Australian sculler, matters reached a definite state last night when Durnan received an offer from Haxney's backers to row the Australian at Springfield, Mass. Durnan will accept the offer.

Haxney has had difficulty in securing his share of the stake, but his finally arranged to do so, and a purse of \$1,200 will be the object of the race at Springfield. Durnan says that his title of champion of America will not be involved. The Toronto man refuses to row anywhere but on Toronto bay for the championship.

MARRIED.

WILKINS-BAYARD—At Trinity Church, St. John, Sept. 1st, by Rev. L. Ralph Sherman, Samuel W. Wilkins of H. M. Customs, to Sophia E. B. Bayard, youngest daughter of the late Robert Bayard of Cranford, New Jersey, U. S. A., and granddaughter of the late Dr. Samuel Veitch Bayard, of St. John, N. B.

DIED.

CLEMENTS—In this city, on the 1st inst., Mrs. Mary A. Clements, wife of F. W. Clements, Springfield, N. B., leaving husband, three daughters and four sons to mourn. Burial at 10 o'clock on Friday in St. Peter's Church, Springfield, N. B.

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McINTYRE DIDN'T APPEAR.
Houlton, Me., Sept. 2.—The McIntyre-Fleming fight, scheduled for tonight in the Heywood Opera House, was called off, as McIntyre failed to show up. The crowd was very much disappointed, but George Tomblow of Halifax, N. S., was substituted and made a fine showing against Wild Bill Fleming in six two-minute rounds.
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