

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

SATISFACTORY REPORT ON RED CROSS WORK

Col. Albert E. Gooderham Returns From Trip Through Military Hospitals. MONEY IS WELL SPENT Canadian and British Organizations Are Working Together in Delightful Harmony.

Most satisfactory to all concerned and of such a nature as to arouse fresh interest and enthusiasm in the work, is the report of the Canadian Red Cross in England and France, by Col. Albert E. Gooderham, who has just returned from a tour of inspection in those countries.

A gratifying incident happened at Treport just before we got there," says the report. "About 200 men had been sent back from the trenches wounded with little or no clothing. A telegram was received by the British Red Cross asking them to supply 200 pairs of pyjamas, socks and caps. The British Red Cross were unable to supply them, and asked our stores what they could do. Word was sent back that we had them, and they were delivered to the hospitals before the men arrived. This little incident has much increased the popularity of the Canadian Red Cross in that district. I cannot speak too highly of the way our commissioner is carrying out his work over there, and he is most ably assisted by Capt. Bryan, Lady Drummond and Mrs. Rivers-Bulleley in London and Capt. Blaylock and Capt. Bridges in France."

One of the gratifying features observed by Col. Gooderham is the happy relationship that exists between the British and Canadian Red Cross. Hon. Arthur Stanley, chairman of the British branch, spoke in the highest terms of the Canadian commissioner. Other members added their quota of praise as to the efficient manner in which Col. Hodgkiss manages affairs.

Report on Hospitals. In his report on the hospitals Col. Gooderham referred to Storncliffe where the only wants were those for which application should have been made to the ordnance department. The Duchess of Connaught Hospital was found to be in excellent condition. With a few alterations it will be the best equipped hospital in England.

Reference was also made to the convalescent hospital at Bushey Park, the Manor House and the Peak House at Buxton. The Toronto University Hospital at Plymouth was found to be well equipped. All the Canadian and many of the British hospitals in France were visited and it was satisfactory to learn that their needs were being met. Particularly noted was No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, which is in charge of Col. Ford. This institution is the place where Dreyfus was degraded. It was a nurse from this hospital too, who attended the King when he was injured.

On the whole the survey made by Col. Gooderham seems to have been very full and of a most informing and interesting character.

CHRISTMAS TREAT GIVEN AT CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Three Companies of Girls Guides Responsible for Joy at Simcoe Street Home.

A Christmas treat was given the part of both hostesses and waitresses. Patriotic songs, sung under the direction of Mr. Duncan, the superintendent, and members of the guides, made up the musical program.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND RECEIPTS UP TO DATE

Table with columns for donor names and amounts. Total: \$18,548.88

CHRISTMAS FROLIC That Was Feature at Regular Meeting Held by Heliconian Club.

A Christmas frolic was the principal feature of the regular meeting of the Heliconian Club, when various members took part in the merry-making program. A cheque for \$125, part of the proceeds of the concert given by the Toronto String Quartet, was presented to the club. A portion of the money will be devoted to the Red Cross activities of the club, and the remainder will be sent to Mrs. Agor Adamson to help her work with the Belgians.

WILL STOP RECRUITING FOR CANADIANS IN U. S.

Washington to Probe Alleged Enrolments for American Battalion in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Alleged recruiting in Chicago for the 87th Battalion, C.E.F., known as the American Legion, called forth today an order of investigation by the department of justice, tendent of the bureau of investigation of the department, issued the order at- tending to the recruitment of Canadians. One of the circulars had the United States and the British flags, and a re- presentation of Uncle Sam and John Bull with hands clasped. The circular contained reference to the number of Canadians who fought in the Ameri- can civil war.

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COBOURG COUNCIL ELECTED. COBOURG, Dec. 30.—Altho a large slate was nominated, Cobourg Town Council was returned today by acclamation as follows: Mayor, E. A. Duncan; reeve, George Greer; deputy reeve, D. Denton; councillors, John E. Quinn, George Bond, W. A. Corbett, W. H. A. Semple, George Gummow, Harry McGuire. The only change from the council of 1915 is that ex-Mayor George Gummow takes the place of Dr. Irwin, who is at the front with the British Army Medical Corps.

MAN OF MANY ALIASES CHARGED WITH THEFT Charles Jacobsen Alleged by Police to Have Stolen Valuable Furs. WOMAN MISSED MUFF Prisoner Alleged to Have Helped Himself to It and Sold It.

Charles Jacobsen, a man of many aliases, giving his address as a rooming house on Church street, was arrested on King street yesterday afternoon by Detectives Gutierrez and Newton, on six different charges. The proprietor of the Arlington Hotel alleges that under the name of himself he obtained board and lodging to the value of \$10.25, while the Moscow Hotel owners state that under the name of Davidson he defrauded them out of \$26 for board and lodging. Bagley's, Limited, King street, declare that he obtained a suit valued at \$17 from them by means of a worthless cheque. He seems to have a special taste for furs, as it is alleged that he stole a mink collar valued at \$95 from the miff to match; one there valued at \$115. The afterwards sold the set on McCaul street for \$22. It has been recovered by detectives.

Woman Missed Muff. While shopping in the Robert Simpson store a few weeks ago, a woman missed her mink muff valued at \$130. The police say they connect him with the theft of this article, which they say he sold for \$25. It was also re- covered. Another time he is said to have walked into a boot and shoe store on Yonge street and ordered a pair of boots to be sent to his room at the Hotel Moscow. He stayed in the store while the boots were being prepared, and it is alleged that he stole them by some means from the box, as there was nothing in the parcel when it arrived at the hotel.

NEW MOTOR RATES. Provincial Government to Bring Them Into Effect on Feb. 1. The new scale of motor rates, as announced some days ago, has been passed by an order-in-council and will be in effect after the first of the year. In order to get out the markers the department has extended the life of the 1915 licenses until Feb. 1. Motorists will be unable to purchase their 1916 licenses until that date. The markers this year will be black and white.

LAD DROWNED WHILE SKATING. BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 30.—J. Reilly, a lad and son of Alexander Reilly of the Imperial Oil Company, while skating broke into the ice on a creek and was drowned today. The body was recovered.

NOVELTY BAGS MADE OF GORGEOUS RIBBON Dainty Flowers and Fairy-Like Lace Also Used in Various Designs. ONE RULE HOLDS GOOD Dark Shades Prevail for Utility Bags and Light for Vanity Cases.

Such pretty novelty bags are being fashioned from widths of gorgeous ribbon, dainty flowers and fairy-like lace. On the remaining counter, where odd lengths of lovely silks, satins and broads are sold at great reduction, may often be found just the desired length for a charming bag. It may be for milady's knitting, or just to carry her powder puff, but both are acceptably hand-sewn. The silk bags this year vary as much in size and form as in the materials used. One Rule Holds Good. There is one rule which holds good, however, that dark shades prevail for utility bags, and light colors for the vanity cases. The most exquisite little contrivances of gold gauze velvet brocade and rhinestone-studded lace are deemed not too luxurious for the dance enthusiast, who usually has the bottom of her bag lined with a reducing fabric. Inside are tiny shirred pockets for the most diminutive toilet accessories, and a space in the centre for the kerchief—a tiny square of lace. Among the larger bags, those for knitting are the most in demand, fancy work having been laid aside long since for the more urgent and patriotic task of making soldiers' comforts.

Pretty and Practical. Dainty velvet brocades shirred with plain-satins that harmonize are pretty as well as practical, and are made in shapes roomy enough to carry the "article in the making" plenty of wool and needles. For these last-named there are splendid little cases to protect the ends, and a section of the bag made especially for the hair, for many other purposes are equally pretty and made from most lovely materials.

RADFORD HAT COMPANY IS VISITED BY FIRE Starts in Basement at Noon Hour and Does Several Thousand Dollars' Damage.

Starting in the basement of the three-story building of the Radford Hat Manufacturing Company, 212 West Adelaide street, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, fire caused damage to the plant estimated at between \$7000 and \$10,000, before it was got under control. The blaze swept up the stairway to the first and second floors and soon the building was a roaring furnace. At one time the buildings on either side were threatened, but the good work of the firemen from the Adelaide street and other stations dis- posed of that danger and the fire was practically out in thirty minutes. Luckily it was the dinner-hour and the employes were out of the building. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

PERSONNEL SELECTED FOR BIG COMMISSION Viscount Bryce Will Represent Great Britain on International Arbitration Board.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The entire personnel of the international commission which will represent Great Britain and the United States in any treaty which arises under the so-called investigation peace treaty negotiated by former Secretary Bryan now has been chosen and soon will be announced formally. George Gray of Delaware, as previously announced, will be the national representative for the United States. Domingo De Guzman, the ambassador from Brazil, will be the non-national member for the United States. Bryce as her national member, and Max Korosek of Imperial Russian Council as her non-national member. Fridtjof Nansen, the celebrated explorer and former premier of Norway, will be the umpire. The treaty provides that if any of the British colonial possessions are involved in a controversy they shall be represented, and Sir Charles Fitzpatrick has been chosen from Canada. Sir George Houston Kell from Australia and W. P. Schreiner from the South African Union.

RECEIVES FIELD COMFORTS. Miss Mary Plummer, Lieutenant of Commission, Acknowledges Receipt of Gift. Mrs. C. M. Mills, 370 Palmerston boulevard, has received a letter from Miss Mary Plummer, Lieutenant of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission. Moore Hurst, the commission's secretary, is a Canadian and a former member of the commission. Miss Plummer says: "We are so glad of the news and shirts, especially. We can never get too many of these, now that it is so cold and wet in the trenches. We have requests in almost every day."

CONFERENCE ON MAIL SEIZURES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—British interests with first-class mail passenger from Montreal to the United States was discussed today by Secretary of State Lansing and the Netherlands minister, Van Rappard. The minister, Van Rappard, was informed of the receipt of a report from Ambassador Page at London on Canadian action would be taken.

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FRENCH TROOPS SEIZE ISLAND IN AEGEAN SEA Castorizo, Near Rhodes, Occupied for Naval Base in Eastern Mediterranean. PARIS, Dec. 29.—French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castorizo (Kastorizo), in the Aegean Sea, between the island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the morning papers in Paris. The possession of Castorizo as a naval base is considered as indispensable. Castorizo is a small island of Asiatic Turkey, lying off the south coast of Asia Minor, 75 miles east by sea from Rhodes. It has an area of eleven square miles, and is inhabited mainly by Greeks.

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