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Rev. Father Burke Moves Vast Crowd at Army With New Year's Message

Lieutenant Beique, of 69th, Pictures Present Year as Seeing Victory and Peace—Streets Thronged With Crowds to See Fine Military Parade.

The night of happy homes; the voices of little children; the blue skies above, and the green grass beneath; all these things shall be as a thousand tongues crying out the condemnation of the shirkers and the slackers...

The recruits signed on for the 155th were as follows: WESLEY BROWN, St. John. JOSEPH A. BANVILLE, St. John.

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WEDDINGS

A wedding of local interest took place at Winnipeg at 5 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 29, in Young Methodist church.

Salisbury, N. B., Jan. 3.—A pretty wedding was solemnized at the United Baptist parsonage at this village on New Year's eve, when Miss Mabel Parkes, teacher at Edgett's Landing and eldest daughter of Rev. Norman A. MacNell, pastor of the Salisbury group of United Baptist churches, was united in marriage to Mr. Robert Matthews.

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NORTON NEWS

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Mrs. J. W. Gallagher is quite ill at her home here. Her mother, Mrs. Higgins, is also ill. Miss Bertha Higgins, of St. John, has been with her for a few days.

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ONE N. S. MAN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The midnight list of casualties follows: THIRD BATTALION. Wounded—Sergeant Herbert E. Barker, Oak (Sask.).

FIFTH BATTALION. Wounded—Thomas Carlyle, Scotland.

EIGHTH BATTALION. Killed in Action—Fred C. Murray, Scotland. Wounded—Leonard Heron, England; Joseph Singleton, England.

TENTH BATTALION. Seriously ill—William Logan, Scotland.

THIRTEENTH BATTALION. Died of Wounds—Sidney Boland, Ireland.

FOURTEENTH BATTALION. Wounded—GEORGE A. McNAUGHTON, TAILOR SHOP, SYDNEY (N. S.); Alfred Blain, St. Marie De Beauce (Que.).

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TWENTIETH BATTALION. Killed in Action—Thomas Galloway, England; Harry Bowyer, England.

TWENTY-FIFTH BATTALION. Died of Wounds—Bostwick Clark, England.

TWENTY-NINTH BATTALION. Previously Reported Missing; Now Officially Reported Prisoner of War at Munster—Peter Nelson, Quebec.

FORTY-THIRD BATTALION. Seriously Injured—Corporal Andrew Gibson, Toronto.

FORTY-EIGHTH BATTALION. Seriously ill—Robert W. Fenwick, England.

FIFTIETH BATTALION. Seriously ill—Alex. Sutherland, England.

SIXTIETH BATTALION. Seriously ill—Martin Sheppard (no particulars).

THIRD BRIGADE CANADIAN FIELD ARTILLERY. Wounded—Albert Phillips, England.

THIRD FIELD COMPANY CANADIAN ENGINEERS. Seriously Wounded—Corporal James G. McClelland, Amnigat (Ont.).

SIXTH FIELD COMPANY DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS. Dangerously Wounded—Sapper William Douglas, Scotland.

FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR REMAIN "WET"

Fort William, Ont., Jan. 3.—Local opinion was defeated today in Fort William. Port Arthur gave a majority for, but fell eight votes short of the necessary three-fifths.

The by-law was defeated in Fort William by a majority of 268. The vote for Port Arthur was 1,409; against, 1,662.

At Port Arthur the vote was 1289 in favor and 874 against. This while a straight majority of 415, fell eight votes short of the necessary three-fifths majority of voters.

Carlton Place, Ont., Jan. 3.—Local opinion was carried here today by 493 votes for, to 293 against.

1,000 RECRUITS IN WINNIPEG DISTRICT A WEEK

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—Colonel Rutten, of the 132nd Infantry, yesterday took courses in the Provisional, Lieutenant Colonel Frederic W. Benn, Douglass, Alfred, Frederic, Nelson, Arthur, J. D. Nordin, and Frank J. Lawlor, of New Brunswick, were at the wireless with the 73rd regiment over a year, have risen from the ranks. Provisional Lieut. Chas. Meserian, of Chatham, will be the same course. Sergeant Springer and Private Wm. Kitchen will also take special courses.

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(Continued from page 1) Secretary of State Lansing and other officials have considered this view with great carefulness. The secretary said today he was not prepared to announce the attitude of the United States on this point in the future. It is understood he will be awaiting an opportunity to discuss the matter and the various ramifications with President Wilson.

During a later discussion of the subject Secretary of State Lansing revealed that Germany had abandoned its contention that the Lusitania was an armed merchantman. This claim was originally made in justification of the sinking of that ship, and affidavits were presented to substantiate it. The affidavits were proved to be false, however, and Mr. Lansing indicated that Germany had dropped the contention some time ago.

Leigh Not American Citizen. The Japanese ambassador, Viscount Chinda, also called on the secretary. His purpose was to obtain any details which might have been received regarding the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. The secretary had no new reports to submit. He indicated, however, that no action would be taken by the United States in that case, at least at this time. But one person aboard the Yasaka Maru was supposed to be an American citizen. He was W. J. Leigh. A despatch received today from Consul-General Garret at Alexandria informed the secretary that Leigh, who was born in China of American parents, never had elected to claim American citizenship. His status may be the subject of further investigation. The despatch is pointed out that the United States maintains extra territorial jurisdiction in China, and if Leigh was born of American parents while residing in the United States, he would be considered an American citizen, unless he elected to become a subject of some other nation.

Austrians Shake Hands With Themselves. Geneva, via Paris, Jan. 3, 5:38 p. m.—The Vienna newspapers have published the text of an Austrian note to the United States concerning the steamer Ancona. They are unanimously of opinion that the incident will now be closed. The note, however, says that the note is couched in sufficiently conciliatory and dignified terms that it will remove all doubts as to the attitude of the Austrian government which will be pleased with Austria for her conciliatory attitude.

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