CITY MINISTERS TO DISCUSS "BAG OF FLOUR FOR BELGIANS"

Archdeacon Cody's Idea Likely To Be Materialized in London.

The Ministerial Alliance will discuss the "Bag of Flour for Belgians" at the monthly meeting of the association on Monday morning.

The idea of the churches in Canada, donating flour to the Belgian Relief Association, was proposed some time ago by Archdeacon Cody, of Toronto, and church societies in London have taken up the matter.

"The place of the Holy Spirit in the Modern Church" will be the subject of an address at the meeting by Rev George A. McKenzie.

HATTIE SMOKE'S UP, A MODERN MINNEHAHA

Ran Away With Indian Brave and Was Found Hiding Under Bed.

Hattie Smoke, an Indian girl from the Chippewa reserve, has lived up to her name, and raised an awful smoke at the Mount Elgin Institute during the last few weeks; so much so, that Principal S. R. McVitty, of the institute, was at Delaware Friday.

It seems that Eddie Hall, a young indian of the reserve, became enamored of Miss Smoke, who is a student at the Mount Elgin Institute, and ran away with her. Principal McVitty and others gave chase, and found the damsel under Mr. Hall's bed. Since being back at the institute, she has given nothing but trouble to the authorities, and as a last resort was haled before Squire Janes, who passed the girl on to Sheriff Cameron's mercies.

There is no charge specified on the committment, and Sheriff Cameron declares that he will have to let the girl go, there being no reason for detaining her. Miss Smoke will, therefore, loom up on the horizon of the reserve again almost immediately.

FIFTY MORE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE FORCE

One Hundred and Forty-Nine Men Have Enlisted in the Infantry.

The Armories was almost deserted today for the first time since recruiting started last Monday. Captain A. T. Little, recruiting officer for the Thirty-third Infantry, was not on hand this morning, but recruiting was continued shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The stream of recruits has been slackening in the last two days, but 149 men are now enlisted in the infantry, and about 50 more are needed for the full complement of men asked from the London district.

LODGE ELECTIONS

UNION COUNCIL, No. 125, C.O.C.F. The following officers of the above council were installed by Mrs. M. C. Graham, grand warden, and Mrs. E. Thorp, grand guard: Friend J. J. Richardson, C.C.; Samuel Webb, V.C.; C. J. Hartford, prelate; G. B. Nash, recorder; A. B. Greer, treasurer; R. Howle, marshall; Geo. Webb, warden; J. Metcalfe, guard; Richard Taylor, sentry; Dr. R. Ferguson and Dr. James Stapleton, medical examiners. There was a large attendance of visitors from other councils. A committee was appointed from all the city councils to make arrangements for an "at home" on February 5.

MOUNTED BRIGADE HAS SURPLUS OF RECRUITS

Order Given To Hold Back Until Success in Other Points Is Known.

Until the officers in charge of recruiting of the Seventh Mounted Rifles learn the exact number of men accepted for the unit by the various stations in Western Ontario, few more men will be taken on at London. Recruiting has been so brisk at the London station that almost the required number have been enlisted. Several more men were passed yesterday, but they were not sworn in.

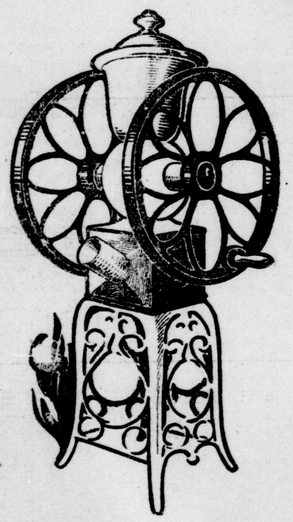
Recruiting will open up with more vigor about Tuesday next week, when the number of recruits already accepted will be known.

TO HELP STRICKEN

London Italians Will Meet to Discuss Helping Earthquake Sufferers.

London Italian residents will hold a mass meeting in the Marconi Club rooms on Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of discussing relief for the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Many ofthe local Italians have friends and relatives in the part of Italy that was visited by the recent quakes, and it is likely that their fellow-countrymen here will aid those who were stricken.



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ENEMY FORCED TO EVACUATE HILL

French Artillery Compelled Withdrawal of Germans at Flirey.

PROGRESS NEAR ARRAS

Official Statement Says No Infantry Engagements Are Reported On Friday.

[Canadian Press].

Paris, Jan. 16—2:45 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows.

"In Belgium yesterday there was artillery fighting in the region of Nieuport and in the vicinity of Ypres.

"From the Lys to the Somme—At Notre Dame de Lorette, near Carency, the enemy reoccupied a portion of the trenches he lost to us January 14. At Blangy, near Arras, we have continued to make progress. The enemy delivered an energetic attack, preceded by a violent artillery fire, on our positions to the west of La Boisselle. This attack was repulsed.

"Along the entire front, from the Somme to the Meuse, no infantry engagements were reported yesterday. In the sectors of Soissons and of Rheims our artillery obtained noticeable advantage at several points, such as the scattering of a regiment that was about to reassemble, causing an explosion in a German battery, the destruction of field works, etc.

"In the Argonne there was yesterday a rather determined artillery attack on our positions at Fontaine Madame.

"From the Argonne to the Vosges—We checked completely a spirited attack of the enemy directed against our trenches at Flirey, and the Germans evacuated the crest of the hill to the north of Clemery, east of Pont-a-Mousson. This they were compelled to do by the fire of our artillery.

"In the sector of the Vosges there were artillery exchanges on all the front. There was also some heavy rifle firing; particularly at Tete De Faux.

"In Upper Alsace there was no change."

MORE MONEY FOR STORE CLERKS.

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WHEAT PRICES DROP

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Wheat prices subsided this morning with a flop, and in the first seven minutes the drop in May wheat was 3 cents per bushel. The next few minutes saw the bulls rallying, and recovery from the low point of 2¼ cents was made. Easiness again set in, and at 10 o'clock a gain of 1⅜ cents was made over the low point.

TOWNS EVACUATED.

[Canadian Press.]

Amsterdam, Holland, Jan. 16—Via London, 6:20 p.m.—The correspondent at Ostend of the Tijd says the Germans have evacuated all the coast towns and villages as far north as Mariakerke, which is north of Nieuport, Westende and Middelkerke, and three miles southwest of Ostend.

These towns, however, have not as yet been occupied by the Allies.

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BLOOD AND FAMINE

Additional Horrors.

The horror of possible flood is added to famine and suffering from cold in the neighborhood of the Fucino canal, which has been obstructed and dammed up by a landslide at Montecorvino-Rovella. Soldiers and civilians are working desperately to clear the canal.

Though it seems to be definitely established that the present earthquake will not rival that of Messina in 1908 in the number of dead, the percentage of casualties appears to be much higher, due, it seems, to the dry construction of buildings that was almost universal throughout the stricken district. Messina had 76,483 dead and 95,470 injured. Present reports indicate 20,000 deaths and twice as many injured in this catastrophe. The only buildings not levelled by this earthquake were the few made with reinforced concrete.

No Foreigners Missing.

The absence of foreigners in the district now devastated is another point of difference between this quake and the last. No alien has as yet been reported as injured or missing in the present disaster.

Up to the present time, the Italian Government has declined foreign official assistance, but this has not prevented unofficial aid of all kinds.

All supplies and money received will be handled by the central relief committee in Rome.

The Duke of the Abruzzi is now touring the central portion of Italy, carrying supplies where possible, and doing all in his power to aid the victims.

ESTIMATES 30,000 DEAD.

Rome, Jan. 16.—A correspondent of the Messaggero, who has been travelling through the devastated zone, telegraphs his paper that excluding Avezzano and a number of other villages the number of dead will reach 16,000. His estimate of the total number of dead is 13,000.

OFFICIAL REPORST.

[Canadian Press.]

Avezzano, via Rome, Jan. 16.—Official reports regarding the extent of the earthquake disaster are now being received by the authorities. They concern towns and villages in the district in which Avezzano is located, and thus far are as follows:

Paterno, completely destroyed except one house, 1,000 dead out of 5,000 inhabitants.

San Pelino, almost totally destroyed, 600 dead out of 1,600 inhabitants.

Scurcola, completely destroyed, number of victims not yet ascertained.

Villalago, 25 dead and 20 wounded.

Rajano, 4 dead.

Fratturo, near Scanno, 200 dead, 60 wounded.

Popoli, 5 dead, 10 wounded.

Pentima, 4 dead, 11 wounded.

Barrea, 9 dead, 20 wounded.

Villetta-Barrea ,3 dead.

Villages Cut Off.

The Duke of Abruzzi arrived here last night and inspected the work of rescue. He visited every spot and gave such aid and advice as he could. He expressed the intention of visiting all the villages that had suffered, some of which are still cut off from communication. As an instance, news only reached here today that in the town of Pescasseroli many persons are buried in the wrecks of houses, and that up to the present time 15 bodies had been taken out and 40 injured persons rescued.

Child Born in Ruins.

A thrilling episode of the earthquake happened Friday at Capelle, just north of Avezzano, which village is in ruins. While the work of rescue was proceeding the soldiers heard strange cries, and led by the sounds reached a spot, where they found a woman buried under the debris with a new-born child. Both were extricated alive and uninjured, and are doing well. A captain of carabineers, who was among the rescuers, asked to be the godfather of the child, and suggested that the boy be called Terre Molina, meaning a small earthquake.

At Colleroszo there are 24 dead, and at Antelpedio 40 persons were killed.

SAYS 35,000 DEAD.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Jan. 16.—The correspondent of the Excelsia learns officially that 35,000 persons were killed and 45,000 injured in the earthquake.

Newspaper specials from Rome agree that the great mortality is attributable to the method of construction employed in the affected region, the stones being piled upon each other without mortar. The only buildings which escaped total destruction were the modern houses, built of reinforced concrete.

The serious landslide which has occurred at Montecorvino-Rovella, which sent masses of earth from the mountainside into the Fucino Canal, damming that stream, threatens to add a flood to the other calamities in that region. Gangs of men are working strenuously to remove the obstruction.

WORK FOR SOLDIERS

Ladies' Aid Societies Are Interested In Noble Work.

During December, Mrs. C. R. Somerville, president of the London branch of the Canadian War Contingent Fund, visited the Ladies' Aid Societies of several of the churches with a view to interesting them in the work of providing comforts for Canadian soldiers in training, both sick and well.

These supplies include cholera bands, wristlets, etc., and underwear to augment the Government's supplies. The Canadian War Contingent is also responsible for the keeping well equipped of the Canadian hospital at Shorncliffe, England, which, up to the present time, has been caring for sick Belgians, owing to the fact the Canadian soldiers are not yet being sent back invalided from the front.

A number of the women's societies have pledged to provide so many outfits per month. For example, Dundas Centre is looking after four, the First Methodist Church and St. Andrew's a similar number, the First Presbyterian Church two, and the Coverly Club, composed of former students of Havergal College, one.

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"QUICKSILVER BILL"

Adam Beck would enter the fight against the "people's candidate" and that he would appear on the platform as a partner in the effort to "kill off" his well-known opponent for the throne of London Conservatism.

A Bitter Contest.

One Conservative of the anti-Gray faction stated that there was no doubt that the party in London was faced with the bitterest contest ever known in the history of the party.

"It will be worse than the Walker-Carling feud of many years ago," he said. "At that time, the Liberals gained a foothold by the war between Sir John Carling and Col. Walker. This will be a fight between the Beck and Gray factions, and it will be a bitter one.

Can't Run the Party.

"We do not intend to let Bill Gray run this party," was another remark by an anti-Gray man.

"Why did you rely upon him when Hon. Chas. Hyman came back for re-election as minister of public works?" was asked.

"He ran in spite of us," was the reply. "We begged him not to run, but he insisted. Many Conservatives wanted Mr. Hyman returned by acclamation."

"We didn't hear of any violent protests being made," said The Advertiser man.

Kept Quiet Then.

"That was in the time when things were kept quiet," was the reply.

"The good old days," was the suggestion of the reporter.

"We will not permit Gray to be elected even if it means that a Grit goes to Ottawa," said another member of the anti-Gray club. "We will not allow any man to run the party and to disregard the men who hive made the party. True, he had a big meeting, but the men present did not mean very much in the Conservative party. The big men were not there. 'Quicksilver Bill' is not the man we want to represent us in London."

Bill Just Shakes Hands.

Mr. Gray does not appear to mind what is being said about him. He was about town this morning, shaking hands all around. It is expected that a second convention will be called soon.

IN WEEKLY HIGH COURT

Four cases were disposed of before Mr. Justice Clute, who presided at the weekly sittings of the high court today at the court house.

The application of the trustee of the infant children of the late James A. Dalgetty, as to whom the insurance money was payable, was made. The judge ordered that the registrar approve of the security offered by the applicant, the costs to be taken out of the funds and the money paid over. J. C. Elliot, Glencoe, appeared for the motion.

Re Jackson and Ellis—This was an application to confirm a report of the local master at London, declaring that the vendor had a good title of possession. The order was made and confirmed. J. B. McKillop, K.C., for the application.

Re the Robson-Tweedle estate—This was an application for reference to the surrogate court judge to inquire and report whether William Tweedle the younger is now living, and who were the persons entitled to the orders of the estate, now pending before the judge.

Re the Ben Taylor estate—The judge directed that the official guardians be served, and further notice given as to who have claims to the estate. The executors asked for advice as to the construction of the will.

CHEAP RATES TO WINTER FAIR, OTTAWA.

Account Winter Fair. Canadian Pacific Railway will issue return tickets to Ottawa at rate of single fare and one-third. Good going January 18 to 21. Return Limit, January 23, 1915. Train leaves London for Ottawa at 5:15 a.m., 5:20 p.m. and 8:08 p.m. Call at C.P.R. Ticket Office, corner Dundas and Richmond. 43u

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WINTER ASSIZES END

Mr. Justice Britton Reserves Judgment in Bateman—Scott Case.

The winter assizes of the supreme court came to a close on Friday afternoon ,when judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice Britton in the case of Dr. Bateman, of Strathroy, against Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Scott, Strathroy, for $151. The plaintiff alleged that this amount was due him on a division court judgment. He alleged that the defendants, to get out of paying the money, bought some land. The latter allege that the land belongs to Mrs. Scott and Dr. Bateman has no right to recover any money.

The suit of Dyment-Baker Company against William Batley for $742, was settled out of court. It was over an account.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Death of Mr. Jerdon.

Archibald Edward Jerdon, secretary of the Western Ontario Bible Society, and a well-known citizen of London, died at his home, 189 St. George street, Friday.

Mr. Jerdon was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, 60 years ago, and came to London eight years ago to take charge of the Bible Society's work here. In losing Mr. Jerdon, the society loses one of its most valued members. Several years ago at a convention held in Ottawa, Mr. Jerdon's work in Western Ontario was held up as an example to be followed.

Mr. Jerdon is survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. (Principal) Waller, of Huron College. The funeral services will be of a private nature, and held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. They will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Knox, of the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be made in Woodland Cemetery.

Mrs. Reynolds Buried.

The funeral of Mrs. Reynolds was held from her residence, 370 Princess avenue, this morning, to St. Peter's Cathedral, where requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Father McKeown. The pallbearers were S. Pocock, M. P. McDonagh, Ed. Reynolds, J. O. and Gilbert Reynolds.

SHOT DEAD BY BURGLAR.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Kosmos Huzkal was shot down and killed at midnight by desperadoes, who entered his home in Elmwood, bent upon robbery. Two men were arrested this morning on suspicion.

Funeral of Percy Dewar.

The funeral of Percy Dewar, who died suddenly at Brandon, Man., last Sunday, was held from George E. Logan's undertaking parlors to Woodland Cemetery at 3 o'clock today. The service was conducted by Rev. Canon Tucker, of St. Paul's Cathedral, at 2:30 p.m. The pallbearers were T. G. Rogers, Cameron Westman, Cecil McRoberts, R. B. Millard, James Dewar and M. McRae.

Death of Miss Connor.

Miss Elizabeth Connor died at her home, 241 Waterloo street, Friday. She is survived by her parents, and three brothers, J. A., W. J., and James, all of London. The funeral will be held Monday morning to St. Mary's Church, where requiem high mass will be sung. Interment will be made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Peter Dempsey Buried.

The funeral of little Peter Dempsey, who was killed by a wagon on Park avenue Thursday at noon, was held from the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dempsey, 196 Clarence street, this morning to St. Peter's Cathedral, where mass was sung by Father Tobin. A large number of the lad's friends attended the funeral, while the pallbearers were four of his school companions—W. Killingsworth, J. Cox, W. Callahan and G. McCarthy.

Death of Mrs. Malone.

Mrs. Mary Gertrude Malone, wife of Ed. J. Malone, Tillsonburg, died in Victoria Hospital Friday. She is survived by her husband. The funeral will be held on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the residence of her father, D. J. Kenny, 226 Hyman street, to St. Peter's Cathedral, where requiem high mass will be sung at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Eva Biggar has returned to her home at Elenheim, after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Thos. C. Benson, Piccadilly street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hicks, of Pilot Mound, Man., have returned after spending a few days with Mrs. A. Hicks, of Bruce street.

Mrs. M. J. Hawver, of Toronto, spent a week with her sister, Mrs. W. Sadler, 45 Byron avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kidd, of Saskatchewan, visited Mrs. Sadler, 45 Byron avenue, this week.

W. Davies, of Edmonton, Alberta, is visiting relatives in this city.

Paris, Jan. 16.—Trading was inactive on the bourse today. Three rentes 53 francs 25 centimes.

Too Late to Classify

FOR SALE—THREE SHORTHORN bulls, out of heavy milking dams. Lot 8, concession 2, Lobo. 43c

LOCAL NEWS

D. AND D. IS REMANDED.—J. C. Campbell, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly, before Squire Chittick at the court house on Friday night, was remanded until Thursday.

CORPORAL IN PULPIT.—Corporal Dickson, "A" Company, Eighteenth Battalion, will preach tomorrow in Colborne Street Methodist Church.

A THIRD CARLOAD.—The third carload of soldiers' field comforts will be sent from the C. P. R. freight sheds here for Halifax by the Women's Canadian Club Wednesday afternoon.

PLANS FIELD DAY.—Col. Wigle is planning for a special field day next week for the Eighteenth Battalion, when the men will be commanded in a sham battle by the non-commissioned officers.

A.M.C.A. UNIT.—The Army Medical Corps of the Eighteenth Battalion has been organized into a unit and moved to the Barracks. Formerly two men were attached to each company.

FOURTH IN SERIES.—Evangelist Belcher will preach his fourth sermon in the series of the great drama of redemption "The Burial and Resurrection," Sunday night at the York Street Mission Hall.

D. O. E. TO MEET.—Mrs. Niven, acting regent of the municipal chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, has called a general meeting of all the chapters for Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in Cronyn Hall. Every member of the order is requested to be present.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Strong, Beamsville, formerly Miss Effie Johnson, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Princess avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Strong, whose marriage was celebrated New Year's Day, are visiting Toronto, Hamilton and London on their wedding trip.

ORGAN APPOINTMENT.—John N. Blyton, who for some time has been connected with the choir of the Anglican Church on Chelsea Green, has been appointed organist to the new Anglican Church on Manor Park, and takes up his duties tomorrow.

OFFICER COMING.—The local police expectant officer from Medicine Hat here Monday to take John Frederick Sinden back to that city, where he is wanted to give an explanation for the alleged shortage in his accounts.

STILL MISSING.—As yet no trace has been found of William Thompson, the man who left James Jones' boarding-house, 575 Elizabeth street, last December, saying he was going shooting for the afternoon, and who has not been heard of since.

ORDERS PROMISING.—London reports to Bradstreet's say that year-end reports from wholesale houses show fairly satisfactory results from 1914 business. Orders from Western Ontario points for spring are promising, though not up to the average.

FOR THE BELGIANS.—The treasurer of the Women's Canadian Club wishes to acknowledge the following contributions for the Belgian Relief Fund: Mrs. George Copeland, proceeds from musicale, $75; Mr. McDonald, $5; Mrs. W. Earl, $2.25.

CHILDREN TO BE GUESTS.—The Scott Memorial Children's Chapter, I. O. D. E., is invited to take afternoon tea with the Lord Roberts' Chapter at Cronyn Hall Friday, January 22, punctually at 4 o'clock. Every member will receive a cordial welcome from the regent, Mrs. E. B. Smith.

MAIL FOR MAGDALEN. — The postmaster-general has arranged for a trip to the Magdalen Island per SS. Seal, which is expected to leave North Sydney, N. S., on the 19th inst. Letters should be addressed to Magdalen Island, via North Sydney, N.S., SS. Seal.

CITY'S MORAL STATUS. — Crime statistics for the city of London for the year 1914 have been compiled, and will be presented to the board of police commissioners at its meeting next week by Chief of Police W. T. P. Williams. In the past year there was a slight increase in criminal offences, due to the increased population of the city.

MILITARY CHOIR.—The military choir of the Eighteenth Battalion, under the conductorship of Lieut. Northcombe, who will preside at the organ, will lead the praise service at the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow evening. They have practised during the week and will render several musical selections.

OFFERED TO DEALER.—Ald. Max Lerner desires to state that in reference to junk being sold by garbage men, he stated that junk to the value of between $20 and $40 was taken to the junk dealers by garbage collectors. He believes this practice should be stopped and the people get the benefit.

DR. FLANDERS TO PREACH.—Sunday, Rev. Dr. Flanders will continue in the morning a series of sermons on the character of Christ, his subject being "The Strength of Jesus." Tonight he will preach on "The Lord Roberts Memorial." During the day Mr. Jordan will give solos on the new organ, which is still in process of evolution.

BLUE CROSS MEETING.—The Blue Cross Committee of the Humane Society will be in Hyman Hall Monday afternoon at 3:30 to begin work for the welfare of horses at the front and to give out materials to all willing to assist. Saddlebags will be knit to protect the horses' backs and other work taken up as the needs become better understood.

CHOIR ENTERTAINED.—The choir members of Kensington Methodist Church were entertained last night by Mrs. William Newton, Wharncliffe road west. After the usual practice, a social hour was spent, refreshments being served at the close. A warm vote of thank to the hostess was tendered by Messrs. R. Smith and Henry Wade, on behalf of the other members.

WAIT FOR INSPECTION.—The proposed removal of the Sixteenth Battery to Guelph has been cancelled for the present, owing to the visit of inspection on Wednesday next of the board of officers.

TO EXAMINE EIGHTEENTH.—The board of officers, consisting of Col. John Hughes, in command of the Ninth Infantry Brigade, as president, and Lieut.-Col. S. C. Mewburn, commanding the Fourth Infantry Brigade, as a member, will assemble in London on Wednesday, the 20th inst., for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the Canadian expeditionary forces now organized and being organized in London.

CHRISTMAS AT SALISBURY.—Col. Campbell Becher, writing from Salisbury at a recent date, tells of the Christmas dinner enjoyed by his men, with whom he remained for the holiday. Three hundred and fifty sat down at the first table and 175 at the second, to do ample justice to the four-course banquet. The men were then in huts at Bustard Camp. Frost had been a welcome change after the almost ceaseless rain.

CHECK FOR PTE. YOUNG.—The members of the Musicians' Union have presented a check for $25 to Pte. Fred Young, A.M.C., Eighteenth Battalion, who for many years was a Seventh bandsman. The union will also pay the dues of Mr. Young while he is absent at the front, as it has done for five other members of the union who are with the first contingent. Pte. Young is third vice-president of the Musicians' Union.

LECTURE ON WAR ZONE. — The lecture in the First Congregational Church on Monday evening, on Holland and Belgium, has created a great deal of interest and there should be a good attendance. A number of the pictures that will be shown are of peculiar interest at the present time. Some of the buildings that have been laid waste by the German hordes in Brussels will be shown, as well as numerous public buildings and scenes typical of both countries.

CONNAUGHT LODGE OFFICERS.—Connaught Lodge, No. 63, L.S.B. of L.F.E., has installed officers as follows: President, Mrs. Lewis; vice-president, Mrs. Crosier; past president, Mrs. Phipps; secretary, Mrs. Bennett; treasurer, Mrs. McAuliffe; collector, Mrs. Gould; warden, Mrs. Hall; conductor, Mrs. Booth; chaplain, Mrs. Milliken; guards, Mrs. Pook and Mrs. Thompson. A joint meeting with Beaver Lodge, No. 117, was held. Luncheon was served by the ladies. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

GUESTS OF AUXILIARY.—The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors entertained one of their grand officers on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Kintrea, 815 Princess avenue. An enjoyable evening was spent in games, cards and dancing. The first prizes for cards were won by Mrs. W. Brown and O. Piric. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. E. B. Matteson, district deputy of the L. A. to O. R. C., from Olean, N. Y.; Mrs. Cabelder, of Guelph; Mrs. Frank Williams, of Port Burwell, and Mrs. Tippet and Mrs. Johnson, of Sarnia. More than fifty guests sat down to a dainty luncheon. The tables were decorated with carnations, the emblematic flower of the auxiliary.

AN APPRECIATED PRIVILEGE.—The men of the Eighteenth Battalion very much appreciate the privilege extended to them by the Y. M. C. A. of using the gymnasium, shower and plunge baths. One company a day takes advantage of this, two platoons at a time and the march to the Y. M. C. A. is made a part of regular parade.

SOLDIERS AT CHURCH.—The Eighteenth Battalion will attend divine service tomorrow morning in the First Congregational Church, when President Braithwaite, of the Western University, will preach to the men. The soldiers will be led in their march to the church by the Bugle Band of the Seventh Fusiliers.

WRONG CREDIT GIVEN.—Mrs. W. E. Hodgins, regent of the Municipal Chapter of the I.O.D.E., has received the following letter from H. Prudhomme, home secretary of the Belgian relief work in Montreal: "We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a consignment of 22 large packing cases and bales containing donations to our Belgian relief work. We apologize for not having acknowledged the receipt before, which we had considered as a donation from the Canadian Club of London, Ont., and we advised them of its receipt. We thank you very heartily for the splendid donation, and are yours faithfully."

HURON COLLEGE APPOINTMENTS.—Huron College appointments for Sunday are: Granton, Rev. Prof. Wright; Morpeth, H. B. Metcalf, B.A.; Courtright, R. E. Charles; Port Stanley, C. Du Plan; St. David's, W. B. Moulton; Teeswater, C. Cottam; Parkhill, H. Payne; Oil Springs, W. Jones; Middleton, R. Kain; Beachville, W. F. D. Smith; Bayfield, J. Mills; Glanworth, E. H. Stephenson; Aged People's Home, R. Mess; Melbourne, W. Davis; Ericau, J. Chapman; Church of the Epiphany, F. Hardy, W. Mitchell; St. Mark's Sunday School, Carson.

GUESTS AT BANQUET. — Among those present at the Automobile Club's banquet were the following: Dr. P. E. Doolittle (Toronto), Mayor Sevenson, George M. Reid, A. Keene, Sid. Little, C. H. Ivey, Keith Hammond, George Gunn, H. McPhillips, H. S. Clark, W. Young, W. Humphries, W. D. Stevenson, C. Stevens, A. J. Hayes, Charles Abbott, Dr. H. A. Kingsmill, J. M. Moore, Marshall Graydon, S. Thompson, C. S. Larker, Dr. S. Thompson, A. R. Hourd, F. Ross, A. W. Brownlee, C. Marley, E. G. Howley, George E. Coleman, W. P. Young, H. Armitage, E. Spence, A. Graham, J. G. Richter, T. Zoccano, C. C. Jones, T. J. McGinness, James B. McKillop, L. Turner, N. Roberts, S. Manness, J. A. Barnard, Bindner & Morrison, A. A. Campbell, C. A. Whitwam, A. Carty, F. E. Harley, C. H. Ward, W. Smith, G. G. Mitchell, A. R. Braddon, C. F. Jones, J. Banks, Fred Corbet, L. H. Martyn, G. H. Martin, George F. Copeland, W. E. Saunders, T. W. McFarland, H. S. Wilcox, W. C. Cumban, W. E. Summers, F. E. Barton, W. J. Gray, C. E. Stevens, W. Stevens, M. W. Stevens, H. Owen, E. Underhill, F. Nolan, J. C. Beemer, and D. M. Parker.

THE RADICAL CLUB.

Lecture and discussion on current topics every Sunday night at 8 p.m. January 17: Dr. Bagnile speaks on "Shattered Ideals." Everyone welcome. Sherwood Hall, entrance Market Lane.

AN EVENT IN TELEPHONE HISTORY.

Much favorable comment has been heard lately among business men on the marked improvement they have observed in long distance telephone service. This has been especially noticeable in conversations carried on over great distances, the transmission being so perfect as to carry the tones of the voice with marvellous distinctness.

Inquiry at the Bell Telephone Office reveals one of the most interesting developments in the history of speech transmission. It appears that during the past few weeks the company has been equipping its long distance lines with a recently invented device called the Pupin Coil. This coil, which resembles in appearance the transformers we see on electric light lines, is attached to the long distance telephone wires approximately every eight miles. Just as the electric lighting transformer changes the pressure of the lighting current that flows in the electric light circuit, so the Pupin Coil changes the pressure of the weak electric current that carries the voice over the telephone wires. The result is a marvellous strengthening of the sound waves, so that a 500 mile talk is much the same in the quality of the sounds produced as a chat with one's next door neighbor. The device is the invention of Prof. Pupin, of Columbia University. The process of attaching the coils to the telephone lines is called "loading."

The invention of the Pupin Coil has brought a fortune to Prof. Pupin, who not so many years ago landed in America a poor Hungarian immigrant. He has worked wonders in long distance speech transmission and his invention, now being used with such marked results on the Bell Telephone Company's lines, marks an epoch in the history of the telephone. b

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