

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

FOR RED CROSS.

The Red Cross fund wish to acknowledge the following contributions: Mrs. J. G. Cockshutt, \$200; Garlick Club, \$90.50; Butchers and Grocers, \$50.00; Junior Red Cross Circle, West Brantford, \$4.00.

REAPPOINTED.

Under an order in Council, Messrs. J. A. Sanderson and F. D. Reville have been appointed for three years as the representatives of the Ontario Government on the Brantford General Hospital Board.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

"The Silent Sufferer" was the subject at the Riverdale Baptist church last night, when Evangelist Torrie addressed a good congregation. He spoke of Jesus as the silent sufferer. He was silent before the people and silent before God. He held his peace because he felt all his sufferings were just, as he was man's substitute. He held his peace because of His enmity with God and because of His enmity with men and women to turn to Christ. Mrs. Torrie sang very sweetly, "Would You Believe."

JANUARY RETURNS.

The customs returns for the month of January are \$43,440.31.

AFTER RECRUITS.

Several of the senior 12th officers will go to Burford this evening for recruiting purposes, and it is expected that the results will be good. Mr. H. Preston has been stationed there for several days.

TO REORGANIZE.

It was decided by the Grand View Improvement League last night that the re-organization of the league for the coming season be made on Monday, February 7th. An election of officers will also be held.

MARKET FEES.

The market report for the month of January was submitted to City Clerk Leonard this morning by Inspector McAuley. It stated the weather conditions, fees, scales and extras. The total market fees received amounted to \$159.99.

DR. HENDERSON'S ADDRESS.

"Holders, Loafers, Croakers," was the theme of a talk given by Dr. Henderson at the Wellington St. Epworth League last evening, and proved most enjoyable. It was amusing, entertaining and instructive, many well timed lessons and suggestions being brought out and pressed home.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

At a meeting of the Police Commissioners held yesterday afternoon Mayor Bowley, was unanimously elected chairman. Leave of absence was granted to P. C. Tyrrell and Stanley who have joined the Brant Battalion. This makes a total of eleven members of the force who have enlisted to fight for King and Country.

ZION CHURCH GUILD.

The regular meeting of the Y. P. G. of Zion church was held last evening. The missionary department with Mr. Gey, Stedman as convener, had charge. An illustrated lecture on India and its customs was the main feature of the evening and proved very interesting. Solos were rendered by Miss L. Anguish and Miss E. Moffat and were much enjoyed.

JANUARY STATISTICS.

The vital statistics for the month of January are: Births, 34; marriages, 24; deaths, 44. The various causes of death are as follows: Pernicious anaemia 1, diarrhoea 1, old age 1, apoplexy, typhoid fever 1, convulsions 5, general weakness, 1, indigestion 1, loss of strength, 1, heart failure 7, carcinoma of rectum 1, pneumonia 15, uraemia 3, non-closure foramen ovale 1, exhaustion 1, suffocation 1, paralysis 1, accident 1.

RELIEF REPORT.

The relief report for the month of January was sent in to the city clerk's department by Relief Inspector Wm. Glover. During the month, sixty-three local families had been supplied with the necessities of life. The total disbursements amounted to \$126.19, while the total spent in the corresponding month of 1915 was \$271.10 over twice the amount. The supplies given were 11 tons of coal, 3 1/4 cords of wood, groceries and milk.

MR. MOUSE RESPONSIBLE.

A small fire broke out in the warehouse at the rear of the J. Forde and Company store last night at 12 o'clock. A box of matches was the supposed cause and it was thought that mice set them alight by nibbling. P. C. Borthwick saw the smoke and turned in the alarm. Two trucks from the Central station answered and chemicals did the rest. Very little damage resulted.

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POSTPONED

La grippe and measles are so prevalent in the homes of Wellington St. church people, officials and members, that a congregational meeting planned and announced to be held on Thursday evening next, has had to be postponed indefinitely.

RECEIVED PROMOTION

Mr. R. Wright, who has been local agent of the Grand Trunk Railway system, has been promoted to the position of travelling terminal superintendent. He left to assume his new duties yesterday. His successor as local agent will be shortly appointed.

COUNTY SESSIONS

The county court will be held by His Honor Judge Hardy tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. Only one case of importance has been entered. This is an action for damages, and is the Burtis vs. South Dumfries Township case.

PATRIOTIC CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Bean of Ottawa arrived in the city yesterday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the Patriotic Fund Campaign of February 9th to 11th. He has done this work all over Ontario and will stay in the city to superintend the work until the campaign is concluded.

WITH THE POLICE.

Only four cases of importance were tried by Magistrate Livingston this forenoon. William Clouse and his confederate, Lottie May Clouse, both billed, appeared for drunkenness and both were fined \$12.85. It cost Frank Clouse the neat little sum of \$25 and costs for supplying the refreshments. William Jones made the fourth and last case. He had had a scrap with an old man named Hartley over a dog and was fined \$1 for assault.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD.

At the regular meeting of St. Andrew's Guild last evening a very enjoyable program was supplied by the members of the 84th Battalion. Mr. Clark Johnson acted as chairman for the opening exercises, after which which Pte. A. Wallace of the 128th Battalion occupied the chair. Solos by Corp. Buckard and Pte. Haddon; recitations by Corporals Buckard and Brown, selections by the Orchestra and choruses by the boys of the 84th were greatly enjoyed by all. Rev. J. W. Gordon spoke a few words of appreciation, thanking all who had taken part and spoke of how greatly the Guild had benefited by the soldiers' attendance at the meetings. Pte. A. Wallace read a letter from Cameron Morrison, who is now at the front, thanking the Guild for Xmas parcels sent him. The singing of God Save the King brought the very enjoyable evening to a close.

Holland as Neutral Watches U. S. Protests

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OBITUARY

Death of Dr. Harry Frank—His Notable Medical Career.

The Courier regrets to record the death of Dr. Harry Frank, who fell asleep last evening. He suffered an attack of erysipelas, following a fall on the icy road as he was getting out of a buggy to visit a patient, and towards the end pneumonia also set in.

The doctor, who was in his 44th year, was born in Snowdon, Town, but the family removed here when he was a child, and he had ever since resided in this city. He was a son of the late William Frank, for many years City Tax Collector, and brother of Mrs. Oscar Bixel and Mr. Fred Frank of this city. Another brother, Charles, resides in Washington Territory. The deceased had a very brilliant career at Trinity College and passed all his medical examinations at so early an age that he had to wait six months before the Medical Council could grant him his certificate.

He first of all acted as assistant to Dr. Langrill, Medical Superintendent of the Six Nations Indians, and twenty-two years ago commenced practice in the city on his own account. He met with immediate and well-deserved success. His great abilities as a medical man were recognized over the entire Province, and when still a young man he was made one of their examiners by the Ontario Medical Council and examined in Obstetrics by his Alma Mater.

He was identified with many orders. A member of the Royal Society, F. and A. M., Court Physician for Court Brant, C.O.F., Court Physician for the Knights of Pythias, and so on. In addition he was doctor of the House of Refuge, Doctor for Railway Corporations and Medical Adviser in other directions.

He had been a member and chairman of the Public School Board and was one of the main workers in the establishment of the Brant Sanatorium. He kept an active interest in the affairs of Brantford and the welfare of this community.

In politics he was an ardent Conservative and had been Secretary and finally President of the local association. He was a member of St. Jude's Church and the affairs of that church he always received his ardent support.

In addition to his exceptional skill as a physician, he had a most affable manner in the sick room, as indeed he did on all occasions, and he possessed in a marked degree "personality," defensible thing made him universally popular. His passing will leave not alone a blank in the medical rank of the community, but also in those of the community.

To the bereaved widow and two children, Mary and Jack, the sympathy of all classes will be extended.

Entertaining Lecture at the Congregational

Rev. J. W. Pedley on "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."

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Premier Briand of France refused to accept an interpretation by a Socialist Deputy, who demanded what had been done for conducting the war to a finish in the quickest manner.

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STEAMSHIP APPAM

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formed a considerable portion of her passenger list.

Among the passengers who were booked to sail on the Appam were Sir Edward and Lady Merewether and their suite; Frederick Seton James, former acting colonial secretary and chief commissioner of Ashanti in 1905, and Mrs. Fuller.

The Appam is 425 feet long, 57 feet beam, of 7,781 tons gross. She was built in 1913 at Belfast, Ireland, and is owned by the British and African Steam Navigation Company, which is under engagement of the Elder Dempster Line.

GERMAN PRISONERS New York, Feb. 1.—A special despatch received in New York from Liverpool last night gave the number of German prisoners on board the Appam as 22. A statement issued by the Elder Dempster Company at Liverpool said the prisoners had been taken on board the steamship at three West African ports.

OVER 200 Newport News, Feb. 1.—It is reported that the Appam was carrying 200 German prisoners of war taken in the South African fighting. Until boarding officers have investigated, it will not be known whether these prisoners took the ship or whether she was taken by a submarine.

AUSTRALIA SEES

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in her face."

The minister of defence, Senator Pearce said:

"ACCUSATION VOUGH FOR "It ought to open the eyes of the people to a very real danger that surrounded Australia in the early stages of the war. I know nothing at all of Dr. Penick and Dr. Golstein (Mr Pearce and the ministry of which he is a member did not take office until October, 1914), but the accusations against the two doctors are perfectly correct."

Apologies of all this now, it is known that Otto Johannsen, who until the war began was the German consul at Newcastle Australia's great coal port, was instrumental in filling the bunkers of the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau with Australian coal, which he man-

aged to get to South American waters, and that it was by means of this coal that Admiral Von Spee was able to send Rear Admiral Christopher Cradock and his crews to the bottom.

INTERVIEW THEM ALL NOW Johannsen is now in internment in Australia, but it was only after much agitation, so loath have Australian officials been to believe that those who have eaten the bread and salt of the Australian people, would plot their death; that Wilhelm De Haas, German Imperial commercial agent for Australia; Oscar Plate, manager for Australasia of Lohmann and Co. agents for the North German Lloyd line; Julius Blau, importer of extensive German and American lines of goods, and other Germans lately were placed in custody. But Australian officials are fast coming to a solution that the only good German is one who either is inviolate of a barbed wire enclosure or is in his grave.

AIR RAIDS (Continued from Page 1)

the character of an auxiliary cruiser. So far as naval authorities here know no case exactly like it has arisen to concern the United States since the beginning of the war. The German ships Kron Prinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which took refuge in Hampton Roads early in the war, were auxiliary cruisers, and now are interned as such.

The Hague convention provides: "A prize must be brought into a neutral port on account of unseaworthiness, stress of weather, or want of fuel or provisions."

"It must leave as soon as the circumstances which justify its entry are at an end. If it does not the neutral power must order it to leave at once; should it fail to obey, the neutral power must employ the means at its disposal to release it with its officers and crew and to intern the prize crew."

In case the Appam can be considered as an auxiliary cruiser, she is entitled, under international law, to a certain length of time to make any necessary repairs and load enough

coal and provisions to carry her to the nearest home port.

WILL BE INTERNED In any event officials here regard it as a foregone conclusion that the Appam will remain in Hampton Roads until the end of the war. British cruisers, patrolling the Atlantic lanes of commerce probably already advised of the arrival of the Appam, are steaming for the Virginia Caps to guard the entrance outside the three mile limit. As a merchant ship she could remain voluntarily in port and the only question for the United States to determine would be the position of the German prize crew and the prisoners of war which the ship carried.

The probabilities are that if the Appam still has the character of a merchantman, and the prize crew does not elect to take the risk of running the gauntlet of British cruisers outside of the three mile limit, the customs collector will take charge of the vessel and after probably internment the prize crew, would return the ship to her owners.

GAS ORDER Which Does Not Affect Brantford in Any Way.

(Special to Courier)

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Justice Clute made an order on application of the United Gas Company of Hamilton restraining the Dominion Natural Gas Co. from diverting the gas which it is claimed should be properly delivered to Hamilton.

When phoned the above despatch, with the query as to how it affected Brantford, City Solicitor Henderson replied:

"The order doesn't make any difference to Brantford whatever. None of our supply comes from that pipe."

Order of Red Eagle.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 1.—Admiral Hugo Von Pohl, formerly commander of the German battle fleet has been decorated with the order of the Red Eagle with oak leaves and swords.

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