# YORK COUNTY

WEST TORONTO

### **CIVIC ASPIRANTS** MAKE LAST APPEAL

and Urges Bylaw's Passage.

#### SIMPSON ON FINANCE

Would Have Government Receives Stinging Reply From Impose Equitable Tax Upon the People.

a public meeting held in Annette Street Public School last night the cititrol aspirants speak for the last time oe-fore the election. Among those present and who spoke were: Alderman McBride and Ryding and ex-Controller sampson and Spence. The chairman was D arcy

To encourage settlement and to prepare for a healthful environment it is necessary that railway extensions must exceed the population and at the same time eleminate congention." Said Jas. Simpson. In speaking of the city's finances, he not only explained where money could be saved, but suggested a way of doing this. To have a more successful financial condition we must obtain a greater revenue, and one method would be to have the federal government place an equitaple tax instead of depending upon certain centres," he went on. Why should Toronto bear a heavier burden than such a city as Montreal, which is not enlisting men so treely as our own city? "It is not fair. We should also have a supplementary assessment in order that such buildings as are completed after the first assessment of the year should not escape being taxed until the following year." The speaker was also of the opinion that those people owning extensive property and making use of the registry office. To encourage settlement and to prepare

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The speaker was also of the opinion that those people owing extensive property and making use of the registry office should pay a portion of its burden instead of throwing it all on the city. A regulated scale should be adopted for the penalty rate on outstanding taxes, he concluded.

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# WARM TIME FOR

**NORTH TORONTO** 

Ald. McBride Boosts Hydro Appears at Meeting in Belli-

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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from the western to other fronts; third, the wearing down of the strength of the enemy. Each of these objects was attained.

It was the desperate nature of the struggle around Verdun that drove the British army to strike the enemy as early as July 1. It was the prolongation of this Verdun offensive that invested that town with a moral and political importance out of all proportion to its military value. Its fall would undoubtedly have been proclaimed a great military victory for the enemy and this would have shaken the faith of many in the ultimate success of the allies. The failure of the enemy, therefore, to enter Verdun was a severe blow to his prestige. The Somme offensive then compelled the enemy not only to send no troops from the western front, but also to increase his strength, so that his November establishment was stronger than his July establishment. This was in spite of the fact that his offensive at Verdun had been abandoned.

In respect to the wearing down of the enemy's power, the evidence obtained by General Haig places beyond a doubt that the losses of the enemy in men and material are considerably larger than the losses of the allies. He was the principal speaker at the Oak-Morally, the balance of gain on the Anglo-French side is still greater, while ville radial meeting in connection with there is a steady deterioration in the morale of the Teuton troops. The the bylaw of the Port Credit-to-St. Catheresistance of the enemy became latterly more feeble than in the early stages of the battle. The Germans were aided by the great depth of their deof the battle. The Germans were alread by the great depth of their description and of the Hydro Rawell as by their discipline and training, and these factors held their machine dial Union. together sufficiently to enable them to rally after each fresh defeat. In mid-October the allies had a great chance of really breaking thru the German lines. They found the resistance of the enemy seriously weaker, but the unfavorable weather which continued without a break during the remainder of October and the early part of November prevented the allies from crowning their triumph by inflicting a gigantic disaster on the foe.

The despatch of General Haig will silence many critics, including The Manchester Guardian, which said the other day that the German front in the west could not be broken. This Manchester Guardian is owned by some cosmopolitan financiers, and it was one of the organs that resisted the British Government's decision to declare war. The argument of this paper, as of The London News, was that, by remaining neutral, the British manufacturers could make money by selling war supplies to each belligerent.

British Government's decision to declare war. The argument of this paper, facturers could make money by selling war supplies to each beligerent. Thruout the war the aim of the cosmopolitan financiers in London, many newspapers, to represent Germany as impossible to defeat. Many have the is crushed. The public, on the other hand, is determined to see the war the action of the maturalized and unnaturalized Germans, has been thru friendly ent money to Germany and they fear for their capital and dividends if waged to its logical conclusion.

The German attack on the western bank of the Meuse, northwest of cursions, appears designed to draw the attention of the French away from the eastern bank, where they are doubtless preparing for further offensive intended and pasenghes of what, in this electric own action, granted favorable conditions of ground and atmosphere. The them for many months. On the British front nothing new, beyond the Germans and Austrians have come up to the new defensive positions against various parts of the front, especially in mid-Rumania, and has provered.

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Brantford, Dec. 29.—Mr. John Young 233 Dalhousie street, has had word that this brother. Gunner D. Young, has wor the military medal. Gunner Young is with the 33rd Army Brigade, and they prisoners taken by them. It is probable that both sides are making about the same number of captives in their attacks and counter-attacks.

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credit," said the alderman.
Favors Change.
Spence, Ald. Beamish, A. Burgess and the candidates for the board of education, managed to sandwich i na few remarks, and Add. Risk, who dealt largely with the matter of the inspection of the schools, made a strong plea for a change in contro The alderman was strong on the Sum merhill deck bridge, anl said in con-clusion: "I want to tell you that the Summerhill doubledeck bridge will be built not just along the lines we had laid out, but it will go thru and next

year it will be taken up early."

Ald. McBride in the outset was es-

#### \* WAR SUMMARY & CHURCH ASSISTS IN HYDRO FIGHT

Mayor of Toronto Speaks a Radial Meeting in Oakville.

BYLAW A GOOD ONE

Corporations Riding for a Fall in Their Opposition

Campaign.

Oakville, Dec. 29 .- Mayor Church of Toronto, after addressing fourteen hydro meetings in three days in Toronto, began two-day tour of the Oakville, Hamilton and Niagara district in the interest of Sir

trical Association and of the Hydro Radial Union.

The mayor said that the fight at Ottawas for the hydro last session had taught the people of the province a lesson. The Ontario G-vernment were following in the footsteps of the late Sir James Whitney, and were content to let Sir Adam Beck finish his work. The Toronto-to-St. Catharlines and the Toronto-to-London hydroradials would pay from the start. Sir Adam had the most eminent experts in America investigate this problem, and it was sound, from eng neering, business, traffic and revenue standpoints. As usual, the corporations were alert and had their men in all the municipalities to oppose Sir Adam and the bylaws.

Suffers Badly.

Oakville was suffering as no other town in Canada was appropriated.

#### WINS MILITARY MEDAL

EARLSCOURT

#### SMALL ATTENDANCE AT MEETING IN WARD SIX

Candidates for Municipal Honors State Views to Electors.

A slimly attended meeting of the elecors of Ward Six was held last evening Eariscourt School, Dufferin street Appears at Meeting in Belligerent Mood and Meets
Match.

LIVELY GATHERING

LIVELY GA north. Alderman Joe Gibbons occupied the chair. Dr. John Hunter, a candidate for re-election to the board of edu-

Large Sum is Realized by

Collection of Newspapers In connection with the work of the Red Cross Rev. Peter Bryce, the energetic pastor of Earlscourt Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, has at present under consideration the organization of a committee of workers whose aims and objects will be outlined at a meeting to be held at an early date.

"It is not perhaps widely known that the amount eralized recently for one week's collection of newspapers discarded by readers in the City of Toronto reached \$4200," said Rev. Mr. Bryce, "We collected over 600 pounds of paper today and when our organization is in working order we expect to get together large quantities, and if every householder in the district were to make a regular contribution of say five cents a week a very considerable sum would be secured for the Red Cross," he said.

WARD SIX SATISFIED.

Much satisfaction is expressed thruout Ward Six at the re-election of Aldermen Joe Gibbons, Donald C. MacGregor and Fred McBrien. "Their return to the city hall by acclemation can be largely attributed to their strenuous work in connection with the citizens express and freight campaign," according to the statement of Chairman J. R. MacNicol yesterday.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Held in Connection With the Captral Methodist Church:

The Christmas entertainment in con-nection with the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church main Sunday school was held last evening in the large audi-torium, which was packed to capacity with the children, their parents and friends. riends. Beecher Cryderman, associate superin Reecher Cryderman, associate superfin-tendent, occupied the chair, and "Santa Claus' Joy Factory" was performed in a creditable manner by the specially trained children. The second portion of the program consisted of a clever ven-triloquial entertainment entitled "A Family of Blockheads," by Robt. Clarke.

### CANADIAN **CASUALTIES**

INFANTRY.

Previously reported wounded, now younded and missing—James Kelly, Eng-Died of wounds—Lance-Corp. Robinson, Jeffreys' Corner, N.B. Robinson, Jeffreys Corner, N.B.
Previously reported dangerously ill, now iled—Percy Kennedy, Stirling, Ont.
Seriously III—W. G. Allanson, Sherbrooke, Que.; Henry Simpson, Montreal.
Wounded—Lieut, Angus A. Macdougall,

Vancouver.

Missing—Chas. Kingston, England.

Unofficially prisoner of war—J. F.

Vance, Bass River, N.S.

Wounded—Arch e McCormick, Lingan,
N.S.; Tomoki Gyotoku, Japan.

Died—John Reid, Scotland; 172367, Oled John Reid, Scotland; 172367, Corp. F. J. Blakey, 309 Seaton street, To-ronto.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Nephritis acute-Andrew Dale, Scotand.
Previously reported missing, believed killed, now killed in action—Lieut. G. E. Bothwell, Perth, Ont.

ARTILLERY Wounded-Capt. C. W. Baker, 34 Earl Grey road, Toronto.

INFANTRY.

Previously reported dangerously ill, now dled—Lorne Kendall, Tofield, Alb.
Dangerously Ill—Wm. Abel, England.
Previously reported missing, now believed killed—Alex. Campbell, Scotland;
M. O. Samwell, Fitzroy Harbor, Ont.
Dangerously wounded—H. G. Hobson, Calt. Ont.
Died—E. H. Creed, England.
Seriously Ill—C. A. Meadows. Cayuga, Ont.

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Wounded—Lieut. Alex. Malcolm, Winnipeg; Lieut. Victor G. Morr's, Summerde. P.E.I.; Lieut. Wm. J. Howard, England.

TO ANSWER TORONTO CHARGE

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Arrested as he as leaving Stony Mountain Peniten-

#### SCANDINAVIANS IN **MOVE FOR PEACE**

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that it might uppear unneutral to one side or the other and militate against the location of the eventual peace conference in that country. Beyond the fact that the Spanish Cabinet has not yet decided on Spain's action, no fur-ther information had come to the Spanish embassy today.

Entente Powers' Reply.

Despatches from Loydon that the allied reply to the German proposals was ready and probably would be sent by their reply to the president's note, but drew no comment.

Entente dislocation to the president's note, but drew no comment. Entente diplomats still profess to be profoundly puzzled about the fundamental purpose of the president's note, and undecided whether it was designed primarily to promote peace or for America's own guidance. They expect, however, that their governments' reply will be short and appreciative. The real impossibility of peace from their viewpoint, they say, will be adequately pointed out in their lengthy reply to the central powers where they can speak directly, and to where they can speak directly and to the point, without fear of wounding a friendly neutral. The despate 1 by Spain of a strong protest to Germany against submarine activities appurently overshadowed in interest among officials here the progress in the peace need in negotiations.

Genuine Anxiety.

The Spanish ambassador saw Secre-ary Lansing recently and the secretary is understood to have outlined fully the secret is being made of the fact that the German submarine activity furnishes the cause of real unxiety to the American Government officials re-ferred to in the president's notes to The sub rine issue is being kept

background for the present, but evidence that Germany probably has violated pledges given the United States, has been collected at the state

but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy DR. LOUNSBURY DIFS overthrown. In th Teutons made attacks against the

Russian patrol guards.

The German version of the fighting with the Rumanians north and south of the Kasino River, near the frontier, is that they captured by storm and hand-grenade fighting, several po-sttions lying behind each other, and that they took 1400 Russians and Ru-manians prisoner, 18 machine guns and hree cannon.

The Germans also claim that they have broken down the allied defence and have reached Dumitresti, twelve miles and a half northwest of Rimnik-Sarat, that their right wing has advanced between the Rimnik sector and the course of the Buzeu, and has taken sentenced Tuesday last on charge of the course of the Buzeu, and has taken several tenaciously defended villages. The retreating Rumanians, the Ger-

try Regiment 140 for its behavior in the engagement.

# GEN. HAIG PRAISES **CANADIAN TROOPS**

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enemy's shell fire. Over 1,000 prisoners were taken in the day's fighting, a figure which only slightly exceeded our casualties.

"The total number of prisoners taken in the Somme battle between the first of July and the eighteenth of November is just over 38,000, including over 800 officers. During the same vember is just over 38.000, including over 800 officers. During the same period we captured 29 heavy guns, 96 field guns and field howitzers, 136 trench mortars and 514 machine guns, mous 71 for and only one against. Only Big Events.
"The events which I have described

in this despatch form but a bare outline of more important occurrences. To deal in any detail even with these without touching on smaller fights and ceaseless work in the trenches continuing day and night for five months is not possible here, nor have I deem-ed it permissible, much as it is desired to do so. To particularize units, brigades or divisions especially connected with the different events described would not be possible without giving useful information to the energy. Recommendations for rewards have been forwarded separately, and in due course full details will be made Meanwhile it must suffice to say that troops from every part of the British Isles and from every dominion and quarter of the empire, whether regulars, territorials or me of the new armies, have borne their share in the battle of the Somme; and while some have been more fortunate than others in opportunities for distinction, all have done their duty nobly.

#### TORONTO COMPANIES INCOR. PORATED.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—The following companies have been incorporated by Dominion charter: Blue Diamond Coal Company, Toronto, \$1,500,000 tiary, J. P. Lascelle was taken to 100 conto tonight by Detective Charles \$50.000; Columbia Automobile, 200 conto tonight by Detective Charles \$50.000; Columbia Automobile, 200 conto tonight by Detective Charles \$50.000; Manuferal, \$100,000; The Canada Glass Young to stand trial there for the al- Montreal, \$100,000; The Canada Glass Company of three checks on the Works. Ltd., Toronto. \$250.000; Wag-Chambers Glass Company, Toronto, \$49,000.

# KNOCK-OUT GIVEN HYDRO OPPONENTS

Public Sentiment Has Turned Northern Ontario Battalia in Favor of the Radial Bylaw.

LABOR MEN ANGRY

Bitterly Resent the Action of Major J. E. Allan Transferred the Hamilton Board of Trade.

Hamilton, Saturday, Dec. 30.—Sir Adam Beck and his "rapid fire" hydro radial campaign which he is conducting in this city has swung the tide of public opinion over to the bylaw, and there is very little doubt that the people will down the "corporation and big interests" that are opposing the scheme by voting for the hydro radial bylaw on Monday.

One of the biggest factors in bringing about this state of affairs was the action of the local board of trade in taking the stand that the people were not competent to vote upon the scheme. They had bidterly opposed it from the first, but when they attempted to have the bylaw withdrawn by the city council without giving the ratepayers an opportunity to vote upon it they added the "straw that to vote upon it they added the "straw that broke the came!'s back." Since that action the board of trade has been bitterly assailed in labor circles end when the bylaw is voted upon the vote of the labor men will be solid for the radial rallway from Toronto to Niegara Falls via Hamilton and St. Catharines.

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raised against the bylaw.

Apparently Satisfied.

H. L. Frost, president of the Associated Boards of Trade, was present at one of the first meetings held by Sir Adam in the Sons of England Hall. Sir Adam answered all his questions so satisfactory that Mr. Frost was apparently convinced, for he has not appeared in opposition to the scheme at any of the other meetings.

interestings.

TO MAKE PROGRESS

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Two-thirds of a mile to the eastward. They beat off all German attacks in the region of Kioshdeni and Koetomira, 20 miles and 10 miles north of Rimnik. Sarat. The battles in this region are proceeding with great violence. Russian and Rumanian detachiments stationed on the left sank of the Rimnik River, repulsed with counterattacks all the onsets of the foe.

Russians Heavily Attacked.

Heavy attacks were launched against the Russian lines on the sector from the railway near Rimnik-Sarat to Boldu, to the southwest of the town, but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but these were met by energetic Russian counter-attacks and the enemy but the each manife to the scheme at any of the other inducement that any of the other inducement that will help swell the vote for the bylaw is the fact that the proposed in the city of the counter in the stream of the proposed in the city of the counter in the st

# IN DETROIT HOSPITAL

Guilty of Manslaughter, Man Contracted Pneumonia While Awaiting Sentence.

Windsor, Ont. Dec. 29.—Dr. Henry Lounsbury of Detroit a Canadian and former resident of Pelee Island. who pleaded guilty last week to causing the Jeath of Mrs. Madeline Kramer, thru an illegal operation in his of-fice in Detroit, died this morning in for his appearance in recorder's court. The retreating Rumanians, the Germans say, were given no time to settle in the prepared positions in the lakes sector.

Praise is given West Prussian Infansopor on the outskirts of the city. where it was found two days later by the police. Despite his gruesome con-fession, much sympathy was aroused Dobrudja, has been captured by the for Dr. Lounsbury, letters and telegrams from many of Detroit's influential citizens poured in on Judge Connolly arging leniency. One of the most interesting pleas came from Rev. J. Gaudier, whose parish includes Pelee Island near here, where Louns-bury practiced from 1893 until 1902, when he most like the latest the latest like when he moved to Detroit. It was signed by 36 persons and read: "On behalf of Henry A. Lounsbury, remem-bered here for many acts of kindness and bearing a good reputation locally I respectfully beg leniency."

His many friends allege that brutal means were employed by Petroit police in obtaining the confession and hoped to prove this at an inquest or-

ONE OPPOSES BYLAW.

### GO OVERSEAS AS CONSTRUCTION UNIT

Offers to Change From Infantry.

GIVEN APPOINTMENT

to Permanent Army Ser vice Corps.

The 228th (Northern Ontario) Batter Lieut.-Col. A. E. Earchman comman now quartered in Givens and Cra-Schools, has offered to ge overseas as infantry. If Ottawa decided to stion this, it means that a number of officers will have to be shed and neer-officers substituted. It is said another infantry battaion of the Tormilitary area may also be changed rallway construction unit. The 228th raised in the North Bay and Suddistricts. Many of its officers are neers. Col. Earchman is an enging saw service at the front during the pent war, and was formerly engage the Hudson Bay Railway construction.

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Major James C. Allan, son of Allan, has been appointed a major it Canadian Permanent Army Service He directed the A.S.C. work at Borden last summer. At present he the headquarters staff, Exhibition C. To finish off its training, the "hing" class at Exhibition Camp, has fust completed a two weeks' or yesterday staged a "night raid," the trenches and area adjacent to ley Barracks as the sene of opera The raid brought into play live by These were thrown into the "en trenches during the advance over man's land." Shyrockets were us represent the shrapnel fired by the fenders. The bombing lessons are died by Captain N. P. Selley, assists other C.E.F. officers who have had ing experience on the western b

Major-General Logic returned Ottawa yesterday. Major-General gar. Dominion director of supply transport, visited the camp to confegarding supplies for the base hosp Seventy-five soldiers, whose whave necessitated amputation of a are now en route to Toronto an expected to arrive within a few Arrangements are being made to seach of the soldiers with the artilimbs they require. of 120 candidates taking their way west. The good total of 49 voluments were examined at termories yesterday, but only accepted as being up to the accepted as the accepted accepted as the accepted accept armories yesterday, but only 13 waccepted as being up to the active tary service standard. The Well Canal Guard secured five of the acceed men, the 208th Battalion and At Service Corps, each two, and the tillery, Signaliers, 69th Battery and Medal Corps, each one.

News of the awarding of the milit medal to Pre. Walter E. Dunn, and promotion to the rank of sergeant, just been received by his parents, Gardeners avenue, Todnorden. Selumn has been in the trenches at February and wounded once.

The military medal has been awar to Bomber Nesbit H. Richardson of 35th Battalion. In October he was better the standard of the service of the selection of 35th Battalion. Coxwell avenue.

#### **CLOSE GAME IS WON** BY STRATFORD JUNIORS

Elmira Beaten by Four to Three After Playing Overtime.

Elmira, Dec. 29.—The opening game of the junior O.H.A. was played here to-night between Stratford and Elmira. It was a difficult job to get thru either de-fence. The Stratford forwards were more aggressive. Both goalkeepers did good

work.

Stratford hed good combination, which Elmira fell short in, but showed improvement towards the close of the game. The score at full time was two all. Ten minutes overtime was played, Stratford scoring two to Elmira's one, Stratford winning out by 4 to 3. Line-up;

Elmira (3)—Ruppel, goal; A. Ruppel, Miller, defence; Kellterborne, rover; Stumpf, centre; Brohman, left wing; Hendrich, right wing.

Stratford (4)—Malone, goal; McDonaid, McArdle, defence; Harris, rover; Brickman, centre; Whyte, left wing; Moore, right wing.

Referee—H. Weichel,

PRESENTS PULMOTOR. St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 29.—The latest type of pulmotor has been presented to the citizens of St. Catharines by the United Gas Co. The appliance will be placed in the care of the fire men and the superintendent of the company will instruct the men in the use of it.

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