

Serbians' Position is Getting no Better Recruiting Depot Closed to Benefit 125th City has Acquired the Old Post Office

SIREN ROUSED EVERY VESSEL TO THE RESCUE

Hospital Ship Anglia Made Every Effort to Reach Shore Before She Sank. DIFFICULTIES WERE TERRIBLE Stern of the Vessel Rose Higher and Higher and She Veered Sideways. Finally Seemed to Stand on Her Bow For One Instant Then Plunged Under.

London, Nov. 18.—(New York Times Cable).—The Daily Mail's Dover correspondent sends the following:

"Vivid narratives are told by the crew of the Collier Lusitania which in rendering aid to the Anglia, was herself sunk. "After the explosion the bows of the hospital ship seemed to melt away until the sea lapped her rails and splashed upon the decks. Mortally wounded as she was, the Anglia surged forward in a vain attempt to reach shore before she sank. Her siren roused every vessel near and from every quarter came boats to the rescue.

"Those watching from the deck of the Lusitania saw soldiers coming up from below and assembling on the deck, calmly waiting the order to pass into the boats. Every moment their footing became more precarious as gradually the Anglia settled by bows.

"But by now the rescuers were near. A vessel braving all danger from her sudden foundering, ran right under the stern and in a moment the crew were working like trojans to transfer the wounded to safety.

"The difficulties were terrible, every moment the stern of the Anglia rose higher and as it rose the vessel veered sideways as if about to turn turtle.

SAILORS' SPLENDID WORK

"Nothing daunted, the men of the Anglia, their officers, and the men of other ships kept at the work of rescue and rapidly, though even then all too slow, the wounded were transferred to boats. Some of the wounded unable to retain their precarious footing, slipped into the sea from which they were snatched in the nick of time by sailors, many of whom plunged overboard, the better to help in the rescue.

"Others on the Anglia jumped overboard, but all the while the nurses

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CITY ACQUIRES OLD POST OFFICE; DEAL COMPLETED

Alderman Pitcher, Who Has Handled the Affair in Most Capable Manner Announces That the Structure Now is Property of Municipality.

All the preliminaries have now been completed in connection with the acquiring of the old post office by the city, and the structure is now to all intents and purposes, owned by the municipality.

For the successful consummation of the deal, the credit went to Ald. S. P. Pitcher, who has handled the whole affair in a most capable and businesslike manner.

The first valuation put upon the building by the department was \$38,000. Ald. Pitcher, by correspondence and a visit to Ottawa, finally had the whole matter re-opened, and secured the acceptance of an offer of \$25,000. Of this amount, \$5,100 is to be paid down, and the balance of \$20,000 to be handed over at the conclusion of the war when the structure will no longer be needed for military purposes. The building is to be handed over to the municipality in good shape.

The intention is to use the structure as a city hall, and it will be very

THE COURIER PHOTOGRAPHS

Arrangements Made to Distribute Them in Different School Districts.

The demand for the Courier school children photos has become so great that it has been found necessary to arrange for the distribution of these handsomely mounted prints in the different school districts, in order that the subscriptions may be more easily handled. Carrying out this idea, arrangements have been made with H. E. Ayliffe, photo supplies, 320 Colborne street, A. A. Freeborn, grocer, 257 Marlboro street, and F. E. Morrison, druggist, 119 Oxford street. At these stores, samples of these group prints will be on exhibition, and orders for the Courier and the desired group may be left. These merchants will be pleased to explain the ease with which a group containing the photo of your child may be secured. They cost you nothing. Remember this. The group you desire will be freely given. All you need to do is to pay one month's subscription in advance (25 cents) for the Daily Courier, either for yourself or for a friend, and say which group you wish. Watch the Courier every day. King Edward school children will be featured for the rest of this week. You need to get your order in early, as only a limited number are finished and mounted. Do not wait until the photo you want appears. If your child goes to school in Brantford it has been photographed. All we need to know is the school he or she attends, and your order will be booked for you, so that you will be sure of a picture.

VERY FEW MEN RETURNED AS YET, HAVE BEEN RELEASED

Most of Invalided Soldiers Still Held Up at Quebec Awaiting Their Discharge

By Special Wire to the Courier. Quebec, Nov. 18.—Of the 620 invalided soldiers that returned to Canada at the end of last week, landing at Quebec, from the C. P. R. liner Matigama, a very small number have so far been paid off and have left for their respective homes.

The work of compiling and revising the list of all the men, and of ascertaining their home towns for the militia records was a tedious one, but it was tackled with a will by the local militia officers in charge under Major Sharples. The work of setting every detail of the list in due form was completed to-day only.

Brantford's Bright Pupils Have Been Photographed

KING EDWARD SCHOOL—DIVISION EIGHT



BACK ROW—Norma McKim, Kathleen Kerr, Minnie Crandall, Rhea Acland, Florence Cockrane, Florence Smith, Edith Pickering. THIRD ROW—Isabel Welsh, Evelyn Cowperthwaite, Lucille Flaherty, Irene Brandt, Mary Hudson, Edith Crabb, Doris Noakes, Margaret Boughton, Irene Hopf, Edith Alexander, Beatrice Adkins, Isabella Smith, Reta Moran. SECOND ROW—George Hoston, Jack Rouse, Jim Muir, Eva Wright, Ella Rhea Van Every, Florence Crowley, Ivy Smith, Amy Brooks, Viola Foster, Thelma Dickinson, May Dicker, Lorne Small. FIRST ROW—Fred Ditchfield, Walter Riley, Harry Taylor, Archie Riches, Cecil Robins, Jack Poter, Vernon Mason, Willie Mercer, Stewart Bowden, George Kerr, Harold Walsworth.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE JOINT WAR CONFERENCE

Though Not Known Definitely it is Believed That Balkan Situation is Under Discussion—Serb Armies Borne Backwards by Wide Turning Movement of Bulgarians.

MONASTIR IN GREAT DANGER

Anglo-French Successes Reported From the South-West—Bulgarians Being Compelled to Retreat on the Vardar Front and in Rabrovo Section.

London, Nov. 18.—News from the Balkans continues to be a patchwork of unconfirmed rumors and contradictory assertions without official statements to establish clearly the present status of affairs.

The Serbian armies with insufficient ammunition and inferior numbers, have been attempting vainly to meet the wide turning movement of the Bulgarians, threatening Prip and Monastir. Some despatches from Athens report Prip already is in Bulgarian hands. All admit the Serbian position there is untenable and that evacuation of the city is inevitable.

News that Bulgarian advance southward is proceeding rapidly and has reached a point within a few hours of Monastir is said to have caused consternation in that city, whose population is fleeing to Greek territory.

MONASTIR IN DANGER

Judging from the size of the Bulgarian forces rushing from Prip southward and from the initial success of their new turning movement, which has changed entirely the military situation in southern Serbia, Monastir is in distinct danger. Not only has the Bulgarian manoeuvre necessitated abandonment by the Serbians of their positions at Babuna Pass but the Serbian forces which have been holding this entire region are now in peril of being surrounded and cut off by the Bulgarians advancing southward from Krushovo. Little is known of the Serbian situation in the north except that determined resistance is still being offered by the Serbians against both Germans and Bulgarians, who have made no fresh gains of consequence.

SUCCESS FOR ALLIES. In southwestern Serbia successes for the French and British are reported. The Bulgarians are said to have been compelled to retreat on the Vardar front and to have sustained a check at the hands of the British in the Rabrovo section.

WAR CONFERENCE POPULAR

Both England and France have greeted with great enthusiasm the joint war conference held in Paris. It is regarded as marking greater solidarity and more concerted action among the allied armies. Although no official information has been received concerning the subjects discussed at the conference, it is assumed the principal matter under consideration is the Balkan situation.

Big Storm in East.

By Special Wire to the Courier. St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 18.—Much damage has been caused to water front property and to coast shipping by a storm which has raged over Newfoundland for two days. Telegraph service to many points is interrupted. Ferris are felt for the safety of vessels on the Grand Banks and along the northern coast of the island.

RECRUITING DEPOT CLOSED

One Effort Now Will be for the New Brant Battalion.

It is understood that the Recruiting depot which has recently existed in Brantford, is to be closed and that an order has been received from headquarters to this effect.

The method was to obtain volunteers who would designate the different units to which they wished to belong—the 38th, the Battery and the Dragons.

Now that it has been decided to raise a Brant County Battalion it has been felt by all interested that the one effort should be to recruit for that alone and hence the necessity has passed for the recruiting depot as before constituted.

It is a case now of one and all getting together, shoulder to shoulder on behalf of the Brant Battalion without any division of interests and there can be no doubt that the full complement will speedily be raised.

FIRST STEPS TO MEET CONDITIONS AFTER THE WAR

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, Nov. 18.—Initial steps in a movement towards the co-ordination of all the industrial interests in the country to face the economic situation, which it is believed will surgely follow the conclusion of peace in Europe, were taken here yesterday at a meeting of the national founders association. The meeting was addressed by five organizations of manufacturers, which represent 15,000 members and an investment of \$14,000,000.

Speakers declared that when peace comes there will be a scarcity of skilled labor due to the losses of life in the war, which it is feared may increase the price of labor to such a point that it is desirable from the manufacturers point of view to start now in the hopes of extending the field of machinery in many operations.

Those who spoke included William H. Barr, of the National Drymen; H. H. Rice, of the National Mill Trades Association; Col. George Pope of the National Association of Manufacturers; John P. Wood, of the National Association of Woolen Manufacturers and Albert G. Duncan of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

Liberal M.P. Dead.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

St. John, N.B., Nov. 18.—A despatch from Charlottetown announces the death of James Reid, Liberal member of parliament for Restigouche county, N.B., after a short illness. He was 76 years old.

TWO O'NEILL BOYS ARE KILLED IN ACTION AT BATTLE FRONT

Percy O'Neill and Vernon Scott O'Neill of 19th. Battalion Killed by the Same Shell as Struck Pte. James Lowe—Percy O'Neill Was Barber Here.

The names of two more heroes who enlisted in Brantford, appear in the honor roll from the front. They are Percy Roy O'Neill and Vernon Scott O'Neill of the Nineteenth Battalion, who were killed by the same shell as Pte. Lowe, whose death was reported yesterday. The father and mother are both dead and they were the only two sons of the family. Mrs. Wilcox, residing on Duke St. is a sister and also Miss Evie O'Neill, who resides here. Other sisters are Miss Lizzie O'Neill of Vancouver and Miss Lottie Hamilton.

Percy was a well known barber in the city. He was partner in the firm of Miller and O'Neill in the Hamel Cigar Store, Colborne St. and later had a shop in Jack Kelly's cigar store, 48 Colborne street, which he was running at the time he decided to enlist. His brother Vernon at one time worked here as a knitter, but he had latterly been in Woodstock, coming to Brantford for the week ends. They decided to offer their services together and enrolled themselves in the Major Bert Newmann's company. Percy was actively identified with the Y. M. C. A. and occupied one of the rooms in the new building until the time of his departure. His brother used to stay with him while in the city and Mr. Goodwin speaks in the highest terms of both. The two were also members of the First Baptist Church choir and Vernon, who had a splendid tenor voice, used to give solos there. Rev. Mr. Brown talking to a Courier man, paid a high tribute to each. Percy belonged to Harmony Lodge, I.O.O.F.

Not long ago Mr. Goodwin of the Y. M. C. A. received word that Mr. Best of the Association, who is with the forces, was writing him particulars surrounding their deaths, but he has not yet received the epistle. The very sincere sympathy of the entire community will be extended to the sorely stricken family and friends in connection with this double bereavement.

A LITTLE HATE FROM FRITZ OCCASIONALLY

In That Snappy Manner Does a Soldier Describe Hun Attacks.

HEARD GUNS IN GREAT DRIVE

Night Before Letter was Written Saw Thrilling Aeroplane Duel.

Machine Gun on the Plane Was Famous Canuck Weapon Lost at Ypres.

Colonel Leonard has received the following letter from a soldier at the front who formerly was in 'D' squadron, 25th Brant Dragoons. He describes seeing an aeroplane duel in which the enemy's machine was brought down. On the captured plane was the machine gun lost by the Canadians at Ypres in April and now regained. This particular incident was mentioned in the official report sent to Ottawa.

Somewhere in Belgium, November 2nd, 1915.

Colonel Leonard, Dear Sir—Received the papers you sent, many thanks for same. We are at the same spot which I wrote of last time and everything has been pretty quiet since that time. Of course we get a little hate from Fritz occasionally, but he never does much damage.

During the last big advance we took an offensive part in case the Germans made an attack to relieve the pressure around Loos and La Bassée. The bombardment lasted a long time and could be heard quite plainly from where we were located, which was a long way from the scene of operations.

Last week there was an aeroplane duel right above us and our aviator succeeded in bringing down the German plane. It came down at a fast pace and when it hit the ground it turned right over, killing the pilot. The observer was only ground a little and was made a prisoner.

The aeroplane could be seen from the German lines, as it lay right on the open behind our fire trench, and they tried to wreck it with shells, but although they fired about 90 shells they didn't get one direct hit. They had a machine gun mounted on the aeroplane which proved to be one of those which the Canadians lost at Ypres, so it has got back to us in rather a strange manner.

The rainy season seems to have started here but there has been lots of sun.

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