Alleged Officers Did Away With Exemption Papers.

NO ADVANTAGE TO DO SO

Claimed That More Arrests Were Sought To Gain Monetary Rewards.

Quebec, April 12.—Federal detectives engaged in arresting draftees had no monetary or other interests in the arrests, and it was in no way to their advantage to destroy exemption papers, as has been claimed, Captain Desrochers, of the federal police, stated this morning at the session of the riot victims inquest.

The rumor circulated for weeks in Quebec that the federal detectives destroyed exemption papers in order to arrest exempted draftees and get a \$10 reward for each arrest, was thus ex-ploded, although some of the jurors maintained an attitude of persistent doubt.

House on some day in the near future

Civillans Opened Fire.

Constable Blouin said he was early on the scene before the military arrived. He says he was threatened by civillans, one of whom threw a chunk of ice at him. He saw the military coming then.

There must have been a crowd of 200 or 400 disturbers. There were also considered the constant of the There must have been a crowd of 300 or 400 disturbers. There were six constables in all and they got the crowd to back up a trifle, telling them the military had orders to shoot that night. Some of the civilians said: "No fear, they only have blank cartridges."

Blouin said the civilians opened fire on the military. They fired twenty or thirty revolver shots. He saw people passing around revolvers to men in the crowd cries of "Let the police alone, it's the soldlers were in danger. He heard among the crowd cries of "Let the police alone, it's the sanatorium, they went over the portions soldlers we are alter!" He saw a soldlers we are alter!" He saw a soldlers we are alter! He saw a soldlers we are alter! He saw a soldler we are alter! He saw a soldler swear alter! He saw a so

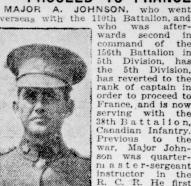
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PRESTON WILL MAKE REPORT TO LAURIER

Methods of Taking Vote Over-

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, April 12.—W. T. R. Preston, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's representative in England during the soldiers' voting, is expected in Ottawa any day. The purpose of his visit is to submit to the leader of the Opposition of the Composition of the Compositio Priest Claims Insult.

Father Evain of St. Sauveur parish church told of being brushed aside and told to go to h— by a soldier on the night of the riot when he approached the soldiers and asked them to desist from firing into the crowd.

He said he saw no one attack the soldiers but later said he only went out ments and information as the reserved to the votes, the methods employed, etc. Such documents and information as the reserved to the votes, the methods employed, etc. Such documents and information as the reserved to the votes, the methods employed, etc. Such documents and information as the reserved to the votes, the methods employed, etc. Such documents and information as the reserved to the votes, the methods employed, etc. Such documents and information as the reserved to the votes, the methods employed, etc. He said he saw no one attack the soldiers, but later said he only went out into the street at 11:15, after the worst of the trouble was over.

Registrar Goebel was also on the stand today. He said everyone in town knew in the morning of Friday that the registrar's office was to be attacked that evening. He conferred with the mayor and the police chief, the latter town the stand to the police chief, the latter town the said everyone in town knew in the morning of Friday that the registrar's office was to be attacked difficulty in getting away from England, and that from time to time information which he desired to send by telling him that the trouble was getting too much for his small force of constables.

TO FIND OUT ITS NEEDS

tients, with a view to ascertaining what new arrangement might be neces-

AUTO BANDIT FALLS

Toledo, O. April 12.—Kenneth E. fuoung, 17, automobile bandit, is dead; resley Worden, 20, alleged to have been is companion, has a bullet wound in the knee, and Patrolman Christopher

shot through the heart. The police Worden confessed that he and ang stole the automobile and were umpting to replenish the tank with en gasoline.

Local detectives have received no information from banks here that confederation to replenish the tank with en gasoline.

FACE BADLY BURNED WHEN GAS EXPLODED

or. James D. Wilson was summoned and had the injured man removed to Victoria Hospital.

It is feared that he may lose his eyesight as a result of the accident.

CITY LABOR DIVIDED ON STREET RLY. CASE

It would seem that Labor in London s divided on the question of increased street car fares.

ever, more concerned about the wages of the street car men. It has written the city asking that the books of the company be looked into with a view of company be looked into with a view of seeing if the company cannot grant its workers increased wages.

City Clerk Baker sees in the letter a willingness to agree to increased fares if the workers' wages are increased.

The opinion around the city hall to day is that there is little use of the company going to the expense of pre-paring the additional information asked. Controller Merryfield seemed to voice he general opinion when he said so this rning. He said that he found that the opinion of the mayor as expressed last night found favor, and he was sure that as the mayor has taken this stand the aldermen will not go back on him. As to the proposal to submit the matter to the people before January, this would cost \$1,500. The question is "Who will pay for it?" So far the street railway company has not offered to do

original firsts. He enlisted with the sary when it is taken over by the In-valided Soldiers' Commission in the muda, where he was stationed for some time. Later he was transferred to France, where he was promoted to IN TOLEDO BATTLE the rank of sergeant instructor. While he was in Bermuda Mrs. Brewer and children visited him, and for this reason she does not expect him home of furlough now.

PASSING THE QUEER sch. 26, wounded three times, is beed to be dying.

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en with an automobile stealing gasone from a tank, A gun battle between
the officer and the men followed. Young

WONDERFUL MUSIC IN FRANCE HELPS WOO SOLDIERS' THOUGHTS FROM THE HORRORS OF WAR IN THE TRENCHES

Joseph Linnell May Lose Sight

by Accident.

Backfriars street,

war, and the manner in which life goes on over there in the fourth year of war,

Referring to the uniscal talent of the amin in the Salvation Army reading
o'clock this morning.

The gas generator whad not been used for some time, and while Linnell was examining it, preparatory to putting lit. Into operation, the explosion occurred.

The sudden flare-up was believed to have been from gas still contained was the properation of the Empire, and has

the part where Chesterton refers to the beauty of the meeting of death and youth, because death finds something alive, when a singer with a wonderfully expressive voice strikes up "Crossing the Bar." MacCallum states that he is spellbound by the charm of the music. The accompanist at the piano is also an artist of rare ability and the writer whimsically comments on the manner in which the old piano rose to meet the occasion. "It is wonderful," he relates, "how often genius is to be found in wretched old uniforms that give no outward evidence."

"Messlah" in France.

Pte. MacCallum had recently visited Paris, and these were his impressions of Notre Dame:

Effects of Solemn Grandeur.

"I shall never forget the feeling that came over me as I entered the Church of the interior, though it is surpassing in the solemn grandeur of its beauty. It seemed as though an unseen force met you on entering and whispered that the ground whereon you stood was holy. The church was in semi-darkness, for though the beautiful windows glowed with the richest colors, they admitted no light. The flickering light of the candles fell on the upturned faces of men and women kneeling in prayer, rendering them more like visions than human beings. The air of profound mystery, together with a strange presservice every Sunday night, the congregation of which is composed almost entirely of soldiers and W. A. A. C.'s, and during January they gave the given in my own city, with four leading soloists from Toronto. But it could not compare in any work to the excellent. silven in my own city, with four leading solidate from forouto. But it could
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treet Railway Company is repairing ne track on Dundas street, between delaide and Elizabeth streets. The Adelaide and Enzapeth streets. The neer commanding F. Unit, M. H. C. C., spread, and the company decided to make repairs before conditions became Guelph Convalescent Hospital as superany worse. A gang of men is busy at the work now, but it will be some time before everything is completed in connection with it.

AGED CATTLE BUYER

ening to address a mass meetyunder the auspices of the Women's
nadian Club on the food situation in
sat Britain and France, will be the
sit of Sir George Gibbons. Sir
yie, who has just returned home
r several days' absence from the
will preside at the meeting to be
in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

JOR KINGSMILL REJOINS.—
H. A. Kingsmill of this city has
taken on the strength of A. M.
aining depot, No. 1, at Carling
ts camp, camp orders announce

ening to address a mass meetThisonburg, April 12. The town was
shocked to hear of the sudden death of
ing, in his 80th year, from a paralytic
stroke. He came home last night after
being out buying cattle all day, and apparently in his usual good health. He
awoke, but when he complained of not
being well medical ald was called, also
the children and the pastor, but he
awoke as way a few hours after.

Mr. Burns had been a resident of the
town for nearly 50.

Meet Cliff, and could not tell you then?
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een taken on the strength of A. M., training depot. No. 1, at Carling leights camp, camp orders announce. s Major Kingsmill he was until resultly president of the medical board to the mobilization centre in the rmories. He resinned a short time go and has now joined up again with he rank of captain. He may later go verseas from the training depot here. ENTERTAINED SOLDIERS.—The resulted soldiers at Byron were most. olain, Rev. Harry Ashby, of the rch of the Redeemer. During the hing songs were rendered by Miss Mowat, and several readings were h by Miss Vance. M. Hatton of the Motor Company operated his mov-picture machine, and showed flye s which were loaned for the occasion he Majestic Theatre. BACK TO CITY .- Sergt, Albert W.

BACK TO CITY.—Sergt, Albert W. Hamlin, formerly company sergeantmajor of the Service Company, Canadian Engineers, here has returned to this city. Sergt. Hamlin went to the Forestry Depot at Brockville a few weeks ago in an effort to get overseas. He has now been transferred back to No. 1 Special Service Company at Queen's Park camp. If he is unable, owing to physical unfitness, to qualify for an overseas unit, he may be returned to his former unit, the Service Company, C. E.

OTTAWA DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO SIDESTEP EAST END POSTOFFICE

The London East sub-postoffice continues a live topic. It was up again before the board of control today.

As the mayor sees it the reason tratice clarify downeds for practically under the clarify downeds for practically under the clarify downeds for practically under the clarification. the city's demands go practically un-answered is that there is no respons-ble head to the postoffice department of Canada today. The mayor said he understood that the man who is now acting head of the postoffice departis also acting head of the finance

Many promises have been made to ifferent city officials by different ub-heads of the department at Otawa, but that is as far as they have one.
One of these objected to creating the office. He said that the expense ould be too great. If it could be donor \$2,000 they might consider it. the said that the expense the said that the expense ould be too great. If it could be donor \$2,000 they might consider it. The said that the expense the said that the expense that the expense that the said that the said that the expense that the said that the expense that the said that t would be too great. If it could be dofor \$2,000 they might consider it.

Action was taken and a man secured who would open the office and pay his cent accepting as payment \$2,000. The answer then was that such offices in the vicinity of the Somme, while Paris of the Somme of th ere not being operated in Canada

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON

MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

A special meeting of the London Presbytery is in progress this afternoon in the First Presbyterian, at which the resignation of Rev. John Elder from the charge of the Bryanston and Bethel Presbyterian churches, and a call from Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church to Rev. J. A. Laverie, B. A., of Forest, constitutes the chief business. Associated with this is a report of the Presbytery's Home Mission committee, recommending the appointment of Rev. John Elder to take charge of Chelsea Green Church, and Rev. Mr. Webster, who has recently come from the Hamilton Presbytery, for Knollwood Park Church. The appointment of a hospital visitor is also being made.

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GRAIN.

Chicago, April 12.—Closing futures were: Corn—May, \$1.27%; July, \$1.54%.
Oats—April, 88%; May, \$5%c.
Cash close: Corn—No. 2 yellow nominal: No. 3 yellow, \$1.70; No. 4 yellow, \$1.50.

Cats—No. 3 white, 90¼ @91c; standard, 90¾ @91c.
Rye—No. 2, \$2.65@2.66.
Barley—\$1.40@1.78.
Timothy—\$5@8.

ACTS OF BRAVERY **COMMON TO "TECK"** AS LETTER SHOWS

Experiences.

Following the news of a few days ago that Sergt. Frank W. Nickle, M. M., son of Detective Thomas Nickle, had been killed in France on March 28, special interest attaches to the reference to the brave young London soldier, made by one of his chums, Signaller Edward Harrison, in a letter just received by the parents of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harrison, 543 Simcoe street, Har-rison writes from the Canadian Con-valescent Hospital, Woodcote Park, Ensom on March 10: Epsom, on March 10: "So 'Teck' Nickle did get the Miliry Medal. That day I was down to see them, poor old Cliff Player was telling me that he thought "Teck" had been recommended for it for saving some fellows who were in a burning lorrie. Even that day old "Teck" was right on the job. Cliff and I were sitting in the telephone duguit at their

withority.

Lieut.-Col. T. G. Delamere, formerly of the district staff here, and now of ficer commanding F. Unit, M. H. C. C., will, it is expected, when that organization ceases to exist, take charge of the Guelph Convalescent Hospital as super-litteradent for the L.S. Commission.

"Here's one lucky boy that thinks ne has been born under a lucky star, to get away so easy."

An illustration of his own luck in getting off easy is given in the following incident which he relates in connection with Passchendaele:

ed a copy of the regulations for the conservation of gas produced from coal, issued from the fuel controller's office recently.
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possible. It was the coming back, though, where I came in for some excitement. Just as I got nicely on the way, Fritz put a sweeping barrage on the road. He started just behind our battery, and gradually coming down cur road, it made me hesitate. I started

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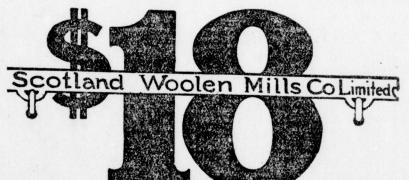
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oward Givenchy, is being strongly held y the British. They were standing rm today at Loisne, three miles northorthwest to the Merville region. Fur-ner southwest, likewise, they repelled a erman attempt to advance northwest Givenchy, on the high ground about which protects the British right flank

before Bethune

Holding Sides of Sallent.

The British task here patently is to prevent the sides of this salient from being materially widened out, as the tip cannot be pushed in much further without grave danger to the attacking forces from flank attack unless they succeed in broadening their advanced front. Northwest of Armentieres, abandoned yesterday by the British, the line was straightened out by their withdrawal from Ploegsteert, whence they fell back, fighting, to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise, close to the southerly end of Messines Ridge, which protects their new positions. eing materially widened out, as the

their new positions. The British lines apparently are being firmly maintained along the high ground in the Messines and Wytschaete regions, and to the north toward Ypres. No material change in the situation is reported here. The battle, however, is continuing along the whole front from La Bassee Canal north to Hollebeke, the Germans hammering hard in their desperate attempt to win something substantial out of this new ambitious effort of theirs. So far its only definite result has been the piling up of casualties on both sides, notably their own. Repulse Local Attacks. The British lines apparently are be

Paris announces a rather heavy bombardment along the French line to Controller Merryfield pointed out that Toronto and Hamilton each have several such offices.

The general opinion is that the post-office department is trying to sidestep London East and is fishing hard for excuses to enable it to do so.

bombardment along the French line to the southeast of Amiens, in the vicinity of Hangard.

SOLDIERS, TOO.—Soldiers as well as civilians must conserve power, for according to camp orders strict economy in the use of electrical energy is to be exercised in all camps in this district.

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