

CANADIAN NURSING SERVICE GROWING AS ARMY GROWS

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SPLENDID SERVICE

Canadian Women Drawn From All Ranks, Show Spartan Heroism

London, April 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The Nursing Service of the Canadian Overseas Military Forces has grown in accordance with the increasing demands of an ever expanding army. In 1914 there were 104 nurses, in 1917, 1778, and the establishment of the Service is now 2235.

The Service is administered by Matron-in-Chief MacDonald of Halifax assisted by Matrons Boulton and Cairns, and Sister Coxall. Miss MacDonald has to a great extent created the system and built up the organization. The headquarters, which is located in London, England, has everything to do with the administration of the Service as a whole and the welfare of each individual Nursing Sister.

A tremendous amount of correspondence goes through the London office every day. The reports from the various hospitals concerned, the number of Sisters on the strength, and various details concerning same. Requests from Sisters for transfer from one hospital to another, transport in France to other hospitals, requests for admission to Service from Queen Alexandra Imperial Nursing Service, Australia, South Africa, Canadians with French flag ambulances, information for friends or relatives regarding nurses in France, their health, etc., etc., and everything in connection with the Nursing Service.

A nurse who desires to be transferred from one hospital to another, must first apply through the Matron to the O.C. She then goes on the list and takes her turn. As in other branches of the army, Nursing Sisters are drawn from pretty well all classes of society. They show a fine grade of intelligence and take a great interest in their patients. Very many of them are college graduates. They have all been trained for three years in a first class hospital. They have been carefully selected. Every Sister is medically examined for physical fitness and a confidential report is received from the Matron and the medical officer of the hospital where she trained. Married nurses are not taken on strength, except in unusual circumstances, in which case the Matron-in-Chief's consent is necessary. They have divided interests, and are anxious to get leave whenever the husband does.

The spirit of the Sisters, under test, is splendid. In one of the Casualty Clearing Stations in recent months, eight and ten operating tables were working 16 hours, a day. Following on this in the early hours of the morning, British aeroplanes dropped bombs about the hospital, and the buildings had to be temporarily abandoned. The Nursing Sisters spent the night in the open fields. It is an extraordinary thing that, in spite of such occurrences, the Nurses are breaking their hearts to get to the front. One Sister, who was on a hospital ship, was "dreadfully upset" when it was reported that "Little Sister Blank" was on board when the ship was stopped by a submarine, and again when it was sunk; she gets everything," she complained bitterly.

Rather pathetic is the case of a Nurse who practically sacrificed her life by refusing to admit or show any signs of suffering though ill with cancer for several months. It was only when the ravages of the disease became apparent to her fellow workers that this brave Sister reported herself ill.

There are ninety Sisters to every 1040 beds. The Nursing Sisters working day would make the complaints of union men look very sick indeed. Their hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., according as they are on day or night duty. They have three hours off per day and half a day out of every seven when work permitting, and a Matron ten days leave every six months, work permitting, and a Matron gets 21 days.

The Sisters are taken better care of than they were at home. This is not without its material side, as very great efficiency results when they are healthy and happy. There is a Mess Night once a week, and usually weekly entertainment with dancing, etc.

There is a Home Sister in connection with the Nursing Sisters' quarters of each hospital, whose duty it is to supervise the domestic staff, and as far as possible add to the comfort of the Nursing Sisters. Though two thousand Sisters have served with Canadian Army Medical Corps, there has not been a death in France. Five Sisters have died in England, and two in Lemnos.

With regard to discipline within Nursing Sisters are subject to, it is well to point out that all Sisters are Graduate Nurses. They hold Commissioned Rank, and are paid on the same basis as Lieutenants. Though the nurses are "fellow officers" so to speak, of the doctors, they still demand and receive the courtesies to which their sex entitles them.

Sisters in the more distant sta-



These seven of the ten girls who figured in the horse-harnessing contest at the Toronto arena in connection with the U. S. O. S. parade and demonstration.

tions, such as Saloniki, were never allowed to go without escort. The officers in these units made themselves voluntary guards for the nurses, and wherever any nurse wished to go about, there was always an officer ready to escort her.

Nurses are responsible for everything in connection with carrying out the orders of the Medical Officer. For many reasons they find the army attractive, and a number of them will probably desire to remain in the Permanent Service.

The service was weakened to the extent of about 130 odd last year; this includes all casualties as well as those on sick leave, struck off the strength on account of marriage, or for other reasons. Recruits come from Canada on requisition, as directed.

The men used in hospitals as Orderlies are of the lowest category, i.e., light duty men. In most cases they are quite untrained. This increases the burden on the Nursing Sisters.

Every support is given to the Nursing Sisters by those in high authority. The Red Cross has been exceedingly kind and very useful in supplementing the work of the Canadian Army Medical Corps in emergencies, in supplying extra comforts for the patients and officers' wards (particularly in Casualty Clearing Stations), and in other ways helping to increase the efficiency of the Service and the comfort of the patients and staff.

In November, 1917, there were eighteen Canadian Hospitals in England, and thirteen in France. In January, 1918, the number had increased to twenty-two in England and sixteen in France. The growth of the Medical Services brings new responsibilities to the Nursing Service. Matron-in-Chief MacDonald and her staff have proved equal to all demands. The efficiency of the Service in the past is such as to give good ground for a high expectation for the future.

After the downfall of President Madero, Ernesto Madero and his brother, Salvador, who lives at San Antonio, Texas, and Alberto, came here and organized the Madero Brothers, Incorporated, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, for a general commission business. The firm's office is at 100 John street, extending through to 11 Platt street. In the same building are the New York Harbor Warehouse Company and the Keystone Chemical Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, both of which are said to be controlled by Madero Brothers.

The District Attorney charges that the Keystone Chemical Company deposited receipts with the bank, purporting to show that it had 753 barrels of copper sulphate stored with the New York Harbor Warehouse Company, and that Madero Brothers deposited receipts for 883 barrels, but that no copper sulphate as mentioned in the vouchers was then in the warehouse to the credit of either concern.

A letter of credit, said to have come from the Greek Government, had been deposited in the National Bank of Commerce by the Greek agents, Gyiakakis-Georgopoulos Company, in Broad street, to cover the amount of the purchase of copper sulphate for munitions. This letter of credit was about to expire when the vouchers were presented. It is alleged by the District Attorney.

In February officers of the army and navy seized thirty-two cases of acid on Pier 7, Brooklyn, which came from the chemical department of Madero Brothers, it was claimed, and in which, it was asserted, a substitute of salicylic acid had been used in an order for guanine for shipment abroad. This case has connection with the present charge, but at that time the general manager for Madero Brothers, Donco L. Miller, was arrested. He has since been in the Toms and he is jointly indicted with Madero in the bank case. On one indicted official has not been indicted. District Attorney Swanwick said that Ernesto Madero's brothers were not involved in all in the charge made by the bank.

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ARREST MADERO ON BANK CHARGE

Mexico's ex-Minister of Finance Accused of Larceny in New York

New York, May 1.—Ernesto Madero, ex-Minister of Finance of Mexico during the administration of his nephew, the late President Francisco I. Madero, was arrested in New York at the office of Assistant District Attorney Pecora when he responded to a notice served on him by Lieutenant Busby of the Neutrality Squad on an indictment charging him with the larceny of \$102,000 from the National Bank of Commerce. Madero was arrested before Judge Mulqueen of General Sessions and was held in bail of \$25,000. It is alleged in the indictment that the money was obtained by the presentation of receipts purporting to be warehouse vouchers for 1,741 barrels of copper sulphate, held for the order of the Greek Government.

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RUTH VERY ELUSIVE Boston, May 1.—Ruth had little trouble disposing of Washington yesterday, Boston winning 8 to 1. Harper and Yingling were wild and the latter was hit freely in the fourth. In the eighth inning Morgan's single and Pinch hit for Chatterbox's double brought in the visitor's only run. Catches by Amos Strunk featured. Score: 000000010—1 5 4 Washington. 000420002—8 1 Boston. Harper, Yingling, Dumont and Ainsmith; Ruth and Agnew.

GOVERNMENT VINDICATED

Verdict in Favor of Hydro-Electric Commission Given by Sir Wm. Meredith

Toronto, April 30.—A victory has been obtained by the Provincial Government and the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission in the finding made by Sir William Meredith inquiring into the charges made by Sir Adam Beck against the Electric Development Company, to the effect that the company was not entitled to use more than 125,000 horsepower at any one particular time, whereas the company's contention was that it was entitled to use more than 125,000 horsepower.

In addition the commission finds that the price chargeable to the Hydro-Electric by the Electric Development Company for the power developed from the excess of water shall not be more than \$9 per horsepower. The commission appointed to enquire into the charges was composed of Chief Justice Sir William R. Meredith, Justice R. F. Sutherland and Justice H. T. Kelly and their finding was this morning handed out by Sir William Meredith, Premier of Ontario.

The finding is very satisfactory and vindicates fully the stand taken by the Government and the Hydro-Electric Commission, stated the Premier in referring to the judgment. "The amount of power the company is entitled to develop has been established and this amount of 125,000 horsepower is the amount the Government contended and admitted they were entitled. The finding of the amount of water they are entitled to is of special importance having regard to the development of the Chippewa scheme. It clearly justifies the contention that the company was developing more power than they were entitled to. At this time it is also of importance to have a finding as to a fair price for this power."

At the present time the Hydro is buying 50,000 horsepower from the Canadian Niagara Power Company, which is costing the former \$12 per horsepower.

GIANTS HIT FOUR PHILLY TWIRLERS

Cincinnati Beat the Reds and Jack Coombs Beat the Braves

Philadelphia, April 30.—Philadelphia to-day again failed to score against New York, while the Giants, by their batting, coupled with bad fielding on the part of the locals, ran up a score of 15 to 0. Tincup, who relieved Prendergast at the start of the sixth, pitched to seven batters and was taken out of the game before his team mates made a single put-out. The Giants hit safely in every inning until the eighth, when Woodward, Moran's fourth pitcher, went in and held them hitless in the last two innings. Thirty players participated. Score: R. H. E. New York. 201108300—15 19 3 Philadelphia. 000000000—0 9 7 Barnes, Causey and Rader; Gibson; Prendergast, Tincup, Watson, Woodward and E. Burns.

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Cincinnati. 01100300x—5 7 0 Packard, Horstman and Gonzalez; Brenner and Allen. Coombs Beats Braves. Brooklyn, April 30.—Brooklyn defeated Boston to-day, 5 to 3, by bunching hits with the visitors' errors in the fourth and sixth innings. Coombs was steady throughout, the only earned run off him coming in the eighth on Herzog's second triple and a wild pitch. Smith's errors were costly. Score: R. H. E. Boston. 000100020—3 5 4 Brooklyn. 00030200x—5 11 2 Neff and Henry; Coombs and Krueger.

HOW FROHMAN FACED DEATH ON LUSITANIA

"Why Fear Death? It is the Most Beautiful Adventure in Life"

The story of how Charles Frohman faced death on the Lusitania was told in a few graphic words in New York the other day by Rita Jolivet, the moving picture actress, who is private life is the Countess Marguerita de Cipico. She testified in the hearing on the petition of the Lusitania Steamship Company, which owned the Lusitania, for a limitation of liabilities for the deaths and damages arising out of the disaster. Miss Jolivet was on the ship with her brother-in-law, A. J. Scott, of Chicago, when it was struck by the torpedo from a German submarine. She climbed upon a chair and got a room preserver that was in her state. Then Mr. Scott came to her and helped her to the deck. Mr. Frohman hurried up with a life preserver which he handed to Mr. Scott, and then ran away and got another one, which he gave to Miss Jolivet. The witness testified that Mr. Scott asked: "Where is your life preserver?" and Mr. Frohman with a smile replied: "As we are going to die we might as well die here."

Then, according to the witness, he waited with them while the fessel listed until her decks were awash. It was in reply to another question that Mr. Frohman said: "Was that death? It is the most beautiful adventure in life!" Miss Jolivet described her plunge into the ocean and her subsequent rescue.

The total of the claims filed against the company represented sixty-seven different suits is nearly \$6,000,000. One complaint that followed closely the lines of the German declaration that the vessel carried armament and that the explosion was from within was amended, by permission of Judge Mayer, by striking out this clause. The court permitted the introduction of the testimony taken by Lord Mersey in England on the claims, where forty witnesses were examined.

If the court allows the claim for limitation the company will be liable for not more than the value of the salvage and passage money, which is about \$91,000. The hearing is to determine who, if anybody, except the German Government, was responsible for the destruction of the ship. If the ship's captain and the company are exonerated an injunction will issue stopping the suits. If the captain is found to have been blameworthy the limitation sought will be granted, but if it is found that the company was solely at fault the present proceedings will be dismissed and the suits, without limitation, will be pressed.

TO SPEED COAL

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SLIDE DELAYS OPENING.

By Courier Leased Wire
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More than 600 feet of the canal bank gave way, filling the channel to within three feet of the normal water level.

TORONTO CLEARINGS.
Toronto, April 30.—Bank clearings for the month of April, \$276,705,355.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.
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