

Lt.-Col. Mersereau To Command 132nd Batt.

The North Shore Battalion Now Assured and Recruiting Will Begin at Once.

The 132nd Overseas Battalion is the name given to the new battalion to be formed on the North Shore, which will be under command of Lt.-Col. George W. Mersereau, of Doaktown.

Word has been received at the Wireless here to this effect, and recruiting will begin at once. Already several recruits have passed the examination mark and it is expected that there will be no trouble in raising the battalion to its full strength at an early date.

Lt.-Col. Mersereau went to Halifax yesterday to talk over matters in connection with the battalion. The soldiers and the list of officers with him, it is not known at present, though what officers will be on Col. Mersereau's staff.

The 132nd Battalion will be raised in the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland, and the first work in connection with the new battalion will be the organizing of committees to open the way for recruiting meetings, which will be held in the important centres in each of the three counties.

The 73rd Northumberland Regiment has offered its services to go overseas with Col. Mersereau's battalion, and in all probability will be accepted, although they will not be enlisted until the battalion itself is formed, which is expected to be accomplished by the last of January.

There is a large number of North Shore boys now enlisted with the 104th battalion, which may be drafted to the 132nd.

The news of the appointment of Lt.-Col. Mersereau to the command of the North Shore Battalion was received with general satisfaction, especially by the Wireless Garrison officers, who are anxious to accompany him to the front.

Col. Mersereau, as a soldier, has a wide experience, and as a commander, he won the respect of all who were under his command while commanding the 73rd Northumberland Regiment at Camp Sussex. His appointment, therefore, was not misplaced.

The following are those who have enlisted with the new battalion:

PETER THOMPSON, Lw. Napan. DOUGLAS LOCKERBIE, " JOHN H. LAWSON, Chatham. RAY MURDOCK, Chatham. PETER MALLET, Chatham. A. E. McINERNEY, Newcastle. J. BOUDREAU, Petit Rocher. DONAT GONDREAU, Petit Rocher. G. SIMMONDS, Campbellton.

SUMMARY OF THE WAR

"WHY WE WILL WIN"

The three determining factors of this war are men, money and shells. Certain facts are of such common knowledge that they can be disputed: the available man power still remaining as a potential reserve is much greater with the Allies than with the Germans. The total loss of men to Germany is something greater than to the Allies though not so immensely greater as is stated in some quarters. Obviously the available man power is enormously in favor of the Allies.

Again the Allies have unquestionable financial superiority. British commerce is practically unimpaired. More than 98 per cent. of the British and French inbound and outbound boats reach their destination. Germany's commerce is totally destroyed. Everything that she buys abroad (and she is unceasingly getting some things through neutral ports) must be paid for, not in exchange of merchandise but in cash and she must in addition pay for the supplies produced at home with cash drawn entirely from the internal resources.

As to shells and munitions Germany from the outset has had a great superiority. She has stored up great quantities for years and equipped herself in every possible way for their rapid production. But she can not hope, by herself, to cope with the continuous production of all other important countries combined and such a combination is practically pitted against her. Through British control of the seas the Allies have the markets and factories of the world at their command. And these factories are pouring in a continuous stream of munitions and supplies. Germany will be as successful in stemming such a

tide as the old woman was in sweeping back the ocean with her broom.

Just one instance will be cited to show the difference made by the increased supply of shells. Last winter the Allies began a determined offensive in Artois and in the Champagne. St. Artois the fighting was particularly desperate for possession of Soos with the surrounding hills which dominate both the city of Soos and the approaches to it this offense to take position of immense importance continued for several months but was unsuccessful, finally died out. Nine months later, at the same points the Allies succeeded and they succeeded in three days where two months continuous fighting before had failed. "Why?" because nine months later they were superior to the Germans in shell, artillery, and the like.

And in Russia as soon as the supplies became adequate the German advance stopped. Time after time the Russian army barely escaped but they were always compelled to fall back for lack of shells. Now it is reversed and Germany is falling back.

Already the Allies are far superior in available man power, and money power. To-day they are equal to or even slightly superior at some points, to the German forces. In shell power, they are steadily and regularly gaining in shell power.

Daily Germany is weakening in all three of these vital powers and daily the Allies are growing stronger in at least two of them. Germany and her Allies are doomed beyond doubt. The only question is, How long will the rest of the world have to wait? It does not seem as though it could be so very long.

Crown of King is Held in Balance

London, Nov. 15.—The intimation of the Greek government that any Entente Allied troops seeking refuge in Greek territory will be disarmed has been the cause of considerable anxiety to the Entente Powers, and consequently Field Marshal Earl Kitchener's near east visit gains added importance.

According to belated despatches received from Athens, Greece bases her decision on international law, while the Entente ministers contend that the right accorded troops to enter the country through Saloniki permits them to retire by the same route, should it become necessary for them to do so. The ministers are demanding that Greece unequivocally define the attitude she will observe, should such an eventuality present itself.

Besides the claims to hospitality which the Entente Allies declare they have on Greece, in view of the then Premier Venizelos' invitation to them to send a force to Saloniki to enable Greece to fulfill her treaty obligations to Serbia, which, however, Greece repudiated, Earl Kitchener, or the Entente ministers are likely to draw the attention of King Constantine and his government to the fact that the constitutionalism of Greece was guaranteed by France, Russia and Great Britain, and that it was only obtained after Great Britain had ceded the Ionian Islands to that country, and the three powers had agreed to contribute 4,000 pounds (\$20,000) yearly for the personal use of the king.

This, it is contended, binds the Greek people to the Entente Allies, and should King Constantine overrule the constitution, which the followers of M. Venizelos insist he did when he dissolved the chamber, it is suggested in some quarters, that King Constantine would be reminded that his retention of the throne of Greece depends on the continuance of friendly neutrality toward the Entente Powers.

Minister's Limousine Curses Bismarck.

Early Death of Douglstown Lady

Mrs. Ethel Hannah Walsh, Aged 34 Years, Died Friday Evening

The death of Mrs. Ethel Hannah Walsh, of Douglstown, widow of Peter Walsh of Massachusetts, who died in April last, occurred at Hotel Dieu, of meningitis, on Friday evening last. The remains were interred in St. Mark's cemetery, Douglstown, Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted at the house and at the grave by Rev. Mr. MacLean of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, the pastor, Rev. Alex. Firth, being unavoidably absent. The hymns sung were: Thy Will not Mine be Done, and Safe in the Arms of Jesus. Deceased had been ill for about three weeks and had gone to the hospital on the 8th. She was a respected member of the Presbyterian church and 34 years of age.

She leaves one little daughter, Grace, her aged mother, Mrs. James Gulliver, Douglstown; and the following brothers and sisters: David and Richard, Douglstown; Mrs. Geo. Gratto, Portland, Me.; and Mrs. Giles Ricker, Hudson, Mass. The pallbearers at the funeral were Messrs. John Anderson, Graham McKnight, Dudley McCosh, Howard Wood, Charles Johnston and Harold Phillips.

For and Against Union of Churches

(Continued from page 1.)

Even the war was drawing men closer together. No one could help realizing their opinion of the Russian and French many times, perhaps of our own nation, too.

All outstanding men were in favor of Union. One leader from whom he had heard emphatic, even bitter, denunciation of Union, was now in the Union camp.

The co-operation now between Methodists and Presbyterians in the west was, he feared, only tentative. If the Union fell through such co-operation would cease.

The three negotiating churches believe the same thing. The Methodists already and Presbyterians church government. One united congregation could do better work than two or three small ones.

Newcastle, for instance, would have, if he had his way, only one, or certainly not more than two Protestant churches. A church should have two ministers, a deaconess to visit cases to which the pastor was not the right one to attend; and a man specially trained and qualified to care for boys and young men, to look after their amusement and sports, to organize football and baseball games, take them to the woods, and to the gymnasium, and lead them to Christ as well. How was it possible, for instance, for him (Mr. MacArthur) to make 1000 calls a year, prepare and deliver 150 addresses, look after prayer meetings, etc., and answer the calls of a citizen, and take on any more work?

If competition is good, there will be plenty left after Union. There will be no competition and friendly rivalry need not be. In Baptist, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, the Roman Catholics are challenging all Protestants to hold its own.

Re the immigrant, he had heard an Anglican superintendent of missions say that in the West the church that gives most gets the people. The Scotch immigrant could be depended upon to enquire for what he wants.

The problem of holding Canada for Christ as a good government was a mighty one. The tendency in the United Church would be to level up. As to losing the Presbyterian church in Union, one might as well say that Judaism was lost by Christianity. No; if the Presbyterian unite, everything good in their church will pass into the United Church and live forever.

Rev. Mr. McCurdy was thanked for his address, and the ballots were then distributed.

PERSONALS

Misses Marguerite Fitzgerald and Clara Brown of Douglstown, are visiting the latter's grandmother, Mrs. McCarthy, of Blackville.

Miss May McIntyre and Miss Hannah Groat, of Chatham, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Whelan over Sunday.

Mr. Garrett Higgins, of Rockport, Mass., is spending a few days in town.

Miss Pinkie Ingram has gone to Boston to visit her uncle and aunt in Boston.

Master Arthur Wood of Douglstown is visiting friends in Boston.

Mrs. Cunningham of Montreal, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Bell, who is seriously ill.

Miss M. B. Ryan, of Bathurst, was in town over Sunday to attend the funeral of her brother, John Ryan, on Monday morning.

MARRIED

On Thursday evening, Nov. 11, at St. Andrew's church, Newcastle, the marriage took place of Joseph Henry Street of this town, son of the late Mr. Joseph Street of Trout Brook, and Miss Iris Emily, daughter of Mrs. James Wayne of Trout Brook, North Esk. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Bate.

Rosebank School Report for October

Grade IV (a)—Leonard Malley 58, (b)—Linnea Hedman 85%, Florence DeWolfe 84.

Grade III—Muriel Russell 96 1/3, Richard Kenny 86%, Elizabeth Taylor.

Grade II (Reader No. 2)—Magtha Hedman 100, Alexis Taylor 97%, Burton Howe 89%, Willie Howe 88.

(Reader No. 1)—Gordon Sullivan 82 1/3, Sam Howe 77, Sigrid Janssen 77, Joseph Robichau 73.

Grade I (a)—Joseph Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Jane Howe, (b)—Harry Taylor, Edith Russell.

Blackville Superior School Standing

The following are the pupils in the advanced department of Blackville Superior School who have the highest standing for the months of September and October:

Grade VI—Allie Walls, Helen McRae, Dorothy Connors.

Grade VII—Zella Stewart, Fred Vickers, Beverly Loderhill.

Grade VIII—Zella Underhill, Bernetta Schaff, Hilda Bean.

Grade IX—Lorna Walls, Iva McRae, Matilda Hawes.

Clinton Rae has returned home after spending two months in Western Canada.

Good Pastry

Sometimes a person gets tired of their own cooking and welcomes a change. The change, however, in order to satisfy that longing, must be the equal, if not better, than the home cooking. Just now at this particular change of season the good housewife wishes for the delicious taste of the Bakery House Pies, Rolls and Bread.

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SUNNY CORNER

Nov. 16—Messrs. F. Johnston and K. Wood, Douglstown, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Alfred Leach and son Samuel have returned from a pleasant visit in Halcumb.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Whitney visited Mrs. Wm. Ingram the first of the week.

Miss Burnett MacDonald has returned from Redbank.

Miss Mildred McColl spent a few days of last week in Sunny Corner.

Deepest sympathy is being extended Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Matchett and family on the death of a beloved daughter and sister, Reta Inez, who passed away Sunday evening, after a lingering illness of typhoid fever. Reta was in her seventeenth year and at the time she was taken ill was acting as an assistant teacher in the Meadow school. She will be greatly missed from our circle as she was a friend to the old as well as to the young, and our Division has lost one of its most valued members. She leaves besides her parents, five brothers and two sisters, respectively—George, Floyd, Courtney, Horatio, Eugene and Leva and Villa.

Funeral was conducted at the home and at the grave by Rev. F. J. McCurdy. Interment was in St. Stephen's cemetery. The following boys acted as pallbearers to the deceased: Walter and James Matchett, Clarence Burns, Earl MacAlister, Pat Powers and Tom Harris. Floral tributes were received from the following:—Redbank S. O. T. No. 452, wreath; Mary Hubbard, broken circle; Mary and Irvine MacDonald, bouquet; Mrs. William Ramsay, wreath; Helen McCurdy, wreath; Georgia Tozer, wreath; Rosa Tozer, bouquet; Eva MacAllister, spray; Mrs. M. Blackmore, bouquet; Ruby and Annie Matchett, bouquet; Mrs. Chas. Mullin, bouquet; Bella Forsythe, bouquet; Bessie Matchett, present; Lola V. Mullin, bouquet; Mrs. Walter Matchett, bouquet; Mary Nowlan, spray.

Quite an excitement was caused here Saturday evening when word was flashed over the wires that one of our prominent young ladies had passed away in Hotel Dieu, where she had room some three weeks ago for treatment. After some four hours of enquiry it was learned that it was an aunt of the same name and that the young lady had recovered and had left the hospital the first of last week in good health.

Change in Schedule International Line

The three-trip coastwise service between St. John and Boston, which was effective during the late summer and fall, will be discontinued with the sailing from St. John Monday, November 15th.

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DIES AT BURTON, N. B.

Frederick, Nov. 14.—The death this morning of Frederick Ambrose Hubbard, a life-long resident of Burton, Sunbury county, and one of the best known residents of St. John river valley. Deceased, who was aged seventy-four years, was the father of W. W. Hubbard, superintendent of Dominion Experimental Farm here.

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