

HAMILTON NEWS

RECRUITING OFFICERS WERE BUSY YESTERDAY

Enlistments at Depots Took Jump as Result of Their Efforts.

NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Will Be Erected in East End of Hamilton—Disappointed at Ottawa Fight.

HAMILTON, Thursday, March 30.—One of the most gratifying features of the campaign of the 150th Battalion is that the unit is now over the one thousand mark, as a result of the splendid response that has been made so far this week.

It was announced yesterday by Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Stewart of the 8th Machine Gun Battalion, that the new technical school, which is to be erected in the east end of Hamilton, will be completed in the near future.

Until September First

All the good features of a first-class hotel are to be found at the Hotel Telfer, which is now open for business.

GERMAN ADMIRALTY STILL MAKES DENIAL

But Willingness is Expressed to Examine Pieces of Teller Torpedo.

BERLIN, March 29, via Copenhagen to London, March 30, 12.55 a.m.—The admiralty announced its willingness to examine the pieces of an alleged torpedo found in the boats of the Tubbantia, an admiralty release, however, it earlier stated that it is absolutely certain that the torpedo was fired by a German vessel against the Tubbantia.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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that the British troops have consolidated all the ground which they captured south of St. Etloi on Monday, March 27. The Germans sprang a small mine east of Bethune without doing damage to the British positions.

Attacking the French with large effectives yesterday, the Germans gained a footing in an advanced work situated north of Malancourt, and they captured two houses in this village. About the only effect of this extremely minor success will be to have something to sound big in the German official communication, which will probably run like this: "We cleared Malancourt." The mere mention of the name of some village sounds excitingly well, but it has little meaning on the French front, where ruins of villages are death-traps rather than defences.

In the Avocourt wood the French nearly flung a redoubt which the Germans had taken pains to fortify in their usual elaborate manner. The fighting northeast of this wood at Malancourt is hardly of sufficient magnitude to earn the dignity of being regarded as a continuation of the Verdun which has become stale, owing to its long sojourn behind hedges and ditches.

The sudden advent of the general spring thaw on the Russian front will force a virtual suspension of grand operations for several weeks. The higher command, a reason can be assigned for the recent fighting on the falling to secure a strategic line by their checks before Drinsk and the Germans, sat down to spend the winter, they and the Austrians erected redoubts on the higher ground, fortifying these with great ingenuity and a great attacking these positions from the higher to the lower ground, where they would suffer most from the spring inundations.

The Russians report from the coast sector of the Caucasus front that the Turks completely failed to dislodge their troops from the heights of the left bank of the Oghra Dere River, near Trebizond, and that the Turks then retreated, leaving behind prisoners and a gun. Terrible losses, the Russians say, were suffered by the Turks. The Russian centre, which is advancing towards Erzincan, also reports the taking of prisoners.

A victory of considerable importance has just been won by the Italians. The Austrians started the fighting, which lasted 40 hours, by seizing trenches on the heights northwest of Gorizia. The Italian centre bulged back, but did not give way, and the wings held firm. The Austrians were beaten back and the front restored. On this front the enemy seems now only able to maintain the defensive by repeatedly attacking, the Italian pressure on his lines having become so great.

ENLISTMENTS JUMPED AT DEPOTS YESTERDAY

One Hundred and Nineteen Men Were Accepted for Overseas Service.

One hundred and fifty-three recruits volunteered for overseas service yesterday. The number accepted, 119, was double the number attested the previous day.

Table with columns: Battalions, Recruits Strength, Q. O. R., Buffs, Toronto Light Infantry, Engineers, Fusiliers, Sanitarians.

A new overseas battalion to be raised in Peel County has been recommended by Brig.-General Logie. Lieut.-Colonel Wallace will command it. Gen. Logie also announces three new depot batteries of the Queen's Own, a new ammunition column, to be raised in the Toronto military area.

The Queen's Own Rifles held another very successful parade last night under Lt.-Col. R. C. Levesque. The 818 men in line route-marched from the Toronto military area to the city. A splendid lot of recruits joined the unit.

One of the biggest military events of the season will be held at the Arena on Monday night. It is being staged by the 294th Battalion in aid of the Red Cross. The lighting of the camp fire and other scenes from the daily life of a soldier.

Lt.-Col. F. W. Marlow, director of the Toronto Military District, has made a severe criticism of Toronto's drinking water. "At best it is unpalatable, often it is undrinkable, and its appearance and taste is sufficient to deter anyone from drinking it."

Mr. Brunner, formerly treasurer of the Licensed Victuallers, but now employed by the Saskatchewan Commercial Association, told of the "banish the bar" bill in December, 1915. Witness said H. M. Anderson, secretary for Battledore, suggested getting some members to use the influence against the bill.

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MOVING INTO NEW QUARTERS



The 134th Overseas Battalion marching into Exhibition camp to take up new quarters.

BRUNNER TELLS STORY OF BRIBE PAYMENTS

Pierce, Member for Wadena, Alleged to Have Played Prominent Part.

BANK WAS OBLIGING

Money Was Advanced to Liquor Interests When Funds Ran Low.

REGINA, March 29.—Before the Royal Commission today C. E. Wilson, former secretary of the Licensed Victuallers, insisted he had no knowledge as to what happened to the money for which he gave out cheques to Brunner or Brunner's reason for getting cheques. Witness did not remember any of the circumstances regarding the guarantee given the Bank of Ottawa for \$5,000 when the association's funds were overdrawn.

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Official War Statements

British

The British official statement of last night follows: "The British official statement of last night follows: 'The enemy made a small thrust on the morning east of Bethune without doing damage to the British positions.'"

French

The French official report of last night said: "Between the Oise and the Aisne, our artillery dispersed large convoys to the northeast of Moulins-Sur-Ay."

Italian

The following Italian official statement was issued today: "In the Vermiglio Valley, the effective force of our artillery dispersed enemy troops employed on defence works."

German

The German war office reported yesterday: "West front: South of St. Etloi (in West Flanders) mine crater which had been occupied by the English was freed from them by means of hand grenades."

Austrian

An Austrian official report says: "Russian front: North of Boyan (probably Bokaha, Bukovina), the Russians exploded mines and attempted repeatedly to enter our positions."

Russian

The following Russian official communication was issued yesterday: "Fighting continues in the Dvinsk region and there has been a violent artillery fire at some places south of Dvinsk."

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

SCRAMBLE FOR SAFETY WHEN LAST SPAN WENT

People on Bloor Street Bridge When It Crashed Into the Humber.

TWO BOYS CARRIED DOWN

Succeeded in Catching Overhanging Trees and Getting Away From Danger.

At 6.30 last night, or within 24 hours almost to a minute after the collapse of the east and west span of the Bloor street bridge, the centre and remaining span went out with a crash, and was swept down the Humber for a short distance, grounding on a big floe of ice.

At the point farther east and south, between 15 and 20 people who had gathered together away from the ice from the westerly bank were on the span when it began to move out, and a wild rush was made for the opposite bank and safety.

Further up stream, at Woodbridge, the lower part of the town was reported last night as being flooded, and the streets covered with water. Dynamite was used to clear one of the bridges which had been overhanging the hummocks to the east bank of the river.

Warden Knowles, Reeve Griffith of York Township, Deputy-Reeve George Fudge, of Markham, and Assistant Engineer Gaul, all county men, were at the bridge last night when the third span went out.

"I do not know what action we, as county commissioners, will take in the matter," said Reeve Griffith to the World last night, "but nothing can be done for the present at least."

ST. CLAIR CIVIC CARS SHOWED A PROFIT

Works Commissioner Sent Statement to Business Men's Association.

In accordance with the request of the Earlscourt Business Men's Association for a statement of receipts and expenditures in connection with the operation of St. Clair avenue division of the civic car lines, Works Commissioner R. C. Harris has forwarded the following communication to Sec-treasurer C. H. Rolph:

"The following figures will furnish the information you desire re the receipts and expenditures in connection with the operation of the St. Clair avenue division of the civic railway during the year 1915: Revenue, \$88,835.15; of which \$360 is from advertising; operating expenditure, \$71,849.17 (exclusive of depreciation); interest and sinking fund, \$30,992.08; mileage, \$7,750.00; revenue passengers, \$271,982; passenger, 1,658 cents."

"The works commissioner's statement shows a profit on the year's working of \$17,886.04, which is most satisfactory interest having been expected," said B. H. Baker, chairman of the committee. "The deficit in other sections of the civic car service in the yearly statement. Each section of the civic car service should pay a fare sufficient at least to cover cost of working expenses," said Mr. Baker.

SUDDEN CAVE-IN ALMOST BURIED WAGON AND TEAM

William Hockridge, an Etobicoke Township farmer, having an exciting experience yesterday afternoon while driving along the streets in Mimico, a sudden cave-in of the earth practically burying wagon and team to a depth of four feet.

SENSATIONS COMING IN STRIKE ON CLYDE

LONDON, March 30.—The Central News says the government has highly sensational evidence concerning the situation on the Clyde and that unless the information will be made public the government will be made public.

PRINCE TO DIRECT CARE OF GRAVES OF SOLDIERS

LONDON, March 30.—The government has appointed the Prince of Wales chairman of the national committee to make permanent provisions for the care of the graves of British soldiers in France and Belgium.

HAPPY CELEBRATION OF GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. David Rowntree Received Many Friends at Home Yesterday.

GRANDCHILD BAPTIZED

One of the Interesting Events Which Took Place to Mark Occasion.

A notable event in Weston yesterday was the celebration by the family of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Rowntree, a venerable couple, nearly the whole of whose lives have been spent in the neighbourhood of Weston.

The presence of every member of the family of six sons and three daughters, together with 15 grandchildren and about a dozen of the brothers and sisters of Mr. Rowntree, were among the gifts from the Weston friends of the Rev. D. McEwen, all of Weston.

A magnificent easy chair to the mother and a gold-headed cane to the father in country districts, and even children, in addition to many kind remembrances from the neighbors and city dropped in to wish them many returns for the happy occasion.

Mr. Rowntree's home was an open house for the friends of the Rev. D. McEwen, and scores of old neighbors and friends from all parts of the county were present to wish them many returns for the happy occasion.

ONE MAN AND OWNER FOR HUNDRED ACRES

North York Farmers' Institute Goes on Record as Opposed to Present Recruiting.

At a meeting of the North York Farmers' Institute, held in Aurora, the accompanying resolution was unanimously adopted: "That we, the members and executive committee of the North York Farmers' Institute hereby protest against the present manner of recruiting in the country districts, and are of opinion that one man beside the owner should be left on a 100-acre farm, as being to the security of labor, the landowner's interest, and the welfare of the community."

"It is found that a sufficient number of recruits cannot be obtained by the present manner of recruiting, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the minister of agriculture of Ontario and of the Dominion."

SILVERTHORNE RESIDENTS MAROONED IN HOUSES

District is Flooded and People Are Compelled to Wade Thru Water.

For the past four days the residents of Lacey avenue, Silverthorne, have been practically marooned in their houses, the water in the streets having risen to the level of the second floor.

CHANGE IN CAR SCHEDULE

In order to accommodate the large number of night passengers on the St. Clair Avenue Civic Car Line, the civic authorities yesterday inaugurated the last car from Yonge street will leave at 4.10 a.m. instead of 5.10 a.m., as formerly.

MET WITH PAINFUL ACCIDENT

While operating a machine at the Office Specialty Works in Newmarket yesterday, J. Stephenson had four fingers of his right hand and one of the first joint. The injured man was attended by the company doctor and later sent to his own home.

Mammoth Midnight Cabaret Colossal Variety Bills 10 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 p.m. with Mrs. Castle, Frank Tinney, Bernard Granville, Harry Ellis, Virginia Shelby, Harry Kelly, Brice and King, and members of "Watch Your Step" Company, Kramer and Pattison, Duffy and Lorenz, now appearing at Shea's.

Entire Proceeds In Aid of 170th Battalion C. E. F. Seats on Sale ARENA 53 Adelaide W. All Agencies.

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