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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

DELEGATES RETURNED.

The thirty Brantford delegates who attended the Guelph Conference of Christian workers returned to the city yesterday with new ideas and speaking well of the hospitality with which they were received. The conference was a great success.

SKI CLUB.

A snow shoe and ski club is to be one of the outdoor sport clubs promoted by the Y. M. C. A. in this winter. There is already a good membership promised and as there are one or two ski experts in the building, the prospects are that the club will be a huge success.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

The executive of the children's concert met last night in the Club and various committee reports were taken. All prospects are for a successful evening, and it was arranged that the gifts would be freighted to their destination in England in time for distribution on Christmas Day.

DUFFS SPORTS

The Dufferin Rifle Athletic Association met last night in the armories and decided that the track events, tent pitching and best dressed squad and soldier competitions be held on Thursday following December 17th and 18th. A schedule for the football, indoor baseball and basketball fixtures will be drawn up at next Monday night's meeting.

SYNOD MEETS.

A meeting of the Brant Deanery Synod took place on Thursday night at Grace Church. All the Anglican Church members in the Deanery will assemble to carry through the usual session of business. Miss Bunnell and Miss Senn will give two papers and the Rev. Dr. Remission of Hamilton, will deliver an address. Sunday School work in all its branches will be discussed.

YOUNG MEN'S NIGHT.

The young men of Sydenham St. Epworth League gave their annual "at home" to the young ladies of the society and friends of the league, last night. It was well attended and was quite a success. The church had been tastefully decorated for the occasion and everything was done to make those present feel at home and have a good social time, and this effort was crowned with success. A feature of the evening was a "war contest." Those present had to answer fifteen questions on the war and designate the flags of nations of which there were a great many displayed. A potato contest caused considerable amusement. A good programme was rendered, among those taking part being: Messrs. Farnsworth, Battye, Jubber, Earthy, Cowbrough, Woods, Scruton, Suga, A. Vanevery, H. Vanevery, Mr. A. R. Knott made an efficient accompanist. An orchestra of five pieces enlivened the proceedings. The affair wound up with the serving of refreshments.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

The Echo Place Mothers' League meets this week at the home of Mrs. Chippen, James street, on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m.

SCHEDULE NECESSARY.

So crowded and well patronized has the handball court at the Y. M. C. A. been, that a schedule is to be drawn up regulating the use of the court by seniors and adults.

LACKS OF TH HOUR.

The city fathers are proud of their civic time piece, but it lacks of the Bank of Hamilton clock, whose hands are at the hour exactly eight minutes ahead of it.

COURT OF REVISION

The court of revision upon local improvements will be held in the city hall to-morrow afternoon at 2 p. m. The court business is only of moderate dimensions.

MUCH HAY.

There was an exceptionally heavy amount of hay on the market and it was undisposed of at noon to-day. Seven rigs of hay, and one of straw were drawn up on the east side of the square. One rig of baled hay was also in the line.

WAS NOT STOLEN.

The horse, yesterday reported as stolen from Wiggins stable, had it was later learned, left these quarters on its own account, and was returned to its owner sometime later in the evening. It had been left standing in an open shed and evidently grew impatient of the cold.

A STRENUOUS KICK

The Brantford Emery Wheel Co. raise a strong kick against being assessed for 210 feet frontage upon Albion street and 33 feet on Pearl street. They state that they have no objections to paying their share, if the amount was fair, but as it is, it is, they claim, absolutely disproportionate.

COUNCILS MEET

The County Council and the Township Council meet this afternoon in the Court House when the Township will approach the county for assistance in the work of widening and extending Birkett's Lane. The Township burden during the present time is said to be heavier on account of its proximity to the city. The discussion of this matter will be the principal item of business on the agenda.

RIFLE CLUB.

The Civilian Rifle Club met in the Collegiate School last night, where two classes of instruction were held. One for drill was under the supervision of Sgt. Oxtoby and the other, a musketry class was taken by Principal Burt and Captain D. S. Gibson. The men are getting down to work in fine style and make quite a presentable appearance as a home guards company. Subscriptions now due, were taken by the treasurer, Mr. J. R. Cornelius, before they dismissed.

MAIN STREET STABBING AFFAIR

One Foreigner is Under Arrest, Another in the Hospital.

A stabbing affray, which may yet be attended with perhaps fatal results, occurred on Main street last night, some time after seven o'clock. Two Polock's, Joseph Broski and Joseph Zions are implicated in the affair, and one now lies in the hospital while the other was lodged in the cells. It appears that both met on Main St. outside of Number 9, and a quarrel commenced which terminated in a bloody struggle in their dwelling house, No. 13.

About 8 o'clock the police received a call, and P. C. Rutherford, accompanied by P. C. Borthwick, immediately left with the patrol wagon. On arriving at No. 13 they entered and found Joseph Broski engaged in kicking his adversary, Zions, who lay squirming on the floor, his shirt in tatters, and covered over the head, face and hands with blood.

Broski, who was evidently the assailant, is a lightly built man of medium size, had also a scalp wound and was likewise in a deplorable condition, his blouse being ripped up and bloodstained, while he savagely dealt blows in any part of his downed countryman's body.

He was speedily arrested and handcuffed, and Dr. Fessette, who was summoned, immediately ordered Zions to the hospital, where he lies with a gaping wound below the left eye, and with a jagged-edge cut surmounting his left temple.

Both men appeared to be exhausted by their struggles and loss of blood, and had to be assisted. At the police station, an examination of Broski revealed nothing which might give a clue to the crime, and it is suspected a quarrel may have arisen out of some mere petty squabble.

Self Defence Was Plea.

When Joseph Broski appeared before the Police Magistrate to-day, charged with wounding, he pleaded Not Guilty, and made statement of self defence. Beyond that, he said nothing and the case was adjourned until Monday.

Other Police News

Ben Steinberg ran away from his home in Chelsea. He is a fifteen year-old boy and will be returned to-day.

Mary McKennie charged John Miller with assault, but when her case was aired it was not sufficiently strong to warrant any action and the case was dismissed.

John Cochran was honorably acquitted when he was charged with theft by John Babinney.

This completed the list this morning.

FAMILY WAS NEARLY OVERCOME BY SUFFOCATION

The family of Richard Hope, 217 Terrace Hill street, were nearly wiped out of existence last night, through suffocation, when the peaceful asleep when dense volumes of smoke found its way up from the cellar, where some rafters had become ablaze and Mrs. Hope was awakened by a stifling sensation. She immediately knew that a fire as in progress and she was just able to rouse her husband before she was rendered practically helpless. He although weakened through suffocation succeeded in bringing his wife and children to terra firma where they saw the fire brigade extinguish the conflagration.

Mr. Hope carries on a plumbing business in the basement and it was this department of the house which took fire. The brigade laid two lines of hose and quickly put out the blaze.

The damage has been estimated at about \$100 and it is covered by insurance.

AS USUAL

(Continued from Page 1) Hindenberg, are commanded respectively by Generals Von Granciois and Von Mackenhon. Gen. Von Gosh succeeds to the command of the first army corps.

The lines on the west front seem to be frozen in and there is practically no change in the situation since the storming of Dixmude.

The military critics are anxiously awaiting the possible effect of the cold weather on the opposing armies. Major Moraht believes the weather favors the Germans who for years have been trained for winter campaigns and are fully equipped for cold weather, while the Frenchmen from the south, the Colonials and the Indian troops will suffer from winter conditions.

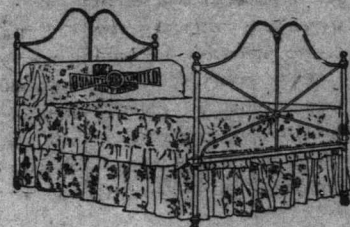
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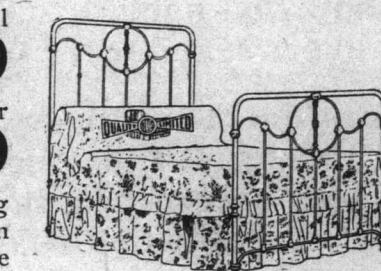
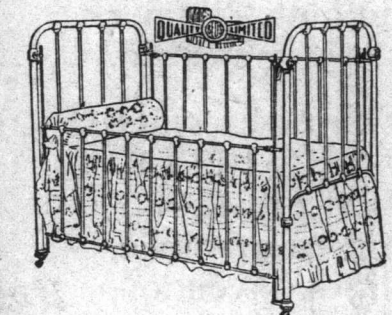
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OFFICIAL FRENCH NOTICE

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
PARIS, Nov. 24.—The official statement given out in Paris this afternoon says that, generally speaking, the situation on November 23, showed no changes of importance.

"The text of the communication follows:—
"Speaking generally, it may be said that the situation, during the day of November 23, has showed no important changes.

"Along the greater part of the front the enemy manifested his activity, particularly by an intermittent cannonading which was, however, less spirited than on the preceding day. Nevertheless there were here and there: some infantry attacks, all of which were repulsed. As we have come to expect, these attacks were particularly violent in the Argonne, here we gained some territory, and in the region of Four de Paris.

"There is nothing to report between the Argonne and the Vosges, and furthermore a very heavy fog has interfered with operations.

"The sanitary condition of the troops are favorable.
J. B. McArthur and George Gregg are dead and Mrs. McArthur was almost asphyxiated at Clifford.

CITY COUNCIL

(Continued from Page 1) to stand or fall by the entire program, realizing that strong pressure no doubt will be brought to bear from some quarters.

Around the city hall to-day there was a decided feeling of uneasiness, as it was not known in any quarter what action had been decided upon.

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