

"GINGER" SMITH, PERFECT SOLDIER

One of Today's Recruits 6 Feet Tall, 200 Pounds Heavy and 40-Inch Chested.

A BUNCH OF VETERANS

London Has Now 140 Men For Third Infantry Out of 200 To Be Chosen.

Many veterans are amongst the recruits of the Thirty-ninth Infantry, which is steadily growing at the Armory. Today seven men were added to the list, making a total of 140 men now in the battalion. Two hundred are to be signed.

Andrew Peterson, a Scotsman, who enlisted today, is a Boer War veteran, and George Lee, also recruited today, is an ex-British navy man, who has travelled around the world several times.

A Perfect Specimen.
Sam "Ginger" Smith, recently enlisted has seen service in India, South Africa, and the East, and so far is the nearest perfect of all the Thirty-third Battalion recruits. He is six feet tall, weighs 200 pounds, and has a chest expansion of 40 inches, and is all solid soldier from head to foot.

Today's "Rookies."
Men who enlisted today, 13 Euclyd avenue, born Woolwich, England.
Charles Henry Bradley, 7 Dundas street, born Birmingham, England.
Garfield James Hardy, 101 Forward avenue, born London, Ont.
Alfred Woodfine, 120 Bristow street, born W. Bromwich, England.
Andrew Peterson, 400 Dufferin avenue, born Glasgow, Scotland.
George Robert Ambrose, 364 York street, born London, England.
Recruits accepted yesterday afternoon and last night:
John Amroch, no address, born in England.
William Leonard Asner, 501 Simcoe street, born in England.
Leonard Morgan, R. K. No. 8, Granton, Ont., born in England.
Henry Perkins, St. James' Postoffice, born in England.
John Paulin, 15 Clark street, born in England.

MORE INSURANCE

Mayor Says Militia Department Should Do As It Is Done By.

The board of control will ask the militia authorities to place an additional \$50,000 on the city's budget for the year 1915-16. The board of control is now being asked to place an additional \$50,000 on the city's budget for the year 1915-16. The board of control is now being asked to place an additional \$50,000 on the city's budget for the year 1915-16.

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There are already four applications in for the position of medical officer of health for London. At today's meeting of the board of control letters were received from Dr. Thornley Bowman, Truants Officer, Dr. Fred. E. Neesley and L. Seale Holmes. The board of control will select one of the four applicants.

As other applications are expected, no action was taken today. It is noted that among the other possibilities are Dr. Hill, formerly of the Institute of Public Health, and Dr. Fingal, Dr. Fingal, it was stated to The Advertiser today, was recently slated for a provincial inspectorship by Mr. Adam Beck, but owing to influences alleged to have been exerted by Mr. Hanna, did not land the place.

NO BONES BROKEN

Injuries to London Artillerymen Less Serious Than Reported.

The report that Roy Campbell and Bert Simmons, London boys with the artillery at Salisbury, received fractures as a result of being thrown from a horse, are said by relatives to have been exaggerated. Mr. Simmons tried to ride a bad horse, and was thrown, injuring his shoulder. Then Mr. Campbell was thrown from a horse, and he, too, was pitched high. His shoulder was injured, but neither of the "victims" was taken to the hospital, and they were able to take a trip to the coast for Christmas. Their many friends will be pleased to know that their injuries were not serious.

IN THE POLICE COURT

Blocked Crossing.

Oscar Schram, of Sarina, a Grand Trunk conductor, and John Cooper, a brakeman, paid a two-dollar fine each and \$1 costs when Police Magistrate J. C. Tudor found them guilty today of blocking the Colborne street crossing for ten minutes.

Here's a New One.

Acting-Sergeant William McCollough, appearing a new one, was charged with having had William H. French sum, named for not having his name on his list in letters two inches high. The magistrate at first thought there was no case to answer. The bylaws were brought out, and they showed the officer was correct. Mr. French was at length to depart on payment of 50 cents costs.

What's in a Name?

P. C. Charles Thomas Fish, ex-chief of the Ingersoll force, claimed Fred Batford's right name was not Batford, but Lee. "Batford" was charged with being drunk.
"Your honor, that man's name is not Batford; it's Lee," said Fish.
"My name is Batford," stated the prisoner.
"I don't care what your name is, you are by the name of Lee," shouted Fish. The cross-examination then his worship said: "Don't let's have all this argument here."
Batford was dismissed.

John Sigworth, a driver for William H. French, left his horse on the wrong side of the street. It cost Sigworth \$1.

BALKAN NATIONS MAY UNITE AGAINST TEUTON ENEMIES

Mission of Bulgarian ex-Minister in Rome, Paris and London Promising.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 15.—The Daily Mail's Rome correspondent telegraphs: "The mission to Rome of Mr. Ghenadiev, formerly minister in Bulgaria, is interpreted here as an indication of a change in the attitude of Bulgaria, who, in the presence of a common enemy, has been ready to approach these two powers, and a triple entente mission may perhaps prove a welcome step towards all the Balkan nations against Turkey, Austria and Germany. Mr. Ghenadiev, after concluding his journey here, will proceed to Paris and London."

BOXING BOUTS IN ART BUILDING FOR SOLDIERS

Several Amateur Matches Are To Be Held at Camp Tonight.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold boxing and wrestling matches in the art building at the fair grounds this evening for the entertainment of the men of the Eighteenth Battalion. It is not expected that the aesthetic atmosphere of the art building will keep the men away from the ring.

GERMANS ADMIT LOSSES OF POSITIONS TO ALLIES

TORPEDO BOATS AT WESTENDE.—The German War Office today gave out an official statement in part as follows: "Some torpedo boats appeared yesterday off Westende. They were accompanied by small craft which approached within nine miles of the coast. The boats were repelled by us. A trench which we took eight days ago from the enemy near Ecurie, and which had since been occupied by a portion of one of our companies, was lost by us. The fighting in this locality continues to rage today."

Left "Voluntarily."—In the region of St. Mihiel, the French delivered some attacks. They reached our front line of trenches, but were beaten off by counter attacks. Sustained heavy losses. During fighting last night our troops occupied some of the positions of the enemy, but after rebuilding our positions we voluntarily left those taken from the enemy without a contest.

RED CROSS OF LONDON IS HIGHLY PRAISED

Superintendent Says the Contributions Have Been of the Best.

Mrs. Plumtree, of Toronto, superintendent of Red Cross supplies for Canada, who will address the Red Cross society in Mayman Hall this afternoon, arrived in town at 11:30 today, and is the guest of Lady Beck, Hedley.

Mrs. Plumtree warmly praises the work that has been done by the London branch. "The Red Cross Society has done excellently here," she says, "both in quantity and quality. The London consignments have been of the very best."

The whole of Western Ontario has given an splendid account of itself, and the national superintendent has very kind things to say for the rural women working through the women's institutes. "Aren't you a very busy woman?" was asked Mrs. Plumtree by an Advertiser reporter.

"I am in the office at 77 King street a very large part of the time," she admitted. She has also toured the lower provinces in the interests of the Red Cross work, delivering addresses in various parts of Nova Scotia and in the city of Montreal.

Local women who consider they have busy lives will surely wonder how many hours Mrs. Plumtree spends in the work that has been done by the London branch. "The Red Cross Society has done excellently here," she says, "both in quantity and quality. The London consignments have been of the very best."

RELIEF RUSHED

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unnecessary formalities and to desert from inappropriate demonstrations. His only wish, he says, is to visit the wounded and express to them his sympathy and to ascertain what is possible to be done to relieve so much misery. The King heard that means of transportation are still lacking, and has ordered that all the automobiles in the royal palace be immediately dispatched for use in the stricken districts. In his travels, whenever he reaches a telegraph station, the King sends messages to Queen Helena who wishes to hear all details of the disaster.

Pope Viates Hospitals.
"Pope Benedict is very grieved over the misfortune which has befallen the Italian people. He showed his deep interest and sympathy yesterday by an unusual visit to the Santa Maria Hospital, where forty-one persons, injured during the earthquake, are receiving treatment. His Holiness spoke to each single patient, and he was asking for particulars of the disaster and inquiring about their families. He consoled them by saying that he would intrust the clergy to the task of seeking their relations, and by imparting to all the apostolic benediction."

Cold and snow are adding to the sufferings of the survivors. The lamentations of the people, according to correspondents who have passed through the district, are pitiful, and they are being taken to the places where it is possible to care for them.

REACHED TO SWITZERLAND.

Genova, Jan. 15.—News from the Swiss frontier, where the Italian army has been fighting, indicates that the earthquake was felt in the Italian valley clear to the Swiss frontier. Telegraph and telephone lines are generally down in that district, but it has been ascertained that no loss of life is reported there.

The little news that came through from the frontier reports that the Alps trembled during the shock and detached numerous avalanches, as the snow on the summits was very deep.

A message from Innsbruck states that in the Alps near the Italian frontier, 27 soldiers were overwhelmed by an avalanche caused by the earthquake, and that three of the men were seriously hurt.

SOLDIERS TO RESCUE.
[Canadian Press.]
Sora, Italy, Jan. 15.—12:05 a.m.—Numerous detachments of Italian engineers, artillerymen and carabinieri have arrived here to assist in the rescue work and guard property.

The houses in the town have not all been destroyed, but most of those still standing threaten to collapse. The occupants have been turned out by the authorities because of the dangerous condition of their homes.

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WRECKING JOB ONLY HALF DONE

City Finds Bricks of McCormick Building in Ground Fifteen Feet.

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Some of the city fathers think that if the contract is complete London has been duped again, as there are many thousands of bricks still remaining in the ground. It will, it is estimated, cost many thousands of dollars to get these out. In some places they go down to a depth of fifteen feet. The wrecking firm apparently thinks it is not required to take these out.

To City Solicitor.

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Give City Men Work.

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ZOUAVE BAYONETS CAPTURE POSITION

Drive Off Germans Between Arras and Lille, Near Arras.

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NEWS

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—The officers of District Lodge, L. O. L., were installed in office Thursday night by Past Grand Master Essary.

SENTINEL WAN HERE.—Alex Hall, past master of the Orange Lodge, and at present connected with the Orange Club, has been in London for several weeks.

TALKS TO MEN, TOO.—Dr. Brown-Landone will be the guest of the Men's Canadian Club at luncheon on Monday at 12:15, when he will give an address on the behavior of the Germans in France and Belgium.

SCHOOL SKATING PARTY.—The annual skating party of Alexandra School was held in Westminster Park Thursday afternoon. The affair was well attended and greatly enjoyed by the large number of skaters present.