FRENCH OFFICER KILLS HIMSELF AT MONTREAL

Montreal, June 11.—Capt. Aymer De Cherge, a member of the French horse-buying commission here, suicided today in the Ritz Carlton Hotel by strangling himself with a rope attached to a bed-post. Capt. De Cherge was injured in the early days of the war by a fall from a horse. The body has been sent back to France.

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"If you are a man you can contribute to a fund for the purchase of yarn for the knitting of these goods. Send your check to the Montreal address given below.

"If you are a woman, we will furnish you with yarn, without expense, with photographs and full knitting instructions.

"This is not a charity—it is a duty. The American fleet is patrolling the North Atlantic in your interest, and we are asking that you do this in their interest. When you have decided what you can do, get in touch with another American in your neighborhood to do likewise.

"Send all communications or contributions to the Navy League of the United States, 414 Drummond Building, Montreal.

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JUNE WEDDINGS

NICHOLS—WEIR.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir, Ivan, was the scene of a pretty wedding, when their second daughter Mary Pearl, was united in marriage to Freeman M. Nichols, of Lobo. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McCullough, in the presence of about sixty guests. At 3:30, amid the strains of Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus," played by Miss Gertrude Weir, sister of the bride, the couple took their places under an arch decorated with evergreens and flowers. The bride, who was given away by the father, was prettily-gowned in white silk net and satin and pearl trimmings. She wore a tulle veil caught up by orange blossoms and carried white bridal roses and lilies of the valley. She was assisted by Miss Lolo Barclay, cousin of the bride, dressed in pale pink crepe de chine, who carried pale pink carnations. The groom was assisted by his cousin, Lavern Shadock, of Ilderton. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful silver tea service, to the bridesmaid and pianist pearl brooches, and to the groomsman a gold tie pin. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the dining-room, where a choice wedding dinner was served. The room was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being pink and white. In the evening the happy couple left amid showers of confetti and rice for Toronto, Niagara Falls and points east. The bride's traveling suit was of navy blue serge and white hat. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm, "Sunnyside," Lobo. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols will be at home to their friends after July 1.

CHANTLER—RICH.

One of the prettiest June weddings was solemnized Saturday evening at 281 Piccadilly street, when Miss Laura Rich, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rich, was united in marriage to George Francis Chantler, Rev. R. W. Norwood conducted the services.

The bride, who was given away by her father, entered the drawing-room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March played by Reginald Birkett of Wingham.

The bride was dressed in a gown of cream satin charmeuse with opalescent sequin trimmings, and court train, a long embroidered tulle veil with orange blossoms falling gracefully over the gown. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lily of the valley.

Miss Ina Rich, her sister, who attended the bride, was charmingly gowned in a pink crepe de chene and silk mauve, pink picture hat and carried a bouquet of red roses.

The bridegroom was attended by Spencer Kipp.

Little Katheline Rich, who was flower girl, was sweet in a cream crepe de chene dress with lace covering.

The bride's mother was handsomely gowned in a field mouse satin charmeuse and carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses.

The bridegroom's mother wore a gown of black satin charmeuse, and a corsage bouquet of sweet peas.

The bride's presents were numerous and costly.

The house was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers, the color scheme being pink and white.

During the signing of the register, Miss Pearl Morton of Guelph, cousin of the bride, sang, "For You Alone."

The bride and groom left for an extended trip. The bride's traveling suit was a nigger brown taffeta suit, with hat to match.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Alexander Morton and daughters, Misses Laura and Pearl of Guelph.; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hastings, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Will Rich, Detroit; Mrs. Wesley Hamaker, Port Dover; Mrs. John Housan, Galt; Miss Eva Patterson, Miss Margaret and Irene Van Orman and Reginald Birkett, Wingham.

MILITARY NOTES

BOARD OF OFFICERS.

A board of officers will assemble at Windsor, Ont., at a time to be named by the president, for the purpose of collecting and recording all procurable evidence relating to the illness and death of Pte. T. R. Timmons, 36th Battalion. The board will consist of Major C. O. Fairbanks, 21st Battalion, C. D. F., president; Capt. A. E. Paddon, 21st Regiment, and Lieut. D. W. Flemming, 21st Battalion.

DETAILED FOR DUTY.

Lieut. G. F. Sykes, A. M. C., Training Depot No. 1, is detailed for duty as medical officer of the central training depot, London camp, from the 11th inst., and Capt. J. G. McLeod, A. M. C. Training Depot No. 1, is detailed for duty with the medical board at the Convalescent Hospital, during the absence on sick leave of Capt. J. Moore, A. M. C.

LEAVE FOR OVERSEAS.

Three members of the 1st Hussars Draft Giving Depot at Carling Heights Camp, Privates J. C. Leggett, A. Marshall and J. Wilson, left last week for overseas service in connection with the Remount Transport, and are struck off the strength of the camp, according to day's camp orders.

CITY BREVITIES

A large crowd attended the khaki dance, which was given under the auspices of the Overseas Chapter, I. O. D. E., at the Springbank pavilion Saturday night. The music was furnished by Lombardo Orchestra.

OUTING ON WEDNESDAY.—Preparations are being made for the weekly outing of the returned soldiers on Wednesday. This time the boys will be taken to Ailsa Craig, where they will be entertained.

MOVE IN ON JULY 1.—The utilities commission will move into the store at 238 Dundas street, formerly occupied by the Knechtel Shoe Company, on or before July 1. The deal has been closed for the place, and the commission will move its effects as soon as possible.

PARLIAMENTARY TERMS—Please answer these questions to decide a bet: 1. How long is the official term of the Dominion Parliament? 2. How long is the offcial term of the Ontario Legislature? Answers: Five years (the custom is to hold an election every four years, but the Conservative Government has twice gone the five-year term, starting in 1891 and 1911. The Ontario Legislature's term is four years.

THE WEEK'S MEETINGS.—There will be plenty of meetings at the city hall this week. The board of health and the board of works will meet on Tuesday. The high cost of living committee and the special license committee will gather on Wednesday afternoon and the finance committee in the evening. On Friday morning the board of control will assemble. There may be others, but these are all the meetings scheduled so far.

INSPECTING ROADWAY. — Judge Macbeth, J. M. McEvoy and J. C. Elliott left at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to inspect a certain section of roadway in Adelaide Township before the case of Denning vs. Middlesex County, an action for damages is heard. The complainant sues for unstated damages on the grounds that his auto was overturned at a point where the highway had been graded and left in a condition that he claims was dangerous to traffic. The county disclaims responsibility, and will endeavor to show that the road was left in a satisfactory condition.

AID BYRON CAMPAIGN.—The members and friends of the Medway Red Cross Circle has given a donation of fruit to the sanatorium at Byron and military hospital. The following is the list of donors: Mrs. E. W. Heighway, Mrs. John Knapton, Mrs. W. Graham, Mrs. Wm. Cary, Mrs. Geo. Cary, Mrs. B. Webb, Mrs. (Archdeacon) Richardson, Mrs. E. Fraleigh, Mrs. H Young., Mrs. H. Knapton, Mrs. C. Westlake, Mrs. E. Webb, Mrs W. McNaughton, Mrs. Docker, Mrs. F. McLary, Mrs. S. Newcombe, Mrs. E. Sage, Mrs. George Flannigan, Mrs. Thos. Hudson, Mrs. E. Hudson, Mrs. Bert Hodgins, Mrs. Geo. Bere, Mrs. Lewis Hudson, Mrs. R. Weir, Mrs. A. Corsaut, Mrs. P. Brennan, Mrs. Crump, Mrs. J. Tancock, Mrs. S. Fraleigh, Mrs. Wm. Hudson, Mrs. MacNeill, Miss Crump, Miss Priddis, Miss Farncomb, Miss Ethel Haskett, Miss May Newcomb, Miss Haskett.

OLD HOCKED SHOES AND RUBBER HEELS RATHER THIN CLUES

But London's Own Philo Gubb Was Hot On Trail.

FIND THE HEEL OWNER!

And You Get the Murderer! Shouted Our Best Little Newspaper 'Deteckative.'

Phi in Action.

Murder mysteries come and go, but what would happen without the sleuths of the press? London is indeed fortunate in having a "deteckative" that makes superior members of the "profesh," such as Hemlock Jones, Craig Kennedy, Johnny the One-Eyed Bloodhound, M. Le Cake, Shag Bark Jones, and numerous others, turn green with envy, and throw up their hands and murmur, "What's the use?" We bow to the superior brains and bulletlike penetration of our esteemed contemporary, that can discover such thrilling clues as rubber heels belonging to innocent farmers, and shoes that were sold to a pawnbroker 'steen days before any crime was committed. **Yep,** Philo Gubb, or "Phi," as he is known to a favored few, has been a great and ever-present help to the county police these last few trying days.

Find the Heel-Owner!

Here is his first big deduction, as printed last Thursday morning:

"Find the man who in his murderous struggle lost the half-worn rubber heel of his boot, and you find the man who some time since the afternoon of June 2, in the lonely and isolated woods on the farm of Wesley Shoebottom, on the Asylum side-road, between the 6th and 7th concessions of London Township, slew Gunner Harold Payne, 63rd Battery."

Phi at Work.

Yea, Verily, Phi you struck it. How that innocent farmer, who, like you, rushed to the scene of crime (about four hours late), and endeavored to help you ferret out the mystery, shivered when he read the above dread news! How he must have quaked in his shoes! To think that he who had lost a rubber-heel of his shoe while puttering 'round the Shoebottom woods should be grabbed as the perpetrator of the crime. Wonderful, Watson, wonderful! Marvelous, indeed!

Into the Pawnshop.

"The worst is yet to come! Ha, ha!" snorted Philo, as he sat by the F. P. window, gazing off into space. "I have just learned and ascertained that a county constable has found a pair of shoes in Jakey Fox's pawnshop, with a rubber-heel off. Most extraordinary! I will investigate!" He did, with the net result that he, Philo, was the proud possessor of an old pair of military shoes, minus a rubber-heel. "Great work! Here is a marvelous scoop on the opposition! We will play this story up on the front page, and give the F. P. all the credit that is coming to me," quoth the bloodhound scribe as he rushed perspiring from the pawnbroker's shop.

Shoes Being Photographed.

Arriving at the office, he was loudly acclaimed, while the office boy assumed a "My Hero" expression. The latest war news was cast into the wastepaper basket.

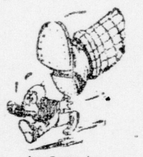
"Save me a column on the front page, and hold back the paper an hour if necessary. I have the beat of the year! I have the shoes that mean the discovery of the murderer!" he gasped.

Honk! Honk! Who could hope to escape the clutches of Togo, the professional tin-can sleuth. "Who, who, who could hope to!" shrilled the office boy as he watched Phi pound out the news that would startle a city and gain for the youthful deteck the undying gratitude of not only the police, but of the country as well. "Whoo! Whoo!" echoed Zimmie.

May Be Made a Baron.

"You'll soon be Sir Phi," went on the office boy. "I've heard that many a guy has been knighted for less than you've done." Philo's chest filled with pride.

The copy was rushed the newsroom, while a flaring two-column head three lines deep—"F. P. FINDS SHOES WITH A MISSING HEEL WHICH POINTS TO MURDERER!"—was hastily set up. Great balls of fire! It was a proud moment for the Richmond street sheet when the first copy was brought to the editorial sanctum wet from the press.



As Seen by Philo.

But for the finish, gentle reader. Let us stop for a second, and wipe away a few tears. Such a sadness. High Constable Watterworth at one fell swoop destroyed the "cloo"—the clue that had been fostered, petted and otherwise fed by Phi since last Wednesday.

"The rubber-heel has nothing whatever to do with the case. A farmer lost it while helping the constables search the wood. That has been clearly established," were the fateful and hope-destroying words of the high constable. Let us weep!

Also, the mysterious, blood-curdling boots were "hocked" long, long before poor Gunner Payne breathed his last.

Another fond hope shattered! Another vapid vagary gone into thin air! Another rip-snorting clue gone flat!

PERSONAL MENTION

J. J. Hennigar of Windsor, manager of the Northern Navigation Company, spent the week-end with relatives here.

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Miss Eldred Archibald, formerly of The Advertiser staff, now editor of the Montreal Star's Woman's Page, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. (Lieut.-Col.) F. B. Ware of Richmond street north.

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Miss D. A. Russenholt, deaconess of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, leaves on Wednesday on a month's holiday trip to the West, to visit her father near Prince Albert.

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Capt. (Rev.) A. Graham has cabled Mrs. Graham announcing a delay of two weeks in sailing on his return from England. He is now expected home the end of this month.

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Miss Annie Saunders has returned home after an enjoyable visit in Ottawa.

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Mrs. James Rear of Vancouver, is a visitor in town, staying with her mother, Mrs. Shopland, Dufferin avenue.

DENIES SEDITION

Toronto, June 11.—Seventy-four aliens, arrested at the meeting of foreigners at Occidental Hall Sunday afternoon, appeared before Col. Grasett, registrar of aliens, this morning, and were remanded in custody until instructions have been received from Ottawa. They all denied having engaged in any sedition.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Daniel Boam and family wish to thank their many friends for their kindness during the illness and death of her late husband, Mr. D. S. Boam. b

BOY LIFE SURVEY ENROLLS THOUSAND CHURCH WORKERS

House-to-House Canvass Is Being Made This Week.

FOR EFFICIENT MANHOOD

Ten Thousand Cards Being Distributed to Parents of London.

The house-to-house canvass in connection with the survey of boy life in London is in full swing today and nearly a thousand workers, representing all but three of the Protestant churches in the city, are busily engaged. It was hoped that the canvass would be finished by Tuesday, but because many of the workers are Methodists and are attending the conference, part of the work will have to be finished in the first days of next week.

For Efficient Manhood.

Plans of the survey were explained from many of the city pulpits on Sunday. It was pointed out that the campaign was not connected in any way with conscription or national registration, but was a wartime work to better provide for training the coming men of the country to be efficient citizens. The returns, the ministers explained, would be used to set up a program of fourfold development somewhat similar to that of the Canadian standard efficiency tests.

Eighteen thousand cards have been issued, but it is estimated that only about ten thousand will be required for the complete survey. Those issued last week by C. B. Edwards, inspector of public schools, have already commenced to come into headquarters at the Y. M. C. A. It is estimated that nearly a thousand have been filled out by boy pupils over ten years of age in the Pottersburg, Tecumseh, Alexandra, Ryerson, Empress Avenue and Victoria schools, and the Collegiate Institute. Boys who fill out the cards at the schools will not need to make another report when canvassers come to their home.

Juvenile Delinquency.

Other phases of the survey are progressing favorably. A report on juvenile delinquency in the city will likely be presented by D. H. McDermid at the next meeting of the advisory committee. Reports on playgrounds and other features of boy life will also be presented soon.

COMMANDER PRAISES YOUNG LONDONER WHO GAVE HIS LIFE

Mrs. M. Spring, mother of Private E. Spring, news of whose death in action reached this city about the middle of May, has received a letter from Major McLaughlin, officer commanding the battalion in which her son was serving at the time he met his death, telling her of the brave manner in which he died, and consoling her in her loss.

"It may be some consolation to you to know" the officer writes, "that your son died as a soldier, fighting for his country. He was always a courageous lad, and his loss means much to all of us."

A memorial service was held for Private Spring in the Hill street Methodist Church Sunday evening, at which an address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy. Private Spring left London with the Western University hospital unit.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
New York, June 11.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
July	23.50	23.95	23.40	23.90
October	23.00	23.43	22.82	23.37
December	23.15	23.60	22.94	23.50
January	23.12	23.61	22.99	23.54
March	23.49	23.77	23.20	23.77

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Chicago, June 11.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Wheat—					
July	235	239	228	238	235
Sept.	202	210	198	209	202
Corn—					
July	156	159	155	158	157½
Sept.	149	152⅝	147½	151⅞	149⅞
Dec.	108¾	116	108¼	115¼	110½
Oats—					
July	61¼	64¾	60⅞	64⅝	61¾
Sept.	53¼	55¼	52⅝	55⅛	53¼
Dec.	54¾	57	54⅜	57	55¼

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Chicago, June 11.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Pork—				
July	.....	.....	.....	$38 80
Sept.	$38 20	38 75	38 20	38 75
Lard—				
July	21 52	21 65	21 42	21 65
Sept.	21 60	21 80	21 55	21 80
Ribs—				
July	20 87	21 10	20 87	21 07
Sept.	21 02	21 20	21 00	21 20

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Winnipeg, June 11.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Wheat—					
Oct.	208½	215	208½	215	210
Oats—					
July	67¾	70¼	67⅜	69⅜	68¾
Oct.	57⅞	60¼	57⅜	59	58⅞
Flax—					
July	..	..	..	294	301½
Oct.	..	..	..	274	281

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Minneapolis, June 11.—Wheat—Close—July, $2 46½; September, $1 92.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Kansas City, June 11.—Wheat—Close—July, $2 49; September, $2 06.

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Toronto, June 11—Noon.

	Bid.	Ask.
Apex	..	4⅛
Dome Extension	12½	14
Dome Lake	..	17
Dome Mines	9¾	10
McIntyre	135	137
New Holley	350	355
New Ray	63½	..
Porcupine Crown	..	50
Porcupine Vipond	33	34½
Preston East Dome	3	4
Teck-Hughes	50	56
West Dome	17¾	18
Bailey	3	4
Beaver	31	33
Buffalo	100	140
Chambers-Ferland	10½	11
Coniagas	33	41½
Crown Reserve	25½	28
Gifford	3½	3⅝
Great Northern	8	8¾
Hargraves	11½	11¾
Hudson Bay	..	40
Kerr Lake	455	470
La Rose	41	45
McKinley	51	52
Nipissing	740	750
Peterson Lake	8¾	9½
Right of Way	4⅞	5
Seneca-Superior	2	..
Silver Leaf	1¼	2
Temiskaming	36	37
Trethewey	11	..
Wettlaufer	5	..
Boston Creek	62	..
Lorain	..	18
Thompson-Krist	8	9

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, June 11.—Morning mining sales: Apex, 500 at 4½, 6,000 at 4⅛, 21,000 at 4¼; Dome Extension, 500 at 13½; Dome Lake, 3,500 at 15; Dome Mines, 20 at 10, 5 at 9⅞; Hollinger, 200 at 355, 20 at 360, 610 at 350; Imperial, 500 at 2¼; Inspiration, 500 at 5; McIntyre, 700 at 134, 1,500 at 135, 1,100 at 137, 600 at 136; New Ray, 7,000 at 63½; Porcupine Crown, 1,000 at 50; Teck Hughes, 200 at 55; Thompson Krist, 100 at 9½, 1,300 at 9, 1,000 at 8½, 10,400 at 8; Vipond, 500 at 36, 1,000 at 35½, 3,000 at 35, 3,000 at 34¾, 4,000 at 34½, 15,500 at 34, 10,000 at 33½, 11,000 at 33; West Dome, 100 at 17½; Beaver, 400 at 32; Chambers, 500 at 10½; Gifford, 150 at 3¼; Hargraves, 400 at 12; Kerr Lake, 50 at 455; Nipissing, 35 at 725, 50 at 740, 200 at 745; Ophir, 3,500 at 5, 500 at 5⅛; Peterson, 700 at 9; Shamrock, 1,000 at 15; Temiskaming, 100 at 37, 600 at 36.

EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR EX-PRESIDENT; HAS SON WOUNDED

Members of Conference Extend Warm Words of Comfort.

LAST DRAFT TONIGHT

Radical Change Is Made To Speed Up Work of Conference.

With a view to shortening the conference and winding up business by Tuesday night instead of letting it overflow into Wednesday, a radical change in plans of the London Methodist Conference was moved today by Rev. J. F. Knight, seconded by Rev. A. J. Langford, to the effect that the business committee arrange a schedule, whereby the stationing committee will sit tonight to prepare the last draft, instead of tomorrow night, as has been the time-honored custom. A number of objections were offered to such a change but on vote it carried.

Following an announcement that Rev. H. J. Fair of Atwood, chairman of the memorial committee, had been called away owing to the death of his brother, a resolution of sympathy was passed to him in this and other bereavements of the year.

Mr. McCamus' Son Wounded.

Rev. G. N. Hazen at this point made announcement of a cablegram which had come to Rev. D. N. McCamus, retiring president of the conference, yesterday, announcing that his son, Gunner McCamus, formerly classical master in the Leamington high school, had been severely wounded in the head. The message reached the city Saturday evening, but was not delivered to Mr. McCamus until after he preached the ordination sermon in the conference church on Sunday. Mr. Hazen moved that the conference express its deep sympathy to Mr. McCamus and the members of his family and also to the sufferer, Rev. W. E. Millison seconded the resolution, telling of the fortitude with which Mr. McCamus and his family had received the message.

On suggestion of Rev. Dr. Dougall, prayers were offered for blessing on the means being used to restore Gunner McCamus and for all the wounded, and for comfort of the Holy Spirit for the families of those bereaved or in great anxiety for the welfare of near relatives who are wounded.

Calmly, but with difficulty in controlling his voice, Mr. McCamus in a few words thanked the conference "I am deeply grateful for your sympathy, more precious than any other boy, more precious than any other boy, pathy," he said. "Our boy is not but he is most precious to us."

The Conference Casualties.

The names of probationers who have fallen or been wounded were then brought before the conference and instructions given that letters of sympathy be forwarded to their next of kin. Among these were Joseph Bassett, killed in action; J. C. Marr, probationer of the London district, severely wounded, and E. A. Fear.

The chairmen of the different districts were requested to keep track of the young men of their districts who are killed or wounded to inform the conference letter writers that letters of sympathy may be sent out from the conference officials appointed for the purpose.

Rev. R. G. Peever, who is coming from Peterboro to the First Methodist Church to succeed Rev. Dr. Flanders, was heard for the first time in the London Conference when he spoke briefly, commending the Canadian standard efficiency tests program for boys, following an address on the subject by C. F. Watson of the Y. M. C. A.

Soldiers of the Soil.

Mr. Watson, a probationer for the Methodist ministry, is engaged at the present time in organization of the "Soldiers of the Soil" movement, which has arisen from the response of high school boys and others, between 3,000 and 4,000 in Ontario, to the S.O.S. call for help on the farms. The co-operation of the Methodist ministers was asked in organizing activities among these boys who have gone out to the rural districts with a view to interesting them in staying on the farms and doing a bigger work another year. He suggested the organization of activities to link up the boys to their own churches in the neighborhoods in which they are placed. He emphasized the advisability of getting the local pastor in touch with each boy in order to get that boy placed in a social circle.

A lucid explanation was given of the Canadian standard efficiency tests for boys, with the statement that it is built on the life of the greatest hero, Jesus. Referring to the names of fine college students, coming men of the church, "all round men," athletically as well as in other ways, who have made the supreme sacrifice, Mr. Watson declared, "We must take care of the boy life that is the mean power of tomorrow. We must redouble our efforts to conserve the boy life and Christianize it to fill the places of those who have fallen."

Best Work Undertaken.

Mr. Peever's tribute to the standard efficiency tests program was: "I look on this work as the best phase of Christian evangelism of which I know."

Rev. Dr. Dougall spoke in glowing terms of what is being accomplished through the organized classes in the Sunday schools of London.

A report was presented of the meeting of the Probationers' Association, at which the following officers were elected: President, Maxwell Parr, Summers circuit, Aylmer; vice-president, J. W. Penrose, West Lorne; secretary-treasurer, A. H. Johnston, Eadies.

The probationers volunteered, owing to the shortage of men as a result of war conditions, to go on circuits again in the coming year, instead of taking their course in college. This will be considered.

The matter was brought before the conference of a bequest of $5,000 to the sustentation fund of the Methodist Church in Canada, made by E. A. Chapman, of Moncton, N. B., a wealthy man, with other bequests to the church. Owing to the fact that the General Conference has no sustentation fund, and the apparent intent that the money should go to the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, the London Conference, with other conferences of Canada, was asked to sign away any claim on the bequest. It was unanimously decided to do this. Special interest centred in the devotional hour, beginning at 8:45 o'clock, owing to the fact that the address was delivered by Evangelist Hanley, who, with Evangelist Fischer, has met with great success in evangelistic campaigns throughout the conference in the past year.

This afternoon will be devoted to reports, and the anniversary of all young people's organizations of the church will be held this evening, addresses to be given by C. E. Gundy and Rev. J. E. J. Millyard.

LIQUOR PEDDLER FINE TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS

Toronto, June 11.—George Moore, said to have been a professional gambler, and since the advent of prohibition a liquor peddler, was fined in the police court this morning $1,000 each on two charges, with the option of a twelve-months prison sentence. He paid the fines. Moore conducted his operations from an automobile in which a rubber rug with concealed pockets held several bottles, which he disposed of at from $3 to $5 each.

TWO SUNDAY BLAZES.

ST. THOMAS, June 10.—Fire about 2 o'clock Sunday morning almost completely destroyed the old barn next the Park House on Wilson avenue, the property of Judson Barker. The damage, about $700, is fully covered by insurance. The cause is unknown.

Just before 12 o'clock today fire broke out between the ceiling and floor of W. King's residence at 52 St. Anne's Place, and created damage to the extent of $20. The cause is unknown. Quick response saved the house.

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Wilson's Statement of War Aims Approved at Petrograd and London.

Petrograd, June 10—Via London, June 11.—President Wilson's note to Russia, dealing with the aims of the United States in the war was published today by all the morning newspapers. The Novoe Vremya, however, is the only journal which comments editorially on it.

"Its aim," says the Novoe Vremya, "is to meet the artfulness with which Germany has sought to ensnare Russian public opinion. The American president meets the source of the desperate agitation which has been made in Russia and other countries under the banner of social democracy and false pacifism. A copy (of the note) must be given to every soldier, workman and peasant.

"It must open the eyes of everyone whose brain is not warped by the stupid and criminal stories that the war was started by capitalists for their own benefit. The Russian democracy will be able to see the difference between the straightforward words of the American democracy and the crude lies by which the servants of the German Emperor are trying to deceive the world."

LONDON PRESS APPROVES.

London, June 11.—President Wilson's message to Russia is given prominence in the morning papers, which indorse it enthusiastically. "The Morning Post declares that it is one of the most memorable documents issued by any state during the war. The Post continues "Friendly in tone, it is inexorable in logic. It dismisses dangerous illusions and sets in their place realities that have to be faced, if the friends of freedom are not themselves to betray the cause they proclaim."

The Post hopes that the president's home truths will have an effect not only on Russian idealists but on British pacifists.

ARTILLERY WAS ACTIVE DURING NIGHT HOURS ALONG FRENCH FRONT

Paris, June 11—(Noon).—There was active artillery fighting last night north of the Somme, the war office announces. A German raid west of Cerny was repulsed.

The announcement follows:

"There was rather unusual activity of the artillery on both sides north of the Somme, and in the region of Cerny. To the west of this village the enemy attempted a new surprise attack and was repulsed. Patrol encounters occurred near Hill 304 and in Woevre. The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

FUNERAL OF THOMAS HOPWOOD.

The funeral of Thomas Hopwood, whose death occurred on Tuesday last, took place Saturday from the funeral parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. H. B. Ashby, and the funeral was in charge of Hackett L. O. B. L., and of the L. O. L. of Mount Brydges, of which the deceased was a member. The service at the grave was conducted by Past County Master Joseph Murray and Anthony Nevin.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Johnston, Aitken, Powell, Geoghagan, Whittaker, and Aitken.

DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER DOWNEY.

Christopher Downey, for 25 years a resident of London, died at his home, 99 Albion street, this morning after a lengthy illness. He was born in Dorchester, and is survived by two brothers and two sisters—William of New York, Martin of Los Angeles, Anna and May at home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

DEATH OF MRS. LAWRENCE.

Mrs. A. Lawrence died in Toronto today after an illness of nearly a year. She was the widow of L. T. Lawrence, who was formerly a partner with J. A. Cairncross in the drug business of Cairncross & Lawrence, and who died several years ago. Until a year ago she resided in the city. Her mother, Mrs. A. D. Cameron of London is in Toronto. The funeral will be held here on Wednesday.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE ROBINSON.

The funeral of George Robinson, who died on Wednesday, was held on Saturday from his late home, 31 Oxford street west. Funeral service at the house was conducted by Rev. J. D. Richardson of the Empress Avenue Church. Miss Gwendolyn Ware sang. Hackett L. O. B. L., No. 805, was in charge of the funeral, and the service at the grave in Mount Pleasant Cemetery were conducted by Past County Master Joseph Murray, who was assisted by Anthony Nevin.

The pallbearers, members of Hackett Lodge, were: Henry Wallace, Thomas Fox, Ernest Langford, Frank Neely, Joseph Murray and Anthony Nevin.

NOT DIPLOMATIC.

London, June 11.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons today regarding Nord Northcliffe's mission to America, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said that in order to co-operate fully with the Government of the United States in the conduct of the war several missions representing a number of the British Government departments had for some time been in America. It was necessary that there should be someone at the head of these missions to revise and co-ordinate their work, and Lord Northcliffe, the minister said, had undertaken this task, which was not in any sense of a diplomatic nature.

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RAINFALL THIS YEAR ABOUT SAME AS LAST

The records of precipitation taken at the South London observatory show that the rainfalls of May and June to the present compare favorably as to volume with those of last year. Both of these months this year and last were a great deal wetter than for some years preceding.

The record rainfall each year was the same, 1.16 inches this mark being reached on June 7 last year and on June 6 this year. The heavy rains continued until June 24 last year, .056 of an inch being measured on that date. The next heaviest rainfall during the above-mentioned period this year was on May 22, when 1.09 inches fell, as compared with 1.12 inches on May 15 last year. During May this year the following figures were recorded on the other heaviest days: May 1st, .065; 19th, .070; 20th, .080; 22nd, 1.09; 24th, .051; 31st, .037. This month the records show: June 1st, .017; 3rd, .015; 5th, .037; 7th, .005; 9th, .004; 10th, .017.

Last year in May