ed as the next man who came along. He was in a hurry. "Just a minute—let me see your military papers," the deputy said. "I'm married, but I haven't anything to prove it."

"Where's your wife—is she here?" "Not now. She was here with another man and I'm following them. I've had three detec——,"

"I don't want your family history—explain it upstairs," and the man went up and finally satisfied the officers that he was or had been married and that he really was in a hurry. Not knowing just what couple was the offending one there is no telling how much start they got thru the interruption.

Another case was that of a man and his wife. When asked to produce proof, his wife spoke up: "Here's my wedding ring with our initials and the date of our wedding engraved inside. Won't that do?"

Bring the Babies.

"Does anybody here know you? How old are you?" was asked of the man, who was commencing to show signs of anger—just little signs, for it does not do to get ruffled under the Military Service Act; the authority vested in the police is too great. "I'm 40," he replied, and he was allowed to pass on with that. "We'll have to bring the babies next time," he was heard to say as he departed.

"Now, don't get excited! Don't get excited!" the inspector was heard to tell a young fellow. "Well, here I am and I've tried to enlist three times. You just have me without a thing to prove it, tho. You can take me if you want to." He was very agitated, seeming to feel that a stigma had been placed upon him. By telephoning, he was able to establish his identity, and after only a few minutes' delay he went on his way.

And this was going on at another telephone: "Parkdale ——. Is that you, mother? This is Jim. Say, what d'ye think, I'm under arrest at the Pavlowa?" "The Pavlowa," she almost screamed, for it could be heard distinctly by others than the one holding the receiver. And then she must have said something like: "You naughty boy, I told you not to go there tonight," for he said: "There's no use talking about that now. I'm here and the police are at the door and they won't believe I'm under age. Will you get my certificate out of my everyday coat—it's hanging behind the kitchen door—and bring it over?" And everybody thinks she said in reply: "Yes, I will, but you'll have to wait till I get dressed, I was in bed."

Mothers Are Busy.

This mother was not the only one to come to her boy's rescue either. "Here you are, son," one medium stout, good-natured mother said to her boy as she handed him the envelope containing proof of age. "Too bad you were kept waiting, but I couldn't find it at first. Are you ready to come home now?"

"Yes, just wait till I get Lillian and we'll be right along," and the three went away happy.

It took three young women to pull one young man out of his difficulty. They were wearing battalion numbers on their sleeves and swore that each had a brother at the front. They vouched for their companion being exempt and on giving his name and address and promising to report Monday, he was allowed to continue escorting the brave sisters. In a number of cases officers or men in uniform went sponsors for fellows of questionable standing and thus quite a number were relieved.

All Kinds of Papers.

Everything imaginable was produced in an effort to satisfy the critical officers. One showed a letter purporting to be from his wife, and starting like this: "My dearest Frankie"—etc. This wasn't considered proof and as he went up stairs, accompanied by a young woman, one of the policemen was heard to say: "I'll bet the girl who wrote that doesn't know he's got another girl with him tonight." Another man produced his life insurance policy, while several commercial travelers showed their travelers' certificates. A regulation card, issued by the medical school, sufficed with one young man and business cards were handed out by the score. With some it was like a drowning man grasping at a straw, with others deep concern, perhaps, because they had been caught where they should not have been caught with somebody they shouldn't have been caught with.

There was a little touch of pathos that not only won the sympathy of those who witnessed the happenings, but went right to the Irish heart of Inspector Flanagan. A man who had been detained was accompanied by a young woman who appeared to feel the situation very keenly. Her escort was ushered into the room and she was left waiting outside, being given a chair by a constable. As the time drew on she evidently had fears of something serious taking place, for big tears finally trickled down her cheeks as she sat there in suspense, quietly crying. As soon as she was noticed, the matter was brought to the inspector's attention. He went over to her and asked kindly if she was waiting for someone. "Just tell me who it is and perhaps I can help you," he said. It was her sweetheart who had been apprehended, and on learning his name, the inspector went into the room and brought him out. The statements of the two were satisfactory and he was released on promise that he would report. The girl dried her tears and smiled so sweetly as she expressed her gratitude and they went away feeling that the law is law there are ways of tempering it after all.

Quite different was the situation of another girl who was also waiting for her friend. "Who are you waiting for, Miss?" she was asked. "Mr. So and So." Again the door was opened and the name called, but there was no reply. "How old is he?" she was asked. "I don't know," she answered demurely, "he hasn't told me yet."

"Well, he's gone anyhow. I guess he didn't wait for you," and judging by the look the girl gave as she went down the stairs it will not be well for that man when they meet again.

Search Building.

From a few minutes past 10 until a few minutes past 12 the order kept up, and then a search was made of the entire premises for any who might have been hiding, but none was found. With the exception of the 15 there was a minimum of inconvenience caused and the few fathers and mothers who were called out of bed and away from home at that hour of the night seemed to take in the situation with good humor. Scores of soldiers in uniform went out unquestioned, and one remarked, "It's good to be a soldier sometimes."

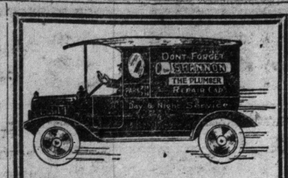
A number of alien enemies were encountered, and one Austrian who claimed to be reporting weekly could not show any card to that effect. "I've been disfranchised," he said. Inspector Verney took him in charge. A young Italian appeared proud of the fact that he was not naturalized, altho he said he was born in Canada. He was allowed to go.

Courteous Treatment.

Courteous treatment on the part of the police, both Dominion and city, helped greatly in taking away any impression that undue force was being exercised, and no doubt the many warnings handed out will be taken notice of. Many a man who had successfully passed the barricade was cautioned to carry the necessary papers in future, and the betting is 100 to 1 that they will, rather than be subjected to even the interruption caused Saturday night.

F. J. Ryan, manager of the Pavlowa Academy, while naturally not relishing the prospect of having his guests interfered with, helped in every way to facilitate matters and make the examination as rapid and satisfactory as possible. For this he received the hearty thanks of those who were in authority.

By 12.30 the place was dark. Toronto had felt its first grasp of the arm of the law, which says that every eligible man must serve his country or show reason why, and the 15 who were held had succeeded in getting guarantors. Now the question is, "Where next, and when?"



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THE SOLDIERS' WOMEN BUSY

In Helping Military Police to Round Up the Young Draftees.

Where are the Dominion police and the military police getting the names of and probable places where to find the delinquent draftees who have failed to report for military duty?

According to several statements made to The World in the past two or three days, largely from the women kin of men now at the front; they can't get their own men home (some of them are in their third year) until the conscripts are sent to relieve them, and they feel justified therefore in helping to round up the young and elusive draftee.

Another informant says the military authorities have the names and addresses of all the drafted men, and that they are chasing them up on their own account.

In the meantime quite "a young man hunt" is on, and the public are rather enjoying the game. But the youths directly concerned don't like it a bit.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

TWO DEER PARK MEN ARE INVALIDED HOME

Ptes. Brooke and Howe Saw Three Years' Service.

Among the arrivals from overseas at the North Toronto C.P.R. station last night were two North Toronto young men, Pte. Arthur Brooke, son of Rev. H. A. Brooke, rector Christ Church, Deer Park, and Pte. J. E. Howe, son of Frank Howe, 66 Castlefield avenue.

Pte. Brooke was a member of the 19th Battalion, enlisting three years ago and going shortly afterwards overseas. He was sixteen months in the trenches and has been in England for about a year, being invalided home. Pte. Brooke was a first year student in arts at Trinity College when he enlisted, being only 19 years of age at the time.

Pte. J. Ernest Howe enlisted with the 103rd Battalion of Victoria, B.C., three years ago, was wounded in both thighs, right hand and both arms at the battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917, and later invalided to England. Pte. Howe was 23 years old when he enlisted and is the only son of ex-Councillor Howe of North Toronto.

ADVISES HOUSEHOLDERS TO RAISE POULTRY

Returned Soldier Points to Great Need of Food in Great Britain.

Sergt. F. A. Cowan, Hatherley road, Earlscourt, who since his return from the front, gassed and wounded at St. Julien, has devoted his energies to the raising of poultry and eggs for market, with successful results, points out that Great Britain and Ireland must secure from abroad about 1,250,000 pounds of beef and a similar quantity of pork during the coming year, and that the production of eggs and other poultry products should be doubled, and that every farm should have a flock of at least 100 hens and also that poultry should be produced on every available back yard in cities and towns in order to help in the conservation of food and to enable Canada to ship overseas beef and pork.

"It is possible to double poultry production in one year," said Sergt. Cowan, "and that year must be 1918. It will help to win the war, so raise poultry."

WONDERFUL PRICES.

At R. D. Clarke's sale of farm stock near Locust Hill in, Markham Township, a day or two ago, six ordinary well-bred milch cows brought $947, while farm implements brought big prices. A binder which had cut three seasons and cost new $140, brought $190, and oats sold for $1.07 out of the bin. The prices obtained for grain are said to be the highest ever recorded for ordinary varieties.

ASK THAT PREMIER REMOVE CHAIRMAN OF RAILWAY BOARD

North Toronto Ratepayers Pass Resolution on This Matter.

FEDERAL BOARD, TOO

They Are Opposed to Reappointment of Commissioners Scott and McLean.

North Toronto ratepayers on Saturday night passed a resolution, which is to be sent to the premier, Sir William Hearst, asking for the removal from the chairmanship of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of D. M. McIntyre, following his recent order to R. C. Harris, works commissioner, to "sit down," at a hearing in regard to the Toronto Street Railway. The meeting was held in the Eglinton Town Hall, and there was practically no discussion of the motion, which was passed unanimously. It was as follows:

"Moved by Ald. H. H. Ball, and seconded by Frank Howe, that, whereas, the City of Toronto is dependent on the Ontario Railway Board as arbitrators in matters of vital importance to the city, and, whereas, the chairman has recently displayed a violent temper and strong prejudice against one of the city's principal officials, upon whom this city's case will rest, and, whereas, the chairman of the board seems to have forgotten that he is a public servant, this association respectfully asks the Ontario Government for the removal of Chairman McIntyre from the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board at an early date, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sir William Hearst forthwith."

Too Much Delay.

There was some discussion as to the wisdom or otherwise of passing the resolution just at the present time, but there was a strong sentiment thru the meeting that there was altogether too much delay in the matter of the acquisition of the Metropolitan Railway, and recent events at the city hall precipitated the action.

Practically the same treatment was handed out to two of the members of the Dominion Railway Board, D'Arcy Scott and S. J. McLean, following a recital of the action of the board in their recent finding in connection with the application of the citizens' freight and express committee. J. R. MacNicol made a severe arraignment of the board, whom he charged with being asleep at the switch, and with rendering a judgment five months after the hearing of the application by the board, wholly at variance with the facts as submitted at the investigation.

"Sir Harry Drayton promised at the time of the submission of his report that he would give us the reasons for his finding, but up to this day he has not kept his word," said Mr. MacNicol. He asked that a resolution embodying these facts be passed, and Harry Newman, solicitor for the express committee, charged that the board was apparently working for the corporations, instead of the people, and ought not to be reappointed.

Oppose Reappointment.

Later a resolution submitted by Frank Howe and seconded by W. L. Cuttell went thru unanimously asking Sir Robert Borden, that D'Arcy Scott and S. J. McLean, two of the members of the Dominion Railway Board, be not reappointed when their term expires this fall, but that men imbued with public ownership ideas be appointed in their places.

Having done this the meeting, which was one of the best ever held in the district and was presided over by R. L. Baker, turned its attention to local matters, the first of which was the widening of Yonge street and the extent to which this ought to be carried out.

The introduction of this question was opposed in the outset by one or two of the members who thought the time inopportune and were fearful that it might complicate the situation in regard to the Metropolitan, but this view was not generally held, and the widening was discussed with great vigor, and at times heatedly.

Alderman H. H. Ball reviewed in a clearcut manner the action taken by the North Toronto council some years ago, when the members of that council, looking to a greater Yonge street, succeeded in getting from the property owners along the highway nearly three thousand feet of frontage absolutely free of cost. Nearly ten thousand feet yet remain to be acquired, of which, it is believed, a good deal can be secured free of cost. The alderman, discussing the question of an 86 foot roadway, and taking into account the fact that the frontages donated were all ten feet deep, threw out the suggestion that the widening of Yonge street to 76 feet instead of 86, as previously agreed upon, might be a very wise move, the saving in cost going far to remove any objections which might be entertained against the big proposition.

John Firstbrook, a member of the Civic Guild, said that, while not representing the Civic Guild officially, his own personal view was that a half loaf was better than no bread, and with a narrower sidewalk almost as good results could be attained, with 76 feet as in an 86 foot road.

Width of Sidewalks.

President Baker said that it was proposed instead of sixteen foot sidewalks on each side of Yonge street to substitute twelve feet, leaving a clear roadway between the curbs of fifty-four feet. This the members of the executive regarded as all right, and this view was generally entertained by the members of the association present.

A motion introduced by J. W. Arnold, seconded by W. M. Smith, asking the executive to continue their efforts along the line of a 76 foot roadway was submitted and defeated by a narrow majority. Later W. L. Cuttle and W. G. Ellis secured the adoption of a resolution holding over further discussion of the whole matter until the next meeting, which will be in about two weeks. Frank Howe, vice-president; Ald. Fred McBrien, John Ramsay and others were among those who spoke, Mr. Howe rather favoring the reduced highway in view of the great saving to be effected.

In the matter of the Metropolitan Railway and the progress, if any, being made by the city towards its acquisition there was little discussion. Ald. H. H. Ball, at the request of President Baker, briefly reviewed the steps that had been taken and said that while progress seemed slow, everything possible was being done to bring the matter to a head. There were no new developments, but the same policy of delay and that had always characterized the Metropolitan was still being pursued. He hoped for a nearly solution.

CHARGE OF THEFT.

Charged with the theft of $80 from Louisa McArthur, Orande De Shane, 336 Yonge street, was arrested by Detective Koster of West Dundas street police station Saturday night. He will appear in the morning police court.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The Germans have terminated the armistice on the eastern front, and they will resume the war to drive the Bolsheviks out of Petrograd. The Bolsheviks pin their faith in their preservation on the belief that German workmen will not fight Russian workmen. The Bolsheviks, meanwhile, are winning in the Ukraine and the Germans are making the so-called peace with the sham Ukraine government a pretext for gaining an easy admittance into the Ukraine. From German statements it is deducible that the enemy intends to wage a war of extermination against the Bolsheviks, but he is deterred from extreme measures because he fears reprisals against Germans in Russia. The Bolsheviks, in fact, are already acting with severity towards Germans, and particularly the German nobility of the Baltic provinces.

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The fate of a campaign in Russia as contemplated is uncertain, for the enemy will have to traverse vast distances and it will require large forces to garrison an occupied territory. Guerilla warfare, moreover, will probably obtain everywhere, making conditions excellent for an allied force, if it could reach Russia, conducting operations, like Wellington in Spain. The allies have an excellent chance, if they are prepared, for advancing from Salonica to the assistance of Rumania. They could, by an operation like this, change the whole face of the war, and, perhaps, it is owing to the neglect and erroneous policy of Sir William Robertson that he is retiring.

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The Germans with six big Gothas attempted two aerial raids over London, but the British anti-aircraft defence in the first raid headed off five of the enemy aircraft and only one reached the outskirts of the metropolis. When this machine had flown this far it had hastily to unload its explosives, doing little material damage in the process and inflicting four casualties. Another aerial flotilla of the enemy attempted to bombard Dover, but it was engaged by British machines and one of the would-be raiders fell into the sea. Dover also experienced a submarine bombardment for a few minutes. The British successes against submarines in the Strait of Dover, it is believed, have roused the Germans to naval action, undertaken more in haste than on definite naval lines.

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The retirement of Sir William Robertson from the office of chief of the British general staff strikingly parallels the retirement of Lord Fisher from the office of first sea lord. Lord Fisher approved the Dardanelles expedition and then he had his misgivings, doubts and conscientious qualms. Sir William Robertson approved the decisions of the allied supreme war council and then he had his misgiving, doubts and conscientious qualms. If a leader has no faith in his military or any other policy, it only remains for him to get out and to allow some other man who approves it to take his place. General Sir Henry Wilson, who succeeds him, has a wider military knowledge and he has, in addition, a sense of the political factor.

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The office of chief of the British general staff was created to take the place of the old position of commander-in-chief of the British forces. The last commander-in-chief was the Duke of Cambridge. Owing, however, to the archaic system of seniority obtaining in the British army, Field Marshal Haig, the commander-in-chief in the western theatre of the war, appears to have ranked higher than Sir William Robertson. This has made the British supreme command subordinate to the command in one theatre of the war and, of course, the system has been almost unworkable.

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It is expected that the British Government will have its difficulties from the same sources as created difficulties over the retirement of Lord Fisher, yet of Lord Fisher no person ever hears now. Lloyd George is severing the last chains of pacifist control over the army as they were severed over the navy. It is the theory of pacifists on the manner of waging war that has broken down. Certain extreme militarists have also favored the war policy until the present, for they seem to think that the war will not end until every German is killed. The so-called war of attrition, in fact, pleased both. Military men used to say that the policy of Colonel Repington and the war office was to continue the war until there were no Germans, one Englishman, and two crippled Highlanders left.

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Many relatives and friends left Earlscourt at an early hour yesterday for the railway depot to await the arrival of the troop train.