

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

STATUTE LABOR.

Returns for the township statute of labor have been made much more promptly this year than formerly and the township clerk was kept busy yesterday receiving the forms that have been filled out with the necessary information.

FALSE ALARM

Dense volumes of smoke and flames were seen rising from the Market Square at an early hour this morning. Hopes, perhaps, reposed in the breasts of some citizens that the city hall was yielding up its life to the flames, but upon investigation it was found that the fire was located in a small pile of waste paper that was being burned by the caretaker of the venerable building.

CUTTING IT OUT

A vigorous system of censorship has been adopted by the new Russian government. The offending parts of letters leaving Russia were formerly blackened over with pencil by the censor, but now the rules are more rigid, and the letters are cut out of the letter. Mr. Peter Noble, of this city, receives letters from his daughter in Petrograd, and has noticed the change with some chagrin, as often large parts of a page are cut out of the letter entirely.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

The Courier has been informed by the Military Hospital Commission, Toronto, that six men are expected to leave the Queen City for Brantford on Friday of this week. The men expected to arrive home tomorrow are J. Draper, 118 Arthur street, J. A. Merrell, 32 Lewis st., Geo. J. Patte 25 Ada Avenue, W. Prior, 222 Market St., W. S. Taylor, 11 Aberdeen Ave., and D. W. Wilders, Farrington Hill.

POLICE COURT

Fines aggregating \$14 were collected in the police court this morning from eight bicyclists who prefer the sidewalk to the road. This practice is providing quite a revenue lately, and has swelled the coffers of justice to a considerable degree. Those who dropped their superfluous change in the treasury box this morning were Gerald McIntyre, R. J. Silverthorne, Ross Cooper, Thos. Bloomfield, Kenneth Trench, George Hind, Charles Kratzmiller and Hugh Clement. Albert Amos also appeared charged with a breach of the bicycle by-law, but was warned and allowed to go.



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COLBORNE STREET S. S. EXCURSION

The annual picnic of Colborne St. Methodist Church Sunday School took place yesterday at Mohawk Park, where an enjoyable afternoon was passed by the sports and games, followed by supper. The list of prize winners is as follows:

Girls race, 3 to 6 years—Levin Martin, Anna Williams, Helen Martin, Mary Williams.

Boys, 3 to 5 years—Robert Lincolnton, George Huff, Gordon Hendrich.

Girls, 6 to 8 years—Elsie Drone, Helen Lincolnton, Ethel Winter, Dorothy Coward.

Boys, 9 to 13 years—Garvin Jones, Harold Sutherland, John McCormack, Clarence Batson.

Girls, 8 to 10 years—Thelma Gradon, Ethel Land, Norma Taylor, Elsie Haddad.

Girls, 10 to 13 years—Daisy Smith, Marjorie Huff, Irene Searle.

Boys, 10 to 13 years—Allan Kaufman, Fred Jones, Howard Winter.

Girls, 13 to 15 years—Mary Smith, Marjorie Kingdon.

Boys, 13 to 15 years—Lorne Edwards, George Verity.

Boys, 8 to 10 years—Charles Hendrich, Percy Jones, Earl Huff.

Throwing the ball contest, ladies—Mrs. Howard Farley, Mrs. Burris.

Gracful walking contest, ladies and gents—Mrs. Warne and Mr. A. G. Brown.

Blind horse race, ladies and gents—Miss Sadie Warne and Mr. A. G. Brown.

Three-legged race—George Verity and Lorne Edwards.

W. T. Henderson, city solicitor.

Money for such purpose, will be heard in the chambers of the board at Toronto on Friday, August 24th, at half past ten in the morning. Advice to this effect has been received by W. T. Henderson, city solicitor.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

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NOTHING OFFICIAL.

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This information was ascertained by his father, Mr. Munson Westbrook, by telegraphing to the capital.

STRUCK BY AUTO.

An automobile accident that would have probably resulted in death had the car been proceeding at anything but a slow rate of speed occurred on Dundas street late yesterday afternoon, when Gordon Cowborough a little lad of about five years of age ran in front of a passing automobile.

He was struck by the fender and knocked to the ground, being badly cut about the head, face, arms and legs. He was taken to his home, where Dr. Marquis was summoned to attend to the injuries.

SOME TURTLE.

The absence of bacon and beef from the menu would not worry the epicure as the performance of a young lad who two days in succession this week has captured a huge turtle from the waters of the canal, would.

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ANOTHER ONE.

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The miniature whale is on exhibition in Squire's window and is entered in the prize contest.

PURLOINED POLICEMAN.

Theft, disorderly conduct and obstructing the police are the charges that will confront two soldiers and two civilians who on Sunday evening last stole the traffic sign at the corner of Chatham and Market Sts. Between the hours of nine and ten o'clock the men drove up in an automobile, and extinguishing the lights on their car, picked up the silent policeman and carried it away with them.

Passers by witnessed the incident and reported the matter to the police. In remarking about the theft this morning, Chief Slemin said, "To save trouble for themselves, I would like then to return the sign. It is placed there for the benefit of the general public and is the property of the police commissioners. We have an idea of the identity of the transgressors and will take action unless the sign is returned."

UNDER AGE.

In spite of orders already issued there continues to be an enlistment of boys who are under age. In most cases these boys enlist giving a false age, but in some cases it is claimed that they are induced to do so by the recruiting officers or N. C. O's. It is to be noted that boys under 18 years of age are not to be enlisted, and that in any case of doubt as to the age of the candidate, proof is to be required before he is enlisted.

The officer commanding the unit in which such a recruit is sent and the officer or N. C. O. through whom he is enlisted, will be held responsible for seeing that he is of the required military age, and any violation of this order will be severely dealt with. Such is the text of an extract from dispatch orders regarding the enlistment of youths of uncertain age. This matter has been dealt with before, but continued disregard has called forth this decisive attitude on the part of the military authorities.

ARM CRUSHED.

When a heavy shell weighing about two hundred and fifty pounds rolled off the Dominion Steel Products munitions factory yesterday, the arm of Belso Regeone, a foreigner residing on Greenwell Street, was badly crushed. The unfortunate man had been engaged in an operation on the shell and in some unaccountable manner lost his foothold and fell over backwards. Before he could recover himself and rise to his feet, the heavy object fell off the bench and ground his arm into the floor. The injured man was rushed to the Hospital and Dr. Marquis was summoned. The arm was so badly mutilated that amputation may be necessary.

FOOD AND FUEL BY-LAW.

The application of the City of Brantford for the approval of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Association of the city's by-law to deal in fuel and food and to possess

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ACTION WANTED ON H.C. OF L. REPORT

Trades and Labor Again
Voices Demand To The
Council

The election of officers of the Trades and Labor Council for the year of 1917-18 was again deferred last night when only nine delegates attended the meeting. The election will probably take place at the next meeting, on September the 3rd. Last night's meeting dragged out and only routine matters and minor business were considered.

The most important matter discussed was the delayed action of the city fathers in examining the report of the committee appointed to investigate the high cost of living, and it was felt that unless the city council immediately considered the recommendations contained in the report of the committee, the winter would be a more costly one than the summer. Many uncomplimentary comments were made about the manner in which the municipal government body conducts its sessions and transacts its business.

Several of the members of the T. and L. who had attended the special meeting of the city council last week in the expectation of hearing the H. C. of L. committee report, examined the report. Disappointment was expressed at the action of the city council at its last meeting in taking no definite or decisive action in regard to the report, and the high cost of living committee's report. Delegate Brown stated that he was quite disappointed at the attitude of the Mayor. He thought that his conduct at the council board was not consistent with the manner in which he had received the committee from the T. and L. Council who had asked him to summon a special meeting of the city fathers to consider the report.

The following resolution covering the matter was unanimously passed: "Resolved that the city council be respectfully urged to read the report and recommendations of its own committee on the high cost of living and to take some concrete action on and to take every recommendation in the interests of the citizens and out of courtesy to the committee."

Delegate Kyrle thought that there was not sufficient accommodation in the city council chamber for the benefit of the public. When questioned, he admitted, however, that the seating capacity had not been taxed at the last meeting. He advocated a policy of "education and education," and was himself much agitated over the apparent lack of seating capacity. No action, however, was taken in the matter.

Delegate Albert G. Brown made the charge that a man of German origin and of exceedingly pro-German tendencies, had replaced a Canadian who had been rejected from the army in a position as foreman in one of the departments of a local concern.

A communication was received from Premier Borden in reply to a resolution passed at a recent meeting, asking for redress in the methods being utilized by the capitalists of Winnipeg in fighting the strikers there. The letter informed the council that the difficulty could be remedied only by provincial legislation.

Laid at Rest.

The funeral of Lloyd Campbell, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell, aged 5 years and six months, took place on Saturday afternoon from 86 Wallace St. to Mount Hope Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Logan of Colborne Street Church conducted the services. The pall bearers were Elma Quail, Myrtle Schuler, Isabel Schuler and Trux Cole. The floral tributes were: Pillow, parents; Cross The Girls of the American Hotel; Sprays Aunt and Uncle; Mr. and Mrs. Frank, John and Florence McDonald; Mrs. A. Howarth, Mrs. W. D. Scott; Mrs. Fred Hamel, Master Winton Howarth; Mrs. Comogther; Mr. and Mrs. Clenden; Mrs. Raymond; uncle.

G. D. Smith.

Prominent citizens, city officials, friends and relatives of the late George D. Smith, were present at his funeral in large numbers yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Edward F. Stewart, 69 Mary Street, to Greenwood cemetery, and among many visitors from outside points was Mrs. Mosher of London, a niece of the deceased. Services of a particularly impressive nature were conducted by the Rev. Dr. MacKenzie, who referred to the long years of faithful service that George Smith had given to the city. The pallbearers were Messrs. Charles Hartman, Hugh Howie, Sr., William Glover, Angus McCawley, Fred Frank and A. K. Bunnell.

The floral tributes were: Pillow, the daughters; wreaths, Mayor and Corporation and employees of the civic departments; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frank, Mr. and Mrs. E. Crumb, Mr. and Mrs. Usher, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Graydon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Friend, Mr. and Mrs. George Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Baitzer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crane, Mr. S. G. Read, Mr. J. Graydon.

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SIX NATION CASUALTIES

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MILLED IN STORM.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Como, Quebec, Aug. 16.—Stanley Davidson, seventeen years old, an electrical student of Toronto University, was instantly killed by lightning in the storm here yesterday. He was visiting his uncle, Tyson Davidson, and was standing in the barn with a pitchfork in his hand when struck. The body will be removed to Toronto to-day.