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COAL DEALERS' RINGS HAVE BEEN DISSOLVED

Despite Dearth of Coal Prices Have Increased Very Little.

By Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 9.—Forty or fifty associations of coal dealers in various towns and cities of the Dominion, which have been accustomed to mutually agree upon a common price for coal to their customers, have been comptriorily dissolved thru action taken by the cost of living commissioner, W. F. O'Connor, K.C.

Because these associations had been formed before the coming into force of the government regulations, no prosecutions were instituted but all have been notified that the making of future arrangements or agreements, or the observance of formerly made agreements would result in prosecution. One result observed at the present time is that altho there has been a scarcity of coal thruout the country, the prices of coal have not been unduly advanced, and in some cases have not been advanced at all.

Let us take care that in straining after what is desirable we do not lose what is vital and essential, that in grasping what we should like to have we do not slip down into the bog.

U. S. Did Not Back Sweden; Now the Tables Are Turned

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

Stockholm, Feb. 9.—Deputy Brandin, a Social Democrat, speaking in the national legislature today, said: "When America refused to support Sweden it was a question of n utral goods and mails. Now we're facing a different situation, and Sweden replies that the impartiality is only acknowledged on one side."

JOIN INTERNED COMRADES.

Prize Crew of Appam Taken to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Lieut. Hans Berg and his prize crew which took the captured British liner Appam into Hampton Roads early last year, arrived at Philadelphia navy yard tonight from Newport News and were given quarters with the crews of the interned German auxiliary cruisers Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

BAYONET FIGHTING WON BY THE BUFFS

Col. Cooper's Battalion Carries Off Three Military Championships.

SIMCOE MEN IN HONORS

Physical Training Contest is Won by Hundred and Seventy-Seventh Battalion.

Bayonet fighting honors of the Toronto Military Divisional Area were won by the 198th Buffs Battalion, and the physical training contest honors by the 177th Battalion (Simcoe County) at the final competitions staged last night at Exhibition Camp in the transportation building, with several thousand soldier-spectators in attendance. In winning the bayonet fighting championship the 198th's team had last night to defeat the strong 177th Battalion team, which had previously beaten the 164th Battalion, City of Hamilton champions. The 198th's win carried with it the Sir John C. Eaton challenge cup. Sir John being unable to be present, the formal presentation of the cup was made by Col. H. C. Bickford, president of the Toronto Military District Athletic Association, the organization under whose auspices the various contests had been arranged.

The 177th Battalion in winning the physical training contest defeated the 198th and 164th Battalions.

The 198th Buffs also won the "dummy charging," and officers' all-round bayonet fighting and physical training contests, in the former defeating the 164th and in the latter the 204th.

Another honor went to the 198th, the challenge bayonet-fighting contest between Lieut. Gibson, 198th, and Lieut. Dignam, 205th, being won by the former after a very strenuous contest. The winner received a silver medal presented by Capt. Lou Scholes, director of military athletic sports in Toronto district.

Every one of the 48 members of the various winning teams received a bronze medal presented by Brig.-Gen. Sir Henry Pellatt, C.V.O.

The District Athletic Association also presented a consolation cup to the 177th Battalion team for its splendid showing in the bayonet fighting. Col. Bickford made the formal presentation. Col. S. C. Mewburn and Lieut.-Col. H. C. Osborne also took part in the presentation of the medals, acting for Brigadier-General Sir Henry Pellatt, who could not attend. Capt. A. Conover, officer in charge of bayonet fighting instruction for Toronto district, Capt. Lou Scholes and Lieut. Rogers, adjutant of the instructional school, had charge of the contest arrangements.

PILOT DESCENDS IN THRILLING FASHION

British Airman Brings Down Smashed Machine From Great Height.

CLIMBS ON WING TIP

Young Observer Skilfully Balances Craft as It Falls to Earth.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

With the British armies in France, Feb. 9, via London, Feb. 10.—One of the most thrilling flying episodes of the war was recorded today when the British observer in a two seated machine which had been damaged by German shellfire climbed out on one of the wings and steadied the aeroplane while the pilot brought it safely to earth. Two young aviators were leading an offensive patrol when an anti-aircraft high explosive shell burst just behind the right lower wing of the aeroplane. The machine was completely riddled. Three of the stay booms were cut, one blade of the propeller was blown away and all the controls, except the elevator, were put out of action. The machine was further smashed by the broken propeller blade and became uncontrollable.

Realizing the situation the observer did not hesitate, but climbed out three-quarters of the way on the right wing tip in order to balance the machine. The aircraft continued to fall in spirals, however, until it was about 2,000 feet above the earth. Here the observer succeeded in balancing it, and the machine glided down evenly. When about 200 feet from the earth a slight movement by the man on the wing caused the machine to spin again, but the pilot was able to control it when just 10 feet above the ground and the aircraft landed with neither man injured.

MANY MERCHANTSHIPS OFF VIRGINIA CAPES

New York, Feb. 9.—The Associated Press tonight sends the following:

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—The allied merchant fleet reported to have been assembling off the Virginia Capes for several days waiting for convoy was reported tonight to have been augmented during the day and to now number 20 vessels, all heavily laden with cargoes for ports in the war zone. Stories brought here were to the effect that the fleet will sail tomorrow evening guarded by three cruisers, and that before it enters the danger zone a squadron of fast cruisers and destroyers will join in.

Two ships left Hampton roads today for ports within the submarine zone. They were the British steamer San Santa Amalia, for Manchester and Glasgow, and the Italian steamer Fert, for Genoa. Neither carried American citizens.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

(Continued From Page 1.)

of Armentieres in the moonlight after a heavy bombardment, came under the British barrage in no man's land and proved easy to repulse. British forces in the past 24 hours took 37 prisoners, including two officers, at different points along the front. British artillery, doing much successful counter-shelling, caused two explosions in the German lines. Its fire dispersed a German working party near Butte de Warlencourt.

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These British trench raids are succeeding so well that the Germans, being borrowers of other people's ideas, are still trying to imitate the British system, but they have not got the knack of the thing. What happened to the German attempt near Armentieres exemplifies their failure. It requires more confidence and more individual resources than the Germans have at their disposal. Occasionally they enter a trench, only to be driven out again. Usually no man's land proves their ruin.

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The French carried out a surprise attack near Rheims yesterday with success, getting a few prisoners. They also heavily bombarded German positions in the region of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun. The enemy has apparently established himself with considerable forces of men and guns close to this position. Hill 304 would form the flank of French advance on the eastern bank of the Meuse towards Metz, and the Germans, probably expecting a movement of this sort, have concentrated heavily at what they consider a strategic point for the launching of flank blows. Gen. Nivelle knows what the Germans are planning to do and he has surely taken counter-measures to spring when the time comes.

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The French did the bulk of the aeroplane work yesterday. It consisted chiefly of nocturnal bombing expeditions. Their aviators dropped high explosives on the military works and depots at Bernsdorf and on the station at Friburg-im-Breisgau, in the duchy of Baden. A French aviator brought down another German aeroplane. A German machine dropped bombs again on Dunkirk, killing four civilians. Another dropped bombs in the Frouard region, wounding four persons. A Berlin statement that in January the Germans lost 34 aeroplanes and the British, French and Russians 55, will be disputed by the French. The British alone probably destroyed more than 34 German machines last month and the French air service also accounted for a great many.

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While patrolling the English Channel a British destroyer of the older type, carrying a crew of 50 men, struck a mine and went down. Only five members of the crew survive. None of the officers escaped. The lost vessel had a tonnage of 350 to 400. The admiralty withholds its name.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Previously reported missing, believed killed, now killed in action—Lance-Corp. George o'All, Montreal.

Previously reported missing, now killed in action—Ovila Dion, North Hatley, Que.

Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action—Rene Collin, Montreal; J. S. Anderson, Scotland.

Previously reported missing, now wounded and missing—B. Brown, Orangeville, Ont.

Previously reported dangerously ill, now died—Co.-Sgt.-Major George Mote, England.

Dangerously ill—766352, John Cooke, 6 Vivian street, Toronto.

Seriously ill—E. I. Smith, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Missing—L. Bazet, France; Phillas Gagne, Hull, Que.

Died of wounds—Corp. W. K. McKay, England; Corp. Walter Page, San Diego, Cal.; Walter Hoare, England.

Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action—Harry McBay, Scotland.

Missing—Lieut. W. L. Cook, England.

Previously reported wounded, now died of wounds—John McLean, Echo Bay, Ont.

Previously reported wounded, now not wounded—Francis Misinishketew, Manitowaning, Ont.

Previously reported missing, now unofficially prisoner of war—James, 87th Battalion, C.E.F.

Died of wounds—Frank Laycock, Ireland.

Previously reported missing, now not missing—R. H. Green, Thedford, Ont.

Previously reported wounded, now wounded and missing—Lance-Corp. Jos. Bromley, England.

Previously reported missing, believed killed, now killed in action—Gordon Biggs, Virden, Man.; Wm. Crichton, Holyoke, Mass.

Died of wounds—R. Fowler, Mitchell, Ont.; W. H. Jones, Miller, Ont.

Previously reported dangerously wounded, now died of wounds—W. Cavanaugh, Conquest, Sask.

Killed in action—W. J. Davis, England; James Campbell, Phoenix, B.C.; 192138, Alex. Bartholomew, 182 Leslie street, Toronto; Ernest Munroe, Campbellton, N.B.

Dangerously ill—J. J. McLaughlin, Napanee, Ont.; O. A. Venasse, Ottawa.

Shell shock—Thomas Clayton, Lethbridge, Alb.

Killed in action—J. H. Roberts, Bangor, Sask.

Missing—Fred Dellar, Morden, Man.

Seriously ill—Sgt. John Williams, Ireland; L.-Corp. J. C. Agar, Ermonton; P. S. Harding, Little Harbor, N.S.

Previously reported wounded, now not wounded—D. A. Carmichael, Haileybury, Ont.; H. E. Strohm, Welland, Ont.

Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action—John Hutchinson, England.

Wounded—Corp. Albert Witcherley, New Westminster, B.C.; A. H. Parsons, Wainwright, Alta.; Harry Millar, Ireland; J. S. Hobbs, England; Gilbert Watson, New Waterford, N.S.; E. W. Harris, Ireland; B. J. Stangroom, England; John Dorney, Ireland; Lieut. E. J. Kaufmann, Tavistock, Ont.; Lieut. A. Macculloch, 7 St. Thomas street, Toronto; Lieut. Stuart Moore, England; Stanton Clark, Renfrew, Ont.; Percy James, Almonte, Ont.; P. A. Couturier, La Passe, Ont.; Vincent Misniskotewe, Shegundah, Ont.; Harry McBain, Corp. Thomas Rice, L.-Corp. Donald Mackenzie, Scotland; J. L. Dickerson, South Vancouver.

ARTILLERY.

Killed accidentally—512582, C. W. Mills, 46 Balmoral avenue, Toronto.

Dangerously ill—E. R. Stults, Telkwa, B.C.

Previously reported dangerously ill, now died of pneumonia—Gunner G. D. Miner, Granby, Que.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Died of pneumonia—171530, Lance-Sgt. George Seabourne, 431 Gerrard street, E. Toronto.

Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action—Walter Finnie, London, Ont.

Wounded—Lance-Corp. W. A. Stevenett, Penhold, Alb.; J. A. Menary, Orangeville, Que.; 172417, Fred Atherley, 22 Lisgar street, Toronto.

ENGINEERS.

Dangerously wounded—Corp. G. A. Keen, St. Mary's, N.B.

SERVICES.

Seriously ill—E. G. Hill, England.

DESTINY OF MANKIND RESTS ON ENGLAND

Rev. Dr. Chas. A. Eaton Says Canada Is Key to Empire.

That the quarrel between the pacifists and others has largely disappeared and that the action of President Wilson has precipitated public opinion in favor of the allies, is the opinion of Rev. Dr. Chas. A. Eaton, formerly of Bloor Street Baptist Church and now of New York City, who is visiting in Toronto.

Dr. Eaton is president of the Canadian Club in the American metropolis, and declares that the part Canada has played in the war has made Americans as proud of her as if she were a part of the union.

"The destiny of mankind rests on England," he said, "and Canada is the key to the British Empire. If she can bring the entire English-speaking nations together in some working agreement, she will have performed her destiny."

MAPLE LEAF LODGE.

Arrangements Made for Series of Entertainments at Coming Meetings.

At the regular meeting of Maple Leaf L.O.L., 455, held in Broadview Hall last night, the worshipful master, Bro. G. Greenwood, assisted by Wor. Bro. P. Kingston, and the regular officers, conferred the initiatory degree on one candidate, and two applications for membership were received. The lodge decided to reserve the first meeting in each quarter for the initiatory ceremony, and devote one meeting for social entertainment and the others for degree work. Final arrangements were made for the regular quarterly meeting in March, when Bro. Joseph Russell, M.L.A., will present the competition shield which was won by the officers of Maple Leaf Lodge last year. The officers of Dian L.O.L., 2054, are to be invited to this meeting, and many other distinguished members of the association will be present.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE.

Will Present Past Masters' Jewels to Two Ex-Presidents.

The fortnightly meeting of Lodge St. George No. 27, S.O.E., held in St. George's Hall last night, was very successful. It was decided to present two past masters' jewels to two members of the lodge, Bro. J. Sturton and Bro. R. Pratt, both past presidents of the lodge. In the carpet ball competition for the Eastern league it was stated that St. George's Lodge was still in the running for the coveted honor.

CANNOT DODGE SERVICE.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Feb. 9.—H. W. Neville, company promoter, well known in western Canada, has unsuccessfully appealed for further exemption from army service. He urged several important financial matters pending, but admitted that out of six or seven of his companies only two paid dividends.

ANNA CASE

Metropolitan soprano, who will sing at Massey Hall, Feb. 20th, at the patriotic concert arranged by the Women's Musical Club.

York County and Suburbs

EARLSCOURT

Favors Sale of Oleomargarine To Bring Down Cost of Living

Rev. Peter Bryce, pastor Central Methodist Church, is of the opinion that a serious injustice has been done to the people of Earlscourt in prohibiting the sale of oleomargerine, considering the number of people living in the Earlscourt district in the neighborhood, for the most part old country people, who have used oleomargerine while at home.

"It is not right to refuse them the liberty of purchasing this cheap and wholesome food. It can be procured at half the price of butter, and this is a great consideration where the family consists of 5 and more persons," said Rev. Mr. Bryce in discussing the matter yesterday. The question of the sale of oleomargerine was informally discussed at the women's meeting, held in the Earlscourt Methodist Church yesterday afternoon, and they were unanimous in agreeing that the sale of oleomargerine should be allowed.

WILL ADDRESS MEETING.

Great English Naval Recruiter Speaks at Royal George Sunday.

Earlscourt's residents will be favored on Sunday evening in the Royal George Theatre, corner St. Clair avenue and Dufferin street, with an address by Rev. S. Boal, England's greatest naval recruiter, who has just arrived in Canada. This will be the first address in Canada by this speaker to be given under the auspices of the Naval Recruiting League. Rev. Mr. Boal has 7000 recruits to his credit in the old land.

RETURNED MEN ENTERTAINED.

Earlscourt Women Give a Supper and Concert to Over 60 Men From the Front.

Under the auspices of the Independent Women Workers' Association of Earlscourt the second banquet and social evening to returned soldiers was given in Loblaw's Hall, corner Ascot and Earlscourt avenues, last evening. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and bunting and over 60 war-worn veterans enjoyed a splendid repast prepared by Mrs. Harland, president, and her energetic committee of women workers.

The musical portion of the program was presided over by Pte. Henry Parfrey, J.P., the following artists contributing: Pte. Codensens of the Princess Pats, E. Williamson, composer of patriotic songs; W. Tromans, the Rowe sisters in songs and dances in costume; Mrs. Parrot, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Goddard and Mrs. Johnston, a special feature being the rendition of character songs and dances by the pupils of Miss Young.

Among those present were: Capt. G. W. Keith of the 204th and R. P. O. Malton of the naval recruiting staff. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered by the soldiers to the Independent Women Workers' Association.

WESTON

CASE SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Mayor Charlton, of Weston, announced yesterday that the action of the Weston Town Council for the recovery of $11,000 alleged to have been overpaid to Contractor Fry, Engineer Murray and others in connection with the laying down of the town's sewage disposal plant, will be settled out of court.

NEWTONBROOK

Fine Stock Brings High Prices On Upper Yonge Street Farm

One of the largest and most successful auction sales of farm stock and implements ever held in York County took place yesterday on the Elliott Farm at Newtonbrook, on Upper Yonge street, when more than $12,000 was realized between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. There was the keenest kind of rivalry for the Clydesdale brood mares, one team bringing $700, and shorthorn heifers and cows brought $500 each. A number of American buyers were present and altogether nearly 2000 farmers from all over the country were present. The dispersion sale was rendered necessary by the death of the late Mr. Elliott, the owner of the fine Yonge street farm. The sale was put thru by J. H. Prentice of North Toronto.

YORK RANGERS' SOCIAL.

Non-commissioned officers, their wives and relatives attended a social given under the auspices of the 12th York Rangers at their headquarters, 858 Yonge street, last night. The event was more than successful, and arrangements were made by which men of the overseas battalion, raised by the regiment, will receive parcels and soldiers' comforts. A musical program was provided by Mrs. Oldham, Miss Hackbush, Miss Clarkson, Sergt.-Major Youell, Sergts. Allan and Kirkman, Corps. Cliffe and A. Adshead.

Countess Von Bernstorff Has Nervous Breakdown

Special to The Toronto World.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The indisposition of Countess von Bernstorff, who, according to friends of the family, is on the verge of a nervous collapse, may further delay the departure of the Germans to Germany. This was the explanation made tonight when enquiry as to the date of the German officials' departure from this city was made at the embassy.

GUNNERY PRACTICE BY CAMP BRIGADE

Live Shells Fired at Floating Targets Two Miles Away.

DELAY DEPARTURE

Buffs and Beaver Battalions Will Not Leave for a Few Weeks.

Live shell artillery practice commenced at Exhibition camp yesterday afternoon. Sixteen shells were fired by the 69th Battery, with 12-pounder guns at floating targets in the lake 2,600 yards distant. Several direct hits were scored. The firing was directed by Capt. T. R. Jones. Lt.-Col. E. C. Arnoldi, commandant of the artillery brigade, was an observer of the operations. The 67th and 71st Batteries are to hold live shell target practice today.

It is considered likely that the start of the 198th Buffs Battalion from Toronto for an eastern training point will not take place until about the end of the month. The 204th Beaver Battalion will perhaps move about a couple of weeks later. The 176th Lincoln and Welland Battalion recently changed to a railway construction unit, was announced to be slated for an early start eastward, but its departure may now be delayed several weeks.

The naval recruiting depot in Toronto had up to last night accepted 506 men for service in the navy, also 65 boys for apprentice seamen. The rejections to date total 289.

Eighty-nine recruits were examined at the armories depot yesterday, 32 being accepted, 21 rejected and 36 from outside points given a final inspection by a medical board. The 256th Railway Construction Battalion obtained nine of the 32 men attested. The artillery secured six, and the 257th Railway Construction Battalion, five. Of the 25 recruits from outside points, 12 were for the 256th Battalion, 12 for the 257th Battalion and one for the engineers.

The 256th Railway Construction Battalion will open its picture house at 429 Yonge street today and display free "movies" of military railway work as carried on at the western battlefront in France. The 256th Battalion's staff officers have just been approved of by Ottawa. They are: Commander, Lt.-Col. W. A. McConnell; senior major, Major John Harris; adjutant, Capt. A. G. G. Elson; Q. M. with rank of hon. capt., Lt. A. V. H. Pearce; paymaster, with rank of hon. capt., Lieut. Paul E. Bishop; medical officer, Daniel Stewart. Company officers, to be majors: Capt. J. C. Murton, Lieut. G. P. McLaren, Capt. E. A. MacNachton; to be captains—Lieut. T. H. Clarkson Jones, Lieut. R. W. H. Palmer; to be lieutenants—Lieuts. A. G. George, Roy W. Iles, D. Elair, D. Ellis, R. Buxton, F. S. W. Drummond, T. F. Silvester and J. M. Melvin.

The 257th Railway Construction Battalion depots in Toronto and Ontario received word from its Ottawa headquarters to stop recruiting after tonight. The unit will endeavor to sign on as many new men today as possible. It will be the last chance to join the 257th.

Owing to the 228th Battalion's reorganization, due to it being changed from an infantry to a railway construction unit, it is announced that four officers have been struck-off. They are Major Henry E. McKee, R.O. Major E. M. Monteth, Capt. N. K. McKee, and Lieut. H. L. Donaldson.

SERIES OF LECTURES ON CANADIAN HISTORY

Will Be Given at Toronto University to Mark Fiftieth Anniversary of Federation.

Four lectures are to be given at the university, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Federation of Canada. They will be delivered in Convocation Hall, as follows:

Tuesday, March 6—"The Creation of the Federal System in Canada," by Geo. M. Wrong, professor of history in the University of Toronto.

Tuesday, March 13—"Some Political Leaders in the Canadian Federation," by Sir John Willison.

Tuesday, March 20—"The Working of Federal Institutions in Canada," by Z. A. Lash, K.C., LL.D., some time deputy minister of justice.

Tuesday, March 27—"The Quality of Canadian Life," by R. A. Falconer, president of the University of Toronto.

NEW SHIPPING ORDER.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—A new government regulation brought about by the German submarine warfare demands that no Canadian ship be permitted to leave Canada without a license, and only when it is established that the trip will be of useful service.

AN EXCELLENT MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

Baby's Own Tablets are an excellent medicine for little ones. They sweeten the stomach, regulate the bowels, break up colds and simple fevers, cure constipation and make teething easy. Concerning them, Mrs. E. Quinn, Parame, Que., writes: "Baby was troubled with constipation and nothing helped him till I began using Baby's Own Tablets. They are an excellent medicine for little ones." The tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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