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NEWSPAPERMEN MET AT NAPANEE

Bay of Quinte Press Association Held Interesting Session and Discussed Advanced Subscription Rates.

The Bay of Quinte Press Association held an interesting conference Friday afternoon at Napanee. There was a representative attendance of the publishers, editors and newspapermen of the district.

Mr. E. J. Pollard, president of the association and publisher of The Napanee Express, occupied the chair. He briefly addressed the meeting and outlined the program.

Mr. A. E. Calnan, editor and publisher of The Picton Gazette, was the first speaker. He gave a valuable and most interesting account of his experiences since embarking upon a journalistic career about four years ago.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Calnan referred to the value of having frequent gatherings of this nature. The better publishers knew each other the better they knew themselves and their own individual business. In his own experience he found it a rather slow process to build up the subscription list. This had been with him a matter of very gradual growth. His job department had however more than doubled since he took charge. He had entered the field of journalism with certain ideals. Some of these had been shattered but others he was still striving to fulfill. He had for one thing aimed to give each week a resume of church news and work, and thought it a good feature. He had also tried to write more ambitious articles in reference to local events and movements. He also made a specialty of country correspondence and believed it did much to promote and hold circulation. The difficulty was to get good correspondents. He thought a good plan for the editor to go out and meet people. It meant the personal touch. He had to contend against a growing tendency to remain at his desk. He believed in a good strong editorial page but considered it a mistake to devote too much attention on that page to politics. Political affairs after all formed only a small fraction of the interests of life. The local paper would do better to confine editorial comments largely to matters of local interest concerning the town and the community. He was a great admirer of verse and published each week a timely poetic selection. He had tried a humorous column but later discontinued it. In his advertising he used all alike and had no special cut rates.

Mr. Joseph Elliott, president of the Canadian Press Association, and president of The Whig Publishing Company of Kingston, was late in arriving and addressed the meeting very briefly. He took up the question of advancing the price of weekly papers to \$1.50 per annum. This change had now been made by 230 weekly papers in Canada. The movement was working out excellently. No reports indicated a loss of more than two per cent. in circulation while many reported actual increases. This was the psychological moment to make the increase. People expected it as a reasonable outcome of the paper situation. If the members issued good papers they could be sure that no other would break into their field. The large, bulky paper was not what appealed but the quality. The people generally felt that the editor was a part of their community and would be willing to meet increased rates as something justifiable and reasonable.

An informal discussion took place among the members as to the matter of subscription increase and all expressed a willingness to make an announcement of the advance as soon as other publishers in the same town or neighboring towns did the same.

It was arranged to hold the annual meeting next spring at Trenton, accepting the invitation of Mr. Young of the Courier.

NURSE AT GRACE HOSPITAL

Miss Lulu Dyer, daughter of Mr. James Dyer, Commercial street, is a nurse-in-training at Grace Hospital, Toronto, which was yesterday visited by a \$2,000 fire.

MAY HAVE NEW PARK

It is possible that a well known citizen may be making Belleville the site of a park on the city's undertaking to maintain it. The site is that of the old dumping ground or sore at the junction of Cannifton Road, Station and Mill streets.

CAPT. N. ALLEN PASSED AWAY

Mariner and Coal Merchant Died This Morning After Lingerling Illness.

After an extended illness, Captain Nathaniel Allen, coal merchant of Belleville for many years, passed away at his home early this morning. Born at Stella, Lennox and Addington, in 1844, he spent his early life as a mariner on the Great Lakes being the owner and captain of a vessel which plied between the ports on the Canadian and American sides. Some twenty years ago, he gave up sailing the lakes and entered into the coal business, opening up an office on Bridge Street and purchasing property along the harbor front. This industry he managed until he was compelled to retire on account of ill health, when his son, A. P. Allen, now Lieut.-Col., became manager.

He was a member of The Belleville Lodge, No. 123 A.F. & A.M. and of Tanti Lodge Stella, of the A.O.U.W.

Capt. Allen enjoyed a wide popularity and the progress of his illness was followed with deep concern by his wide circle of friends. Mourning his loss are his widow, one daughter, Miss Marguerite, and two sons, Lt. Col. A. P. Allen of the 254th battalion and Captain William P. Allen of the 155th battalion now in England. About two months ago Captain N. Allen lost his son Lieut. Bertram Kerr Allen of the 21st battalion who was killed in France at the battle of the Somme. The family have the deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Interment will take place tomorrow at Stella.

OSGOODE HALL

Benj. Simpson vs. Board of Health of Belleville—W. C. Mitchell, K.C. for plaintiff, moved for leave to appeal from the decision of the Board of Health for costs of the case at the Local Judge A. A. Macdonald for defendant, Reserved.

Alleging that his 8-year-old daughter, suffering from diphtheria, was isolated and neglected, her death resulting, is charged by Benj. Simpson in his \$2,000 damage action, Mr. Justice Middleton some weeks ago directed Simpson, to give security for costs, estimated at \$400.

MARGARET S. BOYLE

Margaret Stratton Boyle, eldest child of Sergeant and Mrs. John Boyle of 63 Octavia street, died this morning. The little girl was nine years of age and some months ago, was stricken with typhoid fever. She later sank into a decline. Sergeant and Mrs. Boyle have the deepest sympathy of the public in their loss.

FORMER BELLEVILLE RESIDENT DEAD

TRENTON, Nov. 28th.—There passed away yesterday in the person of Henry Bull, one of the oldest and best known residents of this county. He was born at Berthier, Quebec, removing at an early age with his parents to Perth, Ont. He received his early education at Upper Canada College, Toronto, and later entered upon the study of law with the late D. McMullen, barrister, of Perth, but later abandoned his studies to join his father in the wholesale business at Belleville. He leaves two daughters and four sons—Miss Bull, at home; Mrs. (Col.) Arnott, Edmonton; Fred W., at home; Harry, druggist, Burford; Clyde M., civil engineer, Winnipeg; and George L. T., barrister, of North Bay.

MILITARY NOTES

Major Campbell, chief recruiting officer for the third division met 32 of the officers of the 235th battalion in conference in Belleville yesterday. A general discussion on recruiting methods followed.

A photograph was taken of the officers later on the terrace of the court house.

Bandmaster Laugher of the 235th has returned from Kingston, where he has been taking a lieutenant's course. During his absence, Sergt. Murchison has led the band.

Lieut. R. P. Coulter of the 254th is in town today.

Robe was taken

Mrs. McCoy, 218 Church street, reported to the police at Trenton that a long haired black dog had been taken from an automobile belonging to Mr. Way, which was standing in front of the residence from six to nine o'clock.

Victories North of Monastir; Serbs Carry Granitza Heights

Berlin Claims British Cruiser Newcastle Was Sunk by Mine—Italians Advancing in Mountains on Macedonian Front—Engagements at Bixheas and Pressoire—Attitude of Greek Crown Council to Allied Demands—Kaiser Wilhelm Paid Short Visits to Vienna—France Will Tax Profits of Large Stores—Carranzista Forces Said to be Routed—Wilson Attends Requiem Mass For Austrian Emperor.

ALLIES ADVANCING NORTH AND WEST OF MONASTIR.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—The French War Office reports continued progress of the allied forces north and west of Monastir.

East of the Cerna, the Serbians brilliantly carried and retained the heights northwest of Granitza.

Northeast of Monastir, French Zouaves are pursuing the Teutonic forces and have captured a height east of Hill 1050, northwest of the city; a violent battle is in progress. The Italians also are progressing in the mountains round Creznastena.

On the Somme front the French report increased activity. There were spirited engagements during the night in the regions of Bixheas and Pressoire.

GREEK CROWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT.

support the government in refusing the demands of the allies.

KAISER DID NOT WAIT FOR FRANCIS JOSEPH'S FUNERAL.

VIENNA, Nov. 29.—The German Emperor arrived in Vienna yesterday forenoon but left the city in the evening. Owing to a slight cold his physicians prevailed upon him to abandon his intention of attending the funeral of Francis Joseph.

CRUISER NEWCASTLE SUNK, SAYS BERLIN.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—The Overseas News Agency says the British cruiser Newcastle is reported to have been sunk at the entrance to the Firth of Forth, Scotland, November 15 by coming in contact with a mine.

FRENCH TO TAX LARGE STORES.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—The Senate which is debating the Income Tax Bill has adopted a clause taxing the profits of large stores. That tax ranges from one to five per cent., according to the profits on turnover.

RUSSIAN MINISTRY CHANGES.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—A semi-official despatch from Petrograd says Count Bobrinsky has been removed as minister of agriculture and appointed grand master of the Imperial Court. Michael de Gier, Russian ambassador to Rome is named as the new minister of foreign affairs.

PRES. WILSON ATTENDS REQUIEM MASS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—President Wilson with the Austrian and German embassies today attended pontifical high mass celebrated by Cardinal Gibbons in memory of Emperor Francis Joseph.

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE AT QUELPH.

GUELPH, Nov. 29.—The Duke of Devonshire arrived here this morning on a visit to the Ontario Agricultural College.

VILLA DOMINATES CHIHUAHUA.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 29.—Francisco Villa the bandit leader today dominates the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. The Carranzista defenders of the northern capital have been completely routed.

GERMANS ADVANCE RAPIDLY AGAINST ROUMANIAN ARMY.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—With the forces of the central powers in possession—according to German reports which hitherto have proved accurate with regard to recent events in Rumania—of Curtea de Arges, an important railway terminus ninety miles from Bucharest, and Giurgiu, on the railway forty miles southwest of the capital, anxiety as to the fate of Bucharest is greatly increased.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's capture of Giurgiu shows that his army has advanced thirty miles in a single day. Further, a Bulgarian

BAND CHEERS OUR SOLDIERS

"Globe" Has Complimentary Words for 80th Band and Leader Harry Stares.

Bandmaster Harry Stares and his remarkable band that he took over with the 80th Battalion come in for some fine compliments from a correspondent whose letter is reproduced on the "Music and Drama" page of the Toronto Globe. The article is as follows:

How welcome the band music is to the Canadian soldiers may be gathered from the following extract from a letter written by Pte. Irvine (120th Battalion), in camp at Bramshott England, to a relative in Hamilton:

"I've had the pleasure of hearing Harry Stare's band, the 80th, twice now, and last night Harry was there himself. He has a fine band, but he is a big part of it himself. He is the same old Harry, as jolly as ever, and it seemed awfully good to see him again, and maybe he isn't popular with the boys. He's so good-natured and jolly. They certainly played fine last night, and he had a good singer to assist. When they played the old plantation melodies they nearly raised the roof afterwards. There is something about those old southern songs that seems to appeal to everyone: all over the world, and I don't know of any tune more inspiring than "Dixie", or more popular. Our bands now have a combination march which includes "Marching through Georgia" and "Suwanee River," and it's mighty hard to beat the former as a march tune, and it's popular with all battalions. We also have the old 13th combination march; maybe you remember it. Both bands used to play it often coming down James street, and it sounded good to hear it again. Our bands played it and the old combination for one and a half miles without stopping. At the last of the concert, Harry was announcing popular pieces before playing, and then he said he wasn't going to tell us the new number but perhaps some of us would recognize it. And then they played the old 13th combination and ours as well—"The Mountain Rose." Maybe we didn't yell Harry laughed and said he guessed some of us still knew it, and spoke of Victoria Park and coming down King and James, around the corner—like old times. Then he played the 31st regimental, which we cheered as heartily, and he laughed again and said he could see them coming down James street, with their kilts swirling just as if he were back. "Yes," he said, "I'll never forget them; they were the two finest regiments anywhere," which goes to show Harry hasn't forgotten Hamilton, and was glad to be among us again. There are many Hamilton men in the band, which you know, was organized into the 80th at Belleville, and was regarded as the finest military band in Canada. The band is all that remains of the battalion now. They are all broken up.

I guess you will see by this time that his wound is not so very serious. I am enclosing my address and I hope that you will let me know where he is when you get his address.

Well I guess I will close now and I know that every one of the boys send you their sincerest sympathy and we all hope that the time is not far away when you will have your son and our comrade home with you. Please excuse this scrawl and sort of mixed-up thing that I call a letter, but it is hard to write a letter at present with all our guns going like machine guns.

Note—Written by one of Ralph Morden's comrades at the front.

I am thankful that I haven't news like that to tell you. Ralph is certainly lucky to get out of this. Late things have been getting pretty hot and by the looks of things they will be a lot hotter before long.

I have been lucky right along and if I come out of this alive I will say that I sure have something to feel glad about.

Ralph was up bringing down some clothes that he had washed during the day when it happened. He said that he didn't know the shell coming until it was almost on him. Then he tried to lie down but he was a little bit too late. After he got hit he got up and walked to the dugout and called down to us that he had been wounded. At first I could not believe him when I saw him, walk, but as soon as he came down stairs and I saw his face I knew that it was the truth. One of the fellows ran for the doctor and I helped him over to a chest, where he could rest while he got his wounds dressed. After he got them dressed he walked upstairs and we put him on a stretcher and carried him over to the railroad, where we got a truck and pushed him down to the Casualty Clearing Station where we left him.

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FOWL SUPPER AT BRIDGE ST.

Large Attendance at Banquet—Program of Music in Auditorium.

Fully five hundred people attended the fowl supper given last evening in the parlors of Bridge street Methodist Church by the ladies. The tables were laden with a plentiful supply of chicken and all manner of viands. Dinner lasted from six o'clock until eight. The ladies of the congregation who served were given much praise for the excellence of the entertainment.

After the banquet, a program of music was given in the auditorium of the church, Rev. Dr. Scott acting as chairman. Prof. Hunt rendered several organ solos in his own inimitable manner; Miss Price and Miss Stork sang a duet, Prof. Staples and Mrs. Outerbridge rendered vocal solos and Miss Madeline Young gave two excellent readings—"Hesley Burke" and "The Rally" (patriotic). Rev. Dr. Scott during the course of the program complimented the artists of Bridge Street choir and made happy comments on the church music. He also urged upon all ceaseless patriotic endeavor. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

J. J. Morrison, Kingston is in this city on a business trip.

HOW R. MORDEN WAS WOUNDED

Comrade Tells How Gallant Belleville Boy Received Wound While Doing His Duty.

Many friends in Belleville will be deeply gratified to learn that Sapper Ralph Morden of the Engineering Corps, though seriously wounded, is likely to recover. His mother, Mrs. R. B. Morden, George street, received the following very full report of the casualty in a letter from a comrade—

France, Nov. 10, 1916.

Mrs. Morden, Dear Friend,—I don't know how to write and tell you about Ralph's wound. Of course it is not a serious wound, though it is a nasty one.

I can't say how sorry everyone of us are about it, for he was liked by everyone who met him out here. I was speaking to the doctor about him and he assured me that there wasn't a thing to worry about.

I know from experience that it is easy to say, "don't worry", for my mother had three of us over here at one time but now there are only two of us left. My youngest brother was killed in the second battle of Ypres. I was at home then and knew what my mother's feelings were when she got that little message telling her that he was wounded. The uncertainty of it was sure killing, and then the word came that he had been killed.

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SHANNONVILLE SOLDIER FALLS

Pte. A. L. Williams of the 80th Battalion Killed in Action.

Pte. Alex. L. Williams of the 80th battalion is today reported killed in action. He was the son of Eleazer Williams whose home is about a mile and a half east of Shannonville. He had a younger brother in the 80th, Pte. Burdett Williams, who has been detained in England on account of rheumatism. A third brother, Pte. Shelley Williams also enlisted with the 80th but was compelled to return home after he had gone as far as Halifax on account of illness. Another brother, Wilfrid survives. In addition to his parents he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Frank Macdonald of Point Ann and Mrs. Eugene Macdonald of Thorold.

DIED

ALLEN — In Belleville on Wednesday, November 29th, 1916, Captain Nathaniel Allen, aged 72 years.