Hydro Off Twice All Over District; System Overloaded

Awkward Situation at Strathroy When Fire Broke Out.

Hydro was off all over Western Ontario for about ten minutes on Saturday night and for several minutes on Sunday. Sir Adam Beck stated that the trouble was at the falls. From other sources it was learned that the lights were out owing to the system being overloaded. Power was off for a short time also on Saturday morning about 7 o'clock, it is declared.

AN AWKWARD SITUATION.

STRATHROY, Oct. 14.—An awkward and dangerous situation occurred here tonight as a result of hydro being off. The local fire siren is operated by hydro and when a fire broke out in Mihell & Gill's store there was no means of sounding the usual alarm. The blaze started when some coal oil took fire. Finally an alarm was sounded on the town bell. By the time the brigade responded, however, the fire had been put out and no serious harm was done.

WINS D. S. O.

A letter received by Mrs. H. A. Boomer from Lord and Lady Aberdeen states that their second son, Lord Dudley Gordon, has just been awarded a D.S.O. The earl and countess are as happy of this distinction as any mother and father could be, particularly in view of the fact that the men of their son's unit had a part in bringing his heroism, devotion and unselfishness to the notice of the commanding officer.

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London Boys Win Out In Court But It's Expensive.

WONDER WHERE JUSTICE IS

Party of Nine Had To Be Taken To Beamsville To Clear Accused.

A couple of well-known London young men, sons of Dr. Ainley Thompson of South London, have recently passed through an experience calculated to somewhat upset their time-honored beliefs in the even handedness of justice, and what is known as "British fair play," where the law is concerned.

J. G. Thompson, who has recently returned after two years' of overseas service with the mechanical transports, and who is now in charge of an automobile school for training chauffeurs for overseas service, and his brother, A. S. Thompson of the railway mail service staff, received a summons on October 2 for speeding through Beamsville at 4:20 o'clock on Sunday, September 23. At that hour on that date, A. S. Thompson was calling at the home of his brother, W. S. Thompson, in the Sandringham apartments, and the car, said to have been speeding through Beamsville at the time, parked on the street in front of the Sandringham apartments. Mystified by the summons and the announcement that a car bearing their number had been exceeding the speed limits in Beamsville on September 23, the young men at once sent back word to the magistrate in Beamsville that their car was in London that day, that one of them was here at the time, and the other in Toronto, and that they had not had their car east of the city since they got it. The magistrate replied that the constable responsible for the summons still stoutly maintained his original story, and had three witnesses to present, who were prepared to swear to his statement. Further, the owners of the car were ordered to present themselves in person.

The only thing to do was to engage a lawyer, and J. M. McEvoy was asked to take up the case. He wrote to the crown attorney of St. Catharines, telling the whole story from the London side.

The reply from St. Catharines was that the only thing that could be done was for the young Londoners to clear themselves by appearing in court with witnesses to refute the chargss.

Last week, the day the case was to come up in court in Beamsville, a party of nine left the city at 9 o'clock in the morning. J. G. Thompson and A. S. Thompson, their lawyer, J. M. McEvoy, and six witnesses, Dr. Ainley Thompson, F. D. Sharman and C. F. Radford of the railway mail service; Medville Platt and Harold Anundson, medical students, and Mrs. W. S. Thompson, sister-in-law, in front of whose house the car stood at 4:20 o'clock on Sunday, September 23.

When the case came up before the magistrate in Beamsville, according to a member of the London party, there "wasn't a leg for the accusers to stand on."

The constable thought the car was a five-passenger one. He wasn't sure whether the license number was a 1916 or 1917 one. One witness didn't know even whether there was anybody in the car or not, and whether it was moving at all or not. The car owned by the Thompson boys happens to be a roadster.

The magistrate immediately took the view there was nothing in the case and dismissed it without further ado by asking what the expenses would be.

Now, while the witnesses were allowed railroad fare and 75 cents a day each, this by no means covered the expenses of meals, etc., not to mention lost time and the lawyer's fee and railroad expenses. While the Thompsons have cleared themselves from the charge of speeding on the date named or at any time in Beamsville, they are out of pocket between $30 and $40 for absolutely nothing but a case of mistaken identity.

A. S. Thompson of the postoffice staff, commenting upon this today, said: "So far as money is concerned, we would have been ahead if we had simply paid the fine and let it go. But, of course, we couldn't do that."

CHRISTIAN LIFE BRINGS MORE TO CHRIST THAN BY ANY PREACHING

Acts Greater Than Words, Says Speaker at First Congregational.

Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Silcox, Dr. Silcox was unable to be in charge yesterday, so Rev. J. H. Dawson, in charge of the military Y. M. C. A., preached at the First Congregational Church.

In the evening he spoke of "The Judgment of the Lord."

"Many people," said Mr. Dawson, "are so anxious about the judgment to come that they blind themselves to the present judgment which is going on daily." For the present tense is used in the sentence, 'The Father hath committed all judgment unto the Son.' Hence, no matter where Jesus was, there was the question of judgment, and today there is as real a judgment being passed on men as though He walked among us 'in the flesh.'

"Men knew they were loved, yet they also knew they were judged, when in his presence. His words, acts and looks judged men and condemned them. In our own lives today acts are judging us. How anyone can give way to self-indulgence, self-gratification, in these days of testing when our boys are giving so much is unthinkable, yet we do know there are many who have given scarcely a thought or a moment of labor to any service beyond themselves, selfishly pursuing self-pleasure, gratifying self in all lines. To spend a moment selfishly in these days should make us ashamed. But above words, deeds and looks, we have a higher agent—that of character.

"Christ judged more by what he was. And after all, it is character that counts above all else. It is not always the best Christian who is going about asking others to become Christians. It's the straight, clean life that brings more to Christ than any urging or preaching.

"Christ's judgment was an unerring one. He never makes a mistake. You may be wrong in what you think of him, but he is never wrong in what he thinks of you. It was a surprising judgment and an unceasing judgment. The outstanding feature of the judgment day will be its surprises. Because character is unceasing, so judgment is unceasing. Some don't believe in the last judgment. Well, the last note of music has no meaning apart from the rest, so the last judgment will be but the close, the culmination of all life's 'judging days,' for the first judgment has already passed. And we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

STRIKE AVERTED.

St. Paul, Oct. 15.—The strike of 2,000 railway clerks and station employees of the Northern Pacific called for today, which threatened to tie up the road's entire freight system, was averted yesterday when an agreement was signed granting the men's demands for an eight-hour day and a higher wage schedule, which is to be drawn up December 2.

MANY GIRLS FAIL TO REALIZE THEIR TRUE VALUE TO GOD

Cannot Make Up Minds to Take Upward Path.

GIRLS' SPEAKER SAYS SO

Four Hundred Attend Banquet Held in Masonic Hall.

The closing words of the successful girl's work and leadership conference held in the city over the week-end, were spoken on Sunday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, a simple, intimate heart-to-heart talk by Miss Una Saunders of the national advisory committee on girls' work, to the hundreds of teen age girls and leaders who filled the building to its capacity.

In the course of her address Miss Saunders urged the girls to be of the class who swim against the stream, who soar upwards, against the wind, and not of the class typified by dead autumn leaves, who drift with the wind and are dragged to earth by gravitation.

In this connection she discussed a number of problems which beset girls, which prevent them from presenting themselves "a living sacrifice, acceptable unto God," also problems which are met, even in endeavoring to lead and develop the "four-fold life."

Life in Japan.

"When I was in Japan on one 1st of July," she said, "I saw floating over the houses, not the flags we would expect to see here, but fishes printed on cotton in the form of bags, with the opening formed by the fish's mouth. The wind filling this bag caused the fish to float out upwards. As many fishes were hung over each house as there were boys in the family, to indicate that the desire for the boys was that they might be strong, the kind that fly against the wind and swim against the stream, instead of allowing themselves to sink and drift." Applying this, Miss Saunders declared it to be the ideal raised for the Canadian girlhood in the Canadian girls in training program, that they may be strong and insist upon overcoming instead of being overcome by temptations and the difficulties met in life.

Fall in Decision.

"There are two things we can do," she said, "please ourselves or please God, go up or fall like dead things. Many girls fail to make a decision because they haven't realized their worthwhileness to God, haven't realized that they are of definite value to Him. They haven't realized that though they are misunderstood, even by the people in their own homes, God always understands.

"Sometimes they cannot make up their minds to take the upward path because of some sin in their lives that they will have to put away. They haven't realized how Jesus is kneeling beside them ready to do battle in their hearts with them against sin, haven't realized what is meant by his cleansing power.

"Many girls fail to make the decision because they haven't realized what they mean to others, how their influence is affecting others for good or evil."

Glad to Come.

In conclusion Miss Saunders expressed the pleasure it had given her to listen to the earnest addresses of a number of the London girls, both at the banquet of Saturday evening and in reports presented in the conference. It had made her glad to find a number had made the decision and were taking the upward road, allying themselves with those who swim against the stream and fly against the wind. "What a wonderful thing it would be for London," she said, "if we could know all the girls were on this side."

Miss McCallum, secretary of girls' work of the Ontario Sunday School Association, presided, and a fifteen minutes song service, led by Parnell Morris, preceded the meeting. A feature of the afternoon much appreciated was a solo by Miss Myrtle Robinson.

Lights Were Out.

Saturday evening some hundreds of teen-age girls of London won the admiration of prominent women visitors representing the national advisory committee on girls' work, for their self-control, presence of mind, good behaviour and orderliness under circumstances which would have excused some confusion. At the session in the auditorium following the banuet, the speaker of the evening, Mrs. D. L. McCrae, had just nicely started on her address when the lights went out and the hall was in total darkness. Mrs. McCrae also showed great presence of mind in continuing her address and got an excellent hearing. When she finished Miss Newbury called to the audience to remain seated, announcing that the girls in the gallery were to wait before making a move till the janitor went up with his searchlight to bring them down. "If you don't do this, you will break your necks," she warned. Those seated on the lower floor were then asked to sing a familiar hymn, while those in the gallery were getting safely down. Just as the hall was almost emptied, without a single mishap, the hydro suddenly flashed on.

Many Opportunities.

Addressing herself first to the girls, Mrs. McCrae spoke of the girls of the Bible, and particularly Miriam, who had such an important part in shaping the career of her brother Moses, destined to lead Israel out of captivity. Dwelling upon the bigness of the opportunities and responsibilities which lie before the girls of today, she urged upon them the importance of training and equipping themselves for service. "Just as the woman moulds the character of the home, so it is the womanhood shapes the character of the nation," she declared.

Her final words were to the leaders of girls, Sunday school teachers and others, whom she urged to study the girls as individuals, to get closely in touch with them, and to get the girl's point of view.

Interesting Reports.

Reports presented by clubs and classes already organized to carry out the four-fold program were an interesting feature of this session. Among those reporting were the Marian Keith Club of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; the Excelsior, a business girls' club; the Roadmakers and Sir Galahad Clubs of the First Presbyterian Church; the Girls' Friendly Club of St. Paul's Cathedral; the "Count-On-Me" class of the First Methodist Church; a girls' club from St. Mark's Church, London Junction. E. W. G. Quantz conducted the opening song service, and a solo was sung by Miss Gladys Topping.

At a banquet held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening, between three and four hundred girls drank to the health of "The King," "Our Allies" and to "The First Girls' Conference held in London." Miss B. Snell proposed the toast to the King.

The toast to "Our Allies" was proposed by Miss M. Howie, Miss M. Rowan responding. Greetings from the boys' work conference were conveyed to the girls' conference by H. Keenleyside.

Miss Olive Ziegler of Toronto proposed the toast to the first girls' conference held in London. Miss Ziegler is a member of the advisory committee of girls' work in Toronto.

Must Be Trained.

"Because of the war," said Miss Ziegler, "situations are being left vacant which women will have to fill. For women to be competent to fill these vacancies, it is necessary that all girls, while in their teens, should get an all-round, fundamental training, physically, spiritually and mentally. The Sunday school class is the most universal organization in existence, therefore, what could be more fitting than to give the girls their training through this agency, and the conference has met today to discuss the problem.

"The result of this system of training girls will be far-reaching and beneficial. Under it the characters of Canadian girls will develop and become more like our great example, Christ, and grow in wisdom and stature. Under it our girls will grow up into full and beautiful womanhood, ready to take their share of the world's burden, and in future day they will form good Christian homes, the unit on which a nation is built and on which the future prosperity of Canada depends."

Miss I. Wood responded on behalf of all present. "I ask you to drink with me the toast to our first girls' conference," she said.

Greetings were conveyed from the Pollyana and Harmondy girls' clubs of Montreal, Y. W. C. A. of Hamilton and the older girls' conference of Brantford.

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MANY DISTRICT MEN IN BIG PARTY WHICH REACHED HERE SUNDAY

Thirty of Fifty-Nine Are for Permanent Base Duty.

A large crowd was at the C. P. R. station to greet the wounded and returned soldiers who arrived from Quebec at noon on Sunday. The new arrangement, by which the men are relieved of kit-bags, and marched between a guard of two lines of soldiers to waiting automobiles, was again used successfully and helped considerably in avoiding confusion.

Mayor Stevenson, members of public bodies, and representatives of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, and the Great War Veterans' Association, met the men when they alighted.

Of the 59 men who returned, about 30 were for permanent base duty, and the remainder were for treatment at the convalescent hospitals. About twelve of the party were Londoners.

Sergt. A. Smith, 150 Dreaney avenue, this city, left here with the 33rd Battalion, and received wounds at Vimy Ridge on May 1, which caused his returning to Canada. Another Londoner who was wounded in France was Pte. J. R. Fulton, who went over with the 70th Battalion, and was struck down at Courcelette.

With the 18th.

Pte. J. McLennan, another Londoner, received wounds while fighting with the 18th at Dickiebusch. Sergt. A. F. Moore of this city, a member of the 70th, who was wounded at Vimy Ridge, is also the possessor of a rare decoration, the Thibet Medal, for the campaign of 1903-04.

Pte. H. Ellis was a member of the 4th Battalion when he was shell-shocked at Vimy. His home is in this city. The Dardanelles was the battlefront where Pte. J. Young of this city was wounded while a member of the 3rd Stationary Hospital. Ptes. E. C. Simpson, 227 Adelaide street; G. D. Simmons and A. M. Allen, Marley Place, were members of the 142nd Battalion who were invalided home from England. Other Londoners in the party were: Ptes. F. C. Davis, 454 Salisbury street; W. A. MacDougall and M. Noble.

Wounded at Somme.

Pte. Sam MacFarlane, of Wallacetown, left with the 99th Battalion, and was wounded at the Somme with the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles. His son enlisted with him, and is still in France. Pte. MacFarlane carried a car ticket of the London street railway along with him to France, and mailed it to the company here after it had been soiled with Somme mud.

Corporal H. T. Herage, of Walkerville, left here with the 241st Battalion, and was hit by a bomb during a Hun air raid on Folkstone on June 27 last, and invalided home as a result.

Pte. J. Berry, of Lucknow, a member of the 70th, Gunner Joseph Harrington, of Galt, a member of the 16th Battery; Pte. A. Hatt, of Petrolea, an 18th man; J. H. Rose, of Essex, who enlisted with the 7th C. M. R., and Pte. L. Turner, of Galt, a member of the original 1st Battalion, all received wounds on the Somme.

Another member of the original 1st Battalion was Sergt. C. A. Waller, of Preston, who was wounded twice, at Ypres and at Hooge.

Were Through Vimy.

Ptes. W. Gordon, Woodstock; D. W. Steward, Blenheim; F. Edwards, Woodstock, suffered wounds at Vimy Ridge; Pte. W. B. Douglas of Galt at Messines and the third battle of Ypres, and F. Hickey of Sarnia at Messines. A brother of Pte. Gordon, Sapper James Gordon, returned wounded some time ago.

Pte. J. C. Page, St. Thomas, was shell shocked at Courcelette, and Pte. A. A. Johnstone of Leamington at Vimy Ridge, while Pte. E. S. Sielin of Walkerton was invalided home from the Somme in October last.

Corp. W. C. Weatherstone of the 2nd C. M. E. was returned from France on compassionate grounds. Bombardier Rutherford of Guelph was invalided home from France, after serving with the 16th Battery, and Gunner C. F. Morgan of the same unit returned on account of an injury to his arm after nineteen months in France, while Lance-Corp. R. J. Laidlaw returned from France on account of fever.

From England.

Sergt. W. T. Douglas, Galt; Lance-Corp. F. Sambell, Chatham; Ptes. S. W. Hadfield, Hespeler; H. Cornford, Ayr; J. W. Collar, Blenheim; J. Pulleybank, St. Marys; S. Lake, Kincardine; J. B. Skinley, Stratford; J. Nadin, Stratford; N. E. Webb, Corp. T. H. Simpson, Courtright; Ptes. G. Williams, Dresden; G. D. Leadstone, Guelph; A. Burns, St. Marys; H. Porter, Hespeler; Gunner R. A. Collins, Thedford; J. J. Tuttle, Detroit, and J. Teddy, of St. Thomas, were invalided home from England.

Others who returned were: H. McDougall, Wallaceburg; J. F. McGregor, Palmerston; G. P. Hudson, Stratford; A. Crump, Galt; J. Rosamund, Milverton; H. Bellay, Dungannon; F. Punchke, Port Hope; W. J. Sillers, Bright, and A. R. Tooke, Ingersoll.

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This was the statement of a London coal dealer today. He wishes to emphasize the need for the exercise of common sense and calmness.

HIT BY STREET CAR.

SARNIA, Oct. 15.—With no attending serious results, a street car and an automobile came together at the corner of Christina and Wellington streets today. The driver of the motor vehicle apparently failed to notice the approach of the car, and his machine was struck and carried for a distance of three or four feet. The street car came off apparently the worse of the encounter, receiving a badly damaged fender. The damage to the motor car was light.

ON MAIDEN TRIP.

SARNIA, Oct. 13.—The new oil-carrying steamer, Régonolite, recently completed at the Collingwood shipbuilding yards for the Imperial Oil Company, arrived at this port today on her maiden trip. The new tanker is modern in every respect, and is one of the largest in the service of the company. The new steamer is now being loaded at this port, and will commence regular trips next week. It is understood that two similar steamers will be erected for the company.

The steamer Mary Battle has been placed in the Reid drydock for repairs. The ferry Omar D. Conger, which has been thoroughly overhauled, is expected to resume operations the first of the week.

WILL HELP GIRLS MEET CHALLENGE OF WORLD TODAY

Never So Many Opportunities for Service as at Present.

HOPE OF THE WORLD

Emphasis Laid at Conference on the Value of Training.

Scores of bright young faces were turned towards the platform of the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium Saturday afternoon, faces of between 300 and 400 "teen age" girls of London, who were there for the purpose of hearing about the development of the four-fold, or all-round womanhood, and of the program which has been planned by the national advisory committee on girls' work to help them to prepare to meet the challenge of the present and future, to fill larger places than ever before in the history of the world was dreamed would be required of them.

In addition to the many girls, school girls, and girls who are already making their own way in the world, while still in their 'teens, a large number of leaders in girls' work were included in the audience.

A Fine Program.

Clearly and entertainingly the recently-completed four-fold development program for girls, known as "The Canadian Girls in Training" program, was presented as a whole, and in its different phases. The conference was fortunate in having speakers of exceptional ability, each thoroughly conversant with her subject and able to catch the attention and hold the interest of young people, at the same time deeply impressing them, and giving them something tangible to carry away.

A point worthy of note was the frequent reference made to the recent extension of the franchise to women, the new responsibilities of citizenship involved, and the importance of 'teen age girls developing themselves physically to meet larger responsibilities. In this connection they were urged to prepare themselves to vote intelligently, take part in public affairs and help shape the destiny of the country by informing themselves in regard to public events, acquainting themselves with history and literature, learning to judge wisely and righteously, and also to prepare themselves to speak in public, which will be one of their new obligations.

Speaking on "The Challenge," the first speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Franklin Johnson, of Toronto, paved the way for the addresses to follow.

Challenge to Girls.

"The challenge comes to you girls of Canada as never before," she said, "the challenge to lead the four-square higher life. The girls are the hope of the world today. They are called upon to fill places of men that would have been undreamed of in former years. To meet the demands made upon her and to meet the challenge, the girl requires to have each side of her life developed, physical, intellectual, religious and service to be an 'all-round' woman.

"Dangers beset girls. How shall these be overcome? By study and physical exercises alone? By going to Sunday school? There must be something inside to give warning and to make victory sure, the indwelling of the Saviour."

Mrs. Johnson urged that it is not sufficient for a girl to be equipped to protect herself. She must render service to others. The wireless operator was used as an illustration, the operator who sits by his key, not only to detect danger for his own ship, but to catch distress signals from others. But the operator must keep his ear alert. "I'm afraid," she said, "we sometimes turn deaf ears to warnings from within and to signals of distress from others."

Need of Training.

Emphasis was laid on the need of training, and long and thorough training. "The soldier," the speaker reminded, "is not ready to go into the trenches to fight the enemy and do his part without long and strenuous training, so the girl who will be the glorious woman of the future, filling the place in which she is called, must be prepared by training."

"Go to it, Canadian girls in training. Be ready for what lies before you," she concluded.

Following this the four-fold standard for girls, set in the Canadian girls in training program, was described, a blackboard giving this in detail.

Physical Side.

Miss Mona Fitzgerald, recently appointed physical director of the London Young Women's Christian Association, took up the physical side of the training program, dwelling upon the close relationship existing between physical and mental well being, impressing the importance of proper muscular development and establishing of good health habits and urging reverence for the gift of life. She reminded that while sickness and sorrow come through misuse of the body and of life, the injunction has been given to "glorify God in the body," which is the temple of God.

The physical standard of the course includes health, education, first aid and home nursing, physical culture, sports, in team and group games, individual sports, water sports and outdoor life.

Miss Georgia M. Newbury made very attractive the "Intellectual" standard, the "idea of training for something, profession, business, or just for the fun of it," as she expressed it.

Have an Ideal.

"First get the idea into your head that you are training for something," she said, adding: "This standard we are presenting makes the mind bigger, makes the mind able to grasp bigger things and to accomplish bigger things." Drawing attention to the details of the intellectual standard, she commented upon each of the features, school and vocational, home craft, home reading, knowledge of current events, public speaking, nature study, music, art, educational lectures and trips and hobbies.

Miss Una Saunders of the national advisory board, the next speaker, made plain that it is not intended to cover the whole program in one year. The idea kept in mind in preparing it was to include the things the girl will want some time during her life. A girl may be well developed physically, keen and alert mentally, but lacking self-control and influence. She requires the religious or spiritual side, or her development is lopsided, incomplete. More than this, without the inner or spiritual life, she is not living at all.

Not Emotion.

Pointing out that religion is not just emotion, that it is necessary to have the facts that underly spiritual feelings, Miss Saunders turned attention to the religious standard of the program to supply the basic facts. This standard or objective gives a place to daily prayer, Bible study, public worship, group Bible study, personal dedication, self-discipline, systematic giving, mission study, recognition of God in nature, music, art and poetry.

Miss B. McCamus, speaking on the service side of the program, expressed the view that the placing of "Service" fourth was especially fitting, with the idea that one requires to be strong, wise and good to be able to serve.

Many Fine Chances.

Bringing this standard of service close to the life of each girl, Miss McCamus touched upon the opportunities for service in home, school, in relationship with chums, in the community and through life. With regard to service in the home, her statement, "Being friends with one's own folks is the greatest test of Christian character," evoked appreciative laughter.

Concerning the last point taken up under the "service" program, that of "Choosing life work," Miss McCamus urged that, while adaptability along a certain line is an important factor, a great consideration should be the opportunity for service offered in the vocation.

Miss Olive Ziegler of Toronto next deftly wove the four strands of physical, intellectual, religious and service development into one program, "The Canadian Girls in Training," touching upon the outstanding features and ways of introducing the program into organisations already in existence and thus making it effective without multiplying machinery. One point emphasized was that a considerable amount is left to the individual, such as reading, daily prayer and Bible study, personal relationship, etc. Practical methods of carrying out the program were suggested, and finally the statement made that the aim of all the work is to make "all round women more like Christ."

The last feature of the afternoon created much enthusiasm, and proved a delightful diversion. This was a series of group games and folk dances and demonstration of physical training presented by Normal School girls under the direction of Miss Fitzgerald, a tug-of-war proving particularly exciting.

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SGT. SAM COURTNEY KILLED BY HUN GAS IN RECENT FIGHTING

London Singer Was One of the First to Enlist.

Mrs. S. Courtney of Charles street, West London, received official notification Sunday that her husband, Sergt. Samuel Courtney, is dead in France from the effects of gas poisoning. He was 40 years old, and besides his wife leaves six little children. He was one of the first to enlist, and went overseas with the A. S. C. Sergt. Courtney was a fine singer, and before the war was a member of the choir of St. George's Church, West London. At the service last night special mention was made of the dead soldier, and the choir sang special numbers in his honor.

TALBOT ST. RALLY HAS ATTENDANCE OF NEARLY 500 SUNDAY

Unique Exercises Mark the Sunday School Service.

Rally Sunday in Talbot Street Baptist Sunday school Sunday was a marked success, nearly 500 scholars and friends being present.

The school room was fittingly decorated with flags, flowers and autumn leaves. The superintendent, A. J. Clark, had charge of the service, and E. L. Brown had charge of all the music and choruses rendered by the school.

The whole exercises reflected great credit upon those who had charge and all who took part. The exercises took the form of building up a cross with such words as faith, love, hope, pray, work, obey, give, faith being the foundation of the cross, and the two arms containing the words "God's clarion call."

Members of the various classes placed the letters and words on the cross, repeating suitable portions of scripture as they did so. After each word being placed, the school sang some suitable chorus.

A most suitable address of welcome was given by Miss Vera Clark. The superintendent gave a short address on "The Call of the Cross." Master Howard Clark gave a short address on "Prayer," while Master Charles Foulkes recited "The Clarion Call."

The closing address was given by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Bingham.

All the classes were out in full force, and are most enthusiastic over the opening of the fall work of the school.

In the morning, the Mission Band held its fall rally at 10 o'clock, under the able leadership of Mrs Nathaniel Mills. Young people were present in large numbers, and raised nearly $70 in one offering for the establishment of a missionary library, which the band just inaugurated. The children also brought considerable fruit for the soldiers at the Convalescent Hospital, which was taken to the military hospital for the soldiers.

In the church services, the pastor preached morning and evening. The music by the choir during the day was especially good.

WOMEN ORGANIZE AT STRATHROY

On their way back from visits to Sarnia and Strathroy the end of the week, Mrs. Sandford of Hamilton, provincial vice-president for Ontario of the National Council of Women, and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings of Toronto, honorary vice-president of the national council, reported successful meetings in these places. As a result of their visit, a local council was organized in Strathroy, and they spoke to an encouraging rally of the Sarnia Council. They hope to visit St. Thomas and Port Stanley within the next ten days to confer in regard to organization in these places, several St. Thomas delegates attending the meeting addressed by them in London last Thursday.

Stanley J. Meredith and Anita Black in a musical comedy farce written by Mr. Meredith, "Keep It Dark," at the Majestic all this week.

Photoplay News

"REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM"

The book of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" was first published October 7, 1903. Within a few days its popularity was assured and within seven years it attained the extraordinary sale of 337,000 copies, without the aid of either illustrations or sensational advertising. Since then it has been dramatized by Charlotte Thompson and Miss Wiggin with great success, and many re-issues of the book have been published. The motion picture rights to this famous subject have often been sought without success. However, when Mary Pickford decided to comply with the thousands of requests to picturize it, the screen rights were promptly granted, and that the result will win far greater fame for both Mary and the character of Rebecca than ever before achieved is easily apparent.

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WAR TAX GREATER THAN SHAREHOLDERS' DIVIDEND

The sixteenth annual report of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, Limited, for its fiscal year, ended August 31, 1917, presented at the shareholders' meeting held in Montreal Thursday, the 11th inst., is a remarkable evidence of the continued growth and prosperity of the premier milling company of the British Empire.

In their addresses to the shareholders, the president, Mr. C. R. Hosmer, and vice-president and managing director, Mr. W. A. Black, laid particular emphasis upon the tremendous volume of business transacted by the company during the past year, which was by far the largest in its history, and this is quite naturally reflected in the company's balance sheet. So large and insistent was the demand that the company did not even have time to do the necessary overhauling and repairing to its plants, and this work has been postponed until business permits. In the meantime, however, depreciation has apparently been provided to take care of the excessive wear and tear due to continuous operation.

An interesting feature of this year's balance sheet was the separation of the profits obtained from sources other than milling, which, judging by the brought about by criticism which has at times been leveled against the company for making undue profits. The Ogilvie Flour Mills Company owns and operates a large line of interior elevators, a large public terminal elevator at Fort William, cereal mills at Winnipeg and Montreal, and also handles large quantities of grain in bulk, in addition to which the conservative policy which it has followed for many years has resulted in an accumulation of profits which have been invested, and together with the other adjuncts to the main business already referred to, are bringing in very handsome returns, as shown by the balance sheet.

The very interesting statement was made by the vice-president that on the past year's business the company will have to pay a war tax in excess of the dividends paid to the common shareholders, which is abundant evidence of the very real service which the big corporations of the country are rendering the Government in their efforts to obtain the necessary funds for the prosecution of the war.

Full balance statement and reports are published elsewhere in this issue, and contain many items of unusual interest.

BURIED AT ST. MARYS.

ST. MARYS, Oct. 14.—The funeral took place this afternoon to St. Marys Cemetery of David Oliver. He was 67 years old and besides his wife leaves a grown up family.

MARINE NEWS

SARNIA.

SARNIA, Oct. 14.—Vessel passages up.—Moll, Livingstone, Cowle, Walsh, Widler, White, Boland, Agawa, Hoyte, Amburg, Laughlin, Sonoma, Corry, Grand Island, Renown, Pentland, Mullen, Reed, Ball, Bradley, W. L. Smith, Central West, Centurion and consort.

Down — Sweden, Farrell, Clemson, Adriatic, Michigan, Ericsson and consort, Durston, Ohl, Poe, Mather, Midvale, Hagarty, Truesdale, Frick, Queen City, Barlum, Minch, Lyman Smith, Replogle, Castalia, Christopher.

PORT COLBORNE.

PORT COLBORNE, Oct. 14.—Down Saturday: Iocoma, Cleveland to Montreal, oil, 5 p.m.

Up Saturday: Iowa and Kentucky, Montreal to Cleveland, light, 7 a.m.; Edward Fuller and consort, Toronto to Erie, light, 10:30 a.m.; Dollard, Kingston to Windsor, light, 4 p.m.

Cleared: Bickerdike, Goodyear, Sarnolite, Escorse, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Kentucky.

Down Sunday: Hamiltonian, Fort William to Montreal, wheat, 11:45 p.m.; Aztec, Duluth to Ogdensburg, lumber, 9:50 a.m.; Keywest, Port Colborne to Montreal, wheat, 9:40 a.m.; Howard W., Port Colborne to Montreal, wheat, 12 noon; Imperial and Barge 41, Sarnia to Brockville, oil, 2:30 p.m.; Malton, Ashtabula to Montreal, coal, 4:15 p.m.

Up Sunday: Howard W., Kingston to Port Colborne, light, 10:40 p.m.; Keybell, Montreal to Ashtabula, light, 2 a.m.; A. D. McTier, Montreal to Cleveland, light, 3:25 a.m.; Keywest, Montreal to Port Colborne, light, 3:50 a.m.; E. M. Pierce, Montreal to Buffalo, light, 5 a.m.

Arrived: Osler, Hagarty, Riverton.
Cleared: Schlesinger.
Wind southwest.

DEATH OF MRS. SPENCE.

RIDGETOWN, Oct. 13.—James Crawford has received word from Pigeon, Michigan, that his sister, Mrs. James Spence, is dead there.