

## BELLEVILLE MAN LEADING BRIGADE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Colonel Brannan, who is command- ing officer of the Irish Brigade with General Louis Botha's army in South Africa, and now engaged in the in- vasion of German Southwest Africa, is a native of Belleville, his father having been a former proprietor of the Hastings House.

## WAS SUNG BY PROF. CAMERON

Prof. Cameron, at the morning ser- vice at Bridge Street church yester- day sang a solo of exceptional merit. "The Golden Gates are Open" was the solo. The composition of the solo was by Mr. Sam Turner, who wrote the words and Bandmaster E. R. Hinchey, the music.

## NEW PULPIT IN BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Baptist church yesterday mor- ning an artistic quarter cut oak pul- pit was dedicated. The Rev. Chas. G. Smith, pastor, presiding. This piece of ecclesiastical furniture was built by Mr. James B. Peck of this city. It is of the standard size in pillar struc- ture style. The four corners are carved in oak leaves in harmony with the carved chairs which were the workmanship of the Rev. Mr. Wai- shed by Mr. George Madden. It is fitted with reading desk and exposed at the rear enclosed.

## BELLEVILLE DRUGGIST PLEASURES CUSTOMERS.

J. S. McKeown, druggist, Front St. reports customers greatly pleased with the QUICK action of simple laxative, balm, glycerine, etc., as used in Adler's-ka. This simple remedy drains the old foul matter from the bowels so THOROUGHLY that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or peevish stomach. It is so powerful that it is used successfully in appendicitis. Adler's-ka never gripes and the IN- STANT action is surprising.

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## OBITUARY

### Mrs. Margaret Barnhart.

Mrs. Margaret Barnhart, 61 Wharf street, widow of the late Thomas Barnhart, died yesterday at the age of 54 years. She was born in County Limerick, Ireland, but had lived in this city for the greater part of her life. She was a daughter of the late Richard Fitzgerald and Johanna Burke. She had been ill for about two weeks. In religion she was a Roman Catholic. Surviving are one son, John Joseph of Erie, Pennsylvania, and three daughters, Misses Minnie, Lena, and Maggie.

### Mrs. Jane Boyle.

The death occurred on Sunday evening of one of the oldest residents of Belleville, Miss Jane Boyle. Miss Boyle was born in Castle Comer, County Kilkenny, Ireland, on Feb. 1, 1824. She came to America at an early age and lived for some years in Rochester and other American cities. For a number of years she was connected with the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs and later held a similar position in Wellesley College. About 20 years ago she came to Belleville where she has resided ever since. The funeral will take place from Christ church on Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

### C. A. Chandler.

Ahgarles Albert Chandler, young- est son of the late Edmonds and Helen Chandler, died in this city yester- day, aged 64 years. He had been ap- parent of Montreal for years.

## BOXERS READY FOR BOUT

Charles 'Kod' Murphy arrived in the city on the 12:33 train today with his manager, G. Death, and his second, Johnny Gordon. Murphy is a likely looking boy. He is taller and longer in the reach than McCracken. When asked what he thought of his chances of winning tonight's bout he said "I am going to do my best to win. I know McCracken is a hard- rugged boy and it will be a good- bout." The public is taking an in- terest in this bout as the first row of seats around the ring is sold—some- thing that never happened before. First bout at 8:15 sharp.

### Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson Carlaw of Belleville, Ont., have announced the engagement of their younger daugh- ter, Annie Cecile, to Mr. James Mackintosh of Ottawa and Hydro-Elec. son of James Mackintosh, Esq., and Mrs. Mackintosh, Elgin, Scotland. The marriage to take place the latter part of April.

Do it Now.—Disorders of the diges- tive apparatus should be dealt with at once before complications arise that may be difficult to cope with. The surest remedy to this end and one that is within reach of all, is Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, the best laxative and sedative on the market. Do not delay, but try them now. They will convince anyone that they are agreeable to the most sensitive stomach.

## GRAPHIC LETTER FROM LIEUT. RICHARD D. PONTON AFTER BAPTISM OF FIRE

Lieut. Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., has received from his son, Lieut. Richard D. Ponton, a letter written on the memorable 21st day of February, a short while after the baptism of fire which the Canadian troops under- went. The Ontario having made spe- cial request of the recipient is privi- leged to make this communication public. It is as follows—

France, Sunday, 21 Feb. 1915.  
Dear Dad,

Well, we have had our baptism of fire and have just returned to billets for a few hours' rest. We were up in the trenches only 100 yards from the enemy. After the first half hour was over it became something in- describable. A great intense heat, and one immediately begins to call all his thinking powers together in order to outshoot and outstep the enemy. We went into the trenches at 3 a.m. on Friday, amidst bursting shells and machine gun fusillades in addition to search lights and huge star shells. Such a sight and sound it was. Wonderful! By the time dawn came we had settled down to our work and overcome any little nervousness men naturally have when marching in and in front appeared the trenches of the Germans. Shells started at dawn again but our ar- tillery was quite equal to the occasion. On Friday night we were right out in front fixing the entanglements. The Germans have no more chance at getting through our lines here and our steel than I have of going in India. Well, we were tired enough this morning at 4 a.m. to be relieved for a little rest and to pull ourselves to- gether. We go back again tonight had very slight casualties. Sniping has the greatest effect. The country ar- round here is in an awful state. Bearing tragic witness to the great strug- gle that has lasted for weeks. Of course we notice these things more now than we will later on, but ev- erything is laid waste. On Thursday evening our mail came. Letters from you and mother and Anna and Bill Shorey. You can never imagine such rejoicing at getting them and just be- fore going into action for the first time. The men behaved splendidly and their work was highly complimented by British officers who have been

here for weeks. All the Belleville XV boys and 49th boys are fine and un- touched so far. My platoon did splen- did work both at checking sniping and entanglements. Have met some of the very finest officers of the Royal Fusiliers, Royal Engineers, The Buffs, North Staffordshire, etc., etc., with who we are fighting side by side. Now dad, I am off to bed in a very com- fortable billet, and from the way I feel I will sleep every minute of the few hours I have.

Good-bye and dear love to you all DICK.

A further much battered post card of February 22nd, to Charles Senke, adds, "Well, boy, I am writing this in the trenches only 100 yards from the enemy. Save a number of these this morning early. Tonight at dusk they sang German songs and called to our men who whistled back and then it all turned into machine- gun fusillades which were not so cheerful. The Canadians have the bull dog breed all right. Love,"

DICK.

A further post card to Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., kindly sent out by him says—"We have been in the trenches for four days. The men have behaved splendidly, and only slight casualties so far. We will go back to billets for a little rest in a few days. We are all feeling fit and working hard. With kind regards,"

RICHARD D. PONTON.

## EVAPORATOR AT TWEED BURNED

Special to The Ontario.

Tweed, March 15.—The Graham evaporator here was totally destroyed by fire this morning.

There were about two cars of pota- toes and green goods on the premises as well as about three tons of the finished product. The building was a good frame structure erected about seven years ago, and the evaporator one of the best three-kiln plants that the company owns. The loss will be about \$4,000 with no insurance.

## 1914 DRIEST YEAR ON RECORD

But Drainage Gives Big Results.

The Ontario Agricultural College reports that the crop year of 1914 was the driest on record in Ontario. The precipitation from harvest 1913 to harvest 1914 lacked 5 3/4 inches of being up to the average. This is a shortage of almost 20 per cent. The college has often stated that tile drainage was effective in a dry season as well as in a wet one, and last year it was able to prove this in a most practicable way. Since 1912 the college has been installing Practical Drainage Demonstration Plots in parts of the province where little or no drainage has been done. The plan is to drain half of a field, leaving the other half undrained for com- parison. Both parts are sowed to the same grain of grain and the crop from each part threshed separately. Nine plots were drained prior to 1914. The average of nine fields showed that at market prices at threshing time the drained half produced \$14.12 more per acre than the undrained half, and that in the driest year on record. In an average season the average increase due to drainage is over \$20 per acre, and in a wet sea- son even more.

For a number of years the Agri- cultural College has been making drainage surveys for farmers free of charge, except for travelling expen- ses. This offer is again renewed. Farmers having drainage difficulties may secure assistance by writing the Department of Physics, O. A. C., Guelph, for information and regular application forms.

## TEN RECRUITS FOR BATTERY

Ten volunteers have already been enlisted with the 26th Battery, C.F. A. in Belleville. They expect to go down in a day or so to Kingston. Four of these men were recruited today.

### ST. ANDREWS BY THE SEA.

Nature has wone much for St. An- drews. No prettier place can be vis- ited by the tourist or the summer vaca- tionist. It is the most popular of Canadian Seaside Resorts and it is now chosen by large numbers of summer visitors from New York and Boston who desire to get away from the overcrowded resorts of the United States.

There are excellent sea bathing fa- cilities at half a dozen places in the neighborhood. The Canadian Pacific has rebuilt the large Algonquin Hotel, while the "Inn" affords accommodation for those who desire the quietness of cot- tage life.

Nearly all children are subject to worms, and many are born with them. Spare them suffering by using Mother's Worm Exterminator, the best remedy of the kind that can be had.

## EYES OF THE WORLD NOW ON CONSTANTINOPLE

It is upon Constantinople that the eyes of the world are fixed to-day, the military operations in Poland, Galicia, and Flanders having for the moment faded into unimportance compared with the sudden attack upon the stronghold of the Turk. Before the attempt to force the Dar- danelles was begun by the allied fleet there had been no talk of this move- ment, the battles between the Turks and the Russians, and the thwarting of the Turkish attack upon Egypt having occupied the attention of the experts. Suddenly it was announced that a British and French fleet was trying to force the Dardanelles, which is the gateway to Constantinople, and reputed to be one of the strongest natural fortifications in the world. Since then steady progress has been made, and from one-third to one-half of the dangerous and tortuous chan- nel has been cleared of the enemy. It is generally admitted that the Allied ships cannot be stopped, and that within a fortnight, probably, the cap- ital of the Turks will lie helpless under the guns of the Queen Eliza- beth and her consorts.

### Massacre Feared.

There is a report that the Sultan, the Grand Vizer, the Chief Eunuch, the harem and other important ad- juncts of the Moslem court have al- ready fled the doomed city, and have established themselves in Konja, which is some 300 miles due east of Smyrna; and there are rumors afloat that before the city is surrendered there will be a general massacre of Christians. A prominent Turk now in Paris says that when the battalions of the Allies appear off Constanti- nople the populace will rise against the Germans, and after flying white flags from every window will proceed to massacre all the Germans in sight. A massacre of Germans would be a natural prelude to the massacre of all Christians, for the alliance be- tween Turkey and Germany is tempo- rary. Christians are traditional, and it may be taken for granted that the infuriated Moslems will not make nice distinctions, but that if they start a massacre all the Christians who fall into their hands, whatever their nationality, will be in peril.

### The Turks' Last Hope.

There is, however, the extreme probability that the sight of the war- ships will terrify the Turks, and that they will be willing to surrender the city without attempting any reprisals upon non-belligerent dwellers there- in. They may still cling to the old hope that dissensions among the Al- lies will save them, as in the past they have been spared. Old Abdul, cer- tainly, would never despair even at this late date, although he must see with amazement Britain and Russia combining in their attack upon his ancient stronghold. In the past three centuries, and especially in the past ninety years, Great Britain has more than once intervened to prevent Rus- sia from securing possession of Con- stantinople. The Crimean War, as everybody knows, was fought primar- ily for this purpose, and our much abused word "jingo" was coined in a popular English song, which swore that in no circumstance should Rus- sia ever have possession of Constan- tinople.

### British Fear of Russia.

In 1877 the fear of Russia had by no means abated and when the vic- torious Russian army, having defeat- ed the Turks, had reached San Stefano and was almost within sight of Constantinople, it was robbed of the chief fruit of victory by a British note and the presence of a British fleet in the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmora. Subsequently Lord Salisbury ventured the opinion that in backing the Sultan against the Czar Britain had "put her money on the wrong horse," but the money had been lost, and in the past genera- tion there has been no fitting oppor- tunity for Great Britain to "lay off" and take a ticket upon Russia. Just what Sir Edward Grey meant when he said the other day that Britain sympathized with Russian aspira- tions regarding an outlet upon the Black Sea is a matter for debate. It may mean that Britain has decided that Constantinople shall pass into Russian possession. It may mean that the Dardanelles will be dismantled of forts and that Constantinople will become an international city. One factor is constant in the fight over Constantinople: the final word will be said by Great Britain.

### Grecian and Bulgarian Hopes.

Russia regards this city much as the Roman Catholics regard Rome. Its possession has been a national ambition for centuries, and there is even a legend that Peter the Great gave directions about it in his will, though this testament is sup- posed now to be a forgery. It cannot be denied, however, that Cath- erine the Great had set her heart upon it, and desired that the capital of Russia should be transferred from Petrograd and Moscow to Sta- nbul. Alexander the First wanted the Turkish capital, and it is said that his quarrel with Napoleon, which led to the disastrous invasion of Russia, resulted from the failure of the two Emperors to agree upon this ques- tion. Not the less passionately do the Greeks desire Constantinople, the ancient capital of Byzantium, and in Constantinople today the Greeks are the largest, richest, and most im- portant foreign element. Bulgaria has also ambitions to attach this Turkish stronghold to her kingdom. In fact, no prize which has been thrown into the lottery of war is so covet- ously regarded as the ancient city, which seems about to be changing owner- ship for the first time in four and a half centuries.

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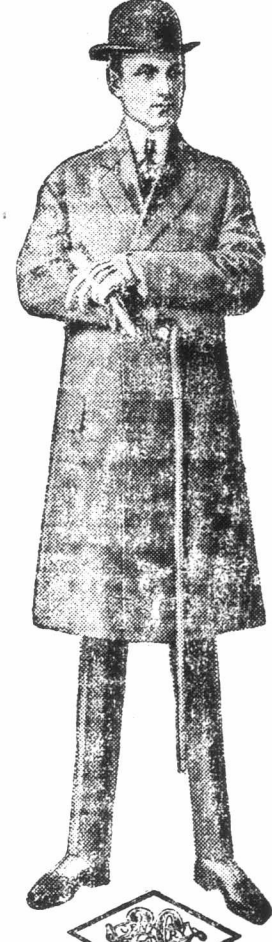
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