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Fire Department Candidates

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16.

A campaign of exhaustion appears to be the policy of the board of control in dealing with the fire department muddle. The nomination of Col. Langton after three previous rejections by the city council does not look like a bonafide attempt to settle the problem, tho it is said one or two aldermen have changed their minds since the last vote, which was 14 to 8 against the appointment.

The idea seems to be that some day, if the campaign is kept up long enough, by a snap vote the man desired by the mayor's party may be thrust in.

The mayor has several strings to his bow, and it is not clear which is his favorite. He has not declared to win with any of them, to use the racing phrase. He might possibly be pleased to see his relative appointed, and the fact of a family connection should have no weight one way or another if there were no other objections. The mayor also talks about promotion in the department, and his favorite organ is understood to be anxious to make the appointment of the acting chief permanent and control the department thru him.

The mayor is also eager to nominate Mr. Fred Dane. who has acquired a reputation as a government appointee first as commissioner of the T. and N. O. Railway, second as trade commissioner at Glasgow and more recently as commissioner on the provincial license board. Mr. Dane's versatility is being put to an extreme test, and it would scarcely be fair to make further demands upon resources which not even the cleverest of men possess.

There are several other candidates in the background, and it is in the interest of these, it is believed, that the campaign is being so unduly prolonged. One or two aldermen, a controller and an ex-alderman are still in the expectant state which besets certain gentlemen when there is a vacant office Unfortunately none of the parties seem to regard the interests of the public as of the chief importance. All considerations should give way to this. The sentiment of the public is one of unmitigated disgust, and if ever the full story of the delay in settling the matter be told the disgust will be

deeper still. A thoroly independent commission could be named of three competent men who would undertake the administration of the department for six months or a year, free of charge to the city, and who would straighten out the tangles and leave the service in a position where the appointment of either a head or a commissioner could be approached without prejudice. It is clear that it is not the benefit of the city or of the department of which the politicians are thinking, or some such course would have been adopted months ago.

A War of Attrition

In one of his clear and illuminating reviews of the varying aspects of the war, Mr. Hilaire Belloc dealt with the position on the Italian front. After describing the nature and effect of the Italian movement on Trieste, he turns to what he calls the most important matter in connection with that front, not the advance or retirement of the Italian line, but the effect of the Italian intervention upon the numerical situation. Mr. Belloc holds that "the enemy, as a whole, has lost such numbers that his reserve in man-power may probably be regarded as not more than one-twelfth now of his total or iginal man-power or anything between one-fifth and one-sixth of his remaining man-power." Before Italy joined the allies, this reserve sufficed to supply constantly the gaps formed by the heavy fighting on the eastern front and to send occasional reinforcements

to the west for particular operations When Italy intervened a portion of that reserve had to be used and as the Italian operations develop more and more men must be sent from it-the reserve may, indeed, be altogether exhausted. Not only this, but the appearance of Italy in the field has conrused the enemy's plans and may already have begun to starve the units on the other fronts. If Mr. Belloc is right in his contentions, one can understand the extraordinary efforts ment that he is quite in favor of pro-

made to break the Russian lines and to inflict so serious a defeat as would practically render the Russian forces incapable of resuming the offensive careful perusal of the accounts given until new armies had been organized of the meeting in all of the papers, and equipped. That intention has, however, been frustrated by the masterly retreat of the Russian armies and the readiness with which the Grand Duke Nicholas has abandoned territory rather than risk what might become an irreparable disaster to the

Considerable as has been the success attending the German drive into Russia its cost in casualties has been very great. From the official casualty lists issued by the German war office, it appears that during the two months but realize that this will take of May and June, when General Von gained by delaying the Mount Pleasant Mackensen fought his way from the line. Donajec to the San, some 35 of his

best infantry battalions lost on the average two-fifths of their strength. CAPT. M'PH troops alone are stated at 14,191, the proportion of killed being 25 per cent. of the total-no figures are given for the reserve troops in the army. These losses can only be a fraction of the sacrifice Germany has made in the Kingston Officer Succeeds Col. vast movements against Russia, and if the Russian armies remain un broken, that sacrifice will be largely futile. Germany can only come ou considerably diminished in man-power and confronted with the necessity of meeting allies in the west whose strength has been continually increas-

Briton and Boer in East Africa

When the war broke out British Eas Africa was of all the imperial posses sions most liable to attack and least prepared for efficient defence. As usual the Germans were in much better shape to begin with and made early efforts to cut the Uganda Railway which roughly parallels the boundary at a distance from it of from fifty to a hundred miles. The problem that confronted the British authorities was Rev. Rural Dean Woodcock Obtherefore the protection of the railroad, and this entailed the immediate organization of an adequate patrol of the strip between the German frontier and the road. As it happened, Mr. C. Creighton Mantell tells us in a recent article in Land and Water, the only force of trained Europeans in existence was a company of railway volunteers, which was at once detailed in small detachments to guard the more

important bridges. The only other available force in the protectorate were a few thousand native troops who had never been in force in quelling disturbances. Even at that a large section was at the time engaged in a part of the country distant some hundreds of miles from the danger points. An emergency appeal was therefore made to the European resident on the magnificent tablelands FIELD KITCHEN VOTED about 300 miles from the coast and extend thence almost to the shores of Lake Victoria Nyanza. On these tablelands some five hundred British and several hundred Boers were settled, their elevation providing an appropriate climate for European occupation over their extent of 30,000

square miles. Mr. Mantell says that the response to the appeal "constitutes one of the finest episodes in the history of British East Africa and should earn for the settlers there the respect of all men for all time." Briton and Boer alike flocked to Nairobi to aid in the defence of the land they had made their own, leaving their homesteads, their wives and families without the protection of their presence. What ocurred in Nairobi was repeated on a smaller scale in Mombasa, the terminus of the railroad on the Indian Ocean, and in some of the Uganda towns. Many of these men had served with distinction in the South African war

defatigable officers, did splendid work against an enterprising and unscrupuious enemy for nearly four months under trying conditions. Not only did they hold their own but they repeatedly drove back and inflicted considerable losses on the superior forces of the enemy. Even after the arrival of the main Indian expeditionary force the volunteers continued to serve with the same determination altho forming only a small section of the British troops now engaged in East Africa. In passing Mr. Mantell refers to the unsuccessful attack made by the Indian force on Tanga, the railhead of the line in German East Africa. Its failure revived the waning spirits of the enemy and necessitated the inauguration of fresh plans. The natural advantages of the situation remain with the enemy, who has not

MOUNT PLEASANT CAR LINE.

been slow to make avail of them.

Editor World: I was pleased to see in his morning's World Mr. Hodgson's explanation of what took place on the occasion of the recent visit of the deputation from the North Ratepayers' Association to the board of control, and note his remarks that if I had waited for the rest of the deputation I would have seen things in different light. Unfortunately was asked to be present at 10 o'clock and we were informed that the board of control did not meet until 11.30, hence my absence when the interview took place. I quite accept Mr. Hodgson's state-

ceeding with the car line on Mount Pleasant road at once, and that he exressed no opinion to the contrary on that at least one member of the de-putation expressed his perfect willing-ness to throw over the Mount Pleasant line indefinitely in an effort to have the council undertake the acquisition of the Metropolitan on Yonge street. If such is the case I feel that it was Mr. Hodgson's duty as president of the association to combat that statement when it was made, and not allow the irely erroneous idea of the position of

he association on the sub; but realize that this will take time

Arnoldi of Ottawa in Important Military Post.

Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, Aug. 15.—Capt. Fred McPharland, son of James McPhar-land, Kingston, has been given com-mand of 25th Battery of the Canadian ing. The Teuton capacity to take the offensive will be correspondingly reduced.

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sumed the junior majorship of the 59th Battalion which is now recruited over strength.
William Kerr, assistant agricultural representative in Perth, has left town for Toronto, where he wil spend a week before going to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, having been appointed to an important position there by the

THIRTY-SIX SUBMARINES SUNK BY BRITISH NAVY

tains Information From Relative of Naval Officer.

Special to The Toronto World.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Aug. 15.—Rev.
Rural Dean Woodcock, Anglican rector
here, is home from an extended vacation in England. tion in England. Speaking of the war, he expressed the opinion that conscription is bound to come both in Great Britain and Canada. In the old and, there are sufficient men for the present needs, but six months hence leavy drafts will be necessary to fill the ranks, and these must be trained. The people of England, he says, are not alarmed over the German submarine blockade and in this connecti action, further than acting as a police he said that 36 of the enemy's under sea craft had been caught in the North Sea and destroyed, his information coming from a relative of a naval of ficer who is serving with the converted cruiser "Clancastle." Dean Wob cock adds that the Canadian soldier in England is treated splendidly.

Deputation of Fifty-Ninth Bat talion Secures Grant From Mariposa Township Council.

al to The Toronto World LINDSAY, Ont., Aug. 15.—A deputation consisting of John Carew, M.L. A., F. D. Moore, K.C., C. E. Weeks and Major A. J. Williams attended the session of the Mariposa Township Council of Oakwood and presented the claims of the 59th Battalion Regimental Fund yesterday. The deputa tion was kindly received and Reeve Edwin Rogers promptly took the initiative by proposing that his town-ship contribute the price of a field kitchen, amounting to \$450, and his colleagues provided promptly the grant

LIEUT. MARTIN, WOUNDED. IN VERSAILLES HOSPITAL

Lieut. Walker of Canadian Dragoons Rejoins Regiment_ Other Officers Convalescing.

and were famous hunters, others came straight from their office desks. But all fell in side by side in the ranks and before many weeks had passed East African Volunteers were out in the border country repelling the German raiders into British territory.

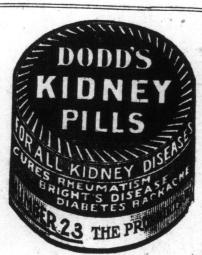
These volunteers, working with the available native troops and led by indefatigable officers, did splendid work

ENROLL FOR FIRST AID.

Any person wishing to take the first aif to the injured course, to be held at the W. C. T. U. headquarters, under the direction of Dr. Caroline Brown may enroll at the office, Willard Hall, 20 East Gerrard street, any afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock.

ST. PAUL'S GIRL GUIDES.

The concert which was given by the St. Paul's Girl Guides and Boy Scouts at St. Paul's Church, the latter part of last week, proved a big success. The program, which was a varied one, included displays of signaling and first aid work by the Eighth Toronto Company of Girl Guides, and the Eighth recitations, songs and displays by the local Scouts and Guides.



MEXICAN LEADERS **ASKED TO CONFER**

Pan-American Appeal Couched in Pacific Language.

ABSENCE OF THREATS

Meeting of Representatives in Neutral Territory is Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- The Panmerican appeal to Mexico now being delivered to the chiefs of factions and governors of states was made public here last night by the state

Without even an intimation of armed intervention, it calls upon the leaders to meet somewhere in Mexico, on ferees are offered as intermediaries to arrange the meeting. The appeal, altho addressed to the political and military leaders, takes on

the form of an announcement to the Mexican people themselves, being pre-faced by this announcement: "The Mexican people are informed that the folowing communication has been sent to many prominent persons in Mexico who possess authority or military power within the republic."

The Appeal.

The appeal, in part, dated at Wash-ngton, Aug. 11, is as follows: "We, the undersigned, believe that if the men directing the armed movements in Mexico—whether political or military chiefs--should agree to meet, either in person or by delegates, far from the sound of cannon and with no other inspiration save the thought of their afflicted land, there to exchange ideas and to determine the fate of the country--from such action would unloubtedly result the strong and unyielding agreement requisite to the creation of a provisional government, which should adopt the first steps necessary to the constitutional recon-struction of the country—and to issue ne first and most essential of them all, the immediate call to general elec-

"An adequate place within the Mexican frontiers which for the purpose might be neutralized, should serve as might be neutralized, should serve as the seat of the conference; and in order to bring about a conference of this nature the undersigned, or any of them, will willingly, upon invitation, act as intermediaries to arrange the time, place and other details of such conference, if this action can in any way aid the Mexican people.

"The undersigned expect a reply to this communication within a reasonable time and consider that such a time would be ten days after the com-

time would be ten days after the com-munication is delivered, subject to rorogation for cause. "Robert Lansing, secretary of state or the United States.
"D. da Gama, ambassador (Brazil).
"Edo Suarez Mujica, ambassador

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"Joaquin Mendez, minister (Guate-

AT ENUMERATORS

ARMAGH MAN FIRES

Registry Means Conscription.

HOLDS OFF OFFICERS

Shoots Indiscriminately and Wildly at Those Seeking Arrest.

DUBLIN, Aug. 16.—Since early Sat-urday afternoon David Johnston of Lurgan County, Armagh, armed with revolver, has been holding his home against the police who seek to arrest him for having taken a pot-shot at the registry enumerators when they called earlier than at first anticipated. All the official forms for the registry of

Johnston, apparently believing the forms meant conscription, threw the papers into the street and then, standing in his doorway, drew a revolver and fired at the retreating enumerators, who are members constabulary, but without effect. He then retired into his house, barricaded doors and windows, and prepared for a siege, which the police promptly in-

Occasional shots from behind Johnston's barricades have kept the police and the crowds at a considerable distance from the house. Bullets have narrowly missed an army officer, two policemen and the town health officer, who some time ago certified that Johnston was a fit subject for lunatic asylum. The man's home is located on the main street of the town, and his shooting has held up all traffic on the thorofare.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF MANITOBA WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Aug. 15.—The first car of wheat of the 1915 crop came into Winnipeg Friday, over the CPR. and graded No. 1 northern. It was cut Aug. 3 on the farm of E. B. Weibe, Rosenfeld, Man.

AUSTRIAN ARCHDUKE TO RULE IN POLAND

LONDON. Aug. 16.-The coronation of Archduke Charles Stephen of Austria, as king of Poland, will take place in the Warsaw cathedral, according to the Times' Petrograd correspondent. The correspondent addthat a proclamation naming the new king on the authority of Germany and Austria is expected to be issued

NATIONAL REGISTRY ENROLS MILLIONS

is British Isles Get on Footing to Prepare for Big Campaign.

TIMID GET MARRIED

National Service League Will Begin Recruiting and Conscription Agitation.

LONDON, Aug. 15.-This was tional registry day thruout the United Kingdom. Every person between the ages of 15 and 65 was asked to fill out a form, giving age, occupation, an ability to do work useful to the state. be collected tomorrow and the govneutralized ground, in a conference to neutralized ground g the constitutional reconstruction of the country," and to issue a call for had been supplied with pink forms immediate elections. The services of upon which to supply particulars regarding those capable of military ser-vice for the use of the war department so they can be called upon im-

Many Offered to Enlist. The enumeration caused remarkable scenes in all parts of the country. Many young men, believing the regispulsory service and that men joining the army hereafter will be considered conscripts instead of volunteers, went to the recruiting offices which were kept open all day in some towns, to offer their services. On the other hand a number of young Irishmen working in England, Scotland and Wales, returned to Ireland to some counties counties of which the registration regulation did not apply.

regulation did not apply.

Demonstration on Clyde.

The departure of a party of these Irishmen from the Clyde was marked by a noisy demonstration. A crowd gathered at Greeneck harbor, justled the prospective passengers and greeted them with cries of "cowards."

In Glasgow, particularly, a large number of young men hastened their marriages so they could be included among those listed as married in the national register.

Simultaneously with the inauguration of the national register, the National Service League issued a manifesto calling a series of public meetings thruout the country at which every fit man will be urged to offer his services to the country, and resolutions will be passed calling upon the government "to place the nation under orders."

ITALIAN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ALIEN ENEMIES

Reservists Leaving Boston for Front, Throw Missiles at Interned Sailors.

today of 1300 Italian reservists who were to sail on the steamer Canopic tonight, and their friends, was marked by demonstrations against the interned German steamships America and Cincinnati, as a result of which several policemen were severely injured. Sailors on the German vessels were struck by flying stones and sticks.

The St. Catharines Journal.

The witting of these two plants in the past few weeks in an inexplicable manner has puzzled almost every man who has been raising these crops, and Mr. W. A. McCobbin, assistant Dominion plant pathologist for Lincoln County, has taken the matter in hand and come to the above conclu-BOSTON, Aug. 15.—The gathering tween the crowd and the police, but it could not be learned if any took

TRAVELERS NEED NOT TAKE OUT INSURANCE

In Saturday's issue of The World, there appeared an article under the caption "Commercial Travelers Must Pay Big Increase." The article relat-Daid Johnston Believes British as per government orders on policies held by those insured in the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society. The president of the Commercia Travelers' Association stated yesterday that the heading was misleading, saying that it was not incumbent upon the commercial travelers to meet the demands, as it was only optional to take out a policy in the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society.

CROP REPORTS OF WEST

EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD WINNIPEG, Aug. 14.-A review crop conditions, issued today by the G.T.P., summarizes the situation in

"Owing to the continued warm weather of the past period, conditions over the entire line are most satis

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EXCESSIVE RAIN CAUSING DECAY

Tomato and Potato Crops Are Suffering From Curious Disease.

ROOTS ARE DECAYING

Suffering From Lack of Water as Result of Clogging.

With the fields heavy with water rom the recent rains, farmers in the district have to face the serious con-

In conversation with The Journal to-day, Mr. McCubbin said: "This strange wilting is the direct cause of drought, and it is affecting all plants growing n furrows or depressions in the land, where most of the water has congre.

This state of drought with unsuited "This state of drought with unsuited moisture all around," he continued, "is a direct result of the recent heavy rains, which have caused a natural decay of the roots of both potatoes, beans and tomatoes. This decay has been assisted by no special organism, but by the natural fungi and soil bacteria on account of the excessive moisture and hot weather combined.

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account of the excessive moisture and hot weather combined.

"When the roots rooted," said Mr. McCubbin, "the natural products of decomposition clogged up the sap channels of the different plants, and consequently the plants themselves are suffering severely from a lack of water.

"Up to the present time," he continued. "considerable damage has been done, and the heavy rain of today will increase to a great extent the damage already dene this season."

In some cases, Mr. McCubbin believes, the plants will recover, but there is no hope for the tomato crop, which is already very late. All the more severely affected plants will die, and the damage will be very great, tho its full extent cannot be estimated for at least another week.

WIRELESS FOR DOCTOR.

Henry Blake, 49 Massey street, employed on the "Cayauga" was seized

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urday while crossing the lake toward Toronto. The captain of the boat sent a wireless asking that a doctor meet the boat at the Toronto dock. Dr. H. V. Malcolm was summond who called the ambulance of F. W. Mathews and Co., and the patient was taken to his home. He was doing nicely late

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