

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

SPECIAL SERMON

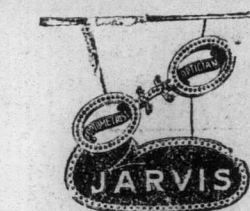
"The Marks of a Perfect Man" will be the subject of a special sermon by the pastor to-morrow evening at the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Secord and Mrs. Mumby will sing "O Divine Redeemer" (Gounod). The choir will sing "Marvellous Work" (The Creation). There will be baptism.

BELGIAN RELIEF

Mr. H. T. Wat, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Patriotic fund, announces as follows: The Ladies' Aid of Marlboro St. Methodist church have handed me for remittance to the central committee of the Belgian Relief fund in Montreal the sum of \$23.30.

SMALL FIRE

At midnight P.C. Dowling saw smoke issuing from the barber shop under the Bank of Hamilton building. He broke open the door and found a wooden box blazing filled with rags and papers. This he carried outside, and owing to his prompt action, when the brigade arrived there was nothing to do.



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GOT CONTRACT.

Mr. Suherland has secured the contract for firemen's suits at \$34, same to include one extra pair pants.

TOUCHED ZERO

The cold weather is back once more and at the Mohawk Institute the record during the early morning hours was exactly zero.

WILL ACT

Mr. E. L. Gould has written to the city accepting his appointment to represent Brantford on the Board of Trustees for the Brant Sanatorium.

PROF. ANGUS ILL

Prof. Angus, who was to be here to-day to inspect the new pumps at the waterworks, is ill and will not be here until the middle of next week. This information was received in a telegram this morning from Toronto.

WON'T BE PRESENTED

"Damaged Goods" will not be seen at the Grand Opera House either this afternoon or evening. Chief Slemin having prohibited the production. He informed the Courier that he had taken this step because the Ontario Government has placed the production on the banned list, both for dramatic production and the movies. The piece deals with the social evil, and has been presented in Hamilton and other places.

COMING HOME

Ald. Dowling, chairman of the Brantford branch of the returned soldiers' association, received word this morning from headquarters at Toronto that Pte. A. Prouse, of the 11th Battalion, residence 262 Darling street, would likely arrive home this (Saturday) evening on the 7:33 Grand Trunk train. It was promised that a definite wire would be sent later, and if the time of arrival is confirmed, Pte. Prouse will be tendered a suitable welcome.

CONTESTS AND
GAMES AT Y.M.

Hamilton High School Boys' Club Visits Local Institution.

The return visit of the Hamilton High School Club was paid last night to the local Y.M.C.A. and upwards of 200 juveniles were present to enjoy the fun. Baseball, basketball and volleyball were the chief diversions. The basketball game was very fast. The score at half time was a tie, but in the last spasm the locals forged ahead and won out by 19 to 11. The volleyball was won by Hamilton by 15 to 12. Neither team knew much about the game, but the efforts were very amusing.

The best feature of the evening was the baseball. The locals had their batting eye with them and won the contest by the handsome score of 13 to 8. Following all this excitement refreshments were served by the girls of the Collegiate. Mr. H. L. Bracey, secretary, Hamilton, and Rev. Mr. Gordon, delivered brief and interesting addresses. Mr. Russell Dingman, National Y.M.C.A. Secretary for Canada, in boys' work, was in the city yesterday on business and happened drop in, and was called upon to speak. He remarked that such a gathering as last night was one of the best of its kind to be held.

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DIED

DICKINSON—In Brantford, on Friday afternoon, George Roy Dickinson, aged 18 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Dickinson, 72 Arthur St. Funeral takes place on Monday morning, February 21st, at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Service at 10:30 a.m. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

WEAVER—In Brantford, Friday, Feb. 18, Annie Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weaver, aged 2 years and 6 months. Funeral from the family residence, 34 Aberdeen o'clock, to Mt. Hope Cemetery, Ave., on Sunday afternoon, at 2. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTADELPHIAN LECTURES—See Church Notices.

CLOTHING FOR SERBIANS, urgently needed. Cast off garments in good repair, received at Y. W. C. A. Monday and Tuesday, 21 and 22, for immediate shipment.

THE PROBS

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes yesterday, has developed into an important storm, now centred in the Bay of Fundy. The cold wave from the north has spread over Ontario and Quebec, while the weather continues mild in the western provinces.

FORECASTS.
Fair and cold to-day. Sunday—Snow flurries, but mostly fair.

ALL SET FOR
THE BIG RAID

They Will All be Wiped Out, Says Lord Derby of Invaders.

Liverpool, Feb. 19.—"I have always believed," said Lord Derby, Director of Recruiting, at a workingmen's mass meeting here last night, "that sooner or later the Germans will attempt a great sea raid on this country, and that however well organized the navy is it will not be able to stop it, but I believe the army and navy are now so co-ordinated that even if a raid comes it will be practically inoperative, and that those who come will be wiped out."

Discussing the air menace Lord Derby appealed to the newspapers not to unduly agitate the public mind regarding air raids, because of the effect such agitation was likely to have on the British spirit.

"It is not true that the British airship commanders have sent up their men under atmospheric or other conditions of unusual danger," Lord Derby said, "but if the newspapers persist in publishing reports of that kind those commanders may err on the side of caution rather than take chances on unjust criticism."

THE AMERICANS
ARE FAVORED

British Exporter Held Responsible That Goods Do Not Reach Neutrals.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Feb. 19.—The Daily Mail complains to-day of unfair discrimination on the part of the British Government in favor of American exporters to neutral countries.

"By a recent decision," says The Daily Mail, "the British Government holds the British exporters responsible for seeing that their goods do not benefit the enemy, thus virtually admitting that the elaborate machinery of licenses, blacklists, guarantees, etc., cannot be relied upon. But while throwing over this preventive machinery as far as the British are concerned, the government still relies upon it in dealing with American exporters."

Tune (Scotts Wha Hae)
Canadians, who with Roberts bled,
To victory or to gory bed,
Hark, to liberty.

Now's the day, and now's the hour,
See the front of battle lower;
See approach proud William's power—
Prussian perfidy.

Who will be a shirker knave?
Who can fill a coward's grave?
Who so base as to be a slave?
Traitor, turn and flee.

We for Canada's home and heart,
Freedom's sword will swiftly dart,
Freemen stand, or freemen part;
Traitors none, are we.

By oppression's woes and pains,
Belgium's Sons in servile chains;
We will drain our dearest veins,
But they shall be free.

Lay the proud usurpers low,
Germans, Hung, Turks—every foe—
Liberty's in every blow;
Allbion 'tis for thee.

—J. J. Hurley.
The strike of 50,000 garment workers in New York is believed to be settled, most of the employees having returned to work.

Bills to enlarge the army and to extend Federal control over State militia will soon be ready for Congressional consideration.

SOLDIERS' RECEPTION

Big Night in the A.O.F. Hall
—Presentation to Dr. Henwood.

The Ancient Order of Foresters of Brantford last night undertook to entertain the members of that order who are connected with the 84th and the 125th Battalions, and certainly did it well. There was a good attendance especially of the men in khaki, and everyone present had a most enjoyable time. The evening was one of surprises, several unexpected features being announced by the chairman, Mr. Wm. Harris. On the platform from proceedings commenced were: Ex-Mayor, W. G. Raymond, ex-Mayor C. H. Hartman, ex-Mayor S. G. Read, and Mayor Bowly, Dr. Henwood, High Chief Ranger Archie Martin of Hamilton, D. C. R. Smith of Hamilton, P. D. C. R. Sutton of Toronto and others. The first part of the evening was given over to a miscellaneous program. After Chairman Harris had welcomed their guests in a brief speech, he called on Pte. Brown of the 84th for a comic song, which was given with gusto. High Chief Ranger Martin said that he was glad the chairman had announced that no speech was to exceed more than ten minutes. He had many things to say concerning the order but they were there for a social time and he knew they would have it. The A. O. F. held the unique record of having sent more men to the colors than any other fraternal organization in the Empire. This was something to be proud of. The men in khaki before him were an exceptionally intelligent looking lot of men, and while he seldom admitted that anything could beat that which Hamilton produced, he believed that Brantford excelled in this respect. He offered some good advice and hoped that all the boys would return safe and sound, and when they did come back a royal welcome would await them.

Pte. Burton gave an exceptionally fine rendering of "Asleep in the Deep." He has a really fine deep bass voice. Pte. Brown of the 125th contributed a good comic song and the soldier boys joined in the chorus. This number was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

Mr. Percy Farnsworth gave a splendid rendering of "The Sound of the Drum," and C. R. Smith of the 125th contributed "The Veteran's Song" in a creditable manner.

The first surprise of the evening fell to Dr. Henwood. He was called to the front and H. C. R. Martin, read an address to him from the members of Court Enterprise, and Bros. Thompson and Bremner presented him with a Past Chief Ranger's Jewel, together with a certificate suitably framed. The address was of a very complimentary nature, and mentioned the fact that the doctor and his wife had been married for thirty years, and as he was now retiring, the members desired to convey in a measure their appreciation of his efficiency and faithfulness to the order. His resignation was regretted, but he retired with the esteem and well wishes of all members of the order. Mr. Martin paid a tribute to the doctor, who said he had a unique record in that only seven members of the court had died since he had been physician. To say that the doctor was surprised and taken unawares was only too evident. He, however, while deeply affected by the tribute, managed to make a neat speech, extolling the kindness that had been shown him on every occasion, and the hearty co-operation of the members.

Another surprise was in store for the audience. Pte. Brown of the 84th had purchased pictures of the King and Queen which he desired to give to the Foresters of Brantford. These had been hung and tastefully draped on the wall immediately behind the chairman, but were hidden from view by a large Union Jack. At the proper time Col. Cutcliffe was called to the platform to say a few words to the gathering, but before doing so was asked to pull a string, which raised the large flag, above the pictures and left it draped in a most artistic manner. God Save the King was then sung lustily. This ingenious arrangement was the work of Mr. Wm. Harris.

Mr. W. G. Raymond gave one of his characteristic patriotic speeches, and raised the hearty applause of the gathering.

Short addresses were also made by Messrs. C. H. Hartman, S. G. Read, Smith of Hamilton, and Mayor Bowly.

Pte. Sutton, of the Machine Gun Section of the 84th, and a resident of Toronto, proved another surprise of the evening. He was called on for a speech but said he could not talk but would try and sing. And sing he did so well that he had to respond to a well merited encore. He proved to be a really good comic singer, has a good voice and a pleasing stage presence.

Mr. Foster made a competent acceptance of the honor.

A eucharist was then put on and was participated in by a large number.

First prize was won by Pte. Elmer Harris and the booby prize by Pte. Clarke, both members of the 125th.

A number of visitors were also present from Paris and Hamilton.

The whole affair was a most enjoyable one and the committee in charge deserve the thanks of all present for the pleasant entertainment provided.

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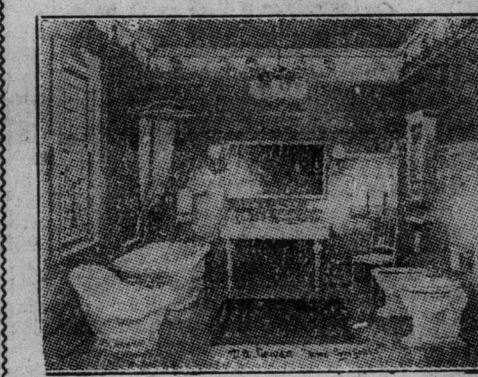
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IN THE FIGHTING LINES
ON LAND AND ON SEA

A CHAPLAIN'S ADMIRATION

Yesterday (Sunday) I had the privilege of conducting church parade service for our battalion, writes Capt. the Rev. E. B. Hooper, chaplain of the 6th field ambulance, to a friend in St. John, N.B., and I wish that the good people of St. John, who during the last winter and spring gazed with admiration on the 26th as they marched on a Sunday morning, with uniforms speckled and buttons shining, to their church services, could have stood beside me yesterday morning and looked at the men of the 26th as they stood in their ranks for divine service. So far as uniforms went, I venture to say that a more respectable looking lot of soldiers they never saw—some with overcoats and some without, some with the regulation caps and some with the warm woollen sleeping caps or helmets, all stained with mud from their feet upwards, the caps of some men looking as if they had been standing on their heads in the trenches. But what the eye fixed on was not the mud or the varied uniforms, but the faces of the men, and the eyes bright and shining. Many of them were just careless boys and happy go lucky young fellows when they left St. John; to-day they are men with the look of men who are men indeed, and of men who have faced hell and death, and are ready to face it again.

"They have suffered grievous losses in killed and wounded; they have had their chums and closest friends stricken down beside them; and yet to-day they are entirely unshaken and absolutely unafraid. The story which the gallant 26th are writing with their blood here in Belgium is a story which St. John and New Brunswick will hold in proud remembrance for ever. In heart aches for the dear ones at home whose tears are falling for those who have died in action. To them I would earnestly offer my tenderest sympathy. But let them not sorrow as those without hope. The men who have died on the field of battle have given their lives for the great cause for which we wage this dreadful war, and of them we may truly say: 'They have gone to their God like soldiers.'"

BRITISH MP'S AT THE FRONT.
A party of eight members of the Imperial Parliament visited the front in France recently. One of them, Mr. Gershom Stewart, describes his experiences as follows:

"When we were walking up from the Canadian lines their men were dropping back in small parties to their trenches, and we could hear their remarks as the shells were going over. Their thoughts evidently turned homeward, for one claimed the noise was like a Grand Trunk train, while the next one would say it was like a C.P.R. I was interested to see one man of a party of four, on the sound of a shell becoming somewhat urgent fling himself flat on the ground and press up against the kerb of the road, which was built of cobbles and about six inches above the ground. I had always heard that was the proper thing to do, but it is the only time I have ever seen it done."

"We visited the headquarters of a squadron of the Royal Flying Corps, where we were met by Lord Hugh Cecil, who is attached to the Corps. Who would ever have imagined 15 months ago that Lord Hugh Cecil would be doing this work. He was a 'flyer' of the highest order in a Parliamentary sense, but here he is doing the hard, practical work of 'flying' in the material world of war."

"I met Major General Hubert Gough of Curragh fame. He told me that Gough's bodyguard are the South Irish Horse, and for preference he has. Sinn Feiners and Fenians, and that they are devoted to their general! Truly, Irishmen are a peculiar people, and I think fight at home to drive away the spectre of dullness and ennui!"

John O'Connell, a New York importer, killed himself, being depressed because shipments of goods from Germany were unable to reach America.

U. S. Secretary Daniels announced that he would authorize a modification of the regulations under which wireless despatches are censored by naval officers.

Bids for two new ocean-going submarines opened at U.S. Navy Department showed the Electric Boat Co. as the lowest bidder at \$1,491,000 each.

Quick work by sailors on the battleship Dakota in Philadelphia navy yard saved the ship from serious damage by fire.

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