

Women's Red Cross and Patriotic Association

REPORT FOR JUNE

The monthly meeting of the Women's Red Cross and Patriotic Association was held in the Red Cross rooms, Campbell Street, on Tuesday evening, July 2nd. Mrs. O'Flynn, vice-president, presiding. Our president, Mrs. Lazier, was also present.

The secretary's report was read and adopted. Letters were read from Mrs. Plumtre and Mr. B. MacInnis, honorary secretaries of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Capt. Mary Plummer, of C.P.C.C., England, Col. W. J. Stewart, of the overseas transport, N.S. Ethel Anderson, Bearwood Park, Workham, also from the following Belleville boys, acknowledging socks: R. J. E. Graham, Gunner Buchanan, Gunner A. C. Burton, Lieut. Cooper, Lieut. Hugo Rathbun, N. S. Jean Boyce. Cards have also been received from the following Belleville boys who are prisoners of war in Germany: H. Lloyd, R. C. Newton, P. T. Jones, P. C. Newell, C. Watson, Archie Cook, Lieut. H. L. Yeomans, also P. V. Carnahan, who has been exchanged and is on his way home.

Following is the report of the treasurer, Miss Clara Yeomans:

Balance	\$165 17
Knitting Circles	349 28
Red Cross Penny Bags	258 66
Red Cross Sunday collection	178 73
Sale of service flags	25 75
Mrs. Penwick donation	5 00
Mr. Wm. Hunter, per Mrs. Boyes	5 00
Red Cross membership fees	10 00
Total	\$997 59
Expenditure—	
Mr. Hogan, carting	\$ 1 75
Morton & Herity	32 73
The Intelligencer	1 66
Earle & Cook	22 61
F. W. Woolworth	1 50
Ritchie Co.	10 82
McIntosh Bros.	63 50
Geo. Walton	12 00
Strapping boxes and cleaning	1 73
Bal. on hand	\$49 27
Total	\$997 59

Fanny Bag collection: Miss Mary Yeomans, convener; Miss Helen Wallbridge, assistant; Posie Ward, \$18.85; Samson, \$47.13; Kitcheson, \$55.70; Baldwin, \$51.45; Blescker, \$19.60; Marney, \$28.98; Coleman, \$27.00; Avondale, \$11.41. Total \$253.55.

Mrs. H. A. Yeomans, convener of the Rainbow Knitting Circles, reports for June 526 pairs of socks and \$196.47 cash. Donations have been received by the Circles from the following: Mrs. C. Walker, \$5; Mrs. G. B. Smith, \$5; Miss Ada James, O.S.D., \$2; Mrs. Cooley, \$1.

Mrs. O'Flynn, convener of Camp Supplies, reported 1,110 pairs of socks packed and ready for shipment overseas.

This Association is now a chartered branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The charter has been framed and is in the Red Cross rooms, Campbell Street.

Allice O'Flynn, Vice-Pres. Anna Hurley, Hon. Sec.

Press for Probe of Guelph Affair

Ottawa, July 9.—The co-operation of Ottawa is being asked in connection with the demand for an investigation as to the alleged evasion of the Military Service Act in the Jesuit Novitiate at Guelph.

The Rev. K. H. Palmer, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church there, who first gave publicity to the matter, is in Ottawa. When seen today, he stated that he had come to Ottawa to see one or two ministers and also to secure legal opinions on certain phases of the question.

"The best people in the Dominion are behind the demand for an investigation, and one will have to be held," was the statement made by Mr. Palmer. He also stated that the very best legal advice is that the Military Service Act is being evaded, and that there is every reason for an investigation.

The Roman Catholics are as much interested in the case, as are the Protestants, said Mr. Palmer. "This is not a religious row; it is not a matter of Protestant versus Roman Catholic. The first complaint that the Military Service Act was being evaded by the Jesuit Novitiate came from a Roman Catholic who had a son at the front. Another Roman Catholic had boasted to him that he knew how to evade the Act, and that he had a son in the college. The Roman Catholic with the son overseas reported to the military representative, and the information in turn came to me."

Bishop Fallon Not Araid at Front

WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO SEE THE TRENCHES.

Was Proud of the Canadian Troops

Douglas S. Robertson sends the Toronto Telegram the following letter telling of Bishop Fallon's visit to France: Canadian Front, France.—It was under the spreading trees of a French park that I met Bishop Fallon, of London, Ont., on his visit to the front. His tall figure, in dark canonicals, stood out in strong contrast to the array of uniforms and the khaki-clad forms of the Roman Catholic chaplains accompanying him. As the bishop remarked, one might almost have been on some fine English estate rather than out in the war zone.

"I am just filled with enthusiasm with what I have so far seen of our troops," declared the prelate. "It makes one proud to claim them as fellow-countrymen. A talk with their commander is as good as a tonic for anyone. No wonder the men think the world of him. Yes, I am very anxious to see the trenches."

No Qualms

"There are some pretty warm corners along the front," suggested your correspondent.

"Oh, don't imagine that I have any qualms about venturing in," protested the bishop with a smile. "I am not afraid. I intend to see anything and everything that I possibly can before I go back, and I want to stay over here in France just as long as I can be permitted. You cannot imagine how much I am enjoying my visit."

Thus spoke the man who in his day was one of the finest Rugby football players in Canada. His spirit is just as keen as ever. It was in years gone by at Ottawa College, and his body almost as muscular. A day or two later the bishop was seen riding down the roads in an armored car.

Felt Like a General

"You know, I just felt like a general commanding an army," remarked the distinguished cleric to a friend with boyish enthusiasm. "I wouldn't have changed places with anyone in the finest automobile. On the way I passed an old soldier friend I hadn't seen for twenty years. I am going to look him up, but I really couldn't stop then, I felt as though we were off to charge the enemy."

If Father Fallon had not gone into the Church and become a bishop, he would assuredly have been at least a brigadier in the Canadian army by this time. As it was the militant side of the big clergyman has had to find expression in games and in his sturdy inflexible attitude on certain great questions. A notable instance was his earnest appeal to his people to support the Union Government and conscription.

A schoolboy at the time of the Russo-Turkish war, the bishop recounted to an old friend at the front a half-forgotten instance of his intense interest in that struggle, in which Britain's sympathy was with the under dog, Turkey, which repaid her by turning upon her in the present war. In front of the Fallon residence in an Ontario town was a long narrow plank sidewalk, whose sides were bordered thickly with thistles. On one side the thistles greatly outnumbered those on the opposite side. Down this walk it was young Fallon's delight to stride with a stick, switching savagely at the thistles on the side where they swarmed.

The Russian side. Every blow meant a dumpton in the strength of the Russian hordes, every despatch of a burly Scotch thistle the behead of a Russian general.

I saw the bishop starting out on his way to the trenches. He had doffed his soft broad-brimmed black hat for a tweed cap, and sat back in the car with a friend. He wore a pair of motor goggles on his face, which was well tanned with sun and wind. The bishop has literally scores of friends to look up, and had then asked for an extension of his pass. Afterwards he hoped to visit the French front, and then, when he got back to England, to visit Ireland.

Manitoba sheep breeders are sending their wool crop at the rate of about 5,000 pounds per day. Over 40,000 pounds has already been sent in to the Manitoba Co-operative Wool Clearing Depot.

Moose Jaw has collected \$27,650, which is approximately 38 per cent of her business levy.

W. A. Shepard has been elected business manager of the Army and Navy Veterans in Winnipeg.

Campaign For W. S. S.

HOW EVERY AMERICAN POURS OUT HIS OR HER MONEY FOR NATIONAL FUND

Valliant, Okla., June 30, 1918.

Editor Ontario:—Again it is Sunday, and a cool breeze blowing out of the north makes of today a glad and happy rest-day from the burning heat that has scorched the Southwest for the last fifteen days.

Again we are in the throes of a mighty campaign, this time for the W. S. S., or War Saving Stamps. Simultaneously the people met on Friday, the 28th inst., in all of the hundreds of thousands of school districts through this great land, to help the Government in its great effort to raise a few billions of dollars for war purposes; and it would have made the old brute of Berlin grant with disgust to see the manner in which the American people responded to the call of their President. Merchants closed their stores, bankers closed their doors, farmers left their fields—in fact every other line of business was shut down temporarily that the men, women and children might have a chance to get together and show in a material way how much they loved humanity and how strongly they were willing to back up the heroes who stand on the battlefields of Europe in defense of all that we hold sacred and dear. You will probably have heard the response before this article reaches you, and though I do not know the result now, I again am going to prophesy by saying that we will double what the President asks.

And yet all of the citizens are not yet nerved up to the high point of patriotism which we desire. You should have seen men, women and children giving their best pledges and putting up their cash. With many of them, the giving was a very keen sacrifice, yet the brave resolve they were indicated the high resolve of their hearts that the free peoples of the earth should never yield to the Hun, while the heartbeats of freedom gave evidence of love and life. Some tightwads did not fork over their share and we will see them later with yellow cards to correspond to their yellow souls, and before we quit them Uncle Sam will get what he demands or we will stamp Germany on their traitor faces with hot irons.

The American people are in a dead earnest, and that spirit of high resolve is getting more earnest and deadly every hour that passes. All of our strength in men, money and material, all of our genius, energy and courage will be given, if necessary, to win the war for mankind everywhere, and America can fight, if necessary, for a hundred years, in a cause like this. Last year, American farmers produced a fourteen-billion dollar crop. This year we have a seventeen-billion dollar crop in sight.

Corn and cotton throughout this region look wonderfully fine. Oats and wheat surpassed all expectations, and all other crops glow with promise of immense yields. We are determined to feed ourselves and our allies, and everything now indicates that there will be plenty for all.

Hasn't Italy done splendidly! Caesar and Pompey are once more in the ranks of Rome and the spirit of Garibaldi shines in all the great deeds on the shores of the Pave.

I suppose, of course, that the Kaiser will make another smash or two in the west, but the whole world outside of Germany knows that the doom of the Central Powers is already written on the wall of defeat and shame.

I have been trying to guess as to what kind of a stunt the Yanks will pull off in France on the Fourth of July. One thing sure is that they will not explode blank cartridges as they do at home.

I hope that Russia will get back in this splendid game, for the Allies can never sleep well if they let the infernal Hun subdue those immense fields to their sordid purposes. I believe that we will smother the Kaiser and his accursed war beard before the snow flies again; but if it takes forever, we will never quit till the world is safe for democracy.

E. D. McCready.

Submarine Captured
Portsmouth, Va., July 5.—Capture of the German submarine which sank the American transport President Lincoln, was announced in a telegram received yesterday from Lieut. Edouard Victor Isaac, U.S.N., who was taken prisoner by the Germans, when the transport was sent down. Isaac telegraphed that he was safe in England.

Risked His Life for \$8 a Day

FRENCH EXECUTE SWISS WHO WROTE LETTERS IN INVISIBLE INK

Paris, July 5.—Henri Nivergelt, twenty-seven years old, a spy caught attempting to communicate with German agents in Mollis, Switzerland, by means of a letter written in invisible ink, was executed recently at Vincennes. It has been announced that he was discovered that besides the intercepted letter he had passed information to Germany at other times, sometimes through Mollis.

Nivergelt was a Swiss, born in Zurich, hence was not actuated by any love of Germany or hatred of France. His only motive, so far as inquisitors were able to learn, was to earn what seemed to him the remarkable wage of \$8 per day. He went to his death calmly, refusing to let them blind his eyes.

New Draft Treaty Effective Shortly

SIXTY DAYS ALLOWED CANADIANS AND AMERICANS TO ENLIST IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FORCES

Ottawa, July 5.—With the formal change of notes expected within a few days, the Slackers' Treaty with the United States will come into effect. Then, following sixty days of grace, Canadians resident in the United States, and Americans resident in Canada, are respectively liable to draft for military service. Preparations for proceeding under the terms of the treaty have already been made at Ottawa.

As originally drafted, the treaty was applicable to Canadians of between 20 and 40 years of age, and to Americans of between 21 and 30. This has, however, been modified. As it stands, it applies to Canadians between 20 and 44, and to Americans of between 21 and 30, with the further provision that should the United States extend its age limits for compulsory military service, the extension will also apply to men liable to draft under the treaty.

The sixty days' grace are allowed to permit Americans and Canadians, desirous of so doing, to enlist in the military forces of their own country.

None But Winner is Authorized to Wear Decoration

Ottawa, July 5.—The only person authorized to wear a decoration or medal, or the ribbon thereof, is the soldier to whom the distinction is awarded.

This information has been issued by the Militia Department in answer to a large number of persons who have been inquiring as to whether relatives of deceased soldiers have the right to wear decorations awarded to these soldiers.

Renounces Life Interest

Nephews and Nieces Inherit Residue of Montreal Manufacturer's Estate

An equity of \$2,564 in a lot on Roncesvalles avenue, 65 shares Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada, valued at \$1,755, and 47 Canadian Northwest Land Co., \$1,850, make up the Ontario estate of Thomas Peck, a manufacturer, who died in Montreal, September 5, 1917. The estate, valued at \$344,044, consists of \$166,153 in real estate, \$3,707 in cash, \$283,651 stocks, of which the deceased's interest in the Peck Rolling Mills are valued at \$187,500, and \$11,534 in miscellaneous assets. After providing cash legacies of \$4,000 and \$8,000 respectively, for his grand-nephews, Edmond and Henry Peck, \$500 for Mrs. Edward O'Reilly, a priest in Montreal, \$1,000 each for his sisters, Mrs. A. A. Farley, Belleville, and Mrs. J. J. Farley, Belleville, the testator left two-thirds of his stock in the Peck Rolling Mills to his nephew, Thomas E. Peck, and if the remaining one-third to his nephew, James Bannan Peck, now on active service. The income from the residue was left to Mrs. James H. Peck, sister-in-law, but she has renounced her life interest, and the residue will go to a niece, five nephews and two grand-nieces living in Montreal.

Sergt. W. A. Still, of Winnipeg, after three years' overseas, had a leave of only sixty hours in Winnipeg before returning to France. Winnipeg had seventy-six registration booths.

Wish Children Were Dead

NO FOOD FOR THEM

Girl Student Teaching Berne From Berlin Toll of Conditions as They Appeared to Her in Prussian Capital

The London Daily News special correspondent at Berne, Mr. J. C. Segure, sends the following: A girl student who recently reached here from Berlin has given me some haphazard impressions on German conditions. "A large proportion of the 4,000 students at present registered at Berlin University," she said, "are women and maimed men. The lecture halls sometimes present an extraordinary spectacle. I have seen a one-armed professor lecturing before blind students, students with artificial noses and wooden legs, students who were deaf in one ear. Some of the professors indulge in patriotic fireworks, others preserve a praiseworthy objectivity. On the day on which the great offensive began a professor of philosophy whose lectures I attended bashed his hand down upon the desk and shouted: "Now they will see what furor Teutonicus is."

On the other hand, the eminent historian, Professor Meinecke, delivered a course of lectures upon the period 1815-1848, and not only said many hard things about German policy but spoke in terms of praise of some of the British statesmen of that epoch.

Hungry Berlin

The students, like the general body of the population, suffer acutely from hunger. I frequently saw girls faint from sheer weakness during the lectures. Food conditions in Berlin and other cities have certainly reached an intolerable point, whereas in Bavarian country districts food is comparatively abundant. The working-class women in Berlin feel great bitterness about the prolongation of the war. I once heard a woman say: "Every time I put my children to bed I pray God they may never awake." My landlady spent a great portion of the day drinking coffee substitute. She told me that it kept the pangs of hunger away.

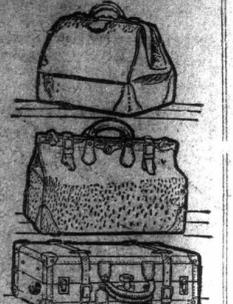
The extraordinarily perfect spy system which is now in force throughout Germany prevents free expression of sentiments among the people. They know that the Berlin prisons are crowded with men and women who have been overheard to speak against the Kaiser, the Government, Hindenburg, and the Pan-Germans.

I spent some considerable time at Munich, and was surprised to note the growing hostility towards the Prussians. All sorts of rumors circulate and, owing to the nervousness of the people, find ready credence. "Is it true they have deposed the Kaiser?" a peasant woman asked me. Circumstantial reports about attempts upon the life of the Emperor or Crown Prince crop up from time to time. Sometimes one hears that the bullet killed the Imperial chasseur, sometimes the Crown Prince's aide-de-camp.

Even among the Bavarian peasants religion is losing its hold and morality is slackening. "I have lost my husband, and am left with seven small children," one woman said to me, adding bitterly, "Is there such a thing as Divine justice?" After food, the lack of soap causes great discomfort. Soap in Germany at the moment would probably fetch its weight in gold.

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In Memoriam

An impressive service in memory of the late Nurse Bessie Humphreys was held on Sunday evening at the Salvation Army Citadel. The hall was suitably decorated with purple and black hunting, ferns and Union Jacks. The music was in keeping with the occasion. Tributes to the whole-hearted zeal and devotion to others possessed by Miss Humphreys were paid by Mr. W. Harris and Mr. Willerton and by Mrs. B. W. Brown. Mrs. Brown, with whom nurse Humphreys had lived for the past twenty-four years referred to her salty home life. Adjutant Trickey addressed the congregation, which completely filled the large hall, on the words of Zephaniah I 14 "The Great Day of the Lord is near, it is near and hasteth greatly." A number of children from the Sunday School, dressed in white sang "There is a Happy Land, Far, Far Away."

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