

## FOUR RED CROSS MAKES SOLDIERS' RETURN TO HOME POSSIBLE

Strong Appeal Made To the  
Women's Institutes.

**KAISER FEARS WOMEN**  
Knitting of Socks and Other  
Work Helps Victory, Says  
Dr. Patterson.

(See page 5 for other Women's Institute convention news.)

Among all the addresses on Red Cross which have been delivered in London since the outbreak of war, no more inspired or stirring appeal has been made than the one presented this morning by Dr. Margaret Patterson, Toronto to the Women's Institutes of Western Ontario in convention in the Masonic Temple.

"I seldom ask returned men about their life at the front," said the speaker, "I want them to get away from it. But I have asked the question: 'What has the Red Cross done for you?' I asked it of a private, a lieutenant and a captain. The answer in each case was: 'It has made it possible for me to come back.' 'Red Cross work is the voluntary supplementing of the organized medical work of the military department. At the beginning of the war, after the retreat from Mons and the battle of the Marne, means were all inadequate to cope with the problem of the wounded. Men were jolted on carts and carried in cattle cars. Thanks to motor ambulances today, the Red Cross trains with their operating theatres and the Red Cross ships, it is possible to save the lives of many men and unresponsible suffering from them. When life is at low ebb, a little waste of time, a little jolting may cost a life or a limb.

**Institutes Ready.**

"When the call for Red Cross work came in Canada, the Women's Institutes stood ready, an organized army to serve. Sixty per cent of the made-up work has been done by the Women's Institutes for the Canadian Red Cross, but even at that the Institutes might do more. 'The S. O. S. cry is always coming out from Flanders. 'Send out socks,' it is a maxim in military circles. 'A man is no stronger than his feet.' The most indisputable proof to my mind of the value of the work done by the women in Canada through the Red Cross is the fact that Germany has felt the force of it, and through German sympathizers inaugurated a systematic campaign in Canada to discourage the women from knitting. Aren't you glad the Kaiser himself was afraid of your knitting needles, knowing that nothing would be able to drive the Canadian men back, while they felt there was a solid wall of sympathy behind them, formed by the women who had left behind them?

**Preventing Illness.**

"Being modest in its methods, the Red Cross Society devotes much attention to preventing the men from being ill, as well as looking after them when they are sick and wounded.

"In the regimental bath-houses back of the lines to which the men go when they come out of the trenches, there are inspectors who examine the feet of the men and give them the necessary to keep their feet in good condition. It is better to prevent trench foot than try to cure it after it has been contracted. Since a year ago last September all hand-knit socks have gone to the men on active service, machine-made socks being used for the men in the hospitals.

"The former waste of the long socks legs has been overcome. When the socks with the worn feet are collected in the regimental bath-houses, they are sent back to the men in France and Belgium, who darn where it is possible to do so, or re-knit the feet from wool reaveled out. In this way, the wool supply is conserved, and a means found also for providing the feet of women with money-making employment."

**Pyjamas Useful.**

Referring to the call for pyjamas continually sent out, the speaker stated that these are largely used with both robes as traveling suits for the wounded, who are often in the hospitals, must be stripped of their uniforms when they enter and the pyjamas substituted.

Dr. Patterson told of the relief from strain which bright little messages in the pockets of shirts or in toes of socks have brought to the men in the trenches. In this connection, mention was made of the custom instituted in a patriotic workshop in Toronto in charge of Miss W. J. Hobbs of forwarding comrades with these garments.

"All Toronto," she said, "has been collecting contributions, knowing of the work that these socks have done for the men as evidenced in the letters which have come back from them."

The nauseating, sentimental notes sent by girls to their boyfriends were stopped, however, she stated had been stopped.

Touche upon what the Red Cross Society has done in the war, "On the lowest side," said Mr. Patterson, "has kept down the taxes, because of the voluntary giving."

"Again, I wonder what the women would do if they were obliged to wait at home without this comfort of helping, if the hopeless, helpless task was theirs of being 'voluntary' to wait."

**"Milk-Fed" Young Men.**

An eloquent appeal was made on behalf of the returned soldiers. "Many of the young men who have stayed at home will find it hard to compete in the days that are to come with some of these," he said. "But there are others, some blind, some maimed and some blind. How long is it going to keep up in these? The dancer will be that we may forget. Canada is doing for her blind men, any civilized country in the world. Ontario has one small institute in Brantford. Will it be fair to ask our blinded soldiers to go there with children from five and six years onwards? They are not asking your sympathy. They only want a square deal.

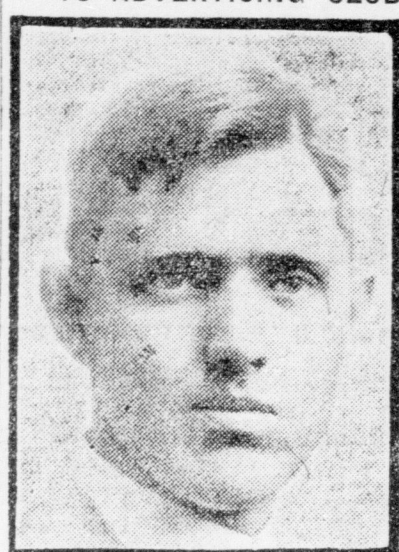
Every blind person I have talked to has spoken of craving for books, books that can be read by themselves. The blind soldiers want to read a good history of the war and there isn't such a thing yet. The free literature for the blind in Canada has practically no support. There is another field of endeavor at the women's institutes in the days to come.

**Tribute to the "Y."**

"I asked a young man who had been gassed, and who will probably never entirely recover, if he saw anything of the Y. M. C. A. work at the front. He looked at me as if he thought I were insane, and he said: 'If it were not for the Y. M. C. A. we would all go insane. It is the one place where the men can slip, get a good cup of coffee that tastes like home, write letters, and get a little relief. There is another channel through which you can help.

"Though we sometimes grow weary with the sewing and work, let us keep on with it, so that when the boys come

TO DELIVER ADDRESS  
TO ADVERTISING CLUB



Advertiser Illustration.

"FRANK CAMPBELL of the Campbell Ewald Advertising Agency, Detroit, Mich., who will give an address on 'Retail Advertising' at the first dinner of the London Advertising Club, to be held in the Tecumseh House Friday night at 6:15.

"Some, who will be able to meet them and look them in the eyes without feeling ashamed."

"At the conclusion of her address, Dr. Patterson was surrounded by questions. One of these was, 'What percentage of Red Cross funds goes to salaries, etc.'"

**Small Expenses.**

"About three per cent," she replied, "for transportation and office expenses, the lowest cost for operation of any international business in the world. The cost for the British Red Cross is one per cent, because none of the officials receive a cent of remuneration. Col. Noel Marshall gave up a lucrative position to organize the Canadian Red Cross, has not received a cent. When life is at low ebb, a little waste of time, a little jolting may cost a life or a limb.

"The first hour of the morning session was devoted to an open conference presided over by Mrs. (Dr.) Lindsay of Stratford, in the course of which a number of questions of interest were asked. Concerning the Red Cross, it was strongly advocated by a number that 'Current Events' should be given a prominent place on programs. Dr. Hocking of Aylmer presided during the latter part of the session.

Miss Little Sells of Sheddin is presiding this afternoon at the closing session, which opened at 2 o'clock with an address by Miss Mabel Nelson, who has spoken about four hundred times for the Red Cross, and haven't even taken a street car ticket from the society."

**Full Military Honors**

**ACCORDED PTE. J. YOUNG**

Body Taken to Chesley for Burial—

Comrades as Pallbearers.

The second military funeral in a few days took place this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, when the body of Pte. J. Young, late of the 16th Battalion, was accompanied to the Grand Trunk station.

Pte. Young died five days ago and the remains are being taken to Chesley for burial. Full military honors were accorded the remains. One of the howitzers of the 3rd Battery was used and the band of the 16th Battalion played the Dead March. Six privates of the Lambtons acted as pallbearers, and a sergeant-major from the unit was detailed to attend the body. A sergeant accompanied the body to Chesley.

Nothing is more impressive than a military funeral, and the crowds stood with bare heads as the cortege passed from the undertakers parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, turning into Dundas street with the dirge ringing wild through the air. The men at the slow march, rifles reversed, the burial party proceeded to the Grand Trunk station by way of Clarence street.

The body was placed on the train and speeded on its way to the late home of Pte. Young.

**THREE LONDONERS MISSING,**

**ONE SINCE 1ST OF JULY**

Friends of Pte. J. H. Hobbs Hopeful He May Be Prisoner.

No word has been received in the city of the fate of Pte. J. H. Hobbs of 742 York street. He was officially reported missing from July 1, when the Somme advance commenced, but no further official word has been received by his relatives nor have any letters from soldiers at the front referred to him.

It is thought that he may be a prisoner and his relatives are anxiously awaiting word from his comrades or from the prison camps. He went overseas with the 7th Battalion, but was transferred to another unit. William Nurse, reported killed in action two weeks ago, accompanied him. Before enlisting, Hobbs was employed at the G. T. R. roundhouse as an engineer.

Today's casualty reports contain the name of Pte. George Abner Mount. He is reported missing since October 8. He went overseas with the 24th Battalion and there was transferred to another unit. Before enlisting he was employed at the carshops.

Helen Payer, 194 Rectory street received a telegram stating that Pte. Edward George John Cochran has been missing since October 23.

**GREAT ZIONIST LEADER**

**TO ADDRESS MEETING**

Dr. Ben Zion Mossinson Will Be Tendered Banquet in City.

One of the most important events in the history of the Jewish community of London is to take place the coming week-end in the city of the world's greatest leader in the Zionist movement, Dr. Ben Zion Mossinson, managing director of the Jewish College in Palestine, known as the Gymnasium. This distinguished leader has been touring Canada and the United States for several months in the interest of the mission by which he has stood for years.

The first part of this mission, war, education, Hebrew science and Hebrew language in the fatherland of the Jews, Palestine.

Saturday evening a banquet will be tendered by the Jewish community of London, and on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock he will address a mass meeting in the synagogue, corner of Grey and Wellington streets, speaking in the Hebrew language.

## Our Own Poet Bill Sees the War Pictures

Have you not seen the foto play,  
About the Battle of the Somme?  
Why don't you go and see it today,  
And tell others of it when you go home?

I was there the other day,  
And it was quite a treat  
To see boys in a battle fray,  
And the enemy make a retreat.

When I first went in off the street  
I met a soldier in the aisle,  
Who carried a light to show you a seat,  
Or which is worth one's while.

I sat there for a moment,  
Saw others passing by,  
Whether anybody feeling for a seat,  
Stuck their finger in my eye.

I didn't mind it, as I knew  
That it was for,  
A little thing like that, you know,  
Is nothing in time of war.

The pictures they were splendid,  
Admired by different crowds;  
When you saw the enemy extended,  
Raising smoke into the clouds.

And the soldiers how they stood it,  
In the face of the enemy's fire,  
Went right into the worst of it,  
Cutting and falling over wire.

The Red X also showed up good,  
And how they worked so hard,  
With bandages and pieces of wood,  
They fixed up those that were scared.

The horses, too, the noble steeds,  
With their masters on their backs,  
Were with them in heroic deeds,  
And died also in their tracks.

The guns and ammunition too,  
Which is made every day,  
Used to protect me and you,  
These pictures seem to say.

Some of the boys here from London  
Have been seen upon the screen,  
You will miss it all if you don't go down,  
As they are the best that can be seen.

So when you get your supper eat,  
Just go down town tonight,  
A soldier will guide you to a seat,  
And you will see "somme" fight.

—BILL.

## WIFE ENTERS AUTO, SEIZES HER RIVAL AND PUMMELS HER

Wild Scene Witnessed in West  
London.

EYEWITNESSES RETICENT  
CALL IT A "PUZZLE"

One Has Conscientious Objection  
To Telling What  
He Knows.

While her husband's car went through five miles of the country side, the wife of a well-known London business man clung to the hair of her husband's "affinity" yesterday afternoon. During the same period the outraged wife struck the third party in the "triangle" with a hat pin which had been seized from the hat of the aluring one.

It has been alleged for some time that the young woman and the husband were altogether too intimate, and this is not the first time trouble has occurred. Recently the wife learned that her husband was in the hands of a woman, and she was determined to give him a lesson. She waited for the coming of the car, and when it arrived, she rushed out and although he did not rush, she boarded the running board and then climbed in the back seat.

Miss Aylmer got into the car furiously, and she gave the driver a lesson. She then turned the car around, and she drove to the house of the husband's friend, and she waited for the coming of the car, and when it arrived, she rushed out and although he did not rush, she boarded the running board and then climbed in the back seat.

When the car was in the house, she reached out and took the hatpin of the girl from her head. She disarmed her opponent, and she gave her a lesson. She then turned the car around, and she drove to the house of the husband's friend, and she waited for the coming of the car, and when it arrived, she rushed out and although he did not rush, she boarded the running board and then climbed in the back seat.

Then the fight started. When the car was in the house, she reached out and took the hatpin of the girl from her head. She disarmed her opponent, and she gave her a lesson. She then turned the car around, and she drove to the house of the husband's friend, and she waited for the coming of the car, and when it arrived, she rushed out and although he did not rush, she boarded the running board and then climbed in the back seat.

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## CAR NUMBER CAUSE OF INJUSTICE DONE TO LONDON CITIZEN

Dr. McKibben Not Owner of  
Car 6631.

WAS SOLD MONTHS AGO

This Auto Nearly Ran Down  
Party of Returned  
Soldiers.

A combination of unusual circumstances caused The Advertiser to be a serious injustice to Dr. Paul F. McKibben of the medical faculty of the Western University in its issue of last Monday, and, without suggestion from Dr. McKibben, a complete retraction of the implications contained in the article was made.

As several returned soldiers were coming from the Lyric Theatre, after having attended the presentation of "The Battle of the Somme" pictures, a motor car dashed out of a nearby lane. The soldiers, some of whom were still in the trenches, and furthermore, they said the man in the car shouted foul abuse at them when they protested.

They secured the number of the car which was 6631, and found that this car was entered in the police records as the property of Dr. McKibben.

How Mistake Occurred.

They gave the number of the car and the name of Dr. McKibben to The Advertiser, and after having failed to get in communication with the doctor by several phone calls the article was published. As all motorists are required by law to register a change of ownership when they dispose of their cars, it was felt that there was no possibility of the information being wrong.

But this was easily observed. Changes of ownership are never sent to the city, it appears, and Dr. McKibben sold a car bearing license No. 6631 some months ago. The car was traded in on a new machine, and Dr. McKibben never became aware of the new ownership. His name still appears on the local records, and the records at Toronto. At present no one in London has any record of the ownership of car No. 6631, but there can be little doubt that the new owner is the man against whom the soldiers registered their complaint.

Friends Knew Better.

Dr. McKibben, it is well known by The Advertiser, and while he said his friends were aware that he could have been guilty of no such conduct, he believed that the public might get the wrong impression.

"I have every admiration for the returned men and would not offend one of them," he added, "I certainly do not conduct myself while in my car in such a manner as was imputed to me. The matter has been one of good will and desire for the sake of the university I shall be glad if it is set right."

It is expected that a police court charge will be laid against the present owner of the car.

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.**

Thomson & McKinnon, 10 Dominion Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser as follows:

Trunk Lines and Grangers—Open, High, Low, 1:30.

Baltimore & Ohio, 88 1/2, 89 1/2, 88 1/2, 89 1/2. Erie, 1st pd., 53 1/2, 54 1/2, 53 1/2, 54 1/2. Great Northern, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2. Western Union, 15 1/2, 16 1/2, 15 1/2, 16 1/2. Western Union, 15 1/2, 16 1/2, 15 1/2, 16 1/2.

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