

REGUITS SCARGE FOR MILITIA REGULATIONS ARE UNPOPULAR

Men Object to the Efficiency Pay Rule, As They Claim It Is Unfair—Some Officers Claim That Men Should Be Paid \$1 a Day.

With the opening of the camp on Carling's Heights only two weeks away, recruiting militia officers throughout this district are unusually busy trying to get recruits to bring their regiments up to full strength.

According to reports, many of the officers are having their hands full. In addition to the weather being unfavorable for camp many of the men who drilled last year and were displeased over the efficiency pay, are not only not coming themselves, but are talking in such a manner as to persuade others to stay away.

It is not an uncommon thing to see "ads" in the papers for recruits. This was seldom, if ever, done before.

Order Modified. Militia Order No. 78, issued a few weeks ago, modifies to a slight extent the rules of last year, which were so unsatisfactory.

The new order amends the regulations in force last year which necessitated the fifteen men getting no less than 14 points at each of the two ranges for 20 cents additional pay; 21 points at each for 40 cents; and 28 points at each for 60 cents. The result of this was that the man who scored an aggregate of 30 points, but who made it up with 18 at one range and 12 at the other, was not entitled to any efficiency pay because he had not scored 14 or more at each. This was the cause of much dissatisfaction among the men, and it was to remedy this that the recent order was issued.

The Military Gazette, which has taken an active interest in the agitation against the continuance of the existing regulations publishes the following letter from the commanding officer of an excellent rural corps, the strength of which has been uniformly good in the past. The letter is interesting and reads:

"The officers of my regiment are wondering what the militia department intend doing in regard to the present regulations as to efficiency pay so far as the shooting founded thereon is concerned. If the same regulations are to be in force this camp, my company officers inform me that they will be unable to recruit

more than a dozen men per company. I believe their statements, and this state of affairs is most assuredly alarming, if we expect to keep our regiments up to their proper standard.

"Additional pay for good rifle shots is an excellent idea, but the present regulations are so strict and unfair to the young soldier who has never shot a rifle and he reached the camp ranges, that if insisted on, the result to the rural regiments will be disastrous. This lack of practice is inevitable in the case of those men recruited where there are not as yet rifle ranges.

"The fact of the matter is simply this: The men won't stand for the present regulations, and if the same orders are enforced by the authorities, the result will be a skeleton corps composed of a very few good men, who may be classed as enthusiasts, who some undesirable to whom any rate of pay is good enough, and who might far better be left at home.

"The grumbling in regard to last year's regulations has by no means died out; on every hand my officers are being told by good men that they simply will not attend annual training this year, unless matters are changed.

"Living expenses in this province have become so high that it is absolutely necessary for the Government to make every man's pay \$1 per day, and if the department wishes to offer some extra inducement to the men, it should be good shots, so much the better.

"Any man in this country who can handle a pick and shovel can earn \$1.50 a day, and the time has passed when men will give up positions worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a day to soldier at the magnificent salary of 50 cents per day.

"The whole situation is a serious one, and since the militia force of Canada has been improved so very greatly in the past ten years, it certainly seems a shame to allow all the good work that has been done.

"I am confident that nine out of ten of my officers in the province feel just about as I do in regard to this matter, and while it is my greatest desire to see the militia force of Canada as we can best do so by stating conditions which our positions put us in a peculiarly strong position to know accurately.

THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA WAS OFFICIALLY BORN TODAY

Royal Proclamation Read in Assembly House, Where Eight Years Ago Today the Boers Signed the British Peace Terms.

Pretoria, Union of South Africa, May 31.—The Union of South Africa was born today. The royal proclamation of the single dominion constituted by the legislative union of the British colonies of Cape Colony, Orange River Colony, Natal, and the Transvaal, was read at the assembly house here, where just eight years ago today leaders of the Boers signed the British terms of peace which brought to an end the war in South Africa.

The occasion was made a holiday, and celebrations were general. Follow-

ing the reading of the proclamation, Viscount Gladstone was sworn in as governor-general of the Union, and General Louis Botha, the premier, and the other members of the new ministry took the oath of office.

By the act of federation recently adopted by the respective parliaments of the four colonies of Cape, Orange River, Natal, and the Transvaal, each province will have its own council and send members to the union parliament, which will consist of the senate and house of assembly. Cape Town will be the seat of the legislature.

CHIEF WILLIAMS SAYS NO WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Detectives Have Been Working in Hamilton But Not in This City.

A dispatch from Hamilton to The Advertiser states that a special detective, in connection with white slave traffickers who have been carrying on a trade across the border.

It is reported that the detectives found that the traffic had been going on for some time between Hamilton and the United States and arrests are expected.

Chief Williams stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that he had heard nothing of the special detectives visiting this city, and that no reports had reached him of any dealings between London and the States in regard to white slaves.

RUMORED SETTLEMENT OF THE CIGAR STRIKE

Sticking Point Is Said to Arise Over the Open Shop Question.

It is rumored this afternoon that the cigar-makers' strike will be settled either this evening or tomorrow.

The representatives of the four companies affected have been in conference with the representatives of the union all day today, and it was stated that a compromise is expected very shortly.

It is said that the sticking point is the refusal of some of the shops to recognize the union and their wish to maintain an open shop in the future.

NO HOLIDAY IN TORONTO. Toronto, May 31.—Toronto banks will remain open on Friday despite the fact that it is a statutory bank holiday and notes do not mature. The King's birthday will not be generally observed by business houses and banks will keep open for convenience of customers.

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS. Montreal, Que., May 31.—Bank clearings in Montreal for five months of the current year show the large gain of \$151,309,500 over the same period in 1909. The increase for the month ending today is \$17,667,103.



DR. E. F. JEFFRIES, Who Has Been Appointed to a Prominent Position in a Philadelphia Hospital.

MOST FARMERS ARE SATISFIED

Crop Conditions Are All Right Except in a Few Isolated Cases.

WORMS CAUSE SOME LOSS

Wire Worm and White Grub Have Wrought a Certain Amount of Damage—Fall Wheat Is Fine.

The farmer's outlook on crop prospects varies greatly according to the district in which he lives. The general tone, however, is optimistic, and there are very few "croakers" to be found.

A number of farmers in London Township and East Nissouri have not been so well favored as their brothers in Delaware and other townships. The reason is that the wire worm and the white grub have wrought particular havoc in these two sections of the county.

Some Hard Luck. Several farmers have been forced to plow up their oats and sow Hungarian millet. Owing to the wet cold weather which has prevailed for such a lengthy period this spring, pests of this nature were able to get a good start before the grain had got sufficiently high to withstand their effects.

In some places grain that was sown in the latter part of March is but little more than showing over the ground, and while in such a tender condition the wire worms are enabled to work to good advantage.

Cases of this nature where great damage has been done are somewhat isolated, although almost every farmer is bothered to a certain extent.

Fall Wheat Is Fine. Fall wheat is reported to be looking particularly fine with every prospect of one of the best crops in years. The wheat has been affected but little by the cold weather, and the wire worm, and promises a good yield.

The depredations of the wire worm have told much more seriously upon the oat crop, and the field is not expected to be much more than an average one.

Barley is somewhat backward in its growth chiefly to the continued cold weather experienced.

The Hay Crop. The hay report is a little discouraging and prospects for cheaper hay next year are but small. Last fall the white grub had a very destructive effect upon many of the meadows, eating them out almost completely in some cases.

There is no lack of optimism in regard to garden produce of every description. The weather of the past few weeks has been almost ideal and the market gardeners are more than satisfied.

SOCIETY GIRL DIES FOR ANOTHER

Ashland, Ky., May 31.—In a vain effort to save the life of William Jackson, Miss Clara Simpson, a leader in the Ashland society, was drowned. Miss Simpson saw Jackson fall into the river. Plunging into the stream she swam to him and seized his body. She attempted to get him to the shore, but became exhausted and both drowned.

MORE TROUBLE FOR THE SULTAN

Serious Complications Facing Turkish Government.

Vienna, May 31.—Though the troubles in Albania are serious, they may be expected to develop in gravity within a few weeks.

For delays have occurred not merely because of dissensions among the Turkish officers. In addition to that, the weather conditions have been so unfavorable that the mountain roads are impassable. Given finer weather, the Albanians promise to make a better stand and the fighting threatens to cover a wider area.

The re-organization of the Turkish army has not been completely successful is clear from the fact that in these Albanian operations constant fighting has been going on. Turkish soldiers themselves, and some regiments are practically in a state of mutiny.

New and serious complications are facing the Turkish Government, itself divided on military questions—and nobody can foretell the effect on the Young Turk regime, which has numerous enemies.

The shutting out of newspaper correspondents from the areas of fighting confirms the reports that the Turkish losses have been greater than official reports indicate.

DAN CUPID BUSY IN LONDON MARRIAGES SHOW AN INCREASE

White Plague Exacts a Terrible Toll in London—Vital Statistics Figures Show Births To Be Satisfactory.

Dan Cupid is quite the most important thing in the vital statistics for the month of May.

The busy archer has shown an unexpected industry during May, and no less than 45 couples were united in marriage.

This compares most favorably with May of 1909, when only 16 brides were led to the altar.

No person can explain the phenomenon, except that it is another evidence of good times.

The white plague continues to exact a heavy toll.

The returns for the month show that six people have died of tuberculosis during May.

That brings the total for the past five months to 30 deaths.

During the whole of 1909 there were but 32 deaths—two more than for the five months this year.

If the rate continues, the toll of consumption will be an extremely heavy one.

Infant Mortality. There were 67 deaths during the month. This is an increase of eleven over May, 1908, when the grim reaper cut off 56.

The infant mortality was great, no less than 21 children succumbing from one disease and another. Whooping-cough with pneumonia took two children. Measles and pneumonia took two more. Scarlet fever caused one death and diphtheria one.

Pneumonia was responsible for nine deaths, the largest of any single disease. Cancer was the cause of but one death. There were four suicides.

Young Die, But Old Must. There were fourteen old people between the ages of 70 and 84 who died during the month.

In May, 1909, there was not a death from scarlet fever or diphtheria. Measles and its complications were responsible for two deaths, while whooping-cough took another.

The birth rate was eminently satisfactory. So far 97 babies have been reared. A gain of 12 over the same month of 1909.

CITY OFFICERS BADLY CRAMPED MORE ROOM MUST BE SECURED

Electrical and Publicity Departments Are Practically Out in the Cold—Conference To Be Held With the County in Reference to a Joint Municipal Building.

The city hall is fast becoming too small for its present uses.

The electrical department and the publicity office have taken up every available office in the old building, and there remains but little room now for expansion.

As a matter of fact there is not sufficient space for any of the departments.

City Clerk Baker is cramped for room, and he cannot handle his business as well as he could wish.

City Engineer Graydon has too cramped for space. There are stacks of papers and plans in Engineer John M. Moore's office for which room will have to be found now that he has given up the position. It will be difficult to place them at this time, as the office is over-crowded.

The same is true of many of the other departments, and it is difficult to see what the outcome will be unless more room is provided.

The water commissioners plan to go into electrical equipment and fixtures on a large scale, as the city of Ottawa does, and this will make more room necessary.

In the Capital City a store is rented for that purpose, and there all the fixtures are sold, and the revenues collected. The commissioners may have to do this in London. It is understood that the commissioners have already looked into this proposition as a preliminary to definite action.

The over-crowding emphasizes the necessity for larger quarters, and it is possible that something may be done along this line in the near future.

The city council will discuss the project of a joint building with the county. They have not formulated any plan, but it is possible that something definite will be arrived at.

A county councillor, one of the most influential in the council, stated to The Advertiser that he did not think a joint building scheme at the present time.

He stated that the present buildings, with the expenditure of a few thousand dollars, would do them for many years to come, and consequently it would be unwise to erect a new building.

However, a conference will be held in the near future to discuss the proposition, and it is likely that something of a definite nature will be done.

THE DENTISTS WANT SCHOLARS INSPECTED

And Will Ask for Well Qualified Practitioners in Public Institutions.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, May 31.—The dentists of the Dominion of Canada will make an effort to have the inspection of teeth of school children become general, while both Governments are to be asked to provide qualified dentists for institutions such as asylums, jails and penitentiaries. These were the important matters dealt with in Dr. Webster's address delivered before the fifth convention of the Canadian Dental Association and the Ontario Dental Society, both of which institutions are holding a joint convention at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons on College street, where some 250 delegates are registered from all parts of the Dominion.

SENSATIONAL BREAK IN COTTON FUTURES

July Option Drops Fifty-Nine Points on New Orleans Market.

New Orleans, May 31.—Cotton futures broke about \$3 a bale late this afternoon, the July option going to a figure 59 points down from the highest level of the morning.

Nine. There was a further and more sensational decline, amounting to over \$1.50 per bale, in the cotton market today, when it was seen that May was going out without any further success in speculative shorts. The price of May cotton sold off to 14.61, comparing with 14.95 at the close of business last Friday, 15.80, the highest point of the month, and 16.46, the high point of the season made last December.

A GOLDEN JUBILEE. Ottawa, Ont., May 31.—Venerable Archbishop Bogert and Mrs. Bogert are today celebrating the golden jubilee of their wedding. Their eight children are present, and the aged couple are spending the day quietly receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

Mr. C. A. Bogert, general manager of the Dominion Bank, is a son.

LEAVES FOR PARTS UNKNOWN WITH WIFE OF HIS FRIEND

Morpeth Township Worked Up Over an Alleged Elopement in Which Several Prominent Persons Figure—Warrant Sworn Out Against Railway Employee of Chatham.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Chatham, Ont., May 31.—Morpeth is all worked up over an alleged elopement, in which the principals are Mrs. Elizabeth Darton, aged 28 years, wife of John Darton, who it is claimed, has left for parts unknown, with Joseph Stanley, a C. P. R. employee, of Chatham.

According to the story, Darton, who is about 30 years of age, a farmer, borer, and a handsome chap, has lived happily with his wife for six years or more.

Monday he went to work, leaving at his home Stanley, who had been paying a friendly call over Sunday. When he returned he found his wife missing. His little 4-year-old girl told him that "Mamma had just gone away for a little while with Mr. Stanley and would soon be back."

When she did not appear, he searched the house, and found that the wife had taken her clothes and he alleged, that \$30 which he left in his trousers' pockets had also disappeared.

Information Laid. Darton went to Ridgeway and reported the matter, but was advised to lay an information against the couple in Chatham. He did so, and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the alleged elopement before Magistrate Houston.

It is claimed that the couple were seen on the G. T. R. depot here, but it is not known whether they went east or west.

The police of many places have been notified and an arrest is looked for shortly.

Much sympathy is felt for Darton, who is a quiet, good-natured, fell fellow, very gentlemanly, and greatly attached to his home.

The little girl has been sent to the home of her grand-parents in Palmyra, Ont.

SCHOOL FLAGS FLYING HONOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

Natal Day of British Possessions in Dark Continent.

This is South Africa's Natal Day. In honor of the new British confederation, all the flags on the schools and public buildings in Canada are flying.

It is the great first of July celebration of South Africa, and marks the union of all the South African dependencies into one confederacy.

Chairman W. W. Gammage, of the board of education, gave orders that the public schools flags should fly, and in obedience to the order they were run to the masthead on every flagpole in the city.

Two CRIMINAL CASES SET FOR JUNE SESSIONS

Not a Civil Case Has as Yet Been Presented for Trial.

Not a civil case has yet been entered for the sessions of the county court and general sessions of the peace in June. The date for entering civil cases closes on June 10, three days before the opening of the court on June 14.

Two criminal cases are entered. They are: King against Michael Tierney, for alleged indecent assault, on two charges; King against George Whiting for alleged seduction.

WOLTER TO LIVE ONE YEAR MORE

Notice of Appeal Served on Sing Sing Warden, Acts as a Stay of Execution.

New York, May 31.—By a notice of appeal, served yesterday through his counsel, Albert W. Wolter, who slew Ruth Wheeler, secured for himself an additional year of life. The appeal act as a stay on the execution of the sentence of death pronounced by Judge Warren W. Foster, was to have taken place during the week of June 6. Now, however, the necessary delay which will accompany the arguing of the appeal and the viewing of it by the court of appeals, puts back the execution for nearly a year.

Mr. Walter D. Scott, who is counsel for Wolter, sent his notice of appeal to District Attorney Whitman and to the clerk of the court of General sessions on Thursday last. Today Warden Frost, of Sing Sing prison, received a certified copy of the appeal.

This notice served on Warden Frost automatically acts as a stay of execution and, until the appeal is decided, no further move can be made toward a reversal of the verdict against Wolter, and also contains an application for a new trial.

The court of appeals, which will have to review the case, is not expected to present and will not convene until October next. The appeal cannot be argued, it is thought, before November or December. A decision in the case will not be looked for before January of next year at the earliest.

Should the court of appeals decide against the convicted slayer of Ruth Wheeler and deny him a new trial another date will then be fixed for his execution.

KAISER'S ABSCESS BETTER. Potsdam, May 31.—The abscess on the right wrist of Emperor William is healing and his majesty's physicians appear to be satisfied with the result of their treatment. The Emperor remains at the new palace where King Albert of Belgium, who arrived yesterday, is being entertained.

KILLED WITH KNIFE. Savannah, Ga., May 31.—Wielding a pocketknife, Samuel Bessinger, aged 65, a confederate veteran, late last night stabbed and killed James Paine, aged 29, in a quarrel over money. Mrs. Paine, in an effort to separate the men, was hurled to the ground by her husband, who a moment later received his death wound.

Mr. Mulken's Arrival. Mr. Lawrence Mulken, who has been appointed freight agent for the Canadian Pacific in London is expected to arrive here from Toronto tomorrow and will then take over his duties.

The Fire Record. The fire department had twelve runs during the month. Of these eleven were for fires, and one was a false alarm. Eight of the alarms were telephone alarms and four were box alarms. There were no big fires.

WESTMINSTER MAN HAD ROLAND FOR AN OLIVER

Amusing Cases Arising Out of Cows at Large Will Be Tried This Week.

Two interesting cases will be tried before Squire Chittick this week.

Joseph Perkins, of concession 8, Lord's Township, has sworn out an information against Thomas Wonnacott, of the same concession, for allowing his cattle on the highway, contrary to the new bylaw.

Incidentally this is the first case under the new bylaw, which has been in force only a short time.

Revenge is sweet, and on the same day Mr. Wonnacott laid an information against Perkins for allowing his dog, while unmuzzled, to chase the complainant's cattle.

The case against Wonnacott will come up on Thursday, and the case against Perkins on Saturday.

THE MUZZLES REMAIN FOR SOME TIME YET

Provincial Health Officer Says No Rescinding of Order in Sight.

Many citizens have been inquiring of late when the muzzling order is likely to be rescinded. Provincial Health Officer Hodggets is authority for the statement that the end is not yet even in sight, notwithstanding that the railroads will lift the ban on dogs in June 15, and permit them to be shipped.

"When a boy is naughty in school his naughtiness affects the whole class, even though the other members are guiltless," said Dr. Hodggets.

"That is the simile and here's the application. He says:

"In Ontario we have several municipalities which have been very lax in enforcing the muzzling law. From time to time we get reports of places where it has not been applied at all. Until they come into line, the rest of the province cannot hope for respite. Thus Toronto is bearing its burden longer because a little municipality won't obey the law with celerity. They will all have to in time—but until that time has arrived the muzzling must still continue."

The same applies to London.

FILE INJUNCTION IN FREIGHT RATE CASE

Washington, May 31.—Following a conference today between the President and Attorney-General Wickham, it was learned that the decision was reached to file an injunction suit against the proposed increase of freight rates tomorrow by the Western Traffic Association.

OTTAWA, MAY 30.—The D. R. A. matches this year will conclude on Saturday, noon, August 27. The programme committee today decided on figure targets for all individual competitors at 500 yards. It was decided that all cadets would be admitted free to their competitions and that time would be arranged for the Lord Roberts competitions during the week's shooting.

MONTREAL LIGHT REVENUE. Montreal, Que., May 30.—The annual report of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company shows a gross revenue for the year of \$4,240,945, and a net revenue of \$2,392,067. The surplus was \$721,200, and the amount transferred to the general surplus \$321,200. The increase in net revenue for the year was \$156,951.

STEAMERS ARRIVED. New York, May 30.—Arrived: Potsdam, from Rotterdam; Finland, from Antwerp; Europa, Genoa; Oscar II., Copenhagen; Athens, Patre.

Moville—Called: Furness, New York. Glasgow—Arrived: Pretoria, Montreal. Liverpool—Arrived: Canada, Montreal. Celtic, New York.

Liverpool—Called: Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, New York.

London—Arrived: Minneapolis, New York.

Antwerp—Arrived: Lapland, New York. Gibraltar—Passed: Princess Irene, New York.

Naples—Arrived: Venezia, New York. Cape Ray—Signalled: Mount Royal, Liverpool.

Quebec—Arrived: Athens, Glasgow, Bengore Head, Dublin.