

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

WANTS GRANT

Miss Emma Schell, secretary of the Brantford branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, has sent a request to Ald. J. S. Dowling, chairman of the finance committee, that his committee make the usual grant of \$150 to help in the good work of the order.

CITY PAY SHEET

The pay sheet of the corporation of the city of Brantford was submitted this morning to the city clerk by City Engineer Jones. The sheet was for the two weeks ending Saturday, January 8th. The totals are: Sewers department \$572.41; streets department, \$547.57.

A COUSIN.

A despatch from Kingston says: Word was received yesterday that Lance-Corp. Edwin J. Thomas, aged 29 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Thomas, 19 Frontenac Street, was killed in action on December 31st. He was a Western fur traveler. Last Winter he resigned his position to join the signaling section of the 21st battalion.

The above refers to a cousin of Mr. H. Bonny, 114 Sheridan St., this city.

ONE CASE.

The only case which was tried this morning in the police court, with the exception of three juvenile cases, was that against a bicyclist for riding on the sidewalk. It was dismissed.

NOT A RECRUIT.

For the first time since the 125th Brant Battalion started recruiting, there was not a single man passed yesterday. There wasn't even one rejected.

TAKE LICENSES.

City Clerk Leonard stated this morning that all citizens wishing to take out a license for restaurants, cigarettes, etc., should do so immediately. The first of the year is the time this has to be done.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

A conference on road construction was held Tuesday, February 8th, at the City Hall, Brantford, for the county road superintendents and engineers. A programme has been sent to City Engineer T. H. Jones by the Ontario Department of Public Highways.

MISSED HIS LEAVE.

Pte. Arthur Prowse writes his mother from France: "Your ever welcome letter received O.K., also your parcel. I was very glad to hear from you. I was in the hospital for six weeks, and as luck would have it, missed my leave for England. I don't know when I will get it, but expect it about the middle of January."

PROVINCIAL PETITION.

The committee in connection with the committee of "One Hundred" in Toronto, will meet in the Y. M. C. A. to-night to complete organization for the City of Brantford. Arrangements will be made in each sub-division for signatures to a petition praying the Ontario Government to enact a measure of Province-wide prohibition.

FINE TIME

A very pleasant and enjoyable social evening was spent by members of Alexandra Young Peoples' society last evening. The event was the entertaining of the winners in the recent membership contest by the losers. After a short musical program, followed by several contests, refreshments were served. Those who assisted in making the social a success were Misses L. Wiley and L. Baltzer who rendered a piano duet in excellent manner. Miss Lillian Wilson contributed a piano duet which was greatly enjoyed. Miss Marian Heath of New York, and Miss Josie Waldron each sang a solo in very acceptable style. A. W. Jex acted as chairman. The singing of the National Anthem concluded a very pleasant evening.

SOLDIERS' WIVES.

The regular meeting of the Soldiers' Wives and Mothers was held on Tuesday afternoon in the choir room of the Park Baptist church. There was a good attendance. The Bible Study was taken by Mrs. Gardner, Luke and Chapter 21-40 verses. The topic was the Child Taken to the Temple and the praise of the prophetess Anna and of Simeon, and the fulfillment of the prophecy of the Promised Redeemer of Israel. Miss E. VanSomeran favored the meeting with a sweetly rendered solo, "Let the Master In." The audience enjoyed the singing very much. The "Heart to Heart Topic" was given on first aid; in cases of sudden colds, bronchitis and pneumonia, with old fashioned home remedies. Mrs. White, a long home comrade, gave a short talk and closed with prayer. The roll call will be held next meeting.

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A GOOD SUGGESTION.

In connection with the Machine Gun fund the civic committee has decided to ask the subscribers to devote a portion of the sum to be disposed of for the equipment of the 125th Battalion. There are many things needed over and above those supplied by the authorities, and as this is a Brant County regiment, a grant would not only be most timely but also very much to be desired.

DIRECT LEGISLATION

A Wide Sweeping Bill Introduced in Manitoba.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—The direct legislation bill, which will be introduced by Attorney-General Hudson, covers the whole field of legislation. It is said to be quite satisfactory to the direct legislation league, whose demands are drastic.

Provision is made in the bill for the initiative and the referendum on all bills if proper petitions are signed, and the clauses are mandatory. There will be a committee to draft arguments for and against the bills that are referred to the electors. All acts of the legislature except a few designated as emergency measures are to be suspended from going into effect for ninety days after the close of the legislature, at which they are passed, in order to afford to opponents of them time to get up petitions for referendum, if they wish.

Copies of the civil service bill are being circulated. This measure provides for a reorganization of the civil services on a basis of three classes, the lowest of which will be subdivided into five. A civil service board of three members will effect the reorganization, and make the necessary salary adjustments. Applications for civil service positions will have to pass examinations, and the salaries will be regulated by a fixed scale. There will be retiring allowances for long service employees.

PRUSSIAN PRIME MINISTER

Repeats the Falseness That War Was Forced on Germany.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—After divine services in the Protestant Cathedral and in the Catholic Church of St. Hedwig, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Prussian Prime Minister, opened today the session of the Reichstag. He read the speech from the throne in the traditional White Hall of the castle, members of both houses of the Prussian Parliament, as well as the diplomats being present.

In reading the speech from the throne, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg first recalled the fact that at present a sanguinary conflict is going on, our enemies forcing the war upon us," he said, "they must also bear the guilt of responsibility if the nations of Europe continue to inflict wounds upon one another."

In reading the speech from the throne Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg concluded with these words: "Gentlemen, the emperor and king knows that your work, as it has been heretofore, will also be, during the next period of parliamentary activity, inspired by the spirit of sacrifice and determination which alone gives strength to our nation to carry this war through victoriously. A new chapter is growing up surrounded by war's experiences. All able-bodied men are united in faithful comradeship with the nation. The present spirit of mutual understanding and trust will continue to make itself felt, also in the time of peace in collaboration with that of the people of the whole country."

TOWED TO PORT

Was the Huronian After Getting Hit by a Torpedo.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, Jan. 13.—The new Leyland liner Huronian from Galveston, was torpedoed on December 29, off the Irish coast, according to reports current in shipping circles to reports that they had received a cablegram stating that the Huronian had met with injury and had been towed into port, but the message did not state what had caused the damage.

The Huronian sailed from Galveston bound for Liverpool on Dec. 12. She was reported to have encountered a submarine not far from the spot where the Lusitania and Arabia were sunk. The ship was built in 1915 in Glasgow. She was 475 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 8,766. Her cargo consisted of cotton, corn, and wheat, valued at over \$1,000,000, according to her published manifests.

The Cost.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—Figures tabled in the legislature yesterday show that the investigation by the Royal Commission into the parliament buildings contract, cost the province \$75,000 and the enquiry into the circumstances attending the change of government, cost \$9,000.

Too Late for Classification

WANTED—Young girl to assist with housework. Apply 8 Palmiston Ave.

GOLD EXPORT

Will Soon Cease to New York, is the View of This Paper.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Jan. 13.—The Daily News in a financial article this morning expresses the belief that the export of gold to New York will soon cease.

"Although the present rate of exchange is well below the normal export point," says The Daily News, "there can be little doubt that with the abnormal freight and insurance charges now ruling very little profit attaches to such exports, and as the exchange rate advances further no profit whatever will be secured. This should be a matter of great satisfaction throughout the country, but it should not check the efforts to curtail imports as much as possible."

The article also refers to a rumour that the Bank of Germany contemplates the exportation of gold to New York. It says that if this is true it is a highly important development favorable to the Entente allies.

The Times discussing the exchange position today says: "One of the most satisfactory features of the money market for the past day or two has been the large amount of American buying of bills, including treasury bills, and the resulting improvement in the exchange rates."

The Times believes that a further extension of the list of American and Canadian securities, which the treasury is prepared to purchase will shortly be announced and will include a number of high-class preferred shares.

Eight New Steamers.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Jan. 13.—Tenders for eight new steamers to the Cunard Steamship Company are to be submitted during the present week, according to Liverpool newspapers.

Meeting of Royal Bank.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—The appointment of Edson L. Pease as managing director and chief executive officer, and C. E. Neill as general manager, was announced at the annual meeting here today of the shareholders of the Royal Bank. The changes are made in conformity with the bank's plan to introduce the system of officers in vogue in British banking houses in London. Mr. Pease became general manager of the bank in 1900, and now resigns that office. Mr. Neill, who has been assistant general manager since 1907, the shareholders decided upon a new stock issue of \$400,000, rounding out the bank's capital to \$1,200,000. The new issue goes to the shareholders in the ratio of one new share to every twenty-seven old.

WHY NOT FLORIDA FOR YOUR WINTER TOUR?

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On the Making of Trenches.

"The importance of the construction of trenches cannot be exaggerated. In the present war it has frequently been stated that the soldier values his entrenching tool almost as much as his rifle. What Tommy Atkins expects is that he is to say, but act feelings are it is hard to say, but the spade with as much disfavor as in peace time," writes Capt. C. T. Davis in the "Cornhill." "He has come to realize that a little earth is often the difference that stands between him and death. Those who have been to the front cannot fail to have been impressed with the courage of the British soldier. He is brave beyond words, but occasionally he is brave to a fault. It is the duty of a soldier to die willingly, but it is not his duty to die unnecessarily or foolishly. Lives often have to be sacrificed in an attack, but the reason d'être of trenches is to minimize losses."

"Now a 'die-hard' will sometimes sit in an inadequate trench quite cheerfully because he is not afraid; he will not take the trouble to improve it because he considers it is good enough to protect him from the enemy in his front. This is a splendid spirit, and it is a delicate question how to insist on the combination of caution with courage."

"Another difficulty that besets us is that digging is apt to be looked down upon because it is considered a feat that requires no skill. This is a great fallacy, and perhaps if the soldier came to realize that a good digger was as rare as a marksman and nearly as useful he might take more pride in trench work."

"The sure that of a regiment at the front can be easily gauged by the trenches they have dug. There are regiments who are extremely proud of their trenches. One such regiment which had dug admirable trenches, were determined to hold them even though the evacuation of a portion of the line on their flank, which had become untenable, was contemplated. They built a bastion in the weak flank loop-holed the rear face of the fire trench, and were quite happy to stay where they were."

It is recorded that the Colosseum at Rome had accommodation for eighty thousand spectators.

A law in Montreal compels the bakers of that city to stamp on each loaf its weight and their initials.

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Nightgowns of fine white cotton, slipover style, yoke of embroidery and lace, neck and sleeves trimmed to match. Price 75c

Nightgown of fine quality white cotton, slipover style, front yoke of deep Swiss embroidery, drawn with satin ribbon, neck and sleeves trimmed to match. Special \$1.00

White Petticoat of serviceable cotton, made with deep frill, tucked and edged with wide Torchon lace. Special 50c

Drawers of white cotton, well made, with 3/4 frill with cluster tucks, open or closed styles. Price per pair 25c

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Children's White Cotton Drawers, hemstitched frill and tucks, sizes 2 to 16 years. Price 25c

Children's White Cotton Princess Slips, bottom of flounce, neck and sleeves trimmed in lace, sizes 2 to 16 years. Price 50c

Children's White Nightgowns, slip over style, neck and short sleeves trimmed in lace, all sizes, 2 to 18 years. Price 50c

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Grocery Savings

Friday and Saturday

Lard, the purest produced, per lb. 16c
Molasses, bulk, special at per quart. 10c
Soap Chips, best grade, 3 1/2 lbs. for. 25c
Peel, mixed, English, per lb. 21c
Honey, high grade, in 5-lb. pails, at. 70c
Baking Powder, 1-lb. can, pure, for. 10c
Shelled Walnuts, new, per lb. 45c
Starch, Laundry, 3 1-4 lbs. for. 25c
Soap, Laundry, 6 bars for. 25c
Corn Flakes, Kellogg's, 3 for. 25c
Rice, 6 lbs. for. 25c
Hams, smoked, mild, cured, whole or half, per pound 20c
Bacon, side, nicely streaked, in piece, per lb. 24c
Bacon, back, sweet and lean, in piece, per lb. 27c

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VANESSA

Clarence and Mrs. Crabb of Kelvin, spent Sunday with James and Mrs. Potts.

Roy and Mrs. Almas and family of Scotland, spent Sunday with John and Mrs. McNelles.

Hubert Hare of Selkirk, has been spending a few days with relatives and friends in this place.

Miss Martha Roberts spent Sunday here.

H. F. and Mrs. Henry spent Monday with Jesse and Mrs. Fulton at Scotland.

Mrs. Ward Rice and family of Cambro, have returned home after spending New Year's with relatives here.

Miss Letta Walker has returned home from Brantford.

Richard and Mrs. Hare of Port Dover, spent Friday with Nathan and Mrs. Proser.

E. H. Howey of Fairfield was calling on friends and relatives here on Sunday.

SCOTLAND

Mrs. Chas. Haight of New Durham, was visiting her parents part of last week.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Daniel

Smith took place from the home of her son, Mr. A. Smith, on Friday last to Scotland cemetery.

Mr. Walter Hall is somewhat improved in health.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Mr. David Smith, Mount Pleasant on Saturday.

A number of our boys are enlisting.

EAST OAKLAND

Mrs. F. O'Riley was calling on Mrs. John Ryan on Thursday.

Mr. Geo. Bannister and wife paid a visit to the city on Saturday.

The present rain and thaw has spoiled the sleighing for the present.

Mr. Ernest Cunningham and daughter from Townsend Centre were calling on Mrs. I. Adams on Saturday.

Football is almost as popular in

Burma as it is among Western nations. The natives play the game unshod, and kick and shoot goals with bare feet.

Birds, in the construction of their nests, almost without exception avoid bright colored materials, which might possibly lead to the discovery of their place of abode by an enemy.

Twenty-eight ward schools in Chicago have been opened this winter as community centres.

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Boys' Heavy Worsted Hose, 2 1/2 ribb, sizes 6 to 10. To clear, per pair 19c

Girls' 1/1 Ribbed Hose, Black only, all sizes, with extra spliced knees. Pair. 25c

Boys' and Girls' 2 1/2 and 1/1 Fine Ribbed Hose, seamless feet, with double knees, all wool, all sizes. Pair 35 to 50c

Women's Plain Cashmere Hose, seamless feet, all sizes, with double toes, heels and soles, all sizes. Special, per pair 30c

Women's Silk Hose, wide double garter top, extra spliced toe and heels, Black and White. Per pair 50c

Toegards, natural shade, in lisle, all sizes, Helon's in Black. Per pair 12 1/2c

Footlets for men and women, natural shade, all sizes. Per pair 25c

Three Hundred Dollar Fine.

Ingersoll, Jan. 13.—As the result of a judgment given to-day by Magistrate Patterson in a liquor case, "Jake" Servis of this town must pay a fine of \$300 and costs or spend three months in the county jail at Woodstock. When the case was proceeded with a week ago, Servis, who has been proprietor of the old Mansion House barn for several years, was charged with selling liquor without a license. Evidence was given that Servis and two other men were intoxicated on the premises. From one of these men a large bottle half filled with whiskey was taken. The magistrate held that as one of the men was not a customer the act did not require absolute proof of the sale of liquor. He accordingly found Servis guilty of allowing liquor to be consumed on his premises.

Mrs. Christina Maves, wife of a Chicago teamster killed herself and her five children by turning on the gas.

Teuton plotters are traced in the steel workers' outbreak at Youngstown, Ohio.

Telephone mouthpieces spread gripple the New York Health Department announced.