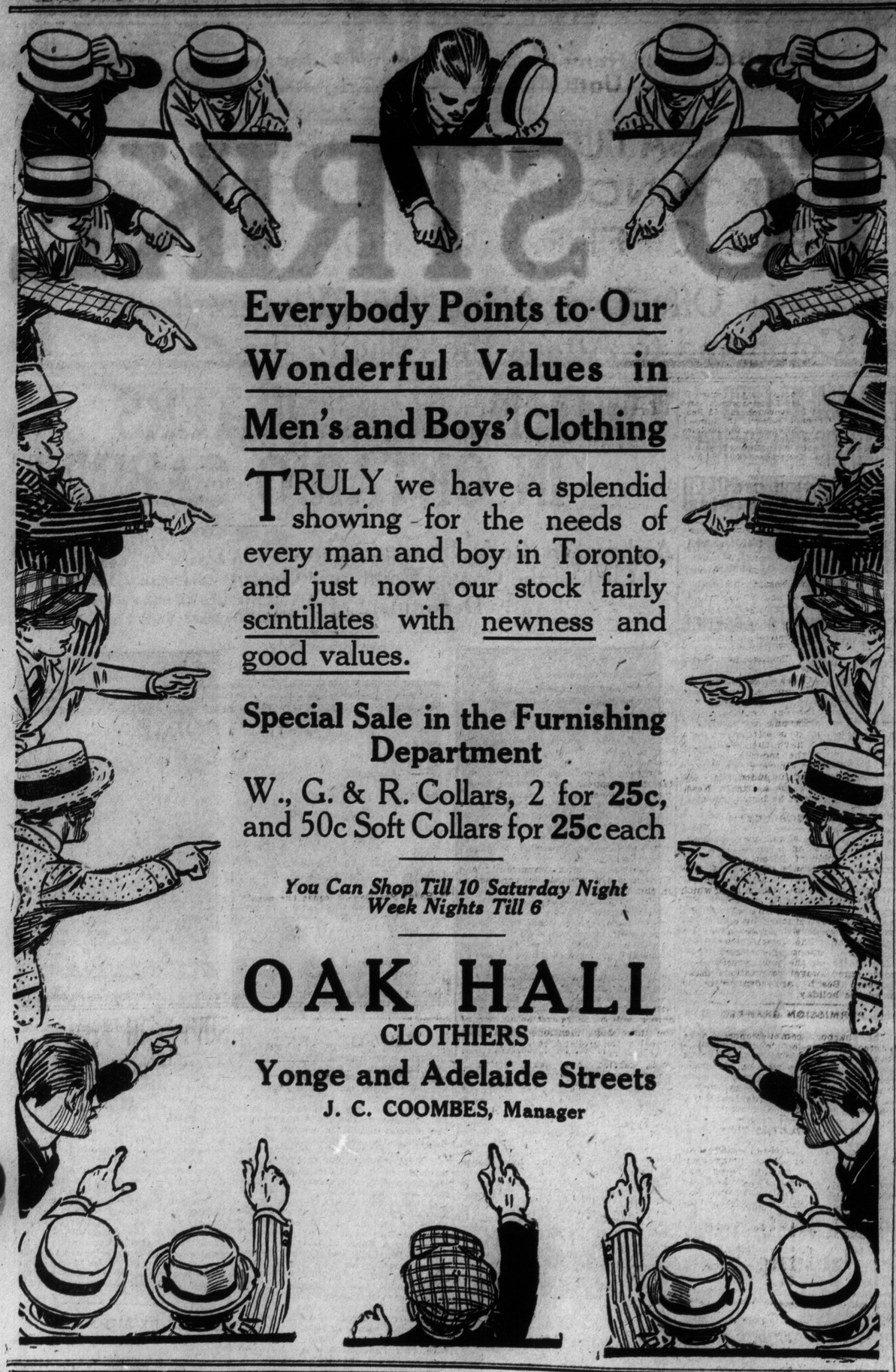

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

German raids smashed at Aveluy Wood and Hebuterne; French raids successful near Bailleul and Locre; a German machine gun attacked and destroyed in Aveluy Wood; these made up yesterday's recorded infantry operations on the British front in Flanders. Behind the front is where the heavy work is proceeding. The enemy has informed Germany of the arrival of heavy British reinforcements from England. It is probable that the British Government has sent many fresh divisions to France, after the enemy by his action has disclosed his plan of campaign. Now he has to calm German home opinion by explaining the allied reinforcements as the cause of his long delay. He seems also to be stripping Germany pretty thoroly of troops.

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Allied general headquarters still expect that the Germans will make another desperate lunge. Altho badly beaten in his first attempt, the enemy is likely, in their estimation, to try a second offensive at least, and accordingly they are leaving nothing to chance, but are still making preparations to give the Germans the reception which they deserve. The new unity of command is counted on to prevent the rupture of any portion of their line. The allied supreme command, however, is still uncertain of two things, the time and the place of the looked-for blow. As Napoleon used to say about war, the enemy always has three possible courses to pursue: he, however, takes a fourth.

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Certain details which are gradually coming out all point to the magnitude of the German losses, and these now appear to be larger than was at first thought. The enemy had 650,000 men in the depots behind his front for the replacement of casualties. The offensive appears to have used up all these and to have compelled the enemy to wait for his material in camps in Germany to complete its training. In addition the enemy has had to stop his advance in Russia and to recall his troops from the Ukraine, for he has just informed the administration there that if new disturbances arise he will send Prussian troops from Germany to quell them. This is clear proof that he has temporarily evacuated the eastern front, and it shows his straits for reinforcements. He will contrive, however, to collect enough men for at least another heavy lunge, but the question remains for debate whether he will evade the forcing of the fighting again.

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The daily news of allied aerial exploits and outclassing of the German aerial arm more and more would give rise to the belief that it is the allies that are on the offensive, and that they are agout to begin the attack against the German army. Enemy aircraft have become so few and what still remains of them have to keep so much in hiding that the British and French airmen are having increasing difficulty in inducing German aviators to accept combat. The enemy has begun to bomb British hospitals and this is an infallible sign that he is losing the war in the air. If he could do anything of more military value, he would not risk his machines in killing or maiming already wounded men and non-combatant nurses.

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Unrest, which has set Austria in feverish agitation, has just spread to Silesia. The German minority there is denouncing the government at Vienna for its favoritism to the Poles. These disturbers profess a fear of the annexation of this province to Poland and of inundation by vast numbers of Slavs. Germany is probably at the bottom of this excitement, for after all, it suits Prussia to have Austria weak and divided, for Austrian feeblness works within certain limits to the benefit of Germany. It compels Emperor Charles to lean more and more on Berlin to keep his throne, and the using of Berlin as a pedestal is a costly business. Prussia will gradually wring the last shreds of independence from her accomplice and riot in free exploitation of the Austrian people and resources.

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One important military effect of the disturbances in Austria is to tie up many enemy divisions in garrisons instead of allowing them to proceed to the front. The enemy has always to take into account the possibility of military disaster and the ensuing danger of formidable uprisings in his rear to turn disaster into catastrophe. The assurance against this requires larger home garrisons, so that Austria will eventually resemble a conquered land.

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Particulars of the agreement between Japan and China for military operations in Manchuria and Siberia have reached London and have much pleased the British Government. The details are kept a close secret. The prospect is for military intervention without undue delay. The news sent out from Pekin is scarcely frank, for it is necessary to conceal the truth from the enemy, and in the concealment of truth orientals are recognized adepts. The new menace arising in the east will eventually compel Germany to keep a large central reserve in Germany to the weakening of the German forces on the front between the English Channel and the Adriatic Sea. The kaiser has educated his subjects to dread the yellow peril; it is soon to become extremely menacing.

SOCK FUND RETURNS.

Returns sent in by the treasurer of the sock fund which is a branch of the Brampton Women's Institute, and of which Mrs. Amy Denison, secretary of the Red Cross, is the superintendent, announce that the total amount raised during the year was $1,560.38. There have been 2,409 pairs of sox sent to the Brampton boys serving with the colors.

POLICE HAVE CHASE AFTER STOLEN CAR

After an exciting chase thru the crowded streets yesterday evening, Jean Villiarid, a mechanic at Leaside Aviation Camp, was arrested by Patrol-Sergt. Lundy of Court street police station on a charge of the theft of a motor car from Dr. G. J. Steele, 5 Fairview avenue, chairman of the school board.

According to the police of the division the car was left standing outside the Excelsior Life Building while Dr. Steele went into the building. After being in his office a few minutes Dr. Steele came out just in time to see his car disappearing in the maze of traffic. Sergt. Lundy, who was passing at the time, sized up the situation, and immediately jumped into a passing motor car and gave chase. The soldier was finally rounded up at the corner of Queen and Church streets.

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HAMILTON NEWS

VETERANS CONDEMN UNION GOVERNMENT

Hamilton Convention Passes Resolution Regarding Conscription of Aliens.

COMMANDEER FOOD

Parliamentary Committee Are Asked to Look Into Cold Storage Question.

Hamilton, May 23.—Sir Robert Borden and his government were strongly condemned at tonight's session of the provincial Great War Veterans' Association for failure to take action on the alien enemy question and amid applause from the delegates, the following telegram was drafted and forwarded immediately to the capital: "Ontario Great War Veterans, in convention assembled, condemns Premier Borden and our Union government for failure during this session of parliament to take action in the matter of the conscription of allied and enemy aliens, and that this be at once communicated to the government."

Immediate and drastic action in the matter was urged by the delegates and the following resolution was also passed unanimously: "That the resolution passed by the Hamilton and Toronto mass meetings organized by the G.W.V.A. branches in these cities and widely adopted by other branches in regard to the alien enemy question be re-affirmed by the Ontario provincial convention and that this convention condemns the failure of the government to take action on the matter during the present session."

Cold Storage Problem.

Another important matter which came up in the form of a resolution and was referred to the parliamentary committee was the cold storage problem; it being resolved that all food in storage should be commandeered by the government and distributed at cost by government. It was also resolved to petition the government that re-attested men be given additional allowances when overseas to make up for the patriotic allowances which other soldiers receive.

Grasping landlords who raise the rents while the "bread winners" are at the front were harshly complained of and it was pointed out that in England soldires' wives could not be turned out and that the rents could not be raised during the war, but that a soldier's wife could leave on one month's notice. It was decided to request the government to take similar action.

The following were elected to the parliamentary committee: Comrades Jenkins, Brantford; Coles, London; Sharp, Brampton; Floyd, Cobourg; Wilcox, Oshawa; Lowman, Woodstock; Lawson, Sudbury; Bowker, Kingston; Harrison, Windsor; Burbidge, Hamilton, and Meredith, Toronto.

Col. Currie this afternoon made a hot attack upon the new Civil Service Act, recently brought down by the government. He claimed that it made no distinction between civilian and soldier.

"Realizing my responsibility as a member of parliament, I tell you that you have no more chance now to secure a position as a civil service man than a civilian. Efforts have been made to have returned men put on the civil service commission, but the government refused. As the result of the new act, I or any other member have no right to ask for a position for any veteran. To rectify this I would advise this association to see that steps are taken to have returned soldiers represented on the commission, also on the boards which prepare the civil service examination papers," said Col. Currie. (Applause.)

When the matter of civil service came up, it was apparent that the favorite subject of many of the delegates had been broached. Delegate Beech (Hamilton) told how he had worked in the Hamilton Postoffice for less than $2 per day, despite the fact that he was a returned married man. Later he was dismissed in order that a woman, whose place he was taking, could get back on the job.

"I was accepted again, but, as the salary was less than $600 a year, I resigned, as I wasn't a man to get down on my knees. I thank God the government has at last done away with the patronage system," he said.

That many of the young doctors on the medical boards reduced the disability of returned soldiers before they went before the pensions board, in order to please their superiors, was the charge made by Dr. Sharpe of Brampton. "Those men think that they are pleasing the government in cutting down the pensions in that way, and also catering to their superiors, but the government does not ask them to do that, and does not want them to. The examining boards should have returned medical men on them," said Dr. Sharpe, amid cheers.

Charges that the affairs of The Veteran were not being conducted in a businesslike manner were made by many of the delegates. W. E. Turley, provincial secretary, stemmed the assault, however, by stating that the business manager would be present at Saturday's session.

SCORE'S SPECIALIZE ON SPORTING AND RECREATION APPAREL FOR GENTLEMEN.

Today is the day when "the sport of kings" is on the cards in the run for the "King's guineas." All Toronto and her country cousins will be in grandstand, paddock and on the lawn to witness the event; and just here it is timely to emphasize the fact that Score's are personally interested in the success of such events, and much of the interest to them centres in the correct sporting dress the gentlemen will have on. R. Score & Son, Limited, 77 King street west.

FOUR THOUSAND CADETS HONOR EMPIRE DAY

Headed by their bugle band, 4000 boys of the Toronto high and public schools cadet corps, paraded yesterday afternoon in honor of Empire Day. The cadets started their march from the armories at 2.30, up University avenue to the saluting base, opposite McCaul school, where Col. H. C. Bickford, Toronto district commandant, took the salute and inspected the general march past. The cadets were under command of Lieut.-Col. John T. Thompson, and the Collegiate Institute brigade under T. E. Reid. The high school boys were in khaki and the public school boys in scarlet, making a picturesque scene with the spring green of the University trees as a background. Several thousand citizens watched the parade. After the review by Col. Bickford the cadets returned to the armories, where Ven. Archdeacon Cody delivered a patriotic address. He referred to the important connection the life of Queen Victoria held in the upbuilding of the British Empire and the fact that the founder of Empire Day in Canada was Mrs. Fessenden, of Hamilton. He emphasized the fact of cadet training as a means of preparation for fitting the boys for the future defence of their country and also of aiding in their preparation for citizenship.

DR. R. M. TURNER AND N. JOLLIFFE BOTH ACQUITTED

Insufficient Evidence to Prove Responsibility for Death of Marion Stone.

AN ANONYMOUS LETTER

Statement That Girl Herself Used Instrument, Which Was Delivered.

Dr. Robert Macpherson Turner and Norman Jolliffe were found not guilty in the assizes yesterday on the charge of having murdered Marion Stone, who died on December 26 last as the result of an alleged illegal operation.

Dr. Turner, who was charged with having performed the operation, was the first one tried. After a trial lasting nearly all day, Justice Middleton suggested to the jury that there was insufficient evidence to bring in a verdict of guilty, and only a few moments elapsed between the time the jury left the court and when they returned with their verdict.

In his address to the jury his lordship said: "It seems to me there is no evidence on which the jury can convict. The girl was taken to McCaul street in a bad condition, and when she went there something had been done to her. Whether she did it herself, whether Dr. Turner did it, or Joliffe, who can tell? The girl did not recover, not because of what had been done there, but on account of the illegal operation that had been performed before. It is a serious thing to let a crime like this go unpunished, but it is a more serious thing to punish a man unless the crime has been proven."

Congratulates Turner.

"I congratulate you on your escape from a very awkward position," he said to Dr. Turner. In pointing out the necessity of a case of that nature being dealt with in a hospital he added: "If she had refused your advice and had refused to go to a hospital, the whole case would have been so open and public that you would have been above suspicion." He said he would like to impress upon medical men tiheir duty to society when approached by a woman in such a condition.

Following the argument between T. C. Robinette, K.C., counsel for Dr. Turner, and Peter White, K.C., crown counsel, Justice Middleton ruled that the statement made by Marion Stone when dying could not be used by the crown as evidence, saying that such a statement had not the sanction of oath and there was no chance of cross-examination. "She was told in one breath that she was going to die," said his lordship, "and then in the next breath the crown officers were there to take her statement, when she replied, "Oh, no." and turned on her side.

Roomer Gives Evidence.

Irvine Reed, who roomed at 80 McCaul street, told how Dr. Turner had called at the house late in the evening.

Witness most emphatically stated that he did not see Dr. Turner take any instruments out of his bag, but only the gas mask and apparatus.

At the close of the trial of Dr. Robt Macpherson Turner, Norman Jolliffe was arraigned on two charges, that of the murder of Marion Stone and also on the charge of attempt to procure abortion.

Peter White, K.C., crown counsel, stated that the evidence in this case was practically similar to that produced in the case of Dr. Turner, and in view of his lordship's ruling he would ask that the same suggestion be made in this case.

Jolliffe Also Freed.

Following the advice of Justice Middleton, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty without leaving the box.

His lordship in dismissing accused spoke with direct frankness. "In some cases it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the prisoner when he is discharged, but I cannot do it in your case. I should think you would go thru life with a sore heart and a sore conscience for the harm you have done to this poor girl."

An Anonymous Letter.

A peculiar feature of the case was an anonymous letter that was received by Dr. A. Jukes Johnson, with which was sent an instrument supposed to be the one used. Both were turned over to the crown, who, in turn, handed them over to T. C. Robinette, K.C. They were not produced at the trial.

The letter is ill-spelt and is dated Jan. 22 and addressed "Toronto," and says, in part: "This I want to say. She done it herself. She came up to me about Dec. 10 and did not look well. She said: 'I am up against it.' I said: 'What's the matter, lost your job?' She said: 'No, worse than that. I am in the family way,' and then asked me what she could do and mentioned a friend's name who had given her dope, and had allowed her to use an instrument. She said: 'I will have to kill myself, or mother will.' I felt sorry, so I said: 'I will let you have a steel thing I used myself some years ago if you will not tell a soul, or let my husband know, as he will be mad about it. She went away about December 15, and brought it back and said it was alright. She said: 'I am going to find that fellow and make him cough up, as he said he would pay all my expenses.' Now, doctor, I want you to give this to the police, and let them know it was her own fault. This is the steel she used."

The letter concludes with the words: "Bring this to the press for God's sake."

COLLECTOR GETS INCREASE.

Miss Bertha Cumberland, who collected the taxes for Brampton last year, has been given an added honorarium on account of having found an error in the assessment rolls for 1917 that will net the town an additional $2,000 in taxes.

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NURSING SISTER KILLED BY HUNS

Brantford Girl Gives Up Life When Germans Shell Hospitals.

Brantford, May 23—Horror at the dastardly tactics of the Huns was widespread here today when it became known that their recent aerial attack on British hospitals behind the lines resulted in the death of Nursing Sister Katherine Maude Macdonald of this city. This morning an official telegram was received by her mother, Mrs. M. M. Macdonald, 165 Market street, from Ottawa, notifying her that her daughter had been killed in action. Within a few hours after the receipt of the news, the newspapers gave her the notification that on the day that her daughter met her death, Sunday, May 19, the Germans had sent squadrons of airplanes over the British lines and that these had deliberately bombed British hospitals.

The late nursing sister had graduated from Victoria Hospital, London. She practised privately here for some time, and became very well known. Later she enlisted for military service, being detailed for a time to the London Military Hospital. Later she was transferred to England, and after war service in hospitals there she was sent to France, in the spring of this year.

The mother and sister, Miss Florence Macdonald, chief operator here of the Bell Telephone Company, are prostrated by the tidings. The feeling which the news aroused was very bitter.

Women Will Assist.

The affiliated women societies of the city have been asked to furnish 5 assistant registrars for the Dominion registration to be carried out in June. This is in addition to the public school teachers who have volunteered their services. The societies will present a small parcel to each member of the C.O.R. here before they leave for Niagara, and will give $100 to the overseas work of the Y.M.C.A.

HOME FROM WAR ZONE.

Flight-Lieutenant Otta Chantler, of Beeton, brother of M. G. Chantler, manager of Best Knit, arrived in Brampton Wednesday night on his way home from France, where he has been for the past two years. Lieut. Chantler is suffering from deafness, the result of flying at a high altitude.

MINSTRELS WIN FAME.

Brampton minstrels are winning fame. They have given two very successful concerts in Acton and Oakville, and are invited to Milton to repeat their performance. The results of two concerts in Brampton and the two abroad have netted $405 for the benefit of the Red Cross. Jas. Esplin, of Port Credit, is the comedian.

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