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CADETS GET PRIZES FOR THEIR WORK IN ATHLETICS AND AQUATICS

The Presentations Made By Mrs. T. D. R. Hemming—Senior Cadets Soon To Leave For The Front.

On Wednesday afternoon the prizes won by the gentlemen cadets of the Royal Military College were presented to the winners by Mrs. T. D. R. Hemming in the college gymnasium. The presentation was preceded by a splendid exhibition by the third class of cadets at their gymnasium work and the class went through the different exercises like clock-work. At the close of the presentation of the prizes, Lieut. Col. C. N. Perreau, acting commandant, spoke a few words thanking Col. and Mrs. Hemming for being present. He also referred to the class that is so soon to take commissions in the expeditionary force, D. L. Savage had been of great value to the college in his capacity as B. S. M., and to him was due to a great extent the excellent discipline of the college. The Company Sergeant-Majors were also very present. Cheers for the first class were called for as well as for Col. and Mrs. Hemming. Tea was served to the visitors following the programme. The list of prize winners is as follows:

Aquatic Sports.

Quarter mile swim—S. T. Blacklock, (now on active service); J. Y. K. Walbank.
Single canoe—J. S. Hay, J. K. Cassels.
Diving—J. K. Cassels, W. H. O. Reilly.
Canoe double—J. K. Cassels and G. A. McCarter; G. E. Cushing, and P. E. Durford.
Hurry scurry—R. L. M. Ferris, A. O. Lampman.
Canoe fours—D. L. Savage, H. W. Beck, (now on active service), L. A. Welsh, (now on active service), H. H. Lawson.
Fifty yard swim—G. D. Brown, H. B. Wood.
Championship—J. K. Cassels.

Athletic Sports.

Long jump—D. L. Savage, A. R. MacLaren.
Cricket ball—T. C. Stewart, J. W. Ings.
One mile—R. K. Wiggins, P. E. Durford.
Hop and step—D. L. Savage, & L. McClenaghan.
Shot put—J. W. Ings, N. E. Hughes.
Quarter mile—C. F. Saunders, G. C. Hilliard, (now on active service), 229 yards—A. R. MacLaren, D. L. Savage.
High jump—A. F. Gates, P. B. H. Vrooman.
Half mile—G. C. Hilliard, R. L. Challoner.
100 yards—A. R. MacLaren, C. F. Saunders.
120 hurdles—D. L. Savage, A. R. MacLaren.
Pole jump—F. L. Foster, G. A. McCarter.
Relay race—3rd Class "B".
Tug of war—"A" Company.
Obstacle race—G. B. Brown, J. S. Hay.
Championship—B. S. M., D. L. Savage.
Ryerson Cup—A. R. MacLaren.
Cross country run—R. H. Wiggins.
Wheatley Harriers run—2nd R. Wiggins, 3rd, F. A. Warren.
Jumping on nunnahs—W. B. Robertson.

MONASTIR A THRIVING CITY.

Serbia's Most Valuable Acquisition in War With Turkey.

"Monastir, where the Bulgarians were never expected to arrive, is the last place in Serbia, hard upon the Greek frontier, and defended by lesser mountains on every hand," the National Geographical Society says in a bulletin. "It was one of the most prized acquisitions made by the Serbians after the war in 1912 of the Balkan League with the Ottoman Empire. By means of schools, propaganda, Serbian committees and Serbian priests, the people of all this southern territory were long carefully prepared for an ultimate union with the little kingdom. Monastir was to the Serbian ambitions what the port of Saloniki was to the Greeks and the Bulgarians. "Monastir was the second city of Turkish Macedonia. It did a thriving business, even under Turkish rule, and the Serbians entertained great hopes for its future. Moreover, the mountain city is one of the important strategic points in the Balkans, and when under Turkish rule it was made a base of military defence and offence of the same rank as Adrianople. Here were located the headquarters' offices of a Turkish army corps, for the roads from the port of Saloniki, on the Aegean Sea, from the port of Durrazzo, on the Adriatic Sea; from Nish, the ancient capital of Serbia, and from the important fortress Adrianople met and crossed here. The Serbians have strengthened the defensive works of the city since their occupation. "The city nestled in a bowl scooped in the mountain clusters at an altitude of 2,019 feet. To the west the mountains rise to a height of more than 8,000 feet. All the mountain country around is heavily wooded, while the broad valley is carpeted with fruitful fields. The port of Saloniki, where the Allied troops landed, is 85 miles distant to the south-east. Constantinople is 400 miles to the east, Belgrade is 250 miles to the north and Nish, 155 miles. The nearest point of the Bulgarian frontier at Strumnitza, is only 65 miles away. "A railway line connects Monastir and Saloniki, with which city most of the Serbian town's trade is done. The export products of all southern Serbia are assembled at this place and sent to the Grecian port, while the imports are distributed from the same centre and from Uskup. The city has a population of 60,000 and an annual trade of the value of \$2,000,000 during normal times. Considerable gold and silver work for

export is done here, but the staples of Monastir's commerce are flour, grain, cloth, skins, tobacco and carpets. The town has large barracks, a military hospital and a number of progressive educational institutions."

TOMMY IS BEST FED.

British Soldier Gets More Meat Than Any Other in Field.

No branch of the noncombatant services of the British army has won greater praise from the soldiers at the front or more admiration from the public at home than the army service corps. It is only owing to the untiring efforts of this little army of provision merchants that the British forces have gained their reputation as the best fed army that has ever been placed in the field.

The knowledge of this splendid provisioning of the army has unconsciously given rise to the theory that the soldiers of the other allies are comparatively less well provided, and certainly supplied with ammunition for the inner man.

These impressions, however, are entirely erroneous, and a comparison between the official rations allowed to the soldiers of the allied nations will prove that the Frenchman and the Russian are, like the British soldier, amongst the best fed fighters in history.

In each of the allied armies—British, French, Russian, and Belgian—the principal food is the loaf of bread. A glance at the following figures, which indicate the daily allowance of meat and bread to every man of the four armies, will show that the fare of the others compares very favorably with that of the British:

	Meat, pound.	Bread, pound.
British	1 1/2	1 1/2
French	1	1 1/2
Russian	1	2 1/2
Belgian	1	2 1/2

The British soldier actually receives less bread than any of his comrades; but, on the other hand, his allowance of meat is considerably larger.

In examining the soldiers' menus more closely that of the Russian may be taken first, since it is the least known. In every case the allowances have been translated into English terms in order to make a comparison easier.

The Russian breakfasts later than any of the allied soldiers. He does not receive his first rations until just before 8 o'clock. These are one-half ounce of tea, three ounces of sugar, and two and three-fourths pounds of black bread.

The tea and sugar have to last all day. The bread is usually served on alternate days, a little less than six pounds each time. For dinner, which generally takes place just before noon, each group of ten soldiers receives a large dish of borscht. This contains cabbage and potatoes, made in various gravies. The ten men sit around the dish, each with a big wooden spoon, and all help themselves at once.

After this comes the national dish, kasha, a kind of porridge. This the men eat in the same fashion as borscht. Kasha is very cheap in Russia, and soldiers can have as much as they want. When this has been disposed of the meal finishes with an allowance of half a pound of meat per man. The meat is cooked with the borscht.

The third and last Russian meal is served about 6.30 in the evening and consists of more borscht, together with a quarter of a pound of meat. It often happens that the Russian soldier receives more bread than he needs, and this surplus he is allowed to sell in order to increase his meager pay, which, it may be interesting to add, amounts to 50 kopecks (about a shilling) a month.

Roosevelt's Church.

Mr. Charles Maisey, who has just retired from the active performance of his duties as parish clerk of St. George's, Hanover Square, London, says the Star of Hymen in the West-End. No church has witnessed the weddings of more famous people, and no parish clerk has recorded more illustrious names. The wedding of Col. Theodore Roosevelt took place very quietly at St. George's on December 2, 1886. The register containing the record has become much dogeared by handling by pilgrims and all smart American-Londoners on matrimony bent now want to be married at the same church as Col. Roosevelt. George Elliot was married there, as were many other famous persons—Mr. Asquith and Miss Tennant, for example—but to the Americans this is Roosevelt's Church.

Seeing a Ghost.

Miss Tennyson, who recently passed away at Bournemouth, Eng., in her 99th year, was the last surviving sister of Lord Tennyson, the Poet-Laureate. In an account by Mr. Frederick Locker-Lampson of his travels with Lord Tennyson he mentions incidentally how "Tilly" told him of an adventure she had had with a ghost. She was at Somersby (Lord Tennyson's birthplace in Lincolnshire), and the time of the incident is just before the death at Vienna of Arthur Hallam, Tennyson's great friend, in the September of 1833. Miss Matilda and her sister Mary "saw a tall figure clothed from head to foot in white, and they followed it down the lane and saw it pass through the hedge where there was no gap."

Cost of the Censor.

The Australian Government employs seventy-three war news censors at salaries averaging £500 per annum, and nine interpreters, whose pay varies from 3s an hour to £400 a year. South Australia alone employs twenty-one censors at an annual cost of £9,650.

Cost of Motor Ambulances.

Some idea of the cost of the Red Cross organization may be gathered from the fact that the fleet of motor ambulances at the front alone costs \$1,000,000 a year.

Forty Press Censors.

The total staff at the Press Bureau is 122, including two directors and forty censors. Each director receives a salary of \$5,000 per annum.

PROBS: Snow in some localities on Friday.

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Criticism Implied!

"He doesn't like my cooking," said the three-months bride, a tear on her long lashes. "I just know he doesn't. So there!"
"What makes you think so?" her mother asked. "Has he said he doesn't like your cooking?"
"No-no-o," stammered the bride.
"Nonsense, child, it's just your imagination. I felt there was no basis—"

"There is a basis," the bride insisted tearfully. "I had been cooking the loveliest things for him for about two weeks and then he told me he had decided to become a raw food faddist. Bo-hoo-o-o!"

G. A. Wright, a successful merchant in Brockville is to run for the majority of that place.

Suggestions from the Jeweler for Christmas

- A Cabinet of Sterling Silver for the Home, \$75.00.
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