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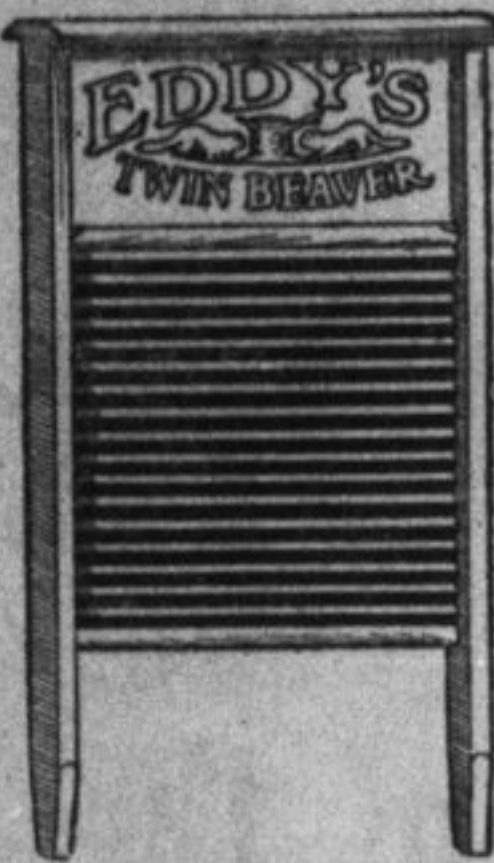
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Many Military Matters

(Continued from page 8.)

When on New Year's Day Premier Borden made the announcement that 500,000 was to be the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force the world was startled, but wise military people held back and put off a comment by the remark that "time would tell." Time has told and is telling, and if the present rate of progress keeps up in this military district—for it now leads the Dominion—it will be only a few months before its part of that half million will have been supplied.

It is true that recruiting in the last two weeks has not been as brisk as formerly. Nevertheless, the number in this district is high in comparison with what the Dominion did in the same two weeks up to the issuing of the report on the 15th. The conditions that caused the falling off in the number of civilians joining the khaki ranks is nation-wide, coming as it undoubtedly does with the approach of summer, need of men for farm work and similar reasons depending on the calendar. When the Premier asked for that half of a million of men he asked that thirteen men in every hundred be attired in khaki. This percentage is based on the last census of Canada, which gave us a total of 5,212,067 males. With a population of 310,235 males in Military District No. 3, the thirteen per cent. asked for totals 40,330.

When the half million was asked for Canada, 40,330 were asked for this district. Of that number 32,673 have already responded. The difference of 7,657 will soon be made up even if the present light flow of recruits continues, which is not likely.

There were 558 recruits enlisted in the 3rd Military District in the last two weeks. The nationalities according to the latest official figures are:

- Canadians 424
English 88
Scottish 15
Irish 2
Others 29

Lieut. J. Bews instructed the 50th (Queen's) Battery in physical drill and bayonet fighting on Wednesday afternoon on the cricket field.

Major D. E. Mundell, Commandant of the School of Signalling, and Capt. W. E. Henderson, O. C. No. 5, F. C. C. E., were in consultation on Wednesday afternoon over the wireless plan that is being transferred to the school by Queen's University. The instructors of the school are optimistic of the results that will come through the use of the wireless outfit.

Sergt. Inst. Murray, who has been doing such splendid work with the Machine Gun School here, is returning to Ottawa on Monday for duties with the School of Musketry at the Rockcliffe ranges.

TOTAL OF RECRUITS.

The total of recruits in Military District No. 3 up to May 15th was 32,673. This means that 7,657 more recruits will bring up the total to that allotted to the district when Premier Borden asked for 500,000 men from the Dominion.

Lieut. McGee, who was overseas with the 39th Battalion, and is now with the 155th, Belleville, will take over his duties with the school.

Lieut.-Col. C. A. Low was in Flinton on Wednesday. A. Covert has been taken on the strength of the 146th Battalion.

Major E. J. Watt, 130th Battalion, Perth, was in the city on Tuesday.

Lieut.-Col. R. W. Gregory, who is to be commandant of Petawawa Military Camp, has been in that capacity with the Petawawa Internment Camp for the past winter, and been doing excellent work. Col. Gregory, who is well known in military circles, and the local artillery officers who will serve under him are highly pleased with the appointment.

Lieut.-Col. G. Roy will be in charge of the training at the camp.

The forty men of No. 5 Field Company, Canadian Engineers, at Barriefield camp, under Capt. E. W.

Henderson, are doing excellent work in putting the camp into shape for the reception of 11,000 men. The foundation for the pump house has been made. Though the motor is here, the pump has not yet arrived, but is expected in a few days, and will immediately be installed.

The men are now engaged in constructing a butcher and bake shop for the Army Service Corps. The pipe line to the lake has almost been completed.

Capt. J. V. Doyle, 155th Battalion, was in the city on Wednesday.

Major H. R. Wilson, D. A. A. and Q. M. G., is in Ottawa on duty.

Capt. W. J. McManus, 6th D. C. O. R., is transferred from the Royal School of Infantry at Halifax to the Instructional Cadre, M. D. No. 3.

Standing Orders for Barriefield include the following: "Troops should be taught that one of the main characteristics of a soldier is his cleanliness and neatness. This does not only refer to outer garments, but extends to underclothing and the body itself. There is no excuse whatever for the failure of any man to keep himself clean and neat, and troops should be taught to take pride in their cleanliness and neat appearance. Men should acquire the habit of bathing as often as circumstances will permit, but in no case less than once a week."

The dress to be worn outside camp is as follows: Mounted units—Service dress, boots and puttees, spurs, bandolier and whip. Dismounted units—Service dress, boots, puttees, waist belt and cane.

The commander of the main guard will not permit any soldier who is not properly and neatly dressed to proceed to town.

The wearing of any article of civilian clothing is prohibited. The slovenly and unsoldierlike habit of walking and lounging about with hands in pockets is forbidden.

Nurse (at medicine time): "Come, you must take this at once. It's twenty to one." Soldier (sleepily): "All right. I'll have a dollar on to win."

In the Word of Sport

George Moriarity, the veteran third baseman, is to be released to the Memphis Southern Association Club by the Chicago Americans. He will manage the Memphis club.

Harry McCormick, the ex-New York Giant player, famous for his pinch hitting ability, has been engaged to coach the teams of the Montreal A. C.

Georges Carpentier, the French pugilistic aviator, has never seen Jess Willard, but in a letter to a friend declares he could lick him. He might be dropping a bomb on his dome.

New York scribblers are inclined to blame Fred Merkle for much of the Giants' failure to date. One of the metropolitan writers says that "back in 1908 Merkle forgot to touch second. This year he is even forgetting to touch first."

It is estimated that there are about a hundred Cubans now playing baseball for a livelihood in the United States and Canada. Emilio Palmiero, the young Cuban southpaw of the Giants; Armando Marsans, the outfielder of the Browns; Rafael Almada, of the Royals, and Aragon, of the Richmond club, are among the most famous, but there are several others in the big league, and in such fast organizations as the American Association, International, Southern, Northwestern, Virginia and New York state leagues.

Jockey A. Thomas, who rode successfully on the Pacific coast several years ago, died at Moscow, Russia, March 12th. News of the death came in a letter from his father to his mother, who, with two brothers and a sister, lives in Oakland, Cal. Thomas was ill only a few days. He had been riding in Russia since 1912. He was 21 years old.

What is said to be the first negro baseball league ever organized was formed in Kansas City Saturday. The league will be known as the Negro Lincoln Western League. The following towns are in the league:—Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kas., Lexington, Mo., and Independence, Mo. The schedule will consist of ten Sunday games.

The youngest baseball enthusiast and also the smallest person to wear a baseball uniform, so far as is known, is Carl Dare, Jr., of Des Moines, Iowa. The lad is but nine months old, and is barely able to stand alone. He wears a uniform of the same pattern as the Des Moines club of the Western League, only smaller.

New York promoters are now negotiating for a match between Eddie Wallace and Kilbane for a ten-round bout. The date has not yet been set, but it is likely that the fighters will meet the first week in June. Wallace has been anxious to get a match with Kilbane for some time past. Wallace is one of the best of the fea-

therweight division, and should give a good account of himself if the bout materializes.

A study of the International League batting and fielding averages discloses that the weakness of the Bisons lies in their inability to hit, says the Buffalo Evening News. This falling is emphasized in two spots. First of all, there are but two regulars hitting in the select class—Jackson and McDonald. Holmes, it is true, has a high average, but he cannot be considered a regular player. Neither can Gaw and Bader, who also show a percentage above .300. In fielding, however, the Bisons are head and shoulders above every other team in the league.

Though Mathewson doesn't possess the speed he once did, the old master has added to his effectiveness by including the spitball among his curves. The big fellow adopted the damp ball a year or two ago, but did not use it to any great extent until this year. Now he uses it quite often, and controls it so well that he baffles many batters with it. He resorted to this ball several times during Monday's game with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and was successful each time.

A Philadelphia critic remarks that it is hard to tell who is the boss of the Detroit team. He cites a case in the recent series between the Tigers and Athletics. Lajoie was on third and one man out when Manager Jennings came out from the bench and ordered the infield to play back, after Bush and Young had come up on the grass. Cobb immediately ran in from the outfield and ordered them to play for the runner at the plate. Bush looked at the bench and Jennings nodded his head for the infield to do as Cobb suggested. Stillbauer then shot a single past Bush, scoring Lajoie. Jennings had the right dope.

More Canadian League baseball players have been located among the various league clubs, as well as playing with independent teams.

Roy Whitcraft is with St. Marys, Pa., of the Interstate League, while Tom Cassar, another former London player, has been signed by Dayton, of the Central League. The list includes: Brown, Portland; J. Snyder, Hartford; Byrne, Bridgeport; Orcutt and T. Grieve, Lynn; Todd, Steiger, Tracy, Mason, Merritt, Bierbauer, Detroit; Kelly, Fitzpatrick, Needham, Lincoln, Buffalo; Buster Burrill, Buffalo Internationals; Fred. Payne, Chattanooga; Dougherty, Wilkesbarre; J. Kading, South Bend. Emil Rychner, who tried out with London in 1913, is with Newport News; Ostermeyer, Greensboro; Smykal, Powers, Cooper, Roberts, Bullock, Shaughnessy, Warren, Pa.

Addie L. Richardson, of Hamilton, the widely known baseball statistician and former player, has compiled a baseball percentage book that is truly a little wonder. The percentage of any club during the course of a 154-game schedule can be ascer-

ained at a glance. There are many publications of the sort on the market, but Richardson's is incomparably better than any of the others.

The popular Hamiltonian is a walking encyclopedia of baseball figures and lore. His library is probably the most complete to be found anywhere. Twenty-five years ago Richardson was regarded as the best shortstop in the game. He enjoys a personal acquaintance with practically all of the major and larger minor league managers and players of the last fifteen years.

"Jack" Graney of the Cleveland Indians has received a letter from Carlton (Dad) Stewart, former manager of the St. Thomas Canadian League team, in which Stewart, now a soldier in the trenches in France, sends a picture of Graney and Cobb, which he says he found posted up in a trench along the first line of defence. Stewart says the Canadians could stand the hardships of war if they only could get news of the major league ball games. As for himself, he was in fine fettle when he wrote, and in his letter told Graney that if his name held out he would accept of a good many dead German marks as a bonus thrower. "If they all had my control," writes Stewart, "we soon could end this cruel war."

A second prize of \$10,000 in addition to the first prize of \$20,000, is to-day practically assured for the national transcontinental aeroplane competition, which is scheduled to start at New York on September 2nd. Alan R. Hawley, president of the Aero club of America, made the announcement concerning the second prize following the receipt of letters from all over the United States showing interest.

The probable route will be through Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Waco, El Paso, Tucson, Yuma and to San Diego and thence up the coast to San Francisco. A second route proposed in the east is through Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Canton, Mansfield, Lima and Fort Wayne.

Manager Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, blames the high wind which prevailed during the recent Detroit series for the wildness of the pitchers of the two teams, with the exception of Southpaw Covalenski. Connie points out that the wind played havoc with the pitchers' fast ball, and the reason why right-handed twirlers had poor control, while a southpaw got the ball over the pan was that the wind was blowing against the break of the right hand pitcher's fast ball and that the break was larger instead of smaller. With a southpaw whose fast ball was breaking with the wind the ball sailed to the plate faster, and did have a "sail" on it. In three games with Detroit Mack's pitchers gave 39 bases on balls, while the Tigers sent 22 Mackmen to first, including one man hit by a pitched ball. This makes a total of 61 men sent to first base by the pitchers of both teams in the three games, which is a world's record.

MEAT BIDS REJECTED.

French Government Found Prices Were "Fixed." Paris, May 18.—The Government

has rejected bids for a hundred thousand pounds of meat daily. Proposals had been received from twenty wholesalers, but an investigation proved that they had all agreed on the same prices, which were two and

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