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LAST EDITION

JUDGE SCORES SOME FARMERS

Who Are Not Helping Greater Production But Are More Profitable.

A CHEESEMAKER REFUSED

BECAUSE HIS WAGES ARE ONLY \$55 A MONTH.

If He Goes Overseas the Farmers' Milk Can Easily Be Hauled to Some Other Factory.

Judge Lavell had thirty more applications for exemption from military service before him on Thursday afternoon. In speaking about the farmers, the judge said that he was not fully in accord with the regulations which permitted farmers to be exempted from military service.

The following appeals were considered: J. Stuart Crawford, grocer, Princess street, until December 31, 1918.

Stanley E. H. Rogers, goldier, 559 Princess street, disallowed.

Frank H. Stevenson, 18 Russell street, allowed.

W. McK Omand, chief examiner of shell forging, 134 Earl street, to continue such work.

Charles E. Fiebler, farmer, Fernleigh, disallowed.

Lawrence J. Hannah, farmer, Canton, disallowed.

Stanley Lyons, cheese maker, Fernleigh, disallowed.

Stanley C. Babcock, farmer, Ardoch, disallowed.

Joseph C. Lloyd, farmer, Plevna, disallowed.

William J. McPridge, assistant to Green Bros., butchers, disallowed.

Ethelbert D. J. Bartholomew, student, Queen's Hotel, to complete education.

T. G. Hill, farmer, Godfrey, to continue as farmer.

C. M. Hall, medical student, 256 University avenue, until June 1st, 1918.

A. B. Lawler, medical student, 218 Alfred street, Class C.

Hugh A. McLeod, student, 213 Albert street, until May 1st, 1918.

O. D. Boggs, 413 Johnson, research worker at Queen's, to continue present work.

L. Sills, student, 98 Division, to continue present work.

J. P. Doran, shipyard laborer, 125 Queen, allowed.

William B. Rea, shipyard laborer, 527 Albert, allowed.

J. McClure, student, 76 Centre, until June 1st, 1919.

James F. Jarrell, boat builder, 66 Queen, allowed.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR FLYING BOATS

They Will Be Constructed by L. E. Fry Company, Inc., of Clayton.

Clayton, N.Y., Dec. 21.—The L. E. Fry Company, Inc., boat builders, have received a contract from the United States government for the manufacture of about 16 flying boats, each 32 feet long.

To be Refused Naturalization. Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 21.—Many Austrians who have lived in this city for several years and who were preparing to become citizens will be obliged to wait until after the war, even though their loyalty is unquestioned, as a result of the United States declaration of war upon Austria who took out their first papers several years ago.

MEAT PACKERS FACTOR IN FOOD SHORTAGE

Honey to Show Them Up at Investigation—Has the Evidence.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The meat packing industry will be put under the searchlight of the Federal Trade Commission's investigating powers at open hearings now in session.

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Montreal, Dec. 21.—In Devoir today, Henri Bourassa says that the victory of the Government is real and significant and would have been secured without the audacious acts preceding the election.

It proves, he says, that the majority in English-speaking Canada wants to keep the Unionist Cabinet in power and approves on the whole its war policy.

Stating that the more turbulent element in the Unionist party wants to drive the Government to measures of reprisals against Quebec, Bourassa says he likes to believe that the more solid heads of the Cabinet, Messrs. Borden and Doherty, will not allow themselves to be carried along by the hot heads of the party.

SERIOUS ROWS IN PETROGRAD

Incessant Fighting to Suppress the Conduct of the Mobs.

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Persons Killed or Wounded In An Attack of An Armored Car—Many Were Burned to Death in Fire—Rowdies Preventing Fire Department From Extinguishing the Conflagration.

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Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars.

A mob raided one distillery where fifteen soldiers drank themselves to death.

Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armored motor car attacked the distillery which was set on fire.

The fire department was prevented from extinguishing the blaze by rowdies and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control.

The streets are running with wine in many sections where soldiers are pumping wine out of cellars to prevent disorder.

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The alteration of the trenches is going on everywhere, and is considered of special importance, as the original shelters were so shallow that the men were constantly exposed to rifle fire and sniping unless they moved about bent nearly double.

WATERWORKS TO HEAR BOOMING OF BIG GUNS

Carriages for Heavy Artillery Made at Watertown Will Be Tested.

(Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 21.—All gun carriages manufactured for the government at the New York Air Brake Company's new plant will be tested under actual battle conditions before being shipped.

Tests will be made near the lake shore at Sacket Harbor, where a testing station will be erected within a few weeks.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING

Is Being Actively Carried on French Front.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Paris, Dec. 21.—Active artillery fighting is going on on the Verdun front east of the Meuse.

The artillery is active also at points on the eastern end of the line, especially in the vicinity of Hartman's Wierkopf, and east of Thann.

1,400 SOLDIERS HERE.

The ladies who are making arrangements for the Christmas event for the children of soldiers, which is being held on the Friday after Christmas in the Armouries, have ascertained that there will be 1,400 children present by invitation.

This is the largest number ever invited to such an event in Kingston.

FORTY-SIX ARE DEAD.

Following a Crash Into a Train at Shepherdville, Ky.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Shepherdville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when the Louisville & Nashville train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear end of a Louisville, Bardstow and Springfield accommodation train, a few hundred feet south of the railroad station here, reached forty-six today.

LIEGE DEFENDER ARRESTED

Was En Route From Germany For Interment.

(Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 21.—General Leman, known as the hero of Liege for his defence of that city at the time the Germans were going through Belgium in the first month of the war, was expected to arrive in Switzerland this week, the German Government finally having agreed to his interment in this country.

New difficulties arose, however, and the general was arrested Monday at the frontier at Constance.

DISPOSES OF \$15,000

Architect Bequeaths \$2,000 to Each of Sisters.

(Watertown, Dec. 21.—Approximately \$10,000 of the estate of John W. Griffin, architect, who died here last week, will be offered for probate here.

The petition shows an estate of approximately \$15,000, of which \$2,000 is left to each of his sisters.

CAPTURED GROUND RETAKEN.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Rome, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of the ground gained by the enemy on Tuesday in the region of Monte Asolone, on the northern front, east of Brenna river, has been retaken by the Italians, the War Office announces.

The official British report says there is nothing to report on the western front.

REMEMBER THE KIDDIES!

The Whig's Fund For Christmas Presents to Soldiers' Children.

Mrs. R. S. Waldron \$150.00

W. F. Nickle 100.00

Senator Richardson 50.00

W. J. Fair 50.00

SAVE 10,000,000 TREES.

Plan by British Government to Employ Women to Plant Them.

(London, Dec. 21.—The Board of Agriculture finds there are in the hands of nurserymen in this country 10,000,000 forest trees which will be destroyed if they cannot be planted in the forest during the coming planting season, and to avoid such waste the board plans to train forewomen to supervise planting operations, and organize gangs of women planters for landowners who desire to undertake planting operations.

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VIOLATED HOLY PLACES IN CITY OF JERUSALEM

Turks Robbed Church of Holy Sepulchre and Brutally Mistreated Christian Dignitaries

(Washington, Dec. 21.—An official despatch received here from France says that the Turks before surrendering at Jerusalem to the British, brutally mistreated Christian priests, carried off the famous treasure of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, valued at millions of dollars, and sent to Berlin the church's celebrated ostensory of brilliants.

Monsignor Camasse, the patriarch of Jerusalem, is said to have been deported from his office, and Father Piccardo, an Italian priest, to have died from the effects of Turkish brutality.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre had remained unmolested here during the centuries of Moslem occupation of Jerusalem.

The same despatch told of indignation among Musselmans of Asia Minor over the action of a German general in establishing staff headquarters in the great mosque of the City of Aleppo, near the Syrian border.

FAILED TO REPORT, GETS 2-YEAR TERM

Woodstock Man Was Willing to Serve When He Heard Sentence.

(Woodstock, Dec. 21.—James Curtin of West Oxford was sentenced in the police court to two years in penitentiary on a charge of desertion. This charge came under the provisions of the Military Service Act. The accused had made no attempt to report for duty although eligible. After being sentenced he expressed willingness to fight for his country.

FEARS IT IS DEFEATED.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 21.—The various reports which are not yet been counted, offsets the vote in Australia the Government's conscription scheme has been defeated in a referendum by a majority of about 150,000.

KILLED BOY; SLAIN BY WIFE.

Ghastly Double Tragedy in Colorado Revealed by Aged Woman.

(Montrose, Colo., Dec. 21.—With the very axe which her son, J. O. Bush, used to kill his eleven-year-old son, Mrs. J. H. Bush, 72 years old, slew the father while he slept Sunday night, according to a confession of Mrs. Bush. She said Bush had killed his son, because the boy had stolen a sum of money, and then he had made her help boil the body in lye to hide the crime. A daughter visited the home after the murder, and, after seeing suspicious bloodstains on the wall, reported the matter to the authorities, who began an investigation. Bush was reported first as having fled to the mountains. His wife says she disposed of his body as he had got rid of his son's.

LAURIER FOR CABINET.

Montreal Herald Urges Borden to Issue Invitation.

(Montreal, Dec. 21.—The Herald (Lib.) says: "Now that the election is over and the people have given a mandate to the Union Government, a mandate that says that for the time being, at least, party politics are brushed aside, there is an opportunity for the Prime Minister to do the biggest thing, personally, that perhaps any Prime Minister of Canada has ever had the opportunity to do. The whole country would applaud the offer of a portfolio to Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

NEWSPAPER TRAITOR.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 21.—Vicente Balbas, editor of Revista De Las Antillas, who was found guilty recently by a jury in the United States District Court on four out of five charges in connection with articles appearing in his newspaper, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment and a fine of \$4,000—two years and \$1,000 on each of the counts.

The court ordered that Balbas shall be confined in the prison at Atlanta. He will be the first Federal prisoner ever sent to prison outside the island.

ALLIES TO TAKE SURPLUS.

Calgary, Dec. 21.—It is learned that the purchasing representatives of the Allied Governments have arranged to take all the surplus flour and oatmeal manufactured by the mills of Canada, and that already every mill in the Dominion is working to capacity and will continue to do so until the war is over.

TO LICENSE FISH DEALERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—On and after January 1st it will be illegal for any person other than a fisherman or retailer to deal in Canadian fish to any amount exceeding 1,000 pounds in any one month without first obtaining a license from the food controller.

BIG PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN.

New York, Dec. 21.—An active campaign for the ratification by the legislature of New York State of the national prohibition amendment will be begun at once by the Anti-Saloon League, William R. Anderson, state superintendent, announced today.

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