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HOSPITAL PARTY FROM OVERSEAS

Arrived By the Grand Trunk Railway on Friday Night.

FIVE LOST THEIR LEGS

ONE MINUS A FOOT AND ANOTHER AN ARM.

Several of the Others Were Seriously Wounded—Pte. A. Manning of Kingston Lost a Leg.

A hospital train, carrying one officer, one nursing sister, and thirty-three other ranks from the H.S. East-quo arrived in Kingston shortly before ten o'clock on Friday night. A large number of people awaited their return at the Grand Trunk station, and the mayor officially welcomed them on behalf of the city. The officer in the party was Lieut. W. S. McLean, of the Royal Air Force. Five of the men had lost legs, one man had lost a foot and another was minus an arm. Several others were seriously wounded men, but all were bright and cheerful, and glad to be at the end of their journey. Pte. A. Manning, a 21st Battalion boy from Kingston, who has lost a leg, was in the party, as also were Lance-Corporal S. M. Ward, Gunner G. Andrew, Ptes. G. Bryon and J. R. Hartley and Sergt. Mackness, all of Kingston. Sergt. Mackness has been wounded in the arm, chest and right leg; Ptes. D. Connor and P. O. Miller, of Picton, also arrived on this train. On arrival the men were removed in ambulances to Queen's Military Hospital.

The party of two officers and thirty-five other ranks from the S.S. Leland, which is on its way to Kingston, arrived in Montreal at nine o'clock on Saturday and left there soon after ten. They are expected to reach Kingston about four o'clock in the afternoon.

SINN FEINS SHOOT AND RUN.

Murders Continue in South and West of Ireland.

Belfast, April 12.—Sinn Feiners are still rampant in the south and west. On Wednesday night a sergeant and three constables patrolling the village of Eryerke, Kerry, were attacked by a party of disaffected men, who fired on the patrol under cover of a hedge. The patrol fired into the attackers, and a spirited action was kept up for a few minutes, ending in three constables being seriously wounded. The assailants, who numbered twenty, escaped.

Some months ago Eryerke barracks was raided, and rifles, revolvers and ammunition were taken. Troops and police are scouring the country to-day.

James Sheehy was returned for trial at the Kerry summer assizes at Tralee for having shot and wounded Michael O'Brien, butler for Miss Browne, of Rattoo.

Recently the Government prohibited all public meetings in Limerick.

At the Sinn Fein meeting in Dublin yesterday neither De Valera or any of the clerical speakers said one word in condemnation of the recent foul murders. De Valera said that the Irish Volunteers were behind Ireland's elected parliament and would do as parliament demanded. Their position was now advanced as it had not been since the battle of Kinsale.

Loyal newspapers are urging the Government to take drastic action.

Bavaria Not Included.

Berlin, April 12.—The German government has announced that the Entente powers have informed it that Bavaria is not to be included in the conclusion of peace and that measures will be taken to prevent any Entente foodstuffs from reaching Bavaria.

The Canadian contingent is to take part in the proposed march of the overseas troops through London.

The peace treaty will be ready on April 19th. The Germans will be given a week to discuss it.

IS NEARING THE CENTURY MARK

Mrs. Jemima Spencer, Trenton, 97 Years Old, Does Her Housework.

Trenton, April 12.—To attain the most unusual age of ninety-seven years and still in possession of all her faculties is the remarkable fortune of Mrs. Jemima Spencer, of Trenton. In a little over two years more Mrs. Spencer will have passed the hundredth milestone on life's journey.

This wonderful old lady is still young in everything but years. She still is able to read without difficulty and her hearing is still almost as good as ever. She is the sole housekeeper for her grandson, Frederick Reich, and her household is a model of thrift and cleanliness. She does her own sewing and cooking.

Mrs. Spencer was born at Massasauga in Prince Edward county, and was the daughter of Edward McConnell and Abigail Reddick, both United Empire Loyalists. She married Daniel Spencer, and she and her husband made their home along the bay shore about a mile and a half from Rossmore. Her husband passed away forty-seven years ago.

Mrs. Spencer recalls Belleville as a small village, not much larger than the Rossmore of to-day. Her first experience in riding in the automobile was two years ago, and she liked it so well that she has been for several trips since. She does not, however, take to the railroad, but once, and that was for a modest outing from Trenton to Belleville. Nothing could persuade her to try the experiment again. She prefers walking to other means of locomotion, and still takes considerable walks in seasonal weather.

Mrs. Spencer is the mother of three children. Her only son passed away some years ago. Her elder daughter, Mrs. Adelaide Bly, of Trenton, died about three months ago. One daughter, Mrs. Dorinda Deibel, resides in Connecticut. Mrs. Spencer has twenty living grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

An interesting group photograph shows Mrs. Spencer, her daughter and thirty-five other ranks from the S.S. Leland, which is on its way to Kingston, arrived in Montreal at nine o'clock on Saturday and left there soon after ten. They are expected to reach Kingston about four o'clock in the afternoon.

PARLIAMENT IS TO MEET ON NEW TIME

The Action Following the Judgment of the Railway Commission.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, April 12.—The Dominion Railway Commission has decided that the railway acted for public safety and convenience in adopting the daylight saving time in conformity with the United States. Following the judgment of the Railway Commission parliament has adopted Ottawa time for the sittings of the house.

Just before the house adjourned, Hon. Arthur Meighen, who was leading the government, rose and stated that the effect of the judgment was that the setting of standard or local time was a matter for provincial jurisdiction. That being the case, he suggested that the house, when it adjourned, should meet again at three o'clock local daylight saving time on Monday.

D. D. McKenzie, leader of the opposition suggested that the judgment of the Railway Board, which could only have been come to after a great deal of deliberation, be placed on Hansard.

Mr. Meighen agreed to the suggestion and the house adjourned.

Col. Anderson to Retire.

Vancouver, April 12.—Lieut.-Col. William Anderson, C.M.G., for the past forty-four years chief engineer of the Marine and Fisheries Department, Ottawa, announced his retirement from public life on June 1st here, to-day. Accompanied by Mrs. Anderson he has been on a tour of California, having been in the south all winter. He leaves for Ottawa to-night.

U. S. Casualties 282,348.

Washington, April 12.—Total casualties in the American Expeditionary force, as corrected by latest figures, were 282,348, the war department announced. Total dead numbered 74,582. Figures include both army and marine corps casualties.

The "wet" majority has now reached 132,000 in Quebec province.

THE NEW GERMAN AERIAL POST.



A sailor helps to load up while the pilot gets ready. This, the first Hun aerial post, runs from Berlin to Weimar, where the National Assembly sits.

THE COVENANT IS COMPLETED

With One Exception No Vital Change Made in Draft.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE IS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM THE DOCUMENT.

The Covenant Now Goes Before the Peace Conference and There Japan and France May Bring Up the Amendments They Had Proposed.

Paris, April 12.—With the single exception of an amendment specifically exempting the Monroe doctrine from being affected by the covenant, no vital change was made by the league of nations commission in that document in its meetings on Thursday and Friday nights last night's meeting, marking the conclusion of the consideration of the covenant. Last night's discussion lasted four hours. No date was set for a plenary session of the peace conference to consider the covenant.

The covenant, as the commission left it, did not include any section granting Japan's request for the recognition of racial equality, and neither was a section introduced covering the request of France for an international military general staff. Both Japan and France announced that they reserved the right to bring up the amendments they desired before a plenary session of the conference. As it now stands the covenant contains twenty-six sections.

The council of four of the peace conference expects to finish its examination of the boundary questions dispute on Monday next and to summon the German delegates to Versailles in the course of next week, according to Le Journal to-day.

LABOR SERVES ITS DEMANDS IN BRITAIN

Quick End of Peace Conference—Withdrawal of Conscription.

London, April 12.—The national executive of the Labor party at a meeting yesterday formulated a statement of policy, demanding that the Paris conference put an end to the protracted discussions and make peace in accordance with President Wilson's fourteen points. The labor party also demand the withdrawal of the conscription bill, the cessation of military interference in Russia and the speedy withdrawal from that country of British troops.

To Guard the Banks. (Canadian Press Despatch) Coblenz, April 12.—The Allied troops, to-day, began guarding German banks in Coblenz and Treves because of reports that the strike among the bank clerks in unoccupied Germany might spread to the occupied zone. The clerks in the area, however, continue at work.

In Danzig on Thursday night a collision between troops and a crowd caused the death of three and several wounded.

FEDERAL LAW MAY BE CHANGED

Permitting the Provinces to Decide As to Liquor Manufacture.

THE RESULT IN QUEBEC

MAY HAVE SOME BEARING ON THE LEGISLATION.

The Government Has Not Planned Any New Scheme of National Prohibition—Whole Matter to be Discussed After Easter. Ottawa, April 12.—Whatever the contributory factors in bringing about, Thursday's landslide in Quebec towards beer and wine license creates an impression at Ottawa and brought forth the announcement that the Government's legislation on the question of prohibition is planned to be one of the first subjects taken up after the Easter vacation.

As to what form, having regard to the above view, the legislation will take individual ministers have their views, but the question, in the new aspect of things, has not yet been considered by the cabinet.

The concurrence of privately expressed opinion, however, is that what Quebec people want to drink, or what the people of any province demand in the line of beverages, they will be permitted to manufacture.

The legislation to be brought down while not so providing now, is likely to be amended before presentation to parliament, so as to extend this privilege.

It may be explained that while the sale of intoxicants is a matter of provincial jurisdiction, the manufacture comes within the scope of the federal authority.

The Government has not planned any new scheme of national prohibition, though systematic positions for it, on the same form are coming here.

The Order-in-Council was a war measure, applicable during the war and for twelve months afterwards, in view of the British precedent, there is doubt as to whether, after peace a war measure can be perpetuated. It is proposed to validate that part of the order which makes it operative for twelve months after peace.

When they are at it, it is probable that the act will be amended by Parliament to provide for an affirmative vote in any province for a relaxation of the restrictions, similar to what occurred in Quebec.

The discussion will open up the whole question of prohibition.

CHOSE LONG MARCH.

To Get Away From the German Prisons.

Brockville, April 12.—Among Brockville soldiers returning was Pte. A. T. Kelly, for three years and a half a German prisoner of war. He tells a story of hardship and privations suffered while in the hands of the Germans. A member of the original 2nd Battalion formed in 1914, he was wounded in both legs at the second battle of Ypres, and when members of his company were forced to retire in face of overwhelming German attacks after the discharge of poison gas, he was left on the field and fell into the hands of the Hun. Three days after signing the armistice he and other British prisoners in camp were given the option of being liberated at once or remaining in Germany until transportation would be supplied. He and ten others started on foot to cover the 175 miles which separated them from the British lines. This they finally accomplished, after much hardship. He was one of four brothers to serve through the great war, and his father was a Crimean veteran. Pte. Kelly passed through the Ottawa Dispersal Depot.

APPLIES TO BRITISHERS.

Where Overseas Marriages May Be Legally Annulled.

London, April 12.—In the House of Lords, the Lord Chancellor introduced a bill, which passed its first reading, providing that where marriages were contracted in the United Kingdom during the war by members of the overseas forces, a competent court in the district where the marriage occurred is empowered to entertain matrimonial proceedings by either party to the marriage. The bill applies to the self-governing Dominions, also to many of His Majesty's Dominions and Protectorates.

Earliest Sowing of Grain.

Cobourg, April 12.—W. L. Macklin, a prominent Hamilton township agriculturist, who was in town yesterday, states that he sowed a field of spring wheat on Monday, April 7th, which is the earliest date upon which he has ever sown spring grain. This is also the first seeding done in this district. The grain was sown on planting ground, which was harrowed and then seeded.

Both North and South Essex may present United Farmer candidates to the electors at the next Provincial and Dominion elections. Edward E. Morgan, an American citizen, was murdered at Ohivale, forty-seven miles from Saline Cruz, Mex., on the night of April 8th.

RENEDED RUSSIAN MUSIC.

At the Recital of the Ladies' Musical and Literary Club.

(From Our Own Correspondent) Napanee, April 11.—The eighth meeting of the Napanee Ladies' Musical and Literary club was held on Tuesday evening last. The evening was devoted to Russian music and literature. Miss Girdler, of the College staff, gave a splendid performance on Russian literature and her efforts were greatly appreciated. Mrs. O. M. Myers and sister, Mrs. J. E. Madden, delighted the audience with a piano duet which was rendered in a very artistic manner. Mrs. Cameron Wilson favoured the audience with two Russian violin solos. The Russian songs by Miss McMillan and Miss Juanita Thompson were well rendered as were also the piano solos by Miss Rowena Smith and Miss Hattie Wartman. The On-We-Glide orchestra gave the opening and closing numbers in a very creditable manner.

Mrs. M. P. Graham and son Carson, spent the week in Toronto. Cecil Foster and little daughter, Toronto, are spending their holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Foster, F. W. Smith, Weyburn, Sask., spent Sunday with his father, J. F. Smith, South Napanee.

B. F. Davy will remove the first of next month to the house on Bridge street lately occupied by Dr. Simpson. Damon Perry left this week for Otterburne, Man. Wellington Brown leaves for Calgary, Alta., on Saturday and will spend a month in the west on business.

LIEUT. G. K. WATERHOUSE HOME ON FURLOUGH

While He Was Flying His Machine Fell Into the Aegean Sea.

Lieut. G. K. Waterhouse, R.A.F., son of G. H. Waterhouse, Barrie street, arrived in Kingston to-day, having come over on the Megantic to spend three months' furlough. He joined the R.N.A.S. in 1917, and after training was stationed at Andros on the island of Lemnos in the Aegean Sea, where he saw much service. While flying at the latter place his machine fell into the sea and he and his observer had a very exciting experience, but happily escaped. His many friends are glad to see him in Kingston again.

THE PATENTS OF MOWAT

Thankful to Whig for "In Flanders' Fields" Calendar.

The Whig on Wednesday sent a number of copies of the calendar "In Flanders' Fields" to the patients of Mowat Hospital, and has received the following acknowledgment from Captain Bruce Hopkins: "I beg to acknowledge copies of your calendar, 'In Flanders' Fields,' which you so kindly donated to the patients of Mowat Hospital. These have been distributed, and I am sure will be greatly appreciated by the men. I wish to thank you for your courtesy and good will to the institution."

Only a very few copies of this calendar remain in stock, mounted in a very artistic fashion. They can be obtained for the nominal sum of ten cents at the Whig office, or will be mailed to any address for fifteen cents.

Pleased Over Action.

A number of citizens stated to the Whig on Saturday, that they were pleased to learn that action was to be taken to have the stalls and curtains removed in the local restaurants.

"I am glad to see that this action is being taken," said one citizen. "Some towns in western Ontario took action along these lines some time ago."

To Hear Application.

The Board of Railway Commissioners will hear the Kingston, Gananoque, Belleville and Brockville request that the G.T.R. local trains be re-established between Belleville and Brockville, at a sitting in Ottawa on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. J. M. Campbell and Francis King will attend on behalf of the Board of Trade.

Desire Returned Men.

There are now several vacancies on the police force, but the commissioners are not showing any hurry in filling the vacancies, as the city is being protected and men suitable for the positions are not available. It is understood that these vacancies are being held open for some returned soldiers who are physically fit and wish such work. So far no such men have been found.



NEW BRIGADIER-GENERAL Colonel E. deB. Penet, who is gazetted a brigadier-general.

ONTARIO LIQUOR ACT INTRODUCED

No Discussion on Scope of Purpose of Bill at First Reading.

MARRIAGE ACT AMENDED

AS DECIDED UPON BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Surrogate Court Act Under Discussion—Dr. Cody's School Bill Up For Second Reading.

Toronto, April 12.—The long awaited bill to provide for the referendum on the Ontario Temperance Act was introduced in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Premier Hearst, who was in his place after his absence through illness Thursday. No discussion on the scope or purpose of the bill took place on its first reading.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey introduced a bill to amend the marriage act as decided by the special committee on that act. The House went into committee of the whole on the bill to amend the Surrogate Courts Act.

Premier Hearst also introduced a bill confirming the agreement whereby the Toronto Conservatory of Music becomes affiliated with the Toronto University.

The debate on Hon. Dr. Cody's motion for the second reading of the Consolidated School Bill was then resumed.

THE MILITARY'S DUTY TO KEEP TRACK OF HIM

A Williamstown Man Is Acquitted on Charge of Desertion.

Cornwall, April 12.—The case of St. Louis of Williamstown was before Police Magistrate Danis on March 31st on a charge of desertion under the M.S.A. The case stood adjourned, and was disposed of this week before the magistrate, who dismissed it.

The military authorities had notified St. Louis to report for service in January, 1918. At that time, he was sick in a hospital, but he wrote from the hospital to the officer commanding, telling him of his sickness, and asking for instructions as to what to do. No further word was received from the military officer, and John A. Chisholm, his counsel, intended that it was the duty of the military officers to have kept track of the soldier's changed address, and to give him the necessary instructions, and also to have followed him up with further notices. The representative of the Dominion police argued that St. Louis should have written the registrar at Kingston, rather than the officer commanding, and that he was therefore in default, and should be punished accordingly.

The magistrate held that it was the duty of some one in military authority to have kept track of the changed address, and to have notified St. Louis, and he accordingly dismissed the case.

The trial developed that the father and his entire family of military age enlisted, but that the defendant had been discharged in December, 1917, and was afterward called on for military service.

PROMPT PASSAGE THROUGH COMMITTEE

Two Amendments to the Federal Health Department Bill.

Ottawa, April 12.—Hon. N. W. Rowell's bill to provide for the establishment of a Federal Department of Health had a rapid and easy passage through the committee stage of its journey in the Commons. Two amendments were inserted in response to a suggestion by Dr. C. A. Sheppard, of South Toronto, namely that the new Dominion department shall not encroach upon the functions of existing provincial and municipal health authorities. The other, asked by Dr. Peter McGibbon, of Muskoka, calls for the establishment of a national health and research laboratory.

Mr. Rowell himself was of opinion that such an institution could be founded under the general powers to be conferred upon the Health Department. He, however, accepted the amendment, but stated that the Government might not be able to establish the laboratory this year.

Succumbs to Burns.

Cobourg, April 12.—Miss Jean Comrie, seriously burned a fortnight ago by her clothing accidentally taking fire, passed away Wednesday at the home of her brother, James Comrie, with whom she resided. She was a daughter of the late James Comrie, of this town, and was seventy-five years of age.

Hon. N. W. Rowell announces that the peace treaty will be signed on behalf of Canada by Borden, Foster, Doherty and Sifton.

Three monster parades have taken place in Cairo in the last few days as the demonstration for more independence in Egypt.

It is stated in advices from Petrograd that every child in that city under two years of age has died of starvation.

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SAMUEL McCAMMON
Clerk of Gananoque since 1862 on Friday celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday, and in view of his long and faithful service, the Mayor and Council tendered him a banquet and presented him with a gold-headed cane.