

THE SHORT SERVICE.

System in the British Army Has Been Practically Abolished.

London, Oct. 21.—The British army council has issued an important order under which, instead of enlisting three years with the colors and nine in the reserve, infantry of the line will in future enlist for nine years with the colors and three in the reserve. This practically abolishes the short service system. War secretary Arnold Forster foreshadowed this change in a speech last July, in which he declared that the existing system had proved a failure because so few men volunteered to extend their service with the colors. Some critics, however, are reciting the difficulties of obtaining recruits which will be greatly enhanced under the new code.

HE SAID HE WOULD KILL.

David Hennessy Who Looked For Trouble Faces Court on Serious Charge.

The case of David Hennessy, charged with assault and threatening to kill was resumed this morning before Magistrate Ritchie, when the following witnesses were examined: Officers McCollum, Finley, Reynolds and Nickerson. William Lawton an employe of the street Railway also gave testimony. From the evidence given it seems that on the 21st of September last David Hennessy had been drinking and threatened to kill somebody in the house on Mill street where he resided. The police were called in three times during the night. The officers tried to induce Hennessy to be quiet and go to bed, Hennessy told them that he would go to bed when he was "good and ready."

When Officer Finley went to the house Mrs. Hennessy and her daughter were in the house of a neighbor, Mrs. O'Brien. They told the officer that they were afraid to go into their own house, as the defendant had threatened to kill somebody and they were afraid he would carry his threat into execution. She told Finley to be careful in entering the house because David might use a bottle or a knife on them. The last time the police were called they placed Hennessy under arrest. His honor observed that the prisoner had twice before been before the court; first for striking a man with a pitcher and a second time for assaulting a man with a bottle. This would stand against the prisoner if the case went to a higher court and make the matter all the more serious.

His Honor also stated that Hennessy had been examined by a physician who said that he was not fit for the insane asylum; and as he has been assaulting people and threatening to kill them, jail was the proper place for him.

Edmund Ritchie appeared in the interests of the prisoner. The case stands over until Tuesday.

CASES NOW DIMINISHING.

Diphtheria in West End Slowly Dying Out—An Opinion as to Its Cause.

Thomas Burns, Secretary of the Board of Health reports that diphtheria in the west end is diminishing and several placards have been removed during the last few days.

The disease is not confined to any particular section of the west side, the cases being scattered. Mr. Burns believes that the disease would not have spread if physicians had not been summoned in time. In several cases five or six days elapsed before the doctor was called, and this gave the disease a chance to develop.

In one case the doctor found the membrane on the lips of the patient, who had been attending La Tour school.

Mr. Burns also states that the sanitary conditions of La Tour school are perfectly satisfactory, and that more cleaning has been done in the west end this season than for some years previous.

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MR. BLAIR NOT TO MANAGE LAKE OF THE WOODS CO. LTD.

Another Yarn by the Panic Stricken Government Press is Authoritatively Denied—The Manager is George V. Hastings of Winnipeg.

The following appeared in last night's Montreal Herald:—The Herald is informed that the position Mr. Blair has decided to accept is that of manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, at a salary of twenty thousand dollars a year. This company was reorganized some months ago by Mr. David Russell. Mr. Robert Meighan of Montreal is its president. The general meeting of the company is to take place on October twenty-sixth. The Times is authorized by Mr. Russell to say that this report is not correct, and that a contract has been entered into with Mr. George V. Hastings, of Winnipeg, to act as general manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company Limited, for a period of three years. Mr. Robert Meighan has accepted the presidency of the company.

BLAIR TO THE STUMP.

Newspapers Demand That he Speak in His Own Defence Against a Government Press That Maligned Him and Liberal Leaders Who Accuse Him of Evil Motives—Mr. Wainwright Here.

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair, is still receiving invitations from leading conservatives to go and speak in their districts. Offers of constituencies are also being forwarded to him. It is understood that he received another telegram from Mr. R. L. Richardson asking him to speak in Brandon.

Toronto, Oct. 21.—The Mail and Empire says this morning "the attitude of the government organs towards Mr. Blair is a direct challenge to that gentleman to take the platform in defence of his views and of his reputation. These papers, which speak for individual ministers and for coteries of contractors, have made a combined assault upon the ex-commissioner whom, a year or so ago, they loudly praised. To Mr. Blair, they attribute intrigues, conspiracies, evil motives and what not. Of him they have not a good word to say. Mr. Blair as a citizen of Canada, who has given time and expert consideration to the subject now before the country, ought to say something to the people at this juncture with reference to it. As a liberal he can speak with much force to gentlemen of his own party, while to others, his views will carry weight because they are those of an independent railway man. We have heard both political leaders. Every body would like to know from Mr. Blair how near each party leader is to what the ex-minister regards as the truth.

"Sir Wilfred said of Mr. Blair when he was appointed to the position of chief railway authority. There is not in Canada a better qualified and more competent man to discharge the duties of the office to which we have called him. "I recognize him as a man of great ability, as a man of great talent and I have no hesitation in saying that you cannot find in Canada anyone who is better endowed than Mr. Blair to be chairman of the railway commission. Such a man ought to speak at this crisis. Certainly when his motives are impugned as they are today, by the combined press of the government, he cannot be silent.

Afraid of Defeat. Montreal, Oct. 20.—The Herald tonight says editorially:—"A few weeks ago, even a few days ago, it was a foregone conclusion that the party led by Sir Wilfred Laurier would be returned to power. Nobody doubted it. Conservatives admitted it. But within a few days several things have happened, and now a few conservatives claim to know that other things are going to happen and are very confident that their party will be returned to power."

Quation For Ganong. St. Stephen, N. B., Oct. 21.—(Special)—A large meeting in the interests of the conservative party was held at Milltown last night. The speakers were G. W. Ganong, W. C. H. Grimmer and George J. Clark. Mr. Ganong received an ovation from his followers in that town. The lack of a hall in this town shuts our people out from hearing any of the political speakers in this campaign.

To Face the Country. Toronto, Oct. 21.—(Special)—It is reported that Provincial Secretary Stratton will resign within a few days and Premier Ross will bring on the general elections within a fortnight after the dominion elections.

News Aroused Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Oct. 20.—Referring to the manner in which the news of Mr. Blair's resignation was received here the Telegram, edited by Sanford Evans, the conservative candidate, said: "The news has created a great sensation locally. bulletins were printed and distributed among the audience at auditorium. The bulletins reached the auditorium just before Sir Richard arose to speak and

BRITAIN REFUSES

To Permit Germany to Land Soldiers at Walfish Bay.

A COOL REQUEST.

The Germans Want to Use a British Port to Facilitate their Military Operations Against the Nations of Southwest Africa.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—The government has asked Great Britain to permit Germany to use Walfish Bay for the landing of troops and supplies for the war against the natives of German Southwest Africa. The British government has refused positively to grant the request. Walfish Bay is the only good harbor for a thousand miles along that coast. Great Britain's refusal will, it is asserted, interfere seriously with Germany's military plans in Southwest Africa.

Cable despatches nearly every day bring news of some small German reverse. News was telegraphed last night that the German station at Nontsax had been captured by the Hotentots.

THEY OBSERVED TRAFALGAR DAY.

Nelson's Gallant Victory Recalled by Appropriate Celebration. London, Oct. 21.—Trafalgar Day was celebrated today at home and in the colonies with the usual decorations and dinner. Nelson's flag, the Victory, at Portsmouth, was gallantly decorated with the usual decorations and dinner. Nelson's famous signal, "The base of the admiral's column in Trafalgar Square here was elaborately covered with wreaths, prominent among the floral tributes being one of huge dimensions, tied with the French and Spanish colors, sent by the navy league, "with respect and honor to the memory of the gallant French and Spaniards who fell at Trafalgar."

King's Toast to U. S. Navy.

London, Oct. 20.—"The American Navy; may its glory never grow less" were the words in which King Edward toasted his naval guests at the luncheon. Ambassador Choate was on the King's right and Admiral Jellicoe on the left. Near the end of the luncheon the King proposed the health of President Roosevelt, the American navy and the officers of the visiting squadron. The king chatted with each member of the party and ended the most cordial party by saying that he was always pleased to see American war vessels in England.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 20.—Edward L. Bartlett, solicitor of New Mexico, since 1889, and once Adjutant General of the Territory, is dead here of pneumonia. He was born in Maine and came to Santa Fe in 1888. New York, Oct. 20.—Word has been received here of the death today of Captain and Paymaster Edward N. Whitehouse, U. S. N., retired, at Verona, Lake Como, Italy. Captain Whitehouse was the second son of Bishop Whitehouse of Illinois, and served over 40 years in the navy, his last vessel being the old battleship Maine.

GOOD REMANDED.

Fredericton, Oct. 21.—(Special)—Frank Good who is in jail here, charged with stabbing Paul Beaufort, of Kingsclear, was further remanded this morning, by Police Magistrate Marsh, until Friday. Beaufort's condition continues to improve.

AN IRISH LORD TOURING CANADA.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 21.—(Special)—Lord and Lady Talbot de Malahide, of Malahide Castle, Dublin county, Ireland, are guests at the King Edward Hotel. They are touring the continent and are sight seeing in Toronto today. Lord Talbot de Malahide is the fifth baron of his house and owns some 3600 acres of land in Ireland.

TOMORROW'S BIG FOOTBALL MATCH.

The Neptune and the Carleton Athletic teams meet tomorrow afternoon on the Shamrock grounds, at 3 o'clock, in a game of football. This game will virtually settle which will be the owners of the Moore cup, as both are tie. A great game is expected. The line up will be as follows:—

- Neptunes. Carleton. Masters, Finley, McMichael, Stetell, Ontram, Sipprell, Des Bresay, March, Kenny, Mooney, Ellis, Jadin, Ledingham, Simmons. Fowards. Howard, Buckley, Scovell, Grapner, J. Pyke, H. Pyke, Baker, Stubbs, Burpee, Paisley, Collins, Mosher, Ring, Roxborough.

PROBATE COURT.

There were three cases in the Probate Court this morning. The last will and testament of the late Marion Kyle was admitted and letters testamentary were granted to Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Foster, the executrix named in the will \$1,143 personal property.

F. C. Burpee, I. C. R. Engineer of Maintenance, is at the Victoria.

FACE TO FACE AND WAITING.

The Russians and Japanese Only Await Fine Weather to Resume the Dreadful Slaughter—The River Separates them—Scandal in Russian Red Cross Department—The Situation at Port Arthur.

Frederichshaven, Denmark, Oct. 21.—All the vessels comprising the Russian Baltic Sea squadron passed into the North Sea during the night. St. Petersburg, Oct. 21.—General Sakharoff telegraphs that there was no fighting yesterday. The armies maintain their respective positions. There are continual reconnaissances on both sides.

A Russian Scandal.

New York, Oct. 21.—A London despatch to the Times quotes the London Times Russian correspondents, as saying that the administration of the Russian Red Cross in the far east, is the subject of serious criticism. There has been a great deal of speculation in the management and little confidence is felt that the money given to the society will ever reach the Russian sick and wounded.

Russian Losses.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 21.—1.42 p. m.—The two armies face each other across the Shakhe river, but operations are at a standstill. The war office has no fresh news this morning except a list of the losses of General Ekk's 71st division of the 5th Siberian corps, and Gen. Morozoff's first division of Lt. Gen. Dembowski's corps. Each lost half a dozen officers.

Reform in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 21.—3.32 p. m.—Permission has been accorded to the students of Dorpat (Livonia) university to resume wearing caps of the colors, which were forbidden to such corporations under Alexander III, in pursuance of a policy of Russification of the Baltic provinces. This step is considered to constitute another evidence of the conciliatory policy of the government, which has marked the inauguration of the regime of Prime Sviatopolk Mirsky, minister of the interior.

ONE PLANT FOR CANSO.

Government Receives Three Fish Waste Reduction Plants and Will Locate One in N. S. Ottawa, Oct. 21.—(Special)—Professor Prince has returned from visiting the fish waste reducing works in Maine and Virginia, in the United States. He shipped three reduction plants to Canada for the government. One of those plants is to be used as canso, the location for the other two plants has not yet been selected.

COLOSSAL STATUARY.

Group of Saint and Children Cut from One Block of Marble. Rome, Oct. 20.—The transit of the colossal group representing Jean Baptiste De Lasalle, the last saint Canonized by Pope Leo XIII, in the act of teaching children, and which was cut from a block of marble weighing thirty-eight tons, is attracting great public interest. The figure of the saint is 16 feet in height, and those of the children are ten feet high. It is carried on a great truck, drawn by 18 oxen. It will reach the steps of St. Peter's tomorrow morning, and will be put in place 65 feet above the pavement on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Winds increasing to gales south and south-west; showers before night. Saturday southwesterly gales and showers. Synopsis—The disturbance over the Great Lakes gives indication of being a very severe storm, and gales are likely to extend east to the maritime provinces. Reports from the American Atlantic coast all missing this morning. To American ports, southerly gales. Wind at noon, Direction S. E. Velocity 16 miles per hour. Cloudy. Local Weather Report at Noon. Oct. 21st. Highest temperature during past 24 hours 56. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours 44. Temperature at noon 54. Humidity at noon 78. Barometer reading at noon sea level and 32 feet high 30.01 ins. Wind at noon, Direction S. E. Velocity 16 miles per hour. Cloudy. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director. Point Lepreauux, Oct. 21—9 a. m.—Wind south, strong, partly cloudy. Therm. 56. The R. L. Borden club will meet tonight in their rooms, Jardine building, Prince William street. All members are requested to attend as well as any other persons who may wish to join the club.

I. C. R. POLICE WANT A RAISE.

They are After Mr. Emerson in Moncton Now—Father Meahan to Visit Rome.

Moncton, Oct. 21.—(Special)—The I. C. R. policemen from the different points along the lines are here to ask the minister for an increase in pay. The I. C. R. machinists and Mechanical Superintendent Joughins have not yet reached an understanding. The committee is still holding out for the adoption of the entire schedule, but the objectionable investigation clause has not been accepted by the management.

Father Meahan, pastor of St. Bernard's church, who has not been in robust health for some time, has acceded to the advice of Bishop Casey, of St. John, to take an ocean voyage. He expects to sail from New York with Bishop McDonald of Charlottetown, on November third, for Rome, where they will attend the golden jubilee of the immaculate conception on December 8.

P. S. Archibald C. E., left this morning for Newfoundland, where he will be engaged on the arbitration board in the expropriation of the Reid telegraph system, by the Newfoundland government. Great preparations are being made by the conservatives for Mr. Borden's meeting here on Monday night. The meeting will be held in the curling rink.

WORKED VERY SLICK GAME.

Parson Passed as Pretty Girl and Fleeced Admirers by Mail.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 20.—Homer L. McKinney, for years one of the best known evangelists in the Erie conference but for some time past proprietor of a croquet ground in Erie, Pa., is in jail here charged with getting money by fraud and using the mail to defraud. He is charged with having sent to California farmers by mail, becoming engaged to two of them and collecting money for a wedding dress from them.

"Annie Hall" and Mary Roberts are the aliases under which the parson made his love and seduction campaign. William Tiley and J. N. Cuff, wealthy ranchmen of Europa, Cal., are the two victims who appear on the surface. They are each engaged to marry Rev. Homer L. McKinney, for he has not had time to release them since the post office inspectors got into his mail.

One year ago Rev. McKinney was in California and there met many well-to-do farmers, including Tiley and Cuff. He was their guest for some time. Soon after he returned to the east both Tiley and Cuff began receiving letters written in a feminine hand saying the writer had been referred to the one addressed by Rev. McKinney. The writer was evidently a sly seductress who wanted to know something about the west. Cuff's letter was signed "Annie" and Tiley's letter was signed "Mary."

Soon a request was sent east from the ranch for a picture and it came, one to each man, including Tiley and Cuff. The other, it was that of a beautiful young woman. The next mail east carried a proposal of marriage from each of the farmers. Both were accepted.

But the letter received by each spoke of her poverty. She could not come without money. By return mail each sent \$50 to the girl of his choice and it ended there. Last month both Cuff and Tiley, believing they had been duped, decided to come east and look up the girls who had written them. Each man kept his half-century note. They met on the train and the story came out. Each was convinced he had been married. They compared notes and found each had been skinned properly. The postoffice authorities say McKinney has fully two score victims.

Will Protect Its Big Game.

Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 20.—The bill requiring non-resident hunters of deer to buy licenses of \$15 to hunt in Vermont, was passed by the Legislature today it is expected it will be signed by Governor McCullough, tomorrow. The law goes into effect at once and the deer season in Vermont opens Saturday, for a period of ten days, it will affect many hunters now here for the opening day. The non-resident hunters will also be restricted to killing one deer.

NEW R. K. Y. CLUB ROOMS IN MASONIC BUILDING.

An Elegant Suite of Large Rooms Now Open for the Members of the Club—Notable Collection of Club Burgees—Two Billiard Tables.

The new quarters of the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club, in the Masonic Hall building, Germain street, are now ready for occupancy. They are so much superior to the old quarters of the club on Prince William street, that the members open their eyes when they first visit the rooms. There is a suite of rooms, including, reading room, billiard room, dining room, and cloak rooms and closets. The reading room has been newly papered, and carpeted, in warm tints, and overlooks Germain street. On the walls of all the rooms are handsome pictures, and they are all well furnished. A second billiard table is on the way from Montreal. The rooms have been newly painted and papered, and everything is very bright and cheerful. Indeed, no more comfortable and even elegant quarters could be desired by the club. When the Times called today, Commodore Thomson was there, manifestly delighted with the new rooms for his "bees." The club will hold its next quarterly meeting on Nov. 1st, and a number will be given later in the month.