NOTES AND COMMENTS

At the present moment it looks as though the United States and Mexico would avoid war, as Villa and his forces did not appear ready to unite with Carranza as probably the latter expected. Villa seems determined to play his own hand, and the fate of the poor Mexicans, almost on the verge of starvation, seems very hard.

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The Germans have contributed another romance of the sea by sending a submarine across the Atlantic with nearly a thousand tons of much needed goods, such as dyestuffs, for the United States, and expects to take back a cargo equally valuable to Germany. While this boat was unarmed, those that follow are not so likely to be, and may prove a serious menace to our outgoing

troopships and other shipping.

The crossing of the Atlantic by a German submarine was without doubt a clever piece of work. While this bit of strategy was going on, all eyes were turned on the Western front. In future, however, such feats will be made more difficult. Britain as a result of this one, may get into another argument with the United States by placing nets just outside the three-mile limit of American ports. Has she a right to do so? It is a big international question.

The deadly hate of Germany against Britain is quite evident at present. They send their most efficient fighters against the British, fight them more viciously, and would rather lose miles of territory to any of the other Allies than a foot of

ground to the British forces. All the same, they will eventually have to bow the knee on land and sea to their most hated enemy, and it will be a good thing for all the world when that day arrives. Let it be

Since the fighting about Hooge and Zillabele, there has been a great demand for young Canadians as Junior Officers in the Imperial Forces. Men who have proved their quality as N.C.O.'s and privates are being given a short military course. and made second lieutenants. Before the war is over, everylieutenant who has taken his place in the ranks of overseas units will get the position he is entitled to, if he is spared. This drive will make a large number

Notwithstanding the intense heat, the small but faithful band of women known as the King's Daughters, waste paper, rags, cardboard, etc., fact, is an accommodation to the housekeeper and the business man. and they are getting no refusals. The King's Daughters, since the war began, have been somewhat overlooked in the matter of public support, ed at 14,000,000. Placing the average which was previously generously accorded them, but they have quietly gone on with their work with the means at their disposal, alleviating the sufferings of those in unfortunate circumstances, without making paupers of those they assist. We have always thought our Town Council should make the King's Daughters an annual grant, as they are practically relieving the town of caring for the poor. Their experience in this work enables them to dispense charity far more cheaply than any indigent committee can do; they are not imposed upon, and those receiving assistance from them accept it as an act of mercy, and do not feel that they are losing their manhood or woman hood, as is sometimes the case when they become town charges. True, the Council does help King. the society out in cases where the expenses are too great for their Aylmer, on Saturday, July 8th-a purse, but the Daughters are an in- daughter. dependent lot, and prefer to provide, Dr. Ashton D. McKenney, wife and

will not be lacking in funds in the future. The destruction of old paper is at the present time almost criminal. Every scrap of paper, even though soiled, can be used, as the mills are all suffering from a shortage, and cannot begin to fill their orders. The Government has realized the situation, and sent notices broadcast, asking that no paper of a holiday. any kind be wasted or destroyed. The waste in Canada in burning to relieve the towns on the East paper during the past year is estimated in the millions of dollars, and it is to be hoped that every citizen tourist traffic. Of this \$150,000 went will realize the importance of fully to boarding-house keepers. acceding to the request of the King's

It is hard to grasp the significance of the enormous sums now being expended daily by the Allies alone in the great European War. It would the expenditure into minutes, some one in Toronto Saturday night has brought the amounts within closer reach. Some interesting statistics, past wars, has also ben compared.

A recent statement by Premier Asquith was that the average daily expenditure for the Army, the Navy, and for munitions was just under three million pounds sterling-say, \$15,000,000. Reduced to an hourly expenditure, this would amount to \$625,000, being an average of \$10.423 per minute. It surely is a large sum. Imagine standing on a wharf and pitching that sum into the watereach to feathers. minute. Or imagine touching a match each minute to goods or houses having a value of such an amount. This is what is taking place in war. It would take the combined efforts of 1,000,000 men, night and day, producing one cent per minute, to create this value. And yet, it is not impossible that the Allies can keep the expenditure up for a long time to come. They have many millions of men still in the fields of production, and these are working effect tively to a greater extent than ever before. The same may be said of the women and children, the productive capacity of whom is very great and should not be lost sight of.

The latest estimate of a three years war is \$100,000,000,000, this being the total cost to all countries, according to a noted French econo mist. This compares with an estimated cost of \$15,000,000,000 for the Napoleonic wars, so called, which stretched over twenty years, while the American Civil War cost just about half that amount. The Crimean War cost the countries engaged in it only about \$12,000,000,000. The entire cost of the Franco-Prussian War to France, including all losses have this week been making a house- of whatever kind which can be estito-house canvass, asking that all mated, is placed at \$2,500,000,000. The war between Prussia and Austria be placed in sacks for them, to be cost only about \$500,000,000. Altogecalled for next October. Their re- ther, it is claimed that the cost of quest is a most reasonable one; in the armed conflicts from Napoleon I. to our day, all added together, is not more than one-half the sum spoken of for the present war.

> The number of combatants on th side of the Allies in this war is placcost of these at \$4 a day for each soldier, including ammunition expended, a total of \$1,680,000,000 per month is found, being the equivalen of about \$20,000,000,000 per year.

Those who are fond of dressing these figures up and showing them in their relationship to hours and minutes and as gold bulked into monuments or ten-storey buildings, or as silver or wheat in miles of carloads, will have an infinite field for

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The Races next week. Take a day or so off, and enjoy a holiday Aylmer. Miss Hattie Storey, of Port Stan-

ley, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt,

their own funds when possible. If son, of Pontiac, Mich., motored over their own funds when possible. It on Monday, and are the guests of all the waste paper and rags are the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. saved for them, as requested, they

Read the Aylmer Races advertisement on page three.

Mr. T. F. Young spent Sunday in London

Dr. Youell left yesterday for Toronto for a few days. Mrs. Adelia Harris is visiting Mrs.

Stanley Barrett, Tillsonburg. Dr. Annie Backus will be at Port Rowan home about a month for

Canada has now given \$1,250,000 Coast of England which have suffered severely by German bombardment and by the cessation of the

We all have Relatives and Friends at the Front, or training to go there and this fact will make our new serial story, "The Nurse's Story," which commences with this issue, all the more interesting. No story yet written gives a better idea of conditions at the Front.

A bad auto accident occurred in be fruitless effort to try to grasp the front of North Hall Church in Bayyearly expenditure, but by dividing ham on Sunday evening. One car was from Detroit and the other from St. Thomas. A Detroit lady was thrown through the wind shield and was badly cut about the hands. The rest of the occupants were badly comparing the cost of this war with shaken up. In about five hours the cars were sufficiently repaired to make the trip to Tilsonburg for further repairs.

A few visitors from town to Chas. Caverly's on Sunday afternoon had the pleasure of viewing his flowers in all their beauty. The register was signed, and a reminder from Charlie was carried away by the party in the form of bouquets of flowers. Photos of a few of his bird houses were also shown, with birds "snapped" in various positions, and at different stages of their young lives, from the egg

We understand the Aylmer Women's Institute were very successful with their Hokey-Pokey Day last Saturday. Much mystery was connected with the affair until Saturday morning, when eager workers were on the street selling hokevpokey, which proved to be little pricks of ice-cream, neatly wrapped in parchment paper, and as the day was a very warm one, they had a ready sale. The proceeds raised will be used to further the patriotic work of the Institute.

Many messages have been received throughout Elgin announcing the safe arrival of the 91st Battalion (Elgin's Own) in England. It was scarcely believed when the first cable arrived last Thursday announcing the safe arrival, for it was thought they had not had sufficient time to cross the Atlantic. They evidently made a very fast trip and apparently did not go out of their course, for in ten days after leaving St. Thomas they were safe in England. Nasty rumors were affoat on Thursday last that two German spies were among the officers of the 91st, and had been caught in the act of blowing up the boat after leaving Halifax. This story has not been confirmed, but the strain was relieved on Thursday when the first message of good news was received.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are the dates of the big morning. She is doing as well as can Summer Race Meeting, which will be held in Aylmer on the Fair Grounds. On account of the wet spring, this The boys overseas will appreciate event was postponed one month, and the home news every week. Why not f the weather stays as it has been send them a copy of the Express for the past week, it will be ideal for right from this office. Rates to Engracing. Aylmer is the fourth meeting land, only \$1 per year. It will cost on the Canadian Circuit this year, you more than this for postage alone. and the horses have all been making Mrs. Woodworth, of Chicago, who and breaking records on other is on a motor tour, is visiting Mrs. best half-mile tracks in Canada, and Winton Six, one of the finest cars judging from the list of entries, all ever seen in Aylmer. The car cost events will be full. There will be no \$5,500, and is fitted up like a Pullbetter races in Canada than will be man car. season of the year when the farseen in Aylmer. The races come at mer can best get away for a day or of Hadley J. Willis, was united in so of sport, and no doubt there will marriage to Charles E. Condon, a be some record crowds here next prosperous young farmer, at Inverreek. \$4,000 is offered in prizes and may, Saskatchewan, Rev. Neal Morthe promoters, Messrs. W. H. Finch and F. H. Trim are doing all in their Willis and family are former residual. power to make Aylmer Races the dents of Malahide, and for some best on the Circuit. For full list of years lived a few miles east of Aylevents and prizes, see advertisement mer on Talbot Street. on page three of this issue.

by local applications, as they cannot Township, when his sister, Elsie reach the diseased portion of the ear. May, was married to Mr. J. Norman There is only one way to cure cat-Brice, late of Victoria, B.C. The

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Frank Butcher has returned after short vacation spent at his home in St. Marys.

E. E. C. Kilmer, of Brantford, fornerly of the High Schol staff here, last week. was a week-end visitor. Mr. Harry Kimber, South Street,

in a very serious condition, and his recovery is hardly expected. Miss Neva Davey, of Saskatoon,

was the guest of Mrs. H. G. Hicks, for several days last week. Why not send the Express direct

to that son, brother, or friend over-We will send it direct from seas. this office for only \$1 for the year.

Miss Alexia Winger, of John St. South, was successfully operated up-

We have here one of the Farthing. Mrs. Woodworth has a

A very interesting wedding took place on Thursday, July 11th, at high noon, at the residence of Mr. John Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured R. Bobbett, 1st Concession, Malahide reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for ever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

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DUNBOYNE.

Mrs. Garnham attended the funeral of her brother's wife, near Chatham,

Mrs. Chas. McTaggart is ill at the present time. Miss Pettinger has returned to her home in Flint, Mich., after spending

some time with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Marshall. Mrs. C. Dodds, of Aylmer, is spend-

ing a few days with Mrs. N. Ellsworth.

Mrs. M. Koyle is enjoying a visit from her sister.

Master Elgin McTaggart entertained his small friends to a very enjoyable party one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. Winder, of St. Thomas, were guests in the neighborhood last week.

MAPLETON.

Misses Zelma and Violet Brown, of Winnipeg, are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Mrs. Learn and Miss Mabel Learn of Aylmer, spent a few days recently with Mrs. Roy Legg. Mrs. F. Trim, of Aylmer, has been

visiting Mrs. J. Johnson. Miss Alma Bray, of Woodstock, is isiting her mother, Mrs. A. Bray.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hoover have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown, of Wilton Grove. Mrs. J. Thomson and Mr. D. Thom-Belmont, spent Sunday with

Mrs. J. D. Thomson. Mrs. A. Munro, of Harrietsville. has been visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. D. Warwick, of Brownsville, have been visiting at

RIDDLES.

Warwick's.

What is a soldier if he is not half a soldier?—When he is in quarters. If I leave my watch upstairs and feel very tired, why need I not go up to fetch it?-Because it will run down. What are the handiest book-

What is the difference between the bark of a dog and the dark of a tree? One is the bark of a bough, and one is the bark of a bow-wow.

markers?-Dirty fingers.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CARD OF THANKS.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed," and we wish, through these columns, to thank every one for the help and sympathy extended us, both during the illness of Mr. Smithson and since the accident which befell Mrs. Wm. Smithson. We assure them such thoughtfulness is appreciated, and will not be forgotten Mrs. Truman Smithson and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smithson.



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The Aylmer Green House J.JOHN FISHER - PROP J. P. MARTYN DI SPARTA.

Thursday, July 13,

J. P. Martyn, one of the best known men in the Elgin and Western Ontar his home in Sparta on We last week shortly before in the evening. Mr. M: had reached the great age had been confined to the some time, and never rall stroke of paralysis over a His death removes a ma been prominent in the aff county for upwards of hal and who was universally John Piper Martyn wa

the town of Bude. Corn land, on the 17th of June was the son of John Mart wall farmer, who emigrat family to Canada in 1849, the township of Yarmou portion of the old Mid trict. His mother was M ter of Edward Piper, of England. Shortly after th Canada of John Marty taken ill and died, leavir and two sons. John Pip youngest. His eldest brot was for years a prominer n London England Aft band's death Mrs. Mart farm of 400 acres in the 1 Yarmouth.

Mr. Martyn received a comprehensive education in the national schools England, and obtaining engaged in teaching in th his native town. In 1849 his position as teacher, Canada, entering t School at Toronto. He his 20th year. He succe taining at the Normal Sc class professional certifi mediately he began to t the township of Yar taught at Dexter, east o the Plains Schoolhouse, bot Street, east of St. Tl Many residents of Elg

now grown up to mens a estate were taught by He taught school till 18 retired from the professi his entire attention to tion of his farm. In 18 he went to Strathroy an conducted this busines when he removed to where he continued the ness, which he had co many years, being for a nership with Gilbert Roc

Mr. Martyn was prom nected with business at Thomas and county a century ago. He was th tary-treasurer of the St. Aylmer Gravel Road C drafted all its by-laws, I and was the first man South-Western Farmer chanics' Savings and Lo now merged with the So Company. In politics he prominent Conservative, took issue with his par

Remedial Bill. In 1852 he married Ha daughter of the late No Yarmouth, who died in : one of the most promit of his day. Of ten chil sult of this union, se three sons and four dau are: E. J. Martyn, Ihabe kota; Dr. E. Martyn, Fo kansas, and Jno. P. Mar The daughters are : Mrs Mrs. Chamberlain and field. Toronto: and Mrs son, Sparta. Mrs. Mar

vives her husband. The funeral took place at 2,30 o'clock p.m. from residence, and was large

> THE PASSING (GOODING

In the passing away Gooding on Friday last the residence of her s Silas Herningway, at th nearly 93 years-having 10th August, 1823-Ay woman of remarkable a clear thinker and righ she was truly a grand She was the eldest James Marchant and E chant (formerly Gillian to America about the Marchants lived at B burn, Circleville, Ohio ing near Woodstock, their best years at Si ford County. They confrom Kent, England. was the eldest and last family of six children. andum found among he Gooding had written : verted and became a Methodist Church whe years old, in Circlevil County, Ohio, Sciota came to Canada veighteen." She was dent church and tempe Deceased was married