

ON THE BORDER OF MEXICO

Mr. S. A. Gardner Gives an Interesting Resume of the Present Situation.

MOST WONDERFUL CAVE

Mr. Gardner Graphically Describes the Most Beautiful in the World.

A multitude of friends in Belleville will be pleased and deeply interested to read the following racy letter descriptive of the present situation on the Mexican border by Mr. S. A. Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have now resided for more than a year at Bisbee, Arizona, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Cumming. Bisbee is very close to the Mexican border and it has been at times possible to see the flash of artillery at night time and to hear the reports of the heavy guns of the warring factions.

Bisbee, Ariz., May 10th, 1916. Editor Ontario.

Since last writing you the Mexican question has assumed a new, very serious phase, and tonight it looms up large on the horizon of the future. Villa after his raid on Columbus recrossed the border and pushed his way southward, evidently heading for the Sierra Madre Mountains, as, once there, he would have the advantage, as he thoroughly knows that country and every nook and place of ambush there. Closely following him was the American General, Pershing, whom Carranza had given permission to follow and capture if possible. The chase led them across a rough desert country devoid of water, and of food for their horses, and each day's march increased the difficulty of furnishing supplies. The march proved to be no holiday parade as many a fellow found out by bitter experience. Several sharp skirmishes ensued in one of which it was announced that Villa was wounded in the knee. A few days after a telegram announced that Villa had died of gangrene from the wound and several Mexicans volunteered to show where he was buried. Following this Carranza sent a request asking that the American forces be withdrawn and giving as a reason that as Villa was dead the object of the expedition had been accomplished. Uncle Sam evidently knows certain traits of Mexican character and refuses to withdraw the troops unless there is positive proof of the bandit's death, which so far has not been produced. This scheme not succeeding, it was decided that a conference of the leading men of the army be held at El Paso and that an attempt be made to find some solution of the international tangle. Gen. Scott acting for the United States and Gen. Oregon Minister of War for the de facto government of Mexico. After several days consideration of matters it was announced that a basis of agreement had been reached that seemed satisfactory to all parties. By this the United States troops were to patrol the boundary states, Sonora and Chihuahua, where the Carranza soldiers were to give them attention to the capture of Villa and his followers and the crushing of the rebellion in the South, the United States soldiers to be withdrawn as soon as a stable government was instituted.

The government at Washington and the Carrancistas were said to be satisfied. People were congratulating themselves on how quickly the affair had been settled, when a telegram announced that at the time that the conference had about finished their labors the Mexicans, to the number of between 300 and 400 had raided Big Bend in Texas burning the buildings killing three American soldiers and capturing a few whom they took with them.

At the conference Gen. Oregon balked and asked for a limitation of the stay of the United States troops in Mexico. It looks as if the Scott-Oregon agreement will come to naught. President Wilson has ordered 7000 fresh troops, 4000 militia and 3000 regulars, from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. This is the first time since the Spanish-American war that a president of the United States has called on the State troops in an international crisis.

Sergeant Marshall, of Bisbee, has been asked to form a company of men who have had previous experience at the front. A mass meeting of the citizens was called to discuss the condition of affairs in case of border troubles. What the outcome will be no one knows. Army men shake their heads and say, "The situation does not look good and we might as well be prepared for trouble."

President Wilson has called on all Americans in Northern Mexico to return to the United States. There are over 3000 Americans residing in Northern Mexico just now.

The Mexicans are concentrating their forces near Agua Prieta (Pretty Water) where Villa was defeated

last Autumn. By tonight's papers I see that the Mexicans have raided two other places, looting the stores but not killing anyone.

About three years ago while the workmen of the Shattuck-Arizona mine were pushing a drift on the 300 foot-level they broke into a cave which has proved to be the largest, the most beautiful and the most remarkable yet found and the greatest wonder sight in Arizona. Through the kindness of a friend who is an employee of the company, we were permitted to visit this wonderful workshop of nature where for perhaps millions of years down deep in the earth she has been moulding there exquisite designs which the miners' pick has laid bare.

Our party of five including the guide left the street railway at the car stop and wended our way over railway tracks and past the shafts of various mines until we reached the roadway up to Shattuck Mine. This roadway is of itself a wonderful piece of engineering skill having been built up the mountain side to enable them to haul up their engines, boilers, etc. All their ore is sent down the mountain to the border.

Column 2 in cars carried on endless steel cables. On our way up we crossed a bridge built across a chasm in the rock. The chasm is from 8 to 10 feet wide and is increasing in size each year. It can be traced up the side of the mountain and when on the other side of the mountain one can see it there also. It is caused they tell us by the extensive amount of ore mined in this part of Warren District so that the earth has sunk and the mountain is splitting. The guide tossed pebbles in the crevice and one could hear them bounding down until the sound died away. After an hour and a half's climb we found ourselves at the Shattuck-Arizona shaft. This mine is one of the richest in the district and is 5000 feet above sea level and is surrounded by hills 800 feet to 1000 feet higher yet. Here we were shown the wonderful compressors that force fresh air down to every level to 1600 feet. Here, also was the machinery by which the men are lowered down and men and ore are hauled up. This machinery is of itself worth a trip to see. Dressed in old clothes and coarse boots we stepped into the cage and were soon down to the three hundred-foot level. On leaving the cage we followed our guide through one of the numerous tunnels until we suddenly came into the cave. Through the kindness of the company the cave is lighted by electricity and the first view one gets of it will never be forgotten. It is 280 feet long, 180 feet wide, and 470 feet high. The roof, walls and floor are covered with the most beautiful creamy white crystals of lime of every design. The floor is covered with small and large crystals resembling beds of coral of the most beautiful design. From the ceiling hang large and small stalactites resembling the icicles of our northern zone of which there are hundreds of them, while on the floor are hundreds of stalagmites of all sizes. Sometimes the stalagmites and stalactites meet and form beautiful pillars, reaching from floor to roof. These columns are transparent, showing light through. On the dark rocks the white crystals have worked a tracing that outvies the most delicate fern leaves. Beneath these white crystals one can see the dark rocks showing through. Here a gray and limestone or a blood-red porphyry, there a beautiful green malachite, the appearance of ice and the visitor expects to step and fall until he is undeceived by touching and finds it is not cold. There is a constant drip from the roof at which one wonders until we remember that we are under a mountain of perhaps 1000 or more feet of rock above us. To examine thoroughly all the wonders of this cave would take hours. A few weeks ago the Elks held their annual gathering here and on the last day they visited this cave bringing their wives or best girls. Here luncheon was served and an orchestra was in attendance and dispensed sweet music in this magnificent cathedral and—

"When music arose with its voluptuous swell
Soft eyes looked love to eyes which spoke again
And all went merry as a marriage bell."

Yours truly,
S. A. Gardner.

GIVING JACK THE NEWS.

Colonel Ponton is in receipt of a request from London asking for co-operation in the furnishing of newspapers and periodicals and other reading matter for the men of our Grand Fleet. Supplies for over 500 vessels are required, and all parts of the Empire are contributing. Subscriptions or papers may be sent to F. Faithfull Begg, Chairman of Executive, or Lionel A. Martin, Treasurer, Oxford Court, and Cannon street, London, E.C., England. If those who subscribe or contribute from time to time will kindly notify Colonel Ponton a record will be kept and their subscriptions publicly acknowledged.

MAJ. WILLIAMS IS IN THE CITY

Discussed Recruiting Plans in This District With 155th Officers.

Major Williams, chief recruiting officer for Ontario presided at a meeting of the officers of the 155th this morning with regard to recruiting in this district. Lieut. Manning his assistant accompanied Major Williams. Thirty-five officers attended at headquarters at the session.

Captain (Rev.) Thomas Dodds, chaplain of the 155th attended the session this morning.

Major Williams is to preside over a big recruiting rally in Picton this evening. He will be accompanied by Lieut. Manning, Col. Adams and officers and the 155th band will attend.

Major Allen, Major Cook and Capt. Gilmore visited Madoc and Stirling yesterday.

MIDLAND PRESS ASSOCIATION

Address by Editor of "Ontario" on "The Editorial Column of The Rural Weekly."

We are indebted to The Port Hope Times for the following extremely kind and complimentary reference and report of an address delivered by the editor of The Ontario at the annual convention of The Midland Press Association held at Port Hope on Friday May 5.

Mr. J. O. Herity, the gifted editor and publisher of the Belleville Ontario, delivered an admirable address on the subject of "The Editorial Column of The Rural Weekly," and gave the journalists present some sound practical advice that was taken in the spirit in which it was given coming as it did from a master of the art. He opened his remarks with an apology for lack of preparedness, and his attempt was such a brilliant one, that we should feel inclined to go miles to hear him when he really considered himself ready. We regret that for reasons beyond our control our report will not adequately present his effort. He said in effect in a town the dentist and other professional men were making better livings and driving better cars than the publishers, although the newspaper does just as important work in the community. He said about thirty weekly newspapers came to his desk. Half a dozen of them had editorials regularly; half a dozen had editorials spasmodically; and the remainder had none at all. No man works harder and longer hours than the country editors. Editorials, claimed the speaker, gave a more complete newspaper and a better rounded product. A newspaper was a mirror of events. It is the guide, philosopher and friend in the cause of advancement. The editorials in most of the papers were too much confined to politics. The editorial column is very often the dearest part of the paper. Mr. Herity said the Bowmanville Statesman was one of the nearest newspapers in the Province, and referred in complimentary terms to the department of "Editor Talks" in that journal.

Mr. Herity advised the newspaper men not to become crusaders. In the local field one has to be careful of the amity made. He said more files are caught with honey than with vinegar.

The speaker referred to Mr. J. G. Keefer's paper, the Norwood Register, saying the press work of this journal is clean. The paper he sends out is good advertising.

Mr. Herity said the art of editorial writing had been defined as saying in a commonplace and inoffensive what everybody knew long ago.

PRESENTATION TO PTE. ARTHUR ROWLAND.

Popular Member of the 155th Batt. and of The Tabernacle Choir Remembered by his Friends.

Pte. Arthur Rowland was made the recipient of a very pleasing testimonial last night by his friends and associates of the Tabernacle Methodist church and choir. It assumed the nature of a surprise party at which the popular singer and soldier was made the recipient of a beautiful wrist watch.

The friends assembled first at the home of Mrs. Grant, the choir leader, and then moved en masse to the residence of Pte. Rowland on Mary St.

The early part of the evening was spent in music, singing and conversation. Then Pte. Rowland was asked to step forward and Rev. Mr. Moore, the pastor in a brief but very complimentary address asked Pte. Rowland to accept the wrist watch as a token and tangible testimonial

of the esteem and goodwill of those who knew him best and who were proud of the patriotic spirit he had manifested by enlisting when he was past the age hat military service may be expected.

Mrs. Grant very gracefully made the presentation.

Pte. Rowland in reply expressed his gratitude and his appreciation of the thoughtfulness of his friends in a few well chosen words. He felt that he was but doing his duty, but he esteemed this a great honor to be remembered in so kindly a manner by his friends.

After brief addresses by Messrs. Allan Schryver and Chas. Greenleaf, refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time was spent until the hour came for separation.

MAGNIFICENT MUSICAL TREAT

Creator's Band a Wonderful Organization—Review of Programme.

Surpassing every musical organization which has ever visited Belleville in the brilliance of its efforts is Creator's band which played last night at Griffin's Opera House. Owing to the numerous attractions which are booked for Belleville, the attendance was only fairly large. Nevertheless the program was rendered by Signor Creator's musicians was the finest artistic festival citizens of this town have ever enjoyed.

The opening march "Lorraine" by Ganne was played with all the volume and inspiration of a French composition. The instrumentation of the band was at once remarked, perfect balance being shown.

That favorite of handmen "William Tell" proved to be the inspiration of the audience. The solo reed work in the opening of this majestic overture was remarkably pure and smooth in articulation.

Dvorak's "Humoreske" was never before known to local hearers to possess such harmonies as interpreted by Signor Creator. The quieter parts were played by the band with marked feeling. Bizet's "L'Arlesienne" so different in expression from the preceding compositions was enjoyed.

The mighty sweep of Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony" opened the second part of the program. The harmonies of the first movement of this composition require such a master as Creator and such a large band of first class musicians for interpretation.

The "Melody in F" by Rubenstein followed being played in a charming manner.

Signora Emilia Bernarbo sang "The Angel's Serenade" by Braga with flawless art. Her lower notes were rich and deep like a contralto's. A delightful comic opera selection was given an encore.

Carmen selection tested the full powers of conductor and musicians. The reed players and the cornetist are perfect masters of their instruments. Encores were freely given.

How Creator remembers the various parts is a marvel. He needs no score before him, but recollects the smallest part in an ocean of themes.

EXPRESSION OF REGRET

By Bridge Street Quarterly Board on Losing Popular Pastor.

The following motion, which explains itself, was unanimously carried at the regular meeting of the Quarterly Board of Bridge Street Methodist Church held on Monday night last.

Moved by Judge Deroche, seconded by David Price:—

"That this Quarterly Official Board of Bridge Street Methodist Church, Belleville, Ontario, expresses its very great regret that we are compelled, according to the Itinerary System of our Church, to lose Mr. H. S. Osborne, as pastor and preacher.

"And further that we place on record our deep appreciation of his splendid and helpful ministry during his four years' stay with us.

"His preaching has been such a above the ordinary and his citizenship has appealed to men of all classes—a man amongst men.

"Perhaps the best testimonial we could give Mr. Osborne is to state that in this fourth year of his ministry, when there are so many demands upon the people, every fund in the church has exceeded the previous year and several of the funds show the highest ever contributed by this church.

"We desire also to express the loss we feel in losing Mrs. Osborne. Her bright, cheerful manner combined with her ever thoughtful kindness has endeared her to the whole congregation.

Dated at Belleville, May 15, 1916.

DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL.

The jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Thomas A. Earle, whose body was found on the bay shore in Thurlow, last evening completed its labors. Five witnesses were heard. After deliberation the jurors brought in a verdict that deceased came to his death by drowning on or about April 19th and that death was accidental. Whether or not he fell from the G.T.R. bridge in the direction of which he was going will remain a mystery.

CANADA CUBS ARRIVE AT SAN DIEGO FAIR TO ADVERTISE THE DOMINION.

Through the instrumentality of the Grand Trunk Pacific thousands of American tourists visiting the San Diego Exposition will this year make the acquaintance of the "Canada Cubs", four young black bears taken from the sporting territory along the line of the new Transcontinental.

These bears have been made a part of the wonderful Canadian exhibit which is in charge of Col. W. Hutchison at the Exposition in the southern California city.

Col. Hutchison a few weeks ago wired Mr. R. C. W. Lett, Tourist and Colonization Agent of the G.T.P., saying, "Can you send us four bear cubs?" A week later the youthful bears went forward from Winnipeg in a nice wire-lined crate, with full instructions to the railwaymen as to housing, feeding, travelling, etc. The four cubs were members of one family and they were fed on oatmeal and milk administered twice daily.

Immediately upon their arrival at San Diego Col. Hutchison declared that they should be known as the "Canada Cubs", and he wired to Mr. Lett, "Canada Cubs have arrived in first-class condition. Many thanks for your trouble in the matter."

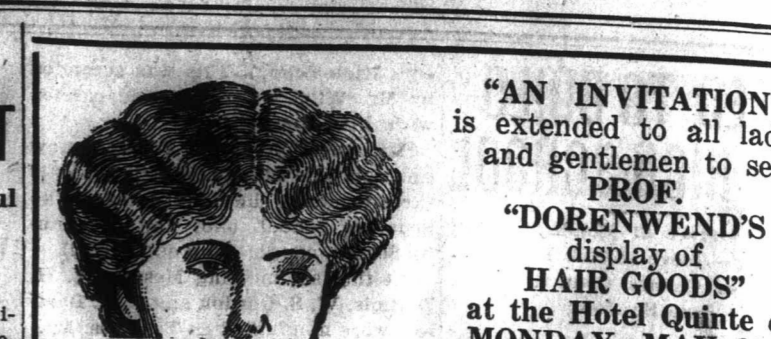
In an old book of Welsh Castles I read the following: Harlech Castle, on the coast of Merionethshire, is one of the numerous fortresses built by Edward I, when he had broken the power of the great Welsh chieftain, Llewellyn. It is indeed, as it had been described, the ideal castle of childhood's imagination; and overpoweringly massive erection of lofty eminence, square shouldered, and with round towers magnificently commanding the mountains and the sea. After the defeat of the Lancastrians at Northampton in 1460, Queen Margaret and Prince Arthur fled northward and took refuge at Harlech Castle, then in the hands of Dafyd ap Ieion, a Welsh chieftain. Eight years later Edward IV was master of England and Wales, excepting three strongholds, of which one was Harlech.

The King sent Sir William Herbert against Dafyd, and after a march over mountains which challenges Hannibal's Crossing of the Alps, he invested the place and sent his brother, Richard to order the immediate surrender of the castle. Dafyd replied: "I held a tower in France till all the old women in Wales heard of it, and now the old women in France shall hear how I defend this castle."

It was impossible to reduce the stronghold except by famine, and Richard compounded for its surrender by promising to intercede with Edward IV to spare the heroic defender. When the castle was surrendered at Richard's request that Dafyd should be spared. "Then, sire," said Richard, when the King swore he would show no sort of mercy, you may, if you please, take my life in lieu of the Welsh chieftain's." If you do not, I will most assuredly set Dafyd back in his castle, and your Highness may send whom you please to take him out." The famous "March of the Men of Harlech" dates from the Yorkish victory—1460.

Lt. Adams, son of Lt. Col. Adams, has gone to France in charge of a draft. He was an officer of the 39th battalion.

The 155th bugle band is making very great progress under Bugle Sergt. Marshall Gerow.



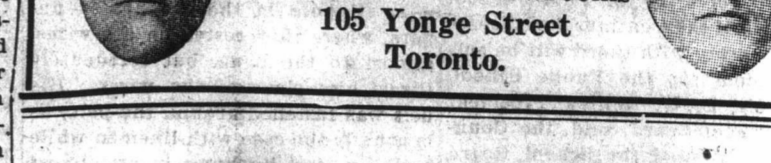
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