

## AUTO ACCIDENT AT NIAGARA FALLS

**Woman Lost Control of Car  
Which Plunged Over  
River Bank.**

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says:—A fatal automobile accident occurred in Niagara Falls, N.Y., at 8 o'clock on Friday night, when a motor car driven by Mrs. Kriel, wife of Dr. Kriel, dentist, Niagara Falls, N.Y., went over the bank and nearly into the river just above the Michigan Central bridge. Mrs. Kriel is dead as is her nine-year-old daughter, her mother-in-law is in a dying condition in St. Mary's Hospital, and her son, a boy of eight, is in a very serious condition. There is said to have been five occupants of the car, and it appears from eye-witnesses' stories that the woman lost control coming down Cleveland Ave., a fairly steep street, could not make the turn, and crashed through a wooden wall and over the bank. Assistance was at once called, and on climbing down the steep bank three bodies were found lying on the rocks. Mrs. Kriel, Sr., and a boy were found to be still alive but shockingly injured, and were at once attended to. One girl was dead when found. Still farther down the car was found wedged between some trees. Mrs. Kriel was found there dead with shocking injuries. She was still grasping the steering wheel. The spot where the car went over is nearly perpendicular and there was no possible chance of escape. The firmen are at work with block and tackle lifting the car and digging among the debris for the other possible victim. Several accidents have occurred at this point. Some years ago a similar accident happened, when three lost their lives.

## BRITISH FORCES 8,654,467 MEN

**Empire's War Effort Brought  
7,130,280 From Mother  
Country and Colonies.**

A despatch from London says:—The report of the War Cabinet for 1918 summarizes as follows the Empire's war effort:

The strength of the regular army reserve and territorial forces at the fourth of August, 1914, was 732,514. Britain has since recruited 4,006,158 men. With other enlistments in the United Kingdom and Canada the total white enlistments in the whole Empire were 7,130,280. The figures of enlistments for races other than white, including over 1,250,000 from India, were 1,294,187, giving a grand total for all races of the Empire of 8,654,467.

In addition to these, Chinese and other labor units were raised for service in Saloniki, Egypt and Mesopotamia.

## WHITMORE'S ESTIMATE OF WESTERN CROPS

**Forecasts 88,000,000 Bushels of  
Wheat For Sask., 43 in Man.,  
21 in Alta.**

A despatch from Regina, Sask., says:—A. E. Whitmore of Regina, a close student of crop conditions for many years, made a forecast that Saskatchewan will have 88,900,000 bushels of wheat this year. The Manitoba crop he places at 43,605,000 and the Alberta crop at 21,951,600.

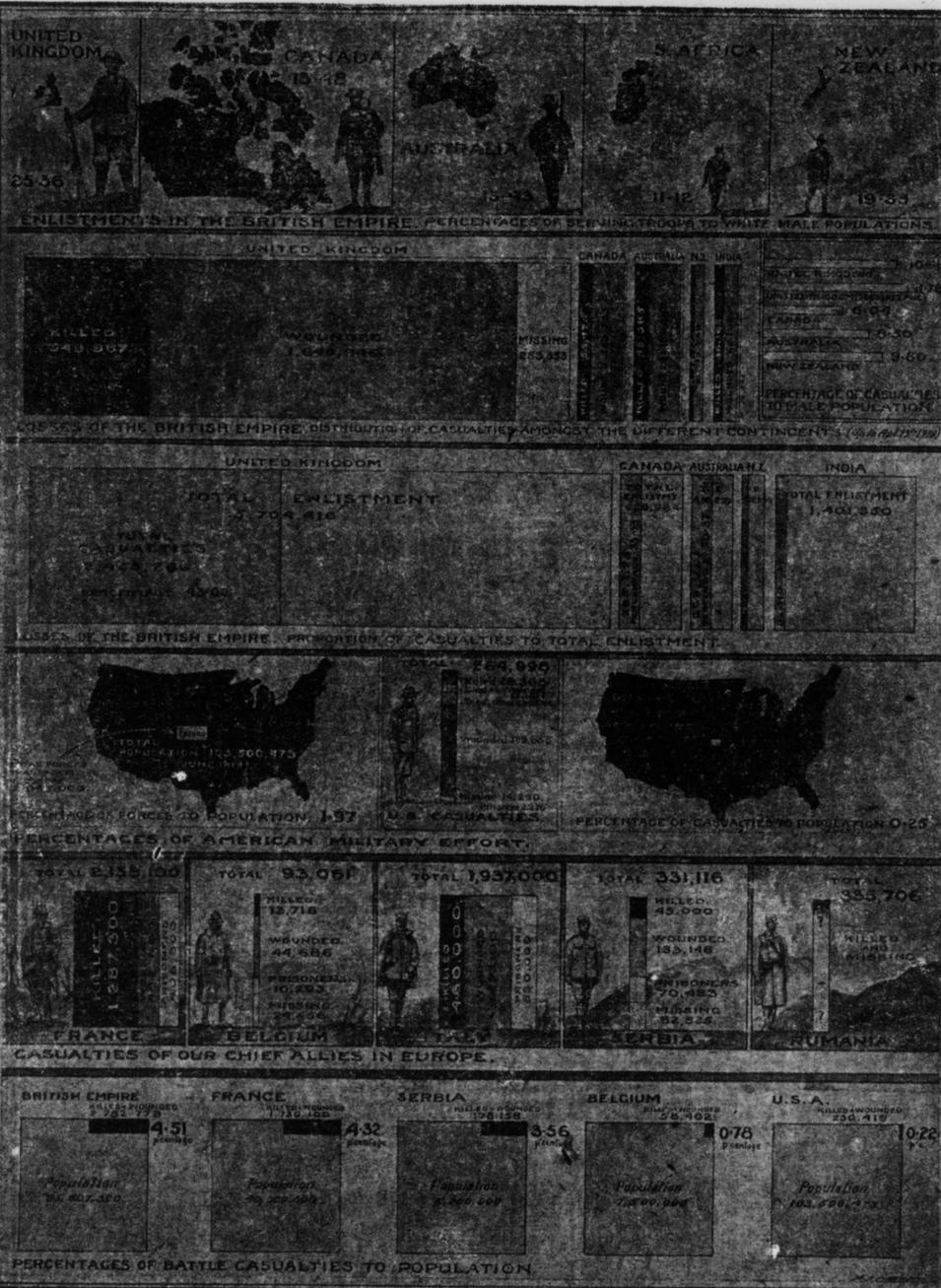
The yield in Saskatchewan, he estimates at ten bushels; for Manitoba fifteen, and for Alberta six. He has issued forecasts of the same nature for a number of years, and they have been remarkably accurate. Last year, for instance, he estimated 20,000,000 bushels higher than others made at the same time, and was within 3,000,000 of the final Government report.

## LIVED FOR TWO HOURS AFTER BLOWING OUT BRAINS

A despatch from South Porcupine says:—Charles Morton Penny, who lived with his wife and family on a farm near Golden City, was found in a dying condition in bed, having shot himself through the head, blowing out his brains. He died two hours after being discovered. Penny was an Englishman. He has been despondent lately.

## WAR EFFORTS OF THE ALLIES: INTERESTING STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

(FROM THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, JUNE 21, 1919.)



The figures given above (taken from an article in the June number of "The Round Table") may be left to speak for themselves. Those who study them carefully will see that this country holds a splendid record of military effort during the war. Discussing the limitations of statistical testimony, the writer says: "It is impossible, for instance, to measure the extent to which the military effort of the United Kingdom was handicapped by the necessity of making munitions for the Allies, assisting their finances, maintaining the command of the sea, and keeping up the overseas carrying trade

against the terrible toll exacted by the submarine. It is equally impossible to assess the magnificent moral effort by which France held fourth-fifths of the Western Front until our new armies came to her aid, or that which enabled Belgium to rise superior to the first annihilating shock of the waves of the German advance. More imponderable even than these is the force of instinct and of vision which sent the splendid Dominion contingents across thousands of leagues of sea." The total of 5,794,416 United Kingdom enlistments excludes the Navy, Merchant Service, and auxiliary home services.—(Copyrighted in U.S.A. and Canada.)

## AERIAL MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN TORONTO AND N. Y.

A despatch from Toronto says:—Concurrent with the visit to Toronto of his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, the Postmaster-General authorized the Aero Club of Canada to convey a mail, containing unregistered letters only, by airplane, from Toronto, Ont., to New York, N.Y., which closed at the general post office, Toronto, at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 25, 1919. All letters enclosed in this mail had to be fully prepaid, both as to postage and war tax, and to comply with the regulations of Canada, and

were forwarded only at the risk of the senders, who were required to endorse on the address side of the letters, "Via Airplane," as an indication of their willingness to accept these conditions.

## FRENCH AIRPLANE GOLIATH IS GIVEN UP AS LOST

A despatch from Paris says:—The French airplane Goliath, which has not been seen since it left Mogador, Morocco, for Dakar last week, generally was given up as lost in aviation circles. The Farman Company, builders of the airplane which carried

eight passengers, was still without news of the machine.

## A Golden Newspaper.

The London Daily Mail has printed a special "Peace Number" in gold, which forms a lasting, beautiful and historic souvenir of the tremendous events of the last five years. It contains a complete record of the world crisis and its solution, from the signatures of the famous "scrap of paper" to a photograph of the actual signing of Peace. Practically imperishable, with its golden "ink" and perfect paper, this

Peace Number will be a thing to pass on to the next generation, to show what manner of men made, fought, and settled the Great War.

A list of famous contributors includes the names of: Viscount Northcliffe, Mr. Joseph Conrad, Colonel John Buchan, Viscountess Rhonda, "George A. Birmingham" (Canon Hanray), Sir A. Cannon Doyle, the Countess of Dudley, Sir A. Pinero, and the Bishop of Birmingham. The price is 25 cents, or post free anywhere in the world 40 cents. Orders should be sent to "Golden Number, Carmelite House, London, E. C. 4."

## 11,300 CANADIANS STILL IN EUROPE

**To Save Time in Demobilization  
Troops Will Return Via  
U.S. Ports.**

A despatch from London says:—Canadian troops will now be repatriated via the United States to save time in demobilization. Sailings for American ports for first class bookings, including officers, N.C.O.'s and their wives, have been arranged. The Bohemian sailed for Boston on Friday, while the Celtic will go to New York and the Celtic to Portland. The SS. Havford is added to the military sailings. Canadians remaining in Europe now number 11,300. Examination of the War Office figures of repatriation of the soldiers of the various dominions indicates that Canada has made much the best showing for rapidity. Out of about 265,000 troops in Europe at the time of the armistice, Canada had, up to August 9, repatriated 247,215; Australia had returned 117,950 out of 171,426 in Egypt and Europe, New Zealand had repatriated 43,600, and South Africa 11,700. American sailings from Britain have been rather slow.

## AMERICAN TROOPS KILL 4 MEXICANS

**Surrounded the Bandits in a  
Blockhouse in the  
Mountains.**

A despatch from Matiz, Tex., says:—Four Mexican bandits were killed by American troops in Mexico Thursday. Captain Leonard Matlock, who arrived here by airplane reported. They were surrounded in a blockhouse that the Mexicans had constructed in a mountain pass. The bandits fought desperately when they found they were trapped, and two escaped. When the American troops approached the blockhouse with the intention of searching it the Mexicans opened fire from portholes.

## CANADIAN HAY WANTED BY BRITAIN

**Old Country Can Absorb All  
Dominion Has For Export.**

A despatch from London says:—A grave shortage of the British hay crop has resulted in many urgent enquiries being placed with Canadian trade representatives here for supplies of Canadian hay. If Canada has any hay for export she can sell all of it over here. The Government spokesman stated in Parliament that the authorities were watching the hay situation carefully, and that if prices rose to an unreasonable level they would consider the advisability of fixing maximum prices. The Government would not, however, control the distribution of the year's hay crop.

## OVER 1,100 DIVORCES SOUGHT IN MANITOBA

**The Majority of Applicants Are  
Returned Soldiers.**

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—An announcement made at the law courts Thursday states that there are more than eleven hundred divorce applications filed for hearing when the Court of King's Bench opens for the fall sittings, September 15. Six judges will be occupied hearing the cases. In the majority of cases, the divorce applications are being made by soldiers, who have returned to find their wives have been unfaithful. The cost of obtaining a divorce is from \$200 up, according to lawyers.

## PRINCE INAUGURATES BATTLEFIELD PARK, QUEBEC

A despatch from Quebec says:—At 3 o'clock Friday afternoon the Prince, attended by his chief of staff and his suite, motored from the Citadel to the Montcalm monument on Lansdowne Park, where his Royal Highness deposited a wreath. He then proceeded along Grande Allee to the Battlefields Park, where he laid another wreath on the Wolfe monument and afterwards unfurled the Union Jack at the new flagstaff for the park.

## Tidings From Scotland.

Sir Lees Knowles, brother-in-law of Lord Strathpey, has received the Territorial Decoration.

Sergeant G. S. Adams, Seaforth, awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, is a native of Brora.

One of Glasgow's best known ship-owners passed away recently in the person of William Robertson. Baron Bailie J. A. Polson, Donat Bridge, has given £50 to the local Fallen Heroes' Memorial Fund.

The Order of the British Empire has been conferred on Provost D. S. Shaw, Fort William, Inverness.

The Croix de Guerre has been awarded to Sgt. Charles Raffan, D.C.M., of the 6th Gordon Highlanders.

The Regent Place U. F. Church, Glasgow, recently held their centenary celebration services.

The experiment of carrying parcels by special train cars in Glasgow has failed, owing to lack of public support.

Mr. Macpherson, who has been appointed Chief Inspector of Scotland Yard, is a native of Duinain Bridge, Morayshire.

A Mackie, M.A., master of mathematics and science at Tain Academy, has been appointed rector of that institution.

The death is announced at Dingwall of John Munro, who conducted a baker's business at Dingwall for nearly fifty years.

A tablet has been erected in the West End School, Elgin, in memory of the 117 old scholars who were killed in the war.

Lord Lovat has arranged to sell his estates at Stronolairg, Corriearth, Glendoe and Killin, comprising 50,550 acres.

The French Government has awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm to Sgt. R. Valentine, Seaforth, Loos, Flanders.

Maj. A. R. Munro, awarded the Territorial Decoration, is a brother of the Rt. Hon. Robert Munro, Secretary for Scotland.

Sergeant Robert Logie, Scottish Rifles, who has been awarded the D.C.M., is a son of the late James Logie, Port Gordon.

The death took place recently at the Preston Royal Infirmary of Nurse Jeannie Gibson, daughter of the late Bailie Gibson, Elgin.

## THE FIRST FOUNTAIN PEN.

**Invention of a Frenchman is Still in  
Use in Paris.**

A fountain pen made in 1864 is still in use in Paris. It was patented that same year by Jean Bachelier, an engineer, and the firm that still carries on the business founded by him asserts that this was the first fountain pen ever made.

Bachelier was the inventor of the gold pen with the ruby point, perhaps the most famous fountain pen ever put on the market. But it is necessarily expensive. In 1843 Bachelier substituted iridium as a point for his pens. At the same time he provided a reservoir for the ink. This was the germ from which grew the idea of storing ink in the handle.

Bachelier's fountain pen differs only slightly from our modern ones. It was self-filling, but the flow of ink was regulated by a little turn-screw on the side. This, however, was soon given up, as it became clogged.

It would be interesting to know what was the date of the earliest patent on a fountain pen in America or England.

## SIX MEN PERISH WHEN SHIPS MEET

**Schooner Francis A. is Rammed  
and Sunk South of Halifax.**

Halifax, Aug. 24.—The schooner Francis A., 83 tons, of Yarmouth, owned by Henry A. Ameral, of Yarmouth, was rammed and sunk by the steamer Lord Downshire, of Belfast, owned by the Ulster Steamship Company, of Belfast, with the result that six of her crew, including the captain, perished. The Francis A., in charge of Capt. Percy Ross, of Broad Cove, Digby County, left Yarmouth two weeks ago. She was engaged in fishing at the time of the collision, 120 miles south of Halifax, had a large catch, and was to have returned to Yarmouth to-night. The Lord Downshire was proceeding from Baltimore to Belfast with a general cargo, in command of Capt. McFarren, when the collision occurred, early Saturday evening.

Ukrainians Capture Kiev From the Bolshevik Forces

Copenhagen, Aug. 24.—A despatch received here from Beresina, in the Government of Minsk, says an airplane has reached there bringing advices from Kamnitz-Podolsky to the effect that General Fedura's Ukrainian troops have occupied Kiev, taken the whole of Podolia and large parts of Volhynia and the Government of Kiev. The advices add that Ukrainian armies are approaching the Dnieper River along the entire line.

## MISS PLANE GOLIATH HAS LANDED IN SAFETY

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French airplane Goliath has landed north of Dakar with a broken propeller. All on board are safe.

