

**Mail Contract**

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the twenty-third of March, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed contract for four years as required each way, between Brantford Post Office and Railway Stations from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Brantford.

Post Office Department, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, February 1917.

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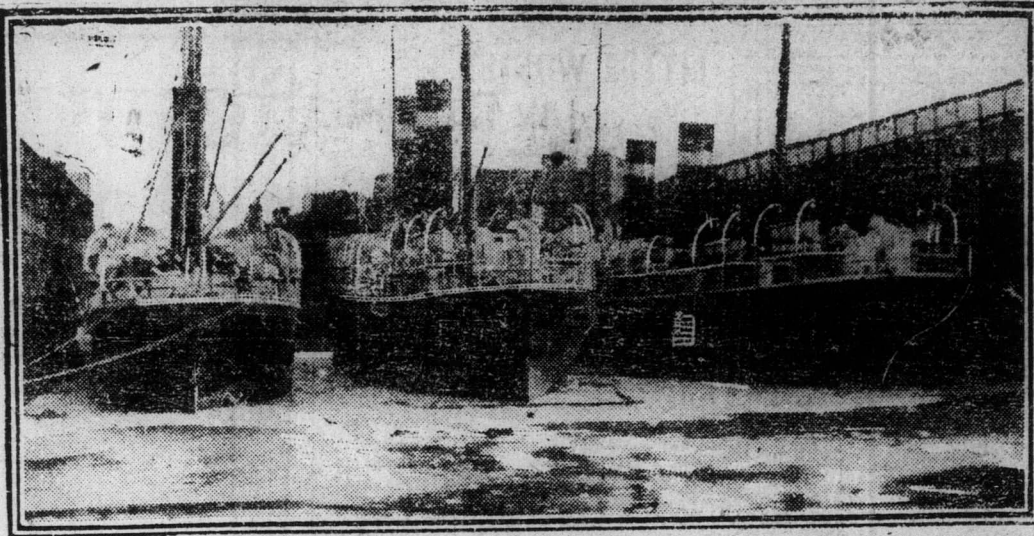
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The gas situation last night in Hamilton was more serious than at any time this winter, and unless there is an immediate abatement of the present severe weather stories of great distress and suffering may be looked for.

The following companies have been incorporated by Dominion charter: Superfeatures, Ltd., Toronto, \$50,000; T. F. Shurley Company, St. Catharines, \$200,000; G. F. Hodgins Company, Shawville, \$100,000; Hawthorne Mills, Ltd., Carleton Place, \$200,000; Loew's, Hamilton, Theatres, Toronto, \$1,000,000; Peerless Gold Mines, Ltd., Montreal, \$500,000.

**AMERICAN LINERS BLOCKADED BY THREAT**



The picture shows the large ocean liners New York, St. Paul and St. Louis being held at their piers until some decision is reached as to how they may be defended. Meantime no bookings are being taken. It is said the company would send ships out if they could get guns for them. The three liners have not been at their piers simultaneously since 1898, and their crews are having an unusual time fraternizing together.

**FIFTY THOUSAND AMERICANS ARE FIGHTING WITH THE ALLIES TODAY**

All Sons of U. S. Are Not Too Proud to Fight, But Many Make Gallant Soldiers; Deeds of Valor Wrought by Them

(London Evening Standard)

Very little has been told of the deeds and exploits of "neutral" adventurers who have joined the forces of the Allies. A little while ago the public were all moved by the story of Gallant Colonel Elkington, who enlisted as a private in the French Foreign Legion, and in and through that famous regiment hundreds of brave men, who cannot rest when fighting is afoot, have found their way to distinguished honors.

Many of these have been Americans, but not all have gone via the Legion into the area of battle. There is an entire American brigade with the Canadians, and many amongst the Canadian ranks are said to be really Americans enlisted as sons of the Dominion.

**Sons of Millionaires**

Recently Sir Rider Haggard was requested to write something to commemorate the deeds of thousands of brave Americans who have offered their lives "for liberty and humanity." It is said variously that their numbers total twenty, thirty, even fifty thousand.

The "Evening Standard" has been investigating the matter, and there is no doubt that the States has contributed individually a very choice and brave selection of her sons of freedom to the great crusade. Particulars and numbers are very difficult to get, as the total is broken up amongst the Canadians, British and French, but chiefly the enlistment seems to have been with the former and the latter.

Some of the volunteers have been members of well-known families and they include the sons of millionaires, and quite a happy little party of these American aristocrat soldiers was in London for Christmas, spending their time visiting well known gentlemen from the States, like Mr. Gordon Selfridge, and frequenting the clubs and meeting places where Americans used daily to congregate.

**Two Thaw Brothers**

William Thaw and Berta Hall (who has the Croix de la Guerre with three decorations) were among them. Thaw is of the well known Pittsburgh family. He has been flying for the French for two years, and has won the Legion of Honor. His brother, Lieut. Alex. B. Thaw, is also serving with the First Signal Corps.

William Thaw went over to America recently. They made some fuss of him. But he arrived looking "blue." The confounded boat had just missed the Yale-Princeton baseball match. However, he bucked up on learning that the Yale-Harvard match was due in a week's time, and he duly went to it—in an aeroplane.

He gave his friends to understand "without boasting," that the duty of the American aviators at the front was of the most dangerous nature.

The chief object when fighting the German aviator, he said, was to get Fritz over his own lines, so that his troops cannot use their anti-aircraft guns to assist him, and the duel is fought to the death. The Americans, he said, had brought down many German aviators since the war began, and he had brought down some himself.

He was wounded whilst fighting a German above the clouds. The German was done, and falling to the ground, when two other Germans came to his rescue, when Thaw had to descend, a bullet fired by the foremost German shattered his left elbow. He volplaned safely down, 800 yards within the line of the French trenches at Verdun.

**Harvard Men's Fate**

Poor Norman Prince was another well known American flying for the Allies. He had brought down his man and was flying home. The weather was very hazy and he was keeping low, and did not know there were telephone wires up. The machine caught in the wires, turned several somersaults and dived to earth, crushed the plucky aviator, who died from the effect of a clot of blood on the brain.

Allan Seeger and Kiffin Rockwell, both well known Harvard men, have been killed flying.

Lieut. Thaw considers the most dangerous country to fly over is Alsace. It was full of ravines. Sometimes after circling around for half an hour, an aviator would descend

only to find that what looked like an open field was a ravine.

**The Mayor Must Fight**

Another American hero, a soldier for the love of the fighting, is John Bowe. In peace times he is a commission agent of Minneapolis, and when the war broke out was mayor of his native town, Canby, Minn., and one of the live directors of the Minnesota branch of the League of American Municipalities. He volunteered as a soldier in the Foreign Legion, though forty years of age, resigning his honors and his various official positions. He had tasted fighting before, and in 1898, President McKinley recommended him for a Congressional medal.

**Fifty Thousand Take Two**

This is what the French official orders said of ex-Mayor Bowe, upon the occasion of his receiving recently the War Cross:

Bowe, an American citizen voluntarily active in the army, is the personification of the most absolute devotion on the front. Since May 29, 1915, he has always volunteered for dangerous positions and the most perilous posts.

He was wounded in the forehead by a shrapnel bullet, but regarding his wounds lightly, he hastened to the front again at the earliest moment, and greatly distinguished himself.

**Free Lodgings.**

Ernest Walbron, of Paterson, N. J., joined the French early in the war, and gained the Military Medal and the War Cross, with a brilliant citation in Army Orders. He was with his regiment on the Somme early in September, and was detached to accompany an English regiment attacking alongside the French.

He charged, was wounded in the knee, but fought on for sixteen hours. They took him to the rear. Gangrene developed in the wound, and Walbron lost his right leg above the knee.

His brother, Corporal Andrew Walbron, joined with him. Corporal Walbron is evidently there for the sheer lark of the thing. His letters home are of the humorous variety, in one he describes the music of the guns. "I have seen our 'baby 400's' (16-inch guns)," he says in one; "dainty things that speak with the voice of love and compel attention. They are mounted on trains, and shoot mostly at night, so that the Germans cannot spot them. I am lodged free of charge and entirely at German expense. With a squad, I occupy a German dug-out which had braved our first bombardment."

A Plucky Aviator

One day some French officers in an observation balloon saw one of their aeroplanes travelling on and on far within the German lines. It looked to be in a dangerous position, but, heedless of everything, they shot at it. Then suddenly an Aviator shot up from below, and a battle royal followed. Volley after volley was discharged. Then, to their dismay, the French plane quivered like a crippled bird, turned end on to earth, and nosed her way downward.

He was little more than a boy who was thus brought down. Paul Marfer, nineteen years of age. He had lived mostly in America, though born in France. When war broke out, he was desirous of helping the country in which he had first seen light, and started for home across the Atlantic.

He was too young for the army, but was admitted to train as an aviator, and trained at Pau with Paul Pavella, Dudley Hill, Lawrence Ramsey, and other American volunteer aviators. When he was ready the American squadilla needed no new pilots, and so, seizing an opportunity, he flew direct for France.

**From the Philippines**

Jean Huffert was Maffert's companion in many flying flights at the front. He was a New Yorker. Huffert reversed his friend's ill-fortune, bringing down his German within the Allied lines of the Somme front, after a tremendous duel. He went to the front as a motor ambulance driver, but the desire to be actually in the fighting quickly forced him into active warfare.

Not only have many Americans got the war fever, but that U.S.A. dependency of modern time, the Philippines, is also bitten. Huffert's present flying chum is Juan Roxas, of Manila, son of the largest land

**MARKETS**

<b>FRUITS</b>	Apples, Basket, small...	0 00 to 50
	Apples, Basket, large...	70 to 80
	Oranges, Basket...	50 to 60
<b>MEATS</b>	Bacon, side...	0 32 to 0 34
	Bacon, back...	0 34 to 0 36
	Beef, per lb...	0 18 to 0 22
	Beef, hinds...	0 14 to 0 16
	Turkeys...	35 to 40
	Geese...	1 75 to 2 00
	Chickens, each...	0 75 to 1 00
	Chickens, lb...	16 to 17
	Ducks...	0 80 to 1 00
	Dry Salt pork...	0 20 to 0 23
	Corned Beef...	0 20 to 0 23
	Kidneys...	0 10 to 0 12
	Live Hogs...	2 10 to 2 15
	Lamb...	10 40 to 0 00
	Smoked shoulder...	0 18 to 0 20
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Beans, quart...	0 08 to 0 10
	Beets, 3 bunches...	0 10 to 0 12
	Celery...	0 02 to 0 03
	Carrots, basket...	0 25 to 0 30
	Cauliflower...	0 15 to 0 20
	Foremash, bottle...	0 10 to 0 12
	Cabbage, each...	0 10 to 0 12
	Cabbage, doz...	0 50 to 0 60
	Potatoes, basket...	0 50 to 0 60
	Potatoes, bushel...	1 25 to 1 50
	Hotatoes, bag...	2 10 to 2 15
	Parasips, basket...	0 25 to 0 30
	Turnips, bushel...	0 50 to 0 55
<b>FISH</b>	Halibut, steak, lb...	0 20 to 0 25
	Pickled...	0 12 to 0 15
	Perch...	0 12 to 0 15
	Salmon...	0 12 to 0 15
	Whitefish, lb...	0 18 to 0 18
<b>DAIRY PRODUCTS</b>	Butter, heavy, lb...	0 46 to 0 48
	Butter, dairy, per lb...	0 44 to 0 46
	Eggs, per doz...	0 20 to 0 22
	Ice, comb, dozen...	0 25 to 0 30

**CHICAGO MARKETS**

By Courier Leased Wire.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Cattle receipts 3,000; market weak; native beef cattle \$7.85 to \$12; western steers, nom.; stockers and feeders \$8.25 to \$9.25; cows and heifers \$5.20 to \$10.40; calves \$9.75 to \$14; hogs, receipts 30,000; market slow; light \$11.60 to \$12.25; mixed \$11.95 to \$12.35; heavy \$11.95 to \$12.35; rough \$11.95 to \$12.05; pigs \$9.40 to \$10.85; bulk of sales \$12.10 to \$12.30; sheep, receipts 9,000; market slow; wethers \$11 to \$12.00; lambs, native \$12.40 to \$14.90.

**EAST BUFFALO MARKETS.**

East Buffalo, Feb. 16.—Cattle—Receipts 300; active and steady. Veals—Receipts 800; slow; \$5.00 to \$10.00, closing 50c lower. Hogs—Receipts 4,000; slow; heavy, \$12.90 to \$13.00; mixed, \$12.80 to \$12.90; yorkers, \$12.75 to \$12.80; light, \$11.50 to \$12.50; pigs, \$11.00 to \$11.50; roughs, \$12.00 to \$12.10; stags, \$9.50 to \$10.50. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 3,000, lambs slow; sheep steady; \$12.00 to \$15.50; yearlings, \$11.00 to \$14.50; wethers, \$12.00 to \$12.50; cows, \$6.00 to \$12.00; mixed sheep, \$12.00 to \$12.25.

owner in the Archipelago. Roxas is a very daring aviator and the hero of several battles with German aviators.

Elov Nilsen, of Milwaukee, was another volunteer from across the pond, and he lies in a foreign grave.

According to a story told by a friend of his, Sergeant Eugene Jacobs, a former butcher of Pan-tucket, who had himself served a year in the Foreign Legion before transferring to a line regiment, Nilsen charged the German positions along the line from Bethune to Bou-chavesnes, and fell wounded in a ravine.

He bandaged his wound, and then the youngster, only 21 years of age, thought he could risk getting back to a trench in the rear. He crept from his hole, and had to cross an exposed hillock. He was spotted and riddled with bullets from machine guns. He had been at the front since 1914, first in the Foreign Legion and afterwards in the line. He was twice mentioned in Army Orders for conspicuous bravery and was decorated with the War Cross.

**RAILWAY EMBARGO**

By Courier Leased Wire.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Representatives of thirty chief railroads, considering the car shortage situation here to-day, made a "gentlemen's agreement" to declare a virtual embargo against all shipments for export from eastern ports, to adopt a liberal use of "an intelligent embargo" against the eastbound domestic shipments, and to send empty cars west in solid trainloads as fast as possible.

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