

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Submarine boats are called under-sea boats in Germany. Hence the name "U-boat."

Our January thaw was late in arriving, but like "Old Granny," it finally got here.

The United States claims to now have an unsinkable ship. That's the kind she needs to get her big army in France.

Now that Russia is out of it, there is little left for Roumania but to make a separate peace, or be wiped off the map by the Central Powers.

The weather man and the fuel controller worked together very nicely on the heatless days. Aylmer did its share in conserving.

There is now no uncertainty in regard to Russia being completely out of the war, nor is there much doubt left as to Lenin and Trotsky being paid German agents.

And to think that all the time we were suffering from cold houses and practically cold stoves, there was just as much gas as there ever was at the source of supply. The company should carefully watch that breaks in the connections be repaired without delay.

The sinking of the Tuscania off the coast of Ireland, with the loss of 150 U. S. soldiers, seems to suggest that the movement of such ships is made known to the submarines by Pro-Germans in Ireland. She was under charter to the Cunard Line, but belonged to the Anchor Line, whose ships have been plying between New York and Glasgow since 1865, and is the last boat of the fleet left, all having been sunk by U-boats or mines since 1914.

While the announcement that there is to be no Provincial election until the war is over, and the soldiers return, may not suit a few rabid politicians on both sides, the province as a whole breathes with relief that we are not to undergo the turmoil and expense of an election now. The proposition to extend the life of the Legislature came from Mr. William Proudfoot, the new leader of the Opposition, in a dignified, friendly and practical speech, which won the admiration of the House, no less than did that of Premier Hearst, when he later concurred in the proposal. It was understood that the extension is to be considered as a new mandate from the people.

Last Tuesday was the anniversary of the birth of Lincoln, the most picturesque figure of the American presidents, and the first of the three who met death by assassination. Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, is observed at a legal holiday in all the States, but only twenty-three so observe Lincoln's. Attempts in Congress to have it a national holiday have always proved fruitless. Post-offices named after Washington, number twenty-eight; after Lincoln, twenty-three, and after Roosevelt, fifteen. His grandfather, Abraham Lincoln, sold his farm in Virginia, in 1780, for \$45,000, which would make him a rich man in those days. He moved to Kentucky, where he took up 1,300 acres of land, and undertook to clear a farm, but in 1788, while working in the woods, he was shot by an Indian, leaving a family unable to do or pay for the work necessary. His personal estate was valued at \$69, the principal items being one horse at \$8, one at \$24, a red cow and calf at \$44, and a brindle cow and calf at the same figure. Two feather beds and furniture were listed at \$14. His eldest son, Mordecai, inherited nearly all his estate. The youngest son, Thomas, the father of the future president, got practically nothing, and at 10 years of age, without having any school advantages, became a chore boy for the farmers in his district, and his sister a "hired girl." Later he learned carpentering in the shop of Joseph Hanks, and

made love to his niece, Nancy, whom he married when he was 28 years old.

A famous race horse was later named after her. She was a refined woman, well educated for that time and district, but of a very sensitive, brooding nature, and totally unsuited for the wife of an uneducated pioneer, of those days. The wedding feast was a great one, and the whole neighborhood was welcome to partake of it. In meats, they had bear, sheep, venison, wild turkeys and ducks, and in beverages, coffee, whiskey, syrup in big gourd, and a mixture of peach and honey. Lincoln wore a pair of suspenders, which cost him \$1.50, besides the usual adornments of a groom. Suspenders were a distinctive adornment in that neighborhood. After the birth of their first child, a daughter, the Lincolns moved to a farm he had bought in 1803, near Hodginsville, Kentucky, and it was here, in a one-roomed cabin, which had no windows, and only a rude door, that the little Abraham Lincoln was born. Although his surroundings were poor, he lay on a comfortable feather bed, which as an index of wealth would then compare with the ownership of an automobile now—among those hardy pioneers, whose houses were of the same type as the land, which was not suitable for farming, and poverty was the rule. Mrs. Lincoln took pains to teach her children, especially in Scripture, as only itinerant teachers and preachers came to that district, and not very regularly. Young Abraham's favorite book was Deem's Life of Washington, a glorified account of the life of the Father of his country, which he received for doing chores for a neighbor. In 1816 they moved to Indiana by wagon, and the boy, then 7 years old, helped with an axe to clear a field for corn. At first they lived in a tent, then built a one-room cabin with a loft above, and the boy slept on a heap of dry leaves in this loft, which he reached by the use of pegs driven in the wall. Potatoes were often the only food on the table, and were sometimes eaten raw. In 1818 his mother died, and not long after, his father went back to Kentucky, and returned with a new wife, a widow with three children. She was well provided with furniture, was a woman of thrift and energy, and made a good stepmother. No minister being available for the interment of Thomas Lincoln's first wife, the memorial, or funeral service was not held until after he had remarried, which was attended by all the new family. As this should be a Lincoln year in Europe, and a great monument of him has been presented to London, England, we will probably in future issues give further details of his life, as his neighbors knew it. While it is generally thought his work was for the emancipation of slaves, he said in 1862 that such was not the case, but for the preservation of the Union. Considerable objection has been made as to the monument which is to be placed in the likeness for the fastidious Americans who think something more artistic should be placed in London and the present one consigned to the middle west where he was born although the leading artists of America consider it a very fine specimen of the Sculptor's art.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

At the business meeting of Knox church on Wednesday evening of last week it was decided to give their pastor, Rev. L. A. Muttitt, an increase in salary of \$200, making his salary \$1400 per annum.

Mrs. Wm. Feeley, of Walkerville, passed away on Monday last, aged 75 years. Deceased for many years resided at Glencoln, where she enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who had the privilege of her acquaintance. Her death was the result of a fall on the icy sidewalk last December, resulting in a bad fracture of the hip. She was taken to the hospital at Windsor, where she received the most skillful treatment procurable, without result. One daughter and two sons survive her, as follows: Mrs. Benj. Bates, Aylmer; Colonel Feeley, Walkerville, with whom deceased made her home since the death of her husband nearly a quarter of a century ago; and Wm. Feeley, of Bay City, Mich. Mrs. Bates was with her mother at the end. The remains were taken to Hamilton for interment yesterday. Many old friends here will hear of her demise with sincere regret.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Louis Charles Davenport, M. C. R. fireman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davenport, of Aylmer, who was fatally injured and died at Montrose on Friday, February 1st, 1918, in his 22nd year.

With deep sympathy for the family in the sad and unexpected loss of their dear one the following lines were written and handed to Mrs. E. M. Davenport by her sister, Mrs. W. F. Fairbrother.

You mourn the loss of your dear son and brother. You grieve when you think of the past.

The dear one, no more you behold him, Your joys were too sweet to last. Oh, yes, you do miss him, the dear son and brother.

At morning, at evening and noon, He was snatched from among you so quickly.

And hurried away to the tomb. How little we thought when we saw him,

That so cruel a fate would o'er take him, Just three short weeks ago to the day

And his spirit called in that way. Oh, death, what art thou but a dart,

That will sting, but a short space of time. And hurry us off to the tomb,

Though we seem to be just in our prime. Oh, dear ones, could you but cease mourning,

For God is the Giver of All. He only but takes what he gave you,

And you know we must all have a call.

CIRCUIT CONVENTION AT RICHMOND

The Circuit Convention held in the Richmond Methodist church on Friday last, was a decided success.

The afternoon session was devoted to Sunday School work, and the evening session to Epworth League work.

Three splendid addresses were given by Dr. A. B. Riddell, Mrs. Bruce Harper, and Rev. C. R. Gower, in the afternoon which were followed by discussions in which everyone took part.

Three splendid addresses were given in the evening by Mrs. Frank Powers, Mr. Glenn Marr, and Rev. W. K. Hager.

Others taking part in the program were Mrs. Willard Bowen and Mrs. Harry Godwin, the Misses Vera Lear, Lottie Horn, and Pearl Stephens, Messrs. Walter Marchant, War-

ren Evans, Walter Benner, Geo. Pro-

curier, and Clayton Haines.

The choir of the three appointments, Fairview, Summers' Corners and Richmond, filled the choir loft in the evening.

Although the evening was very disagreeable, there was a good attendance.

BABYLON DID NOT FALL AS BOOK OF DANIEL SAYS

In order to make his reproduction of ancient Babylon in "Intolerance," as historically as possible, D. W. Griffith employed for months, research experts to examine the sun-baked cylinders and tablets of Nabonidus and Cyrus excavated from the ruins of this famous old world city. In their quest these experts discovered that Babylon did not fall according to the book of Daniel, but was betrayed into the hands of Cyrus, the Persian, by Bel, the high priest, an act of treachery prompted by the worship of the goddess Ishtar by Belshazzar and his people.

These experts failed to find among the excavated records of Babylon any authority for the "handwriting on the wall" incident as told in the book of Daniel, and that is why Mr. Griffith did not include this incident in his reproduction of the fall of Babylon and the thrilling events that led up to it.

For its truthfulness to fact and accuracy in detail "Intolerance" has been enthusiastically praised by those eminent Assyrian authorities Rev. Dr. Archibald Henry Sayce, of Oxford, and Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania.

This mammoth spectacle, accompanied by a big orchestra, will be shown in the Star Theatre, Aylmer, next Saturday night. See advt. in this issue for particulars.

U. S. WILL PROVIDE CORN FOR CANADA

War Trade Board Has Apportioned Enough to Meet Monthly Requirements.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The food controller announced Wednesday that arrangements had been made with the authorities at Washington under which the United States War Trade Board has apportioned to Canada sufficient corn to meet the monthly requirements of this country. This corn will be moved just as quickly as the transportation situation will permit. The bureau of licenses of the food controller's office, in turn, has apportioned part of this corn among

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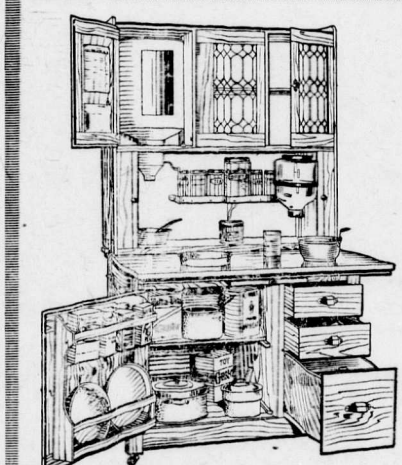
In addition to the corn, specifically allocated by the food controller the war trade board will allow shipments into Canada of single cars of corn when purchased by Canadian farmers. When a farmer buys a car of corn it is unnecessary, therefore, for him to secure a permit from the food controller. Dealers, however, must

secure permits, and applications may be made by telegraph or letter to the food controller's office.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all neighbors and friends who have been so kind to us during our sad bereavement also the B. of L. F. & E. and friends, who being unable to be with us sent messages of sympathy.

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