

MANITOBA WINTER FAIR AND FAT STOCK SHOW DATE MARCH 3-8

Directors Decide That Winter Fair Must Be Better Than Ever Before—Increase Premium List and Plan To Secure Many New Features

The dates of the next Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show in Brandon will be March 3-8, 1919.

This decision was arrived at in a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show Association held in the Winter Fair Building on Friday. Most of the time was taken up with revising and extending the prize lists. Now that the war is over, the directors decided that the premium list should be of a still more elaborate scale than formerly and that they shall exert themselves to make the coming Winter Fair bigger and better than ever before in its history.

The executives of the Manitoba Horse, Cattle, Sheep and Swine Associations, respectively also met here on Friday. It was decided that during the week of the Brandon Winter Fair, the cattle breeders hold their annual bull sale, when a number of female pure bred animals will also be put under the hammer. J. I. Moffatt will sell forty head of pure bred Hereford cattle, and W. H. English, of Harding, will put up for auction, forty head of pure bred Shorthorns. The Swine Breeders Association will also put on a sale.

At a joint session held in the evening, preparations were made for the annual convention of the Manitoba Live Stock Breeders Association to be held in Brandon on January 6-8.

NEARLY MILLION AND HALF FRENCH KILLED DURING WAR

Deputy Declares He Discloses No Secret When Making This Statement

1,400,000 KILLED

French Said to Have Mobilized 6,000,000 Men—Problems of Demobilization

Paris, Dec. 21.—French soldiers to the number of 1,400,000 were killed during the war, according to a statement by Socialist Deputy Vollen in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon during an interpellation of the government on demobilization.

Deputy Vollen asked that the soldiers be returned to the soil and factories without delay, and continued: "I betray no secret when I say that the problem of demobilization presents itself thus: We mobilized 6,000,000 men; we had about 1,400,000 killed, while 800,000 recovered from wounds; we are going to demobilize 1,200,000 reserves, territorial, and heads of families."

THIRTEEN HORSES ENTERED FOR RACES CHRISTMAS DAY

Track on the Assiniboine River in First Class Condition—Three Events

The prospects are that there will be some interesting events in the horse racing program on the Assiniboine river on the afternoon of Christmas Day. The track is in good condition and should the present spell of mild weather continue, there is likely to be an unusually large number of spectators. The races will commence promptly at two o'clock in the afternoon. There will be three events and the list of entries is as follows:

Free-or-all: Donell, owned by J. Cochran; Wayne Elder, owned by S. Nixon; Broncho Bill, J. McGregor; Red Wing Geers, owned by L. Nelles, and Nida, owned by Hedges.

Class A.—Little Fred, owned by J. C. Irving; Dickenza, J. Domplier; Red Dan, E. Rowe; Goldie, R. Carson.

Class B.—Chore Girl, Matt Clark; Bessie B., R. Mason; Steve R., E. Rice, and May-Be-Good, owned by Marston.

CZECH SLOVAKS GAIN CONTROL OF GERMAN BOHEMIA

Prague, Dec. 21.—With the occupation of Eger and Reichenberg, the Czech-Slovaks seem to have all German Bohemia cut off from German-Austria. German-Bohemia is unable to resist since the Austrian army does not exist.

WILLIAM RECOVERS FROM HIS ILLNESS

Amerongen, Holland, Dec. 21.—Former Emperor William, who has been ill during the present week, was able to walk about the castle grounds this morning, taking advantage of a few hours' fine weather. He was confined to his bed since last Sunday. The emperor appeared to have recovered from his chill, and while his affection still troubled him, it is understood to have been greatly alleviated.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE OPENS JANUARY 23RD

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Manitoba Legislature will meet for its fourth session, Jan. 23rd, 1919, it is officially announced at the Parliament Buildings.

TWO NEGRO WOMEN TWO MEN LYNCHED BY SOUTHERN MOB

Mobile, Alabama, Reports That Four Bodies Dangle From Bridge Girders

MURDER OF DOCTOR

Is the Crime Charged Against the Negroes—Mob Broke Into Mississippi Jail

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 21.—Four negroes, two of them women accused of the murder of Dr. E. I. Johnson, here last week, were taken from the jail at Shubuta, Mass., Friday night and lynched, according to information received in Mobile. The four are reported to have been hanged to the girders of a bridge spanning the Chickasaw river.

BRITISH SUPPLIED ESTHONIA WITH MUNITIONS OF WAR

Swedish Fleet in Estonian Waters While "Jack" Bombed the Bolsheviks

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—While the British fleet was bombarding Bolshevik forces near Revel, on the Gulf of Finland a Swedish fleet occupied Estonian waters. The British warships have not landed troops, but supplied the Estonian forces with arms and ammunition.

MURDER AND SUICIDE SUSPECTED AT PORTAGE

Portage la Prairie, Dec. 21.—Charles Gunn, aged 50 years, an Austrian by birth, a registered alien enemy, but who has always been regarded as one of the best citizens in the foreign population of the city, is in the hospital recovering from self-inflicted wounds, while his son, Nicholas, 12 years of age, is dead as a result of wounds presumably inflicted by the father. It has every appearance of a murder and suicide.

LIEUT. A. W. MEADOWS HOPES TO BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Another home to be gladdened by the return of a soldier son from overseas this Christmas is that of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Meadows, Sixteenth street. The parents have received word that their son, Lieut. Alfred W. Meadows, arrived at Halifax on Friday night and expects to be home by Christmas. Another brother, C. H. Meadows, has just finished his lieutenant's course in England and writes to say that he will be back home at the earliest opportunity.

GERMAN-AUSTRIA TO FIND OUT WHO CAUSED THE WAR

Vienna, Dec. 21.—The National Assembly of German-Austria has adopted a bill ordering an investigation into the question of who was actually responsible for the war, and prescribing the proceedings to be taken against its authors.

MOTHER LOSES ONE SON, RECOVERS ONE REPORTED KILLED

Mrs. D. Tindall Receives Croix de Guerre Won By Her Heroic Dead Son

OTHER SON RESTORED

Pte. Wm. Tindall, Reported Killed, Turned up in English Hospital, is Coming Home

To have one son killed in action and to receive the Croix de Guerre awarded to him for his gallantry at the Battle of Amiens and through this news to find that her other son, whom she had not seen for over five years prior to the outbreak of the war was alive, has been the experience of Mrs. D. Tindall, 126 Fourteenth street.

This week Mrs. Tindall received the French Croix de Guerre awarded her son, the late Sergt.-Major Steven Tindall, 425417, with a letter from the Lieut.-Col. commanding the First C.M.R. Battalion stating that it was awarded him for "gallantry in action at the Battle of Amiens during the month of August, 1918. A letter was also received from the French Commandant of Infantry of the 57th Division, giving an account of the splendid work accomplished by the late Sergt.-Major while under heavy fire. A translation of the contents of this letter, which was written in French, follows:

"Perceiving an enemy group which had spread out behind the British lines, and by its firing was causing serious losses, Sergt.-Major Tindall approached it, creeping, killed two Germans, and took back two others as prisoners."

The late Sergt.-Major Tindall enlisted as a Private with the 45th Battalion, January 12th, 1915, and went overseas in March, 1916, reaching France that same Spring with a draft of the First C.M.R.s. He was wounded September, 1916, but returned to the trenches in November, where he was on duty until June, when he broke his fingers. Upon recovery from this mishap, he again returned to the trenches and made the supreme sacrifice last November.

Through the news of her son being killed, Mrs. Tindall also learned that another son, Private Charles William Tindall, whom she had not seen for over five years and believed to be dead was still alive. An aunt, who resides in Blackpool, England, had written a letter to Sergt. Tindall. The boy being dead, the letter was returned, and Mrs. Hobbs went to Liverpool to the firm for whom this soldier used to work, to tell them of his death. They told her that Private Charles William Tindall, who had been reported killed in action in an old country paper, but not in the casualty list, was alive and a patient in the Kirkdale Hospital, Liverpool. Private Tindall, whom his mother has not seen for many years, was working in the United States, but came to Canada to enlist and go overseas. Just recently he was returned to Canada from overseas, and is in an Ontario hospital. He expects to get his discharge soon, and will visit his mother in Brandon.

HINDENBURG PLANS ARE ACCEPTED BY THE GERMAN GOVT.

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B.C. TROOPS TO GO HOME BY WAY OF PANAMA CANAL

London, Dec. 21.—The Canadian headquarters state that British Columbia troops will go home via the Panama Canal. Several thousand soldiers will therefore reach home without rail travel across Canada.

BRANDON TO BE HEADQUARTERS OF MOUNTED POLICE

Two Hundred Officers in Manitoba to Have Their Headquarters Here

NORRIS HAS PROMISE

Premier Communicates Information to Alderman-elect A. L. Hall

Brandon is to be the headquarters of the two hundred Mounted Policemen who are to undertake the administration of law and order in this Province.

As recently announced, the strength of the Mounted Police Force, West of the Great Lakes is to be increased to twelve hundred men. Of this force, two hundred are to be allocated for duty in the Province of Manitoba.

Premier Norris has the unofficial assurance of the Minister that the headquarters for the force will be Brandon. Mr. A. L. Hall, alderman-elect, received this information from Premier Norris.

AUSTRIA APPEALS TO ALLIES TO OCCUPY HUNGARIAN CAPITAL

Internal Disturbances Prove Too Much For Austro-Hungarian Authorities

Paris, Dec. 21.—The Zurich newspapers today printed a Vienna dispatch carrying a report that the Austrian Government "in order to avoid fresh disturbances," has asked the Allied authorities to occupy the Austro-Hungarian capital. The sending of French, British and American troops for this purpose was requested.

POST DISCHARGE PAY OF FIGHTING MEN TO BE DOUBLED

Proposal is to Give Extra Money to Men Who Have Served on Fighting Front

THE BRITISH PLAN

Is to Give Men Bonus According to Length of Their Service

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Government, it is said, proposes to double the post discharge pay of men who have been actually on the fighting front. In the past three months, post discharge pay in accordance with rank was provided for. This was to apply to all without vice or the nature thereof. In England, distinction or regard for length of service on the other hand, provision is made for the payment of 240 days' post discharge pay for one year's service in France with 62 days' additional pay for every year or portion thereof thereafter.

In Canada it is now proposed to give six months' post discharge pay instead of three months, as formerly decided on. If this is applied uniformly and not merely to fighting men, it will involve an expenditure of \$90,000,000 instead of \$45,000,000.

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HUN AMBASSADOR SUCCEEDS DR. SOLF

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—Count Von Brockdorf Rantzau, German Minister to Denmark, has been appointed Foreign Minister for Germany, succeeding Dr. W. Solf.

WON CROIX DE GUERRE.



The late Sergt.-Major S. Tindall awarded the French Croix de Guerre for his gallant actions under fire. The medal was received by his mother, Mrs. D. Tindall, 126 Fourteenth street. Sergt.-Major Tindall was a member of the 45th Battalion, later transferring to the First C.M.R.s.

WILSON CONFIDENT JUST OUTCOME OF PEACE CONFERENCE

President of United States Looks For Just and Reasonable Solution of Problems

EARN WORLD GRATITUDE

For the Most Critical and Necessary Service Statesmen Will Render the World

Paris, Dec. 21.—"I am confident that the big council of the statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems that will be presented to them, and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered it," said President Wilson in an interview on Friday, referring to the approaching peace conference.

LT. E. C. WHITEHEAD, M.C., TO REACH HOME SUNDAY

Lieut. Ernest C. Whitehead, M.C., who arrived at Halifax last Sunday from overseas on the "Minnehaha," is expected to reach Winnipeg today and will be home Sunday afternoon on the five o'clock train. Lieut. Whitehead went overseas in 1916 with the Chums Battalion, and was for some time in France where he was wounded, August 28th, 1918. He was awarded the Military Cross last month for his gallant actions on the field. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitehead, left today for Winnipeg to meet the returning hero.

LARGE PART BRITISH FLEET MAY VISIT THE DOMINIONS AND U.S.

Soon as Possible After the Signing of the Treaty of Peace

TO ADVISE GOVERNMENTS

Admiral Viscount Jellicoe to Visit Dominions and India in Advisory Capacity

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported that the Admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet, commanded by Admiral Sir David Beatty, should visit the United States. It is asserted, however, that no date for the visit has been fixed, but that it is understood that it will be made immediately after peace has been signed; subsequently the fleet will make a tour of the British dominions.

The War Cabinet and Admiralty, on the suggestion of the ministers of the dominions, have decided that Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, former chief of the naval staff, shall visit the Dominions and India in February to advise the respective authorities on naval matters.

BRANDON SOLDIERS REACH WINNIPEG THIS EVENING

Information has been received by the Returned Soldiers' Association that the following Brandon men will arrive in Winnipeg tonight from overseas: F. W. Johnson, 337 Princess avenue; W. S. Dorsey, formerly 362 Twelfth street; J. H. Mout, 306 Park street; J. McNish, 418 Twenty-fourth street; F. Higgins, 662 Tenth street; G. Dawson, 1104 First street; H. O. Patterson, 1020 Seventh street; A. Maxwell, 146 Eleventh street, and A. Darlington, 237 Twelfth street.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS RESIGN FROM THE ARMY COMMITTEE

Because President of Committee Refused to Call Premier Clemenceau to Interpret

Paris, Dec. 21.—Nine Socialist members of the Chamber of Deputies resigned from the Army Committee of the Chamber yesterday, because Deputy Renault, President of the Committee, refused to call Premier Clemenceau for interpretation on the demobilization of the German army.

HUNS WANT ALLIES TO RETIRE FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY

Propose to Hold Elections in Germany Next Month—Hence the Present Request

Paris, Dec. 21.—The Soldiers and Workmen's Congress at Berlin has adopted a motion providing for opening negotiations with the Allies for the liberation of occupied territories in order to prepare for the holding of elections next month.

MANY SOLDIERS RETURNED FRIDAY FROM OVERSEAS

Great Disappointment Over Failure of Winnipeg to Make Known Arrangements

CAME ON ODD TRAINS

Nine Men Arrived on Belmont Train Over the Canadian Govt. Railway

A large crowd of relatives and friends met all trains including the special on the Canadian Government Railway on Friday in the hopes of welcoming home their soldiers from overseas. Representatives of the Returned Soldiers' Association and the Great War Veterans were also present, and those who did arrive were sent to their homes in cars provided by the R.S.A. or in the case of those passing through were guests of the R.S.A. for the night.

It was a great disappointment when the special on the Canadian Government Railway arrived shortly after two o'clock and only three men got off for Brandon. No information could be obtained as to when another train would come in, but it was learned that no other special was scheduled to arrive. Subsequent word disclosed the fact that a number of men from Brandon had been sent from Winnipeg by way of Morris and Belmont to this city, and would arrive on the Belmont train at six. Many met the afternoon train and not obtaining information as to the arrival of other trains, went home, with the result that at least one soldier had no relatives to meet him.

On the mid-day train from Winnipeg, Private E. Tessier, of Saskatchewan, arrived on his way to visit friends in Somerset, Man. Private Tessier went overseas with the 184th Battalion. He was the guest of the R.S.A. for the night.

In the afternoon a special to Regina, Sask., on the C.G.R., brought three Brandon men home from overseas. Private H. Hoff, 152416, of the 79th Battalion, who was formerly employed by the Manitoba Government Telephones in this city. His wife and family reside at 542 Twenty-second street. He was wounded in 1916 and has been receiving treatment in various English hospitals since that time.

Private C. W. Lucas, 502749, who also arrived on this train, went overseas with the 34th Battalion. His wife and children reside in Suite 3, Commercial Block.

Private W. J. Smith was the third soldier to come home on the special. His wife and family reside at 923 Twelfth street.

Nine soldiers returned home on the Belmont train. They included Privates C. F. Baker, F. Stock, F. Wilkinson, A. Jones, A. Croxford, H. Hawkesworth, H. Parry, S. M. Ling, and Trooper G. Stevenard.

Private C. F. Baker is the son of Mr. J. D. Baker, South Brandon. Mr. Baker came in to meet his son in the afternoon and was keenly disappointed when he did not arrive on the special. Not knowing that the Belmont train would bring Brandon soldiers home, he did not meet it, and so Private Baker had to wait awhile for his welcome home from his relatives.

Private F. Stock has been three years overseas and was just wounded once. He went overseas with the 226th Battalion and has seen much service in France. His wife and family reside at 427 Eleventh street.

Private Frank Wilkinson came from England in 1907 and was employed for

FRESH AIR AND SUNLIGHT BEST FLU PREVENTATIVES

No Thought of Putting on Ban in Brandon—Conclusions Reached at Convention

INOCULATION NO GOOD

Dr. Fraser, Chairman Provincial Board of Health, Addresses a Brandon Audience

There is not much danger of the ban being again put on theatres and churches in Brandon, though billiard and pool rooms may be closed during an epidemic.

There was no discussion among the doctors at the Chicago convention regarding the value of the quarantine, but some people make a slavery of it. Sprays and gargles are no good. The germ that causes the disease has not been discovered.

Before the disease has run its course, it will have caused more deaths than the four years of war. Masks are useless.

Inoculation is no good. The most that can be said in its favor is that it can do no harm.

Cleanliness, fresh air and plenty of God's sunlight are the great essentials in fighting the flu.

The worst persons in any community are those who fail to report cases of the disease.

Sneezing and coughing are the most common ways of disseminating the disease.

Such in brief were the pointers Dr. M. S. Fraser, Chairman of the Provincial Board of Health, gave in an address outlining the conclusions arrived at in the big medical convention in Chicago, at the public meeting held in the City Hall on Friday night.

Influenza the Great Topic

At the outset of the address, Dr. Fraser spent considerable time explaining the composition of the various committees, and declared that during the convention whatever other subject was under discussion, the Spanish Influenza would be sure to crop up. Preconceived ideas were shattered all along the line. It was said that while there was much great faith in the use of masks, experience taught that they were useless. It was freely admitted that no one knew the had been found in the serum but it was proven that they accompanied one stage of the disease but were not the cause of it.

With respect to vaccine, the evi-

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COMMITTEE FORMED TO ORGANIZE SALE OF THRIFT STAMPS

Have you begun to collect Thrift Stamps or War Savings Stamps? If you haven't, the time to begin is now, before you are checked up by the members of the Brandon executive branch of the National War Savings Committee. This committee, which was formed here Friday night as a result of the visit to Brandon of Mr. John Galt, President of the Union Bank of Canada, who is chairman of the National War Savings Committee of Manitoba.

The Brandon executive committee selected at a meeting at the Prince Edward Hotel Friday night, consists of the following gentlemen, with others who probably will be added at an organization meeting to be held tonight: Messrs. A. Sheehan, W. I. Smale, J. S. Willmott, H. J. Fagan, A. E. McKenzie, Kenneth Campbell, Alfred White and J. F. Kilgour.

Friday night's meeting at the Prince Edward was a very representative one, about twenty-five members of Brandon's commercial and financial circles being present. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Galt, who made a forcible plea on behalf of the appeal of the Government to patriotic citizens to assist in spreading the doctrine of profitable saving through the method made easy by the purchase of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

Bruce Campbell, Secretary of the Provincial organization, followed with an outline of the method of organization to be pursued, while Mr. Douglas J. Scott who is well remembered in Brandon in connection with the Red Cross campaign in this part of the province, put it directly up to the people of this city to take a prominent part in the organization of the thrift movement throughout the whole of Western Manitoba.

The meeting of the provisional executive called for eight o'clock tonight at the Prince Edward Hotel will include a number of other citizens who will be invited to join the Brandon district committee.

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