

Local And Other Items

Latest war news is good. The Allies are still pushing the Germans back.

Six thousand persons were killed or injured in an explosion at the Krupp works in June according to letters taken from prisoners captured on the Picardy front.

A British tank steamer sunk a German submarine after a running battle, three hundred miles north east of Nantucket, according to members of Tankers crew.

The decision to send Canadians to Russia should serve to increase the interest of our people in events in that unhappy country. It will also bring Canadian soldiers into intimate touch with practically every phase of the struggle in Europe.

Steps to protect the fishing fleet of Newfoundland from raiders have been taken by the U. S. navy. Secretary Daniels announced the other day that where the vessels operate in fleets, as is the general custom, naval patrol boats hereafter will accompany them to the banks and there maintain guard.

Reports from the west concerning the condition of the crops are more hopeful than for some time past. In the west folk seem inclined to paint things either in too bright or too gloomy colors. Sometimes, as the Montreal Gazette remarks, the brightest expectations are justified. The gloomy ones are not very often realized.

Among the persons called upon to pay income tax are some longshoremen in New York, who, Collector Edwards finds, have been earning from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year. Their task is most laborious, but their recompense has been high. The earners of the \$3,000 and more may not realize it, but they are in their way capitalists.

Outfitted with "billies," revolvers and handcuffs New York's first uniformed police-women, six in number, went on duty on Aug. 16. Commissioner Earhart announcing the appointments, said four other women would be named for regular police duty. They will pay special attention to the welfare of the girls.

Westminster Abbey was struck squarely by a bomb dropped during a Zeppelin raid over London, August 1. But the bomb failed to explode, according to Norman G. Hart, an Englishman who arrived on this side in a British steamer. Five Zeppelins participated in the raid, Hart said, two of which were brought down in flames.

A railway more than 130 miles in length behind the French front has been built in less than one hundred days and the other day was opened for traffic. Its purpose is to improve the communications between the northern parts of the northern railway system. The construction of the line involved the building of two important bridges, and a tunnel some 375 yards in length.

A farm tractor which is declared to be more easily handled than a team of horses, and which in actual test performed some really remarkable feats, has been sold by its inventor, Leo McCloskey of Maidstone township, to a Detroit firm at a price said to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The deal was closed after experts had seen the tractor operated for an hour on the McCloskey farm.

A squadron of cavalry, to be furnished by the Northwest Mounted Police, will form part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force to Siberia. The squadron commander has not yet been appointed. Although the composition of the Force has not yet been determined in detail, it is understood that it will comprise all arms of the Service. The aim is to make it entirely self-contained with its own medical and auxiliary units.

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Tens of thousands of houses in Berlin are said to be vacant. The palace at Potsdam will be the next.

The temperature in Toronto on the 13th mounted to 102, the record for this year. There were five cases of heat prostration.

The advisability of one supreme command of all the Central Powers at the front is being discussed at German general headquarters, according to the "Neue Freie Press."

Butter is quoted at \$10 per pound in Austrian cities, and there is a pronounced shortage in all foods. It will be a long time before the subjects of the dual monarchy can truthfully say they are "fed up" on this war.

Lord Burnham, proprietor of the London Daily Telegraph, gave a dinner on Aug. 15 to the Dominion newspapermen who have been visiting Great Britain. Cordial speeches congratulating the Dominion press services to the Empire were delivered.

After six unsuccessful attempts a Canadian soldier escaped from a German prison camp and walked 200 miles to freedom. The Regina Leader tells the story and gives the name of the man—Archibald Corker. And yet we hear people ask, "What's in a name?"

Commencing with an explosion in a freight car, fire broke out at the G. T. R. freight sheds near the Central Station, Ottawa, early on the evening of Aug. 16 and completely destroyed them with 28 cars, 20 of which were loaded. The loss is estimated at \$90,000 to \$100,000.

All Alien enemies over the age of sixteen years are now required to register under the Alien regulations. Previously the regulations required only Aliens of enemy nationality of Military age and having no permanent place of residence or abode in Canada to register.

Major General Newburn, Canadian Minister of Militia, has telegraphed General Currie warmest congratulations on "your brilliant success. A steady flow of reinforcements from Canada will support you in your efforts." General Currie replied: "Your message of congratulations sincerely appreciated by all ranks. Canada's support thorough."

The Director of Public Information has issued a neat booklet entitled "Canada's war effort, 1914-1918," which presents in a form hitherto lacking just what Canada has contributed in men, money and munitions. Excellent tables show at a glance how really great has been the Dominion's response to the calls made on her.

In order to provide for the continuity of the deliberations between the representatives of Great Britain and the Dominions, the Imperial War Cabinet has decided that each Dominion shall be represented by a minister stationed permanently in London. The Imperial War Cabinet will meet from time to time with these ministers as members.

Under forced conditions and at nominal pay, the Germans are selling many beautiful French chateaux and homes in Alsace. Prince William of Hohenzollern has just bought the "Chateau de Baron de Pruisere, near Mulhausen. The German Crown Prince already has bought two places at ridiculously low prices, and is said to be negotiating for another.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Right Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, in a statement issued on the 15th, announced that the subscriptions for National War Bonds had reached the stupendous figure of one billion. Hitherto the world's record was held by the great War Loan of 1917, yielding \$948,450,000. "Most remarkable is the fact that the great result was achieved by regular, continuous week by week investment," said the Chancellor. Consequently we avoided the distraction of the money market and the upheaval of credit, which after a great loan renders it impossible to issue another loan for many months.

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According to Ottawa advices of the 19th, sixteen thousand infantry and other drafts have crossed safely from Canada to Britain.

Word comes from Sherbrooke, Que that M. H. Prouly, former Governor of Vermont, was killed when the automobile in which he was riding was struck by a Grand Trunk train near Waterville, on Aug. 20.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was on Sunday decorated by Premier Clemenceau with the French Military Medal at headquarters in the field. The award was made on the recommendation of Marshal Foch.

Aeroplane Brings Mail

The first mail carried by aeroplane in Canada arrived at the Ottawa post office at 3:30 p.m. Thursday last from Toronto, having been carried from that city, a distance of nearly 260 miles, by Lieut. Tremper Longman, of Leaside Camp, in less than four hours. The mail bag contained some sixty letters, addressed for the most part to the Government officials here. Lieut. Longman was to leave with the return mail on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. The flight made by Lieut. Longman was instituted by Col. W. Hamilton Merritt, president of the Aerial Club of Toronto, to demonstrate the possibility of carrying mail by air. Some time ago the Colonel requested and received the sanction of the Postmaster-General, and the young officer of the 78th Squadron, C. R. A. F., was detailed for the position of pilot of aerial mail services in Canada.

He started from Leaside Camp in a Curtiss biplane at 10 o'clock, Thursday morning, and steered for Ottawa with compass and map. His altitude was 2,000 to 2,500 feet for the most part, though he flew somewhat higher over the Rideau Lakes, in case he should, in the event of having to make a forced landing, require distance for vulcanizing the ground. At Deseronto, Ont., the aviator halted for lunch, though under general conditions such a proceeding would be unnecessary, since food could be taken in the air. It was stated that the Curtiss plane is so reliable that an experienced aviator flying a course he knew could almost read a book. Resuming his journey, Lieut. Longman arrived at the Rockcliffe rifle range at 3:09 p.m. For the last 25 miles he steered straight for the city, being able to recognize at that distance the Parliament Building. On his arrival at the range, the aviator set out for the post office, reaching there at 3:32 p.m. two minutes over schedule time.

The return journey was arranged for 7 o'clock Saturday morning, and an announcement was placed in the post office to the effect that letters marked "aerial mail" would be received up to midnight on Friday, thus affording time for the recipients of mail by the first trip to write answers to be carried on the aviator's return. Among those who received mail by air were Hon. C. J. Doherty, Dr. R. M. Coulter, Deputy Postmaster-General; several ministers and officers of the Militia Headquarters staff. The present flight is purely a trial one, and was commented upon as being impracticable for the bulk of mail between Ottawa and Toronto. However, that special mail can be carried by aeroplane with ease and despatch has been demonstrated by Lieut. Longman.

Prince Arthur In Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., August 16.—His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived in the Capital at half past eight o'clock this morning, and was met officially by Col. Harold Henderson, the Military Secretary to his Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, by Captain Clive, A. D. C., Hon. Martin Burrell, Acting Minister of Militia, General Watkin, Chief of the General Staff, Major General Asston, General Elliott, General Biggar, General Gwynne, Sir Percy Sherwood, and others. The Prince was accompanied by the Earl of Pembroke and the Master of Sinclair. He proceeded direct to Government House. Here he will remain while in Ottawa.

Get Your Coal

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—On his return to Ottawa today from an official visit to Washington, Mr. C. A. McGrath, Dominion fuel controller, brought back a message to the people of the Maritime Provinces to immediately get in a supply of domestic coal, in order to prevent suffering this winter. Mr. McGrath stated that the domestic coal situation in the New England and Atlantic States appears to be very acute and may partly account for present difficulties in getting the allotted supplies of anthracite coal through to the Maritime Provinces. He expressed the opinion that the anthracite importers in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia should lend their energies to obtaining at the earliest moment the fullest possible supply of domestic coal. With the winter rapidly approaching, deliveries will be difficult, more especially if supplies to the eastern states should be coming forward in diminished volume, which would probably result in the cutting off of water shipments to the Maritime Provinces entirely. The anthracite situation is giving Mr. McGrath concern as far as these provinces are concerned. A shortage there will be inevitable unless the importers redouble their efforts to get their allotment of anthracite coal in early in the season, he declared.

Gold Refinery At Mint

Since the outbreak of war, gold coin and gold bullion to the value of \$1,300,000,000 have been received at Ottawa by the Department of Finance as trustee for the Imperial Government and the Bank of England. How the work of the Royal Mint here has, in consequence, been increased is not generally realized. When these deposits of gold were received by the Department of Finance, it was necessary that their value should be ascertained and that a certain quantity of gold bullion should be refined. The heavy demand on the gold refinery at the Mint led to the construction of a second plant with a monthly output of a million ounces of fine gold. Through this extension, the refinery has developed the largest capacity of any gold refinery in the world. The special work of the refinery due to the war is shown by the following figures: Gold bullion received for refining: 15,922,770 oz. gross; total gold bars produced, 14,048,803 oz. fine; value \$290,414,547. Fine silver recovered, 1,175,500 oz. fine. As the war had made it impossible for the Newfoundland Government to get its supplies of coin from England, coinage for Newfoundland was carried out by the Ottawa Mint in 1917 and 1918 as follows: 1,870,000 silver pieces, 700,000 bronze pieces.

Mail Contract

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 27th September, 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week. Over Rural Mail Route No. 6 from Cardigan, P. E. Island, to 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 Cardigan, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Change in Time Table

Commencing Monday August 19th, 1918, the Car Ferry, Prince Edward Island, will resume service between Borden and Tormentine, and the time table will be the same as was in effect when she was withdrawn, giving two return trips to the Mainland daily. The service between Summerside and Pt. Du Chene will be discontinued after Saturday, August 17th, 1918. District Passenger Agent's Office August 10th, 1918. August 14, 1918.

Department of Agriculture, July 25th, 1918. Field Crop Competition.

The competition in fields of standing grain which has been carried on by the Department of Agriculture for a past number of years, is to be conducted again for this season on a system similar to last year.

Since the inauguration of this Competition the improvement in the grain crops of the Province has been remarkable. The objects of such work can be enumerated as follows:— To stimulate an interest in the production of pure, clean seed of the best varieties of our farm crops, to encourage and assist those who are engaged in growing seed grain, to show the value of seed selection and the proper cultivation of the soil, and to direct the attention of the general farming public to the value of clean seed and better methods of cultivation.

The acceptance of all the objects is becoming more general as the work becomes more established. With the increase of entries and a better fulfilment of the objects, the trade for seed grain has grown, both within and beyond the provincial limits. As a means of insuring a reliable stand of grain, the grower must keep in touch with the treatment of the seed and the soil, and it is encouraging to note that with each year a greater number of competitors are showing an interest in the selection of seed; the purity of the variety; the treatment of seed for smut; and the detailed work that must be undertaken to insure the highest degree of efficiency.

COMPETITIONS

Three competitions are held in each County, in each of which the following cash prizes are offered:—

Table with 15 columns (1-15) and 4 rows (Oats, Wheat, Barley) showing prize amounts for different ranks.

West Prince shall include the First Electoral District and Lots 7 and 8. East Prince shall include the Fourth and Fifth Electoral District and Lot 18. Middle Prince shall include the remainder of Prince County.

West Queen's shall include the First Electoral District and Lot 13. Middle Queen's shall include that part of Queen's County lying north and west of the Hillsborough River, not included in West Queen's. South Queen's shall include that part of Queen's County lying south and east of the Hillsborough River.

East King's shall include Lots 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 55 and 66. South King's shall include Lots 59, 61, 63, 64 and Georgetown Royalty. West King's shall include the remainder of King's County.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. A field of oats shall consist of at least five acres; of wheat at least three acres, and of barley at least two acres.
2. An entry fee of one dollar will be charged, if only one kind of grain is entered, and an additional fee of fifty cents for each additional kind of grain.
3. The entry fee must be sent in with the entry.
4. Entries should be made to the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown, or to J. Leslie Tennant, District Representative, Summerside, and should arrive not later than August 20th.
5. No field will be judged unless the entry fee is paid before the time of judging.
6. Members of the Banner Oat Club should have all fields from which grain for seed will be sold properly inspected while standing.
7. Members of the C.S.G.A. are requested to enter a field in the competition.
8. Competitors should give the Department at least one week's notice when the fields will be ready to cut.
9. Members of the Banner Oat Club and the Canadian Seed Growers Association are asked to notify the Department of the amount of grain they wish inspected in the fields.
The following score card is used in judging the fields:—
General Appearance ..... 5
Type of plant, vigor and uniformity of growth ..... 10
Acreage, method of seeding, absence of lodging ..... 5
Freedom from weeds ..... 25
Freedom from other varieties and other kinds of grain ..... 20
Freedom from smut, rust, blight and insects ..... 10
Apparent yield and quality of grain, proportion of well filled heads of plump grain of good quality ..... 20
Uniformity of maturity ..... 5
Total ..... 100
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Live Stock Breeders.

List of Pure Bred Live Stock for Sale.

Table with columns: NAME, ADDRESS, BREED, AGE. Lists various breeds like Ayshire bull calves, Yorkshire Pigs, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Your Soldier Boy Wants HICKEY'S TWIST

No matter where he is; or what other tobacco he can get, the Island soldier who chews tobacco is never satisfied with anything but HICKEY'S TWIST.

In hundreds of letters from the boys in Flanders, France and the training camps, they ask for HICKEY'S TWIST—and the 1918 took along 20,000 lbs with them. Send your soldier boy a pound of HICKEY'S with the next parcel.

Hickey & Nicholson, Ltd CHARLOTTETOWN.

... CANADIAN ... CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS Urgently Required.

Campaign To Raise \$100,000 In The Maritime Provinces

P.E. ISLAND CAMPAIGN AUG. 19-24

These Huts in Canada, England and France are open to every soldier wearing the uniform of any of the Allied Nations. Their motto is:

Everybody Welcome and Everything FREE

Major Rev. J. J. O'Gorman, Overseas Chaplain writes from the front:

"Huts and Chapel tents and many other accessories are needed. There has been a long felt want. Our Chaplains at the front in Joint meeting appeal for the necessary funds. Surely that appeal will not be left unanswered."

Sir, Edward Kemp Says.

"The Hut is a great comfort, not only to the officers, but soldiers of all ranks."

Cardinal Bourne:

"To the Canadian soldier the Hut is something of a home, from home, a place where he finds a welcome and friends."

Help to make life better for the soldier. They are willing to sacrifice everything for you. They ask you to sacrifice something for them.

Your contribution might be the SAFETY of many a soldier. Now All Together and Watch the Campaign Fund Grow

All subscriptions and collections to be forwarded to Mr. J. E. Cullen, Accountant Royal Bank, Charlottetown, who is Treasurer of the Fund.

All information relative to the Campaign will be furnished by the Provincial Organizer, L.B. McMillan.

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CARTER'S .. Feed and Grain Store

We carry large stocks of Bran, Middlings, Oil Cake, Calf Meal, Corn Meal, Cracked Corn, Rolled Oats, Flour, Graham Flour, Black and White Feed Oats, Pressed Hay, Pressed Straw Feed Wheat for poultry, Chicken Feed, Scratch Feed, Ground Oyster Shells, Cotton Seed Meal, Sugar Beet Meal, Cracked Grain, Milk Mash and Egg Mash for laying hens, Flax Seed, Pure Linseed Meal, Charcoal for poultry, Alfalfa Meal, Bird Seed, Bird Gravel, Ground Poultry Bone, Beef & Bone Scraps, Leg Bands, Wire Hen's Nests, Drinking Fountains, &c. &c., all at LOWEST PRICES

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