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SIR MAX AITKEN'S POSITION

The appointment of Sir Max Aitken to the position of official "Eye-Witness" for the Canadian Expeditionary force, has been somewhat critically received on the ground that he has no special qualifications for the position, and is not a trained journalist. It is not therefore inopportune to consider just what are the duties of the "Eye-Witness" and the circumstances which have led to such an appointment.

In previous wars, every daily paper of any importance had its own special correspondent at the front with the troops, and it was from these correspondents that the papers, and through them the public got their information as to what was going on. But during the present generation, matters in this respect have changed, and the present war has proved a very lean and hungry time for war correspondents. As far as British Campaigns are concerned, Lord Kitchener may be said to have initiated the change in the Egyptian operation in 1895, then soon after his arrival at Omduram, he promptly sent all correspondents to the rear. The Japanese commanders too followed much the same tactics in their war with Russia.

The attitude of the Allies towards press representatives in the present war, has been along the same lines of rigid suppression. Newspaper correspondents have been kept strictly to the base, twenty or thirty miles from the sound of the guns, the result being that for their "news" they have been compelled to resort to gathering casual stories, incidents and opinions of men of all kinds returning from the front, and every story been thus collected has to pass through the further purifying fire of the Censorship.

It was recognized however that the public at home ought not to be deprived of any reliable intelligence at all from the seat of war. In order to meet this, or at any rate, make a show of meeting it, the authorities appointed a special officer to prepare reports for the benefit of the newspapers of what the British force were doing in the field. This officer is always referred to as "An Eye-Witness present with General Headquarters," but his contributions are not allowed to be styled "official" communications. In the first few months of the war, the matters which were served up by the Eye Witness, created nothing less than sheer disgust in newspaper offices, by reason of their utter boldness, and lack of satisfying features, so much so that many English newspapers absolutely refused to publish it at all. Latterly, however, things have improved somewhat, though in the opinion of more trained newspaper men, the despatches from the Eye Witness are still more remarkable for the "mews" they don't give, than anything else.

Whether Sir Max Aitken, as the Canadian Eye Witness will be permitted to be more communicative, will be seen in due course.

BRAIN AND MACHINE

When the German war machine was set in motion it at once disclosed its efficiency. For over forty years it had been preparing—the combined ability of highly trained organizers and a meticulous care for every detail of its intricate mechanism and built it into a weapon of tremendous power. True, it stumbled over the doorstep of Belgium in its effort to make that nation a tacit ally in its campaign against France. But when its pulse was recovered it rolled along with the same confidence in its own invincibility and flooded Germany and the world with tales of its prowess in the field. Then, suddenly its triumphant progress was stayed within half of the goal. It came within sight of the spires of Paris halted, re-treated, failed to stem the French counter-attack, and for months has simply sought to hold what remained of its early gains.

One important point the makers of the German war machine overlooked.

They had it ready, they had the plan of campaign ready, they had made provision for everything but an unforeseen derangement of their strategy and tactics. When that came something was lacking—the brain that could instantly readjust the plan to the altered circumstances. The German war lords apparently imagined that when the hour came so would the man and that he, too, would be the product of militarism and the educational system it fostered. There they deceived themselves, for great military leaders are born, not made, however much their genius may be cultivated and extended by practice of the art of war. In proverbial parlance they put the cart before the horse to their own discomfort.—Toronto World.

GREATER CROP PRODUCTION

It is particularly satisfactory to note that in all parts of the province the campaign to promote greater production in the matter of food stuff is meeting with loyal support of our farmers. There never was a time in the history of the country when there was so great a necessity for the agricultural community to take "a long pull, a strong pull, and all pull together" as there is today, nor need this movement be responded to simply from motives of patriotism, although that motive is of course first in all our thoughts. The duty of supplying the Motherland and her troops at the front, with such articles of food as are produced on the farm, is only second to that of supplying the needs of our own people; but greater production also means greater profits to the producer. We not only have too much idle unproductive land in this province as it is, but we have also a very large area of land that is not producing more than half its capacity compared with what it would do if only proper and adequate measures were taken to cultivate it as it should be cultivated.

In the matter of live stock too, there is a sad lack of enterprise on the part of a large body of farmers. It is less trouble to sell the heifer calves for veal and the young sows for pork than it is to keep them for breeding purposes. Poultry is too often looked upon as a side line, that the women and children can look after or not as they like. If only our farmers would realize that ten hens, well housed and fed, bring in the same yearly returns as the average cow, they would perhaps pay more attention to them.

To bring this matter of greater production nearer home, why is it that practically the whole of the garden truck and vegetables that are sold in the stores in the town, have to be procured from people living at a distance? Are there not among our own people some other enterprise enough to raise garden produce, without storekeepers here having to look to Napan and other outside points to supply their needs? Does any one remember any time within late years that poultry eggs were a drug in the market here? These are very largely extended.

Charity, it is said, begins at home, and it may be said that patriotism does the same. Have we got no local patriots who will try to cater to the needs of their fellow citizens and at the same time, particularly benefit themselves? There is any amount of room for them.

THE RAILWAY SERVICE

The recent change in the local railway service has proved a perfect Godsend to the Chatham World for it has found a subject for lengthy editorial articles when nothing else was available, and it has also provided about fifty per cent. of the local items throughout all, there seems to have been considerable misconception as to the object of the change. This was greater efficiency in the main line service. The idea of stopping the Ocean Limited and the Maritime Express twice in a distance of six miles for the benefit of the small amount of traffic, is something that is entirely incompatible with efficiency. For this reason all talk of a "Y" at Derby Junction can be discarded. To stop these expresses at Derby Junction is more absurd than to stop them at Chatham Junction.

That Chatham has some cause for complaint must be conceded, for it certainly is not giving that town a square deal to cut out the passenger trains and run every train as a freight, but the silly nonsense that some of the Chatham papers have

been getting off that it is not fair to Chatham people that they should have ham people that they should have to wait at Newcastle for the Fredericton trains, is too childish for words. Newcastle people had to wait at Chatham Junction for years, both night and morning, while Chatham only jeered at them. Now that they are getting some doses of the medicine they used to launch to see handed to others they begin to squeal like a set of babies robbed of their rattles. It is not edifying to say the least.

TIMELY TOPICS

Seems to be some doubt as whether a new theatrical production is called "Maid in America," "Maiden American," or "Made in America."

The Provincial Legislature will open at Fredericton on Thursday, March 11th.

No matter what his ability may be the man who chooses the wrong path is never clever.

Opera House Given New Coat of Paint

Bye-Law Relating to Expectorating in Public Buildings Will be Enforced

The opera house has been thoroughly renovated. It has also been given a fresh coat of paint on the inside and now presents a very clean appearance.

The Happy Hour management will in future adopt the strictest measures in order to keep it in a more sanitary condition, and at Monday night's show a notice was put on the side warning those who have been practicing the habit of expectorating on the floor, the gallery especially, that they would be given the full penalty of the law when caught violating this rule.

In order that all may understand the seriousness of this offence, we publish the following from Bye-law 16, section 2 of the Bye-laws of the Town of Newcastle which reads:

"No person shall spit or expectorate, or commit any nuisance on any of the walks or sidewalks of the town, or upon the floors of public buildings, or other public places within the town."

Section 23—Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this bye-law, shall, on conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty dollars, to be collected with costs of prosecution, in any court of competent jurisdiction, or such penalty as is, or shall hereafter be provided for, by statutory authority."

While the management have fully decided on the enforcement of the above bye-law, it trusts that no cases will arise to put it to the test, and that those who have been offending will in future show more respect to this public place of amusement.

Miramichi Pioneer Died at Sevogle

James Fitzgerald, Aged 97 Years, Died Wednesday Last—Funeral at Redbank

The Miramichi lost another of its pioneers in the death of James Fitzgerald, of Sevogle, who died at his home on Wednesday last at the ripe old age of 97 years.

The late Mr. Fitzgerald had not been in the best of health of late, and his death was not unexpected. The funeral was held on Friday morning at Redbank. Service was held at the Redbank Catholic church, Requiem High Mass being celebrated by Rev. Fr. Duffy. Grandsons of the deceased acted as pallbearers. They were Albert Estey, Roy Estey, Michael John Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, Everett Nowlan and Harvey Fitzgerald.

Two sons, Michael and Alexander, and three daughters, Mrs. Jas. Estey, one living in Superior, Wis., and another in Chatham, survive.

Big Carnival at the Newcastle Rink Friday evening. Patriotic costumes and special music. 15 bands. Get your costume ready early. 9-1

Legal Notice

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REXTON ITEMS

Of Interest to Readers From Our Regular Correspondent.

Feb. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Fraser, Jr., received a letter from their son, David Fraser of Estevan, Sask., Monday, stating that their son-in-law, Ora B. Brown, who mysteriously disappeared on September 23rd last had been found in a hospital at St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Brown, whose wife is Miss Margaret Fraser, of this town, was living on a homestead at Bica Pait six and a half miles from Estevan, where he left his home to go to the latter town to do some business. He had been in poor health for some time and was renting his farm to move to the town. After purchasing some groceries Mr. Brown started with his horse and carriage to return home but never reached there.

When night came and her husband did not return Mrs. Brown became alarmed and a diligent search has been kept up ever since, but no trace could be found until the postmaster at Estevan received word from the hospital authorities that a man whose memory was a blank had been in the hospital there some weeks and could just tell them what his name was and where he belonged, he still could not remember his parents or his own family, but gradually his memory was returning. The postmaster at once acquainted Mrs. Brown with the good news and Mrs. Brown's brother David Fraser and Mr. Brown, left at once for St. Paul, and in a few days returned with Ira who is steadily improving. What had happened to Mr. Brown or where he has been may always remain a mystery.

Mr. John McMurray is confined to the house with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Alexander Lennox is seriously ill.

The Catholic people are preparing a play and entertainment for St. Patrick's night to be held in the public hall. The rural play entitled "The Country Kid" will be put on with specialties between the acts.

The children's carnival was held in the skating rink Saturday afternoon and was very much enjoyed by the little ones. Prizes were won by Evelyn Dalgie, Mary Palmer and Everard Irving. The first representing summer, the second, representing the pride of the household and the third, representing Martin-Seymour paints. The ladies of the town provided lunch for the children.

The Red Cross Society met at the home of Mrs. Frank McInerney, Thursday evening, a large number of members were present. The knitting at present is confined to the making of socks. A large box of articles is being shipped this morning to St. John.

First Aid For Weak Digestion

Like Nearly Every Trouble Affecting Mankind Indigestion is Due to Poor Blood

Almost everybody experiences times when the organs of digestion show painful signs of weakness. Some slight disturbance of the health starts the trouble; then the patient takes a dislike to food and dull, heavy pains in the abdomen give warning that the stomach is unable to do its proper work. Sometimes a false craving for food arises; in this is satisfied the result is additional torture—flatulence, a "browsy depression, sick headache and nausea are common signs of indigestion. The foolish practice of taking drastic, weakening purgatives at such times should be avoided. Indigestion arises from stomach weakness and the only effectual method of curing the trouble is to strengthen the feeble organs of digestion by supplying them with richer, purer blood. This is the true tonic treatment, by which natural method, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, achieve great results. These pills make the rich, red blood needed to strengthen the stomach, thus imparting a healthy appetite and curing indigestion and other stomach disorders. Mr. Thos. Johnson, Hemford, N. S., says: "For five years I was a great sufferer from indigestion which wrecked me physically. I suffered so much that for days at a time I could not attend to my business. I had smothering spells so bad at times that I was afraid to lie down. I doctored and tried many medicines but with no benefit. I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills advertised to cure the trouble and decided to try them. I had not been taking them long before I found that I had at last hit upon the right medicine. The improvement in my health was constant, and after I had used ten or twelve boxes I could eat and digest all kinds of food, and I felt physically better than I had done for years. I shall never cease to praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for they proved a real blessing to me."

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NOTICE OF LEGISLATION. NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill will be introduced at the next Session of the Local Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick to amend and continue Chapter 94 of the Acts of 1897 of the said Legislature being an Act to consolidate, continue and amend the several Acts relating to The North West Boom Company, and Acts in amendment thereof. The purpose of the said Bill is to extend the Charter of the said Company for the further period of twenty years from the expiration of its present Charter; and to provide for an increase in the present rates for booming and rafting lumber. DATED this twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1915. A. A. DAVIDSON, 9-4 Secretary, North West Boom Co.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, at its next session for an Act to amend the "Town Incorporation Act," in so far as it relates to the Town of Newcastle. The purpose of the said Act is to provide that the Aldermen of the said Town shall be elected to serve for the period of two years, four of them to be elected each year, and with the provision that before the said Act comes into force, it shall be submitted to and approved by the ratepayers of the said Town. J. E. T. LINDON, Town Clerk.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE. PARISH OF NEWCASTLE. The assessors of Rates for the Parish of Newcastle, having received the warrants of assessment for 1915, hereby call on all persons liable for taxes, within the said parish, to hand in to them, within Thirty Days from this date, a statement of their Real Estate, Personal Property, and Income as required by Law. The amounts called for by the warrants for the several funds is as follows: School Fund \$ 697.78 Contingent Fund 1072.09 Pauper Lunatic Fund 232.20 Alms House Fund 220.00 \$2223.07 Dated at Newcastle, Feb. 17th, 1915. (Sgd.) WM. INNIS, C. E. FISH, ROBT. F. STOTHART. 9-4 Assessors.

10 CENT "CASCARETS" IF BILIOUS OR COSTIVE. For Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Sluggish Liver and Bowels—They work while you sleep. Furred Tongue, Bad Taste, Indigestion, Sallow Skin and Miserable Headaches come from a torpid liver and clogged bowels, which cause your stomach to become filled with undigested food, which sours and ferments like garbage in a swill barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. A Cascaret tonight will give you constipated bowels a thorough cleansing and straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you feeling good for months.

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SUNNY CORNER. Feb. 22—Miss Harriet Schofield spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Renous. Mr. Clifford and Miss Bessie Somers, spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tozer. Miss Edith Tozer visited her grandmother, Mrs. McTavish Saturday. Mrs. Andrew Matchett has returned to her home after a few weeks visit to relatives in Canisla. Miss Georgie Tozer was hostess at a very pleasant pan-cake function Tuesday night.

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