

NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

ELEVEN YEAR OLD SOLDIER OF THE SOIL

Drove Three Horse Team and Ploughed on Farm for Two Days

NEWS FROM SIMCOE

(From our own Correspondent) Simcoe, May 30.—Arvill Post, an eleven-year-old youngster of Lynn Valley, was not at school last Friday. He sent a message to the teacher stating that he was urgently needed at home, and on that and the following day, while his father was busy planting corn, the farm horses were not idle. The young lad, whose shoulders were hardly as high as the hands of the gang plow, drove a three-horse team and ploughed throughout both days. Geo. Cornack of Robinson street, is a grandfather of the boy.

Is This Conservation?

Advice is to hand that the milk can of Albert Redhead, a Teesdale farmer, was left on the stand by the teamster Lamont Smith, who has a contract to draw the milk from the district to Kelvin, from which sub-centre it is taken to one of the Oxford condensers. The reason given is because Redhead was a supporter of the Union Government, and refused to sign a petition asking W. A. Charlton to resign, or both. We hope that the matter is idle rumor, but with it comes news that at a recent meeting of the Bookers' farmers' club, a motion was passed suspending all conscientious objectors from membership. We understand that in due time the net will be drawn in, and if the public learns that some of the young men have to appear on a charge of wasting food stuffs or conspiracy, there may be no surprise.

Our informants did not blame young Smith personally, but thought that he was acting on the advice of others.

In "Blighly" in England Lt. J. H. McKnight has been in "Blighly," in England for more than a month now. Apparently his first letter home since he was incapacitated for service, has evidently been carried, for Mrs. McKnight has as yet received only indefinite advice that he has trouble in an ear. The name has not appeared in the casualty list, or, if so, has not attracted the attention of relatives here.

Noted for Longevity The maiden name of the late Mrs. Jacob Mifflin, whose funeral at Forestville, took place from here to-day, was Mary Jane Secord. Mrs. Joseph Simmons, of Forestville, a sister, is now 95 years of age, and in the same district is a brother, James Secord, aged 86, still active and in good health.

Historic Hunter's Trap Mr. Secord cherishes a trap by which a great uncle, when at the age of 103 years, and resident in the Niagara district, caught a wolf. The successful trapper then carried the animal 20 miles to claim the Government bounty—a comparatively small pittance for the trip. Early records show however, that the survivors who ran the lines over the frontiers, received but a few pennies, and found their own sustenance.

Executive of Patriotic Meets The executive committee of the Patriotic Association met yesterday afternoon and arranged with Warden Buck for a meeting of the association next Wednesday at 4.30 p. m. We understand that the representatives of the Y. M. C. A. have been assigned to appear before council an hour earlier on the same day.

The executive declined to make any representation to the council, pro or con, regarding the continuance of the \$5000 monthly contribution to the patriotic fund.

Fish at Lower Cost Vendor Robert Rawling retailed yesterday the first consignment of Government fish to reach Simcoe. The lot was all lake trout, and was picked up at 15 cents a pound, killed and dressed with head on. Mr. Rawling did some delivering from door to door, but had no difficulty in getting rid of the lot at his stall, corner Robinson and Talbot, when it became known the shipment was in.

Press Photographs Miss Dawson, of Victoria, spent a week in town, the guest of Mrs. John

Motor Cycles

We have a few used Motorcycles at prices that ought to sell them at once. These prices are for cash. INDIAN ..... \$150. INDIAN ..... \$160. HARLEY DAVIDSON .. \$275. EXCELSIOR ..... \$150.

C. J. Mitchell

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THEATRES FOR MEN AT FRONT

American Managers Evolving Schemes—French Theatre is Very Popular

(By Olga Racster, in New York Sun) How to entertain the soldiers in camp is a question occupying the minds of busy theatrical managers in the United States and such men as Marc Klaw, Sam Harris, Geo. Cohan and Irving Berlin are giving their time and energy to a wonderful scheme of Liberty theatres, to which the soldier in camp will be admitted for the maximum price of 25 cents

In England Miss Lena Aswell, the well-known actress, and J. T. Grein, the dramatic critic of the Sunday Times, of London, have organized an active scheme for providing concert parties and theatrical entertainments at the front, and most of the leading singers, actors and actresses of England have been over to France and rejoiced the hearts of the men in the trenches. Wason Russia was fighting the bioscope was the great attraction; in France the Theatre du Front has been carried out on an elaborate and effective plan.

The Theatre du Front of the French army may rank as a tradition of war. It is in reality a revival for it has its ancestors in the celebrated Theatre a la Guerre, which existed in the days when the famous Marshal Saxe fought in Flanders over a century and a half ago the great general was there with a finely organized expeditionary force, which included a theatre.

Mme. Favart was at that time the special star of the Opera Comique and her husband, who was an actor and director, received the marshal's views on the subject of providing amusement for the army.

"I appoint you the superintendent of my comedie," the marshal wrote, in 1747. "I am persuaded that you will make every effort to see it flourish; but do not think I look upon it simply as an amusement; it takes a place in my political outlook and in the goal of my military operations.

Saxe, knowing the temperament of those under his command, understood that the verse of a song produced more effect than his finest speeches, and before battle it was his custom to treat his men to a performance at the theatre.

War now means something very different from what it did in the days of the marshal. There would be no time for Cyrano de Bergerac to declaim his verses with a smile on his lips and the point of the sword at his heart. Still, the man in the trenches has the capacity to enjoy and every chance which he may have of returning to normal conditions is said to put new strength into him.

His opportunities are not lacking from the Somme to the Vosges the hero can now and again imagine himself back in his beloved Paris as he stands amid the crowd which presses forward to see some performance at the Theatre du Front. Perhaps he has come twenty miles or more on foot after a day in the trenches. Perhaps he has come even further from a hard day's digging; perhaps he has actually been fighting!

No matter from where he comes, he is keen for his theatre. He shares in the intense excitement which permeates his comrades. Among the men who have come from the four corners of France he waits to pass through the little door which will only permit the audience to enter one at a time. Some of the younger soldiers, finding the delay tedious, organize a combined push against the older men on whom the extra pressure has no effect. More boots are heard along the village street and more soldiers add to the concourse of men in blue. Some pretend to be lame. Others they read that a famous play with famous artists is to be performed for their benefit they shrug their shoulders: "It is in Paris that one should see it. In this little district what can one expect?" A professor from one of the French colleges waits patiently for his turn to enter. "It is the first time I have been to the Comedie Francaise on foot," he remarks, "and gone in with the gallery."

Inside the theatre, which is lighted with electricity, everything is perfect. Cards denote the places for each unit. There is a line of stalls reserved for the staff officers and the Red Cross nurses. The orchestra is in its place; all is ready. Outside the pushing and huddling

grows more persistent. Some soldiers resort to the trick of crawling in on hands and knees between the legs of their comrades; others manage to climb up six feet or so and enter by the ventilators. Some bring their dogs; others offer mutual hospitality with doughnuts which can be bought at three sous each in one corner of the theatre, where they are being fried. Presently, but after a slow process, calm settles on the assembly, and then occurs one of those strange events in the history of the theatre of to-day—the performance of a noted play, by noted artists, witnessed by the men in the blue uniform of France; men with tanned faces, who in a few hours will be back in the trenches risking their lives!

"They are magnificent!" said Mme. Strahl Bernhardt after one of her performances at the Theatre du Front. "They are charming! Never before have I felt more vividly the sanctity of art; I was proud to speak verses with noble thoughts before such men!"

The name of George Scott, the artist, will be indelibly associated with the Theatre du Front, for it was he who designated and brought it into use. It had its origin in a visit which he made to Saint-Amarin in Alsace, where he had been asked to exercise his taste in organizing and decorating a recreation room for the soldiers.

He went there for two days. He remained two months and paid strict attention to every demand and need that he even erected a small stage where amateur theatrical performance could be given.

The example was quickly followed in places where other regiments were stationed, and at length the interest of the minister of war was enlisted to such good purpose that Emile Fabre, acting administrator of the Comedie Francaise, arranged with the aid of M. Dahmier, under secretary of the arts, for regular tours of artists from the Paris opera, the Opera Comique, and the Comedie Francaise. All the great artists of the day were by this arrangement enabled to perform before the soldiers at the front.

It was Paris brought to the trenches. But the plan was not entirely satisfactory. A little experience showed that a permanent but moveable theatre which could be taken from place to place would cost less money and entail less difficulty.

The idea was approved by the military authorities, with the result that a charming enclosed stage, with a handsome proscenium, decorated by well-known artists, a curtain and everything in the manner of a big theatre, has been taken to the various cantonments, as desired.

The whole appearance of the theatre is elegant and worthy of those great artists and singers who have gone to cheer the soldier with their best and brightest. One and all they have been proud of the honor, and spoken with emotion of those marvelous hours spent with their brave audiences in the Theatre du Front.



Battleplane "Ontario" presented by the Government of Ontario through the Canadian Aviation Fund, to His Majesty's Government, and now operating in France. The machine is known as the Bristol Fighter, 1917, and has a Rolls-Royce engine. It is built by the British and Colonial Aeroplane Company of Bristol and designed by Captain Barnwell a pioneer of flying in Scotland. This is one of the most largely used and successful fighting machines at present in operation.

War Garden Bulletin

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Issued by the Canada Food Board in collaboration with experts on the staff of the Dominion Experimental Farm.

CONTROL FLEA BEETLES.

The small dark coloured "flea beetles," one-twentieth to one-quarter of an inch in length, so-called from their habit of leaping or jumping, eat holes into the leaves of turnips, radishes, potatoes, and quickly destroyed. The potato flea beetle feeds upon the foliage of the potato, turnip, cabbage, cucumber, bean, tobacco, squash, etc. The Turnip Flea Beetle, also, occurs regularly in the vegetable garden. The red-headed flea beetle is destructive to potatoes and beans. Infested plants should be promptly sprayed with an arsenical mixture containing either Paris green or arsenate of lead, or with Bordeaux mixture alone. The latter acts as a deterrent.

Miss Jean Jackson returned yesterday from a week spent in Buffalo.

NEW RIVETING RECORD

By Courier Leased Wire Belfast, May 30.—A new riveting record was made at Queen's Island Tuesday by John Lowry, who drove 7,841 rivets in nine hours. He also established a record for an hour with 322 rivets.

INCREASED HUN INFLUENCE

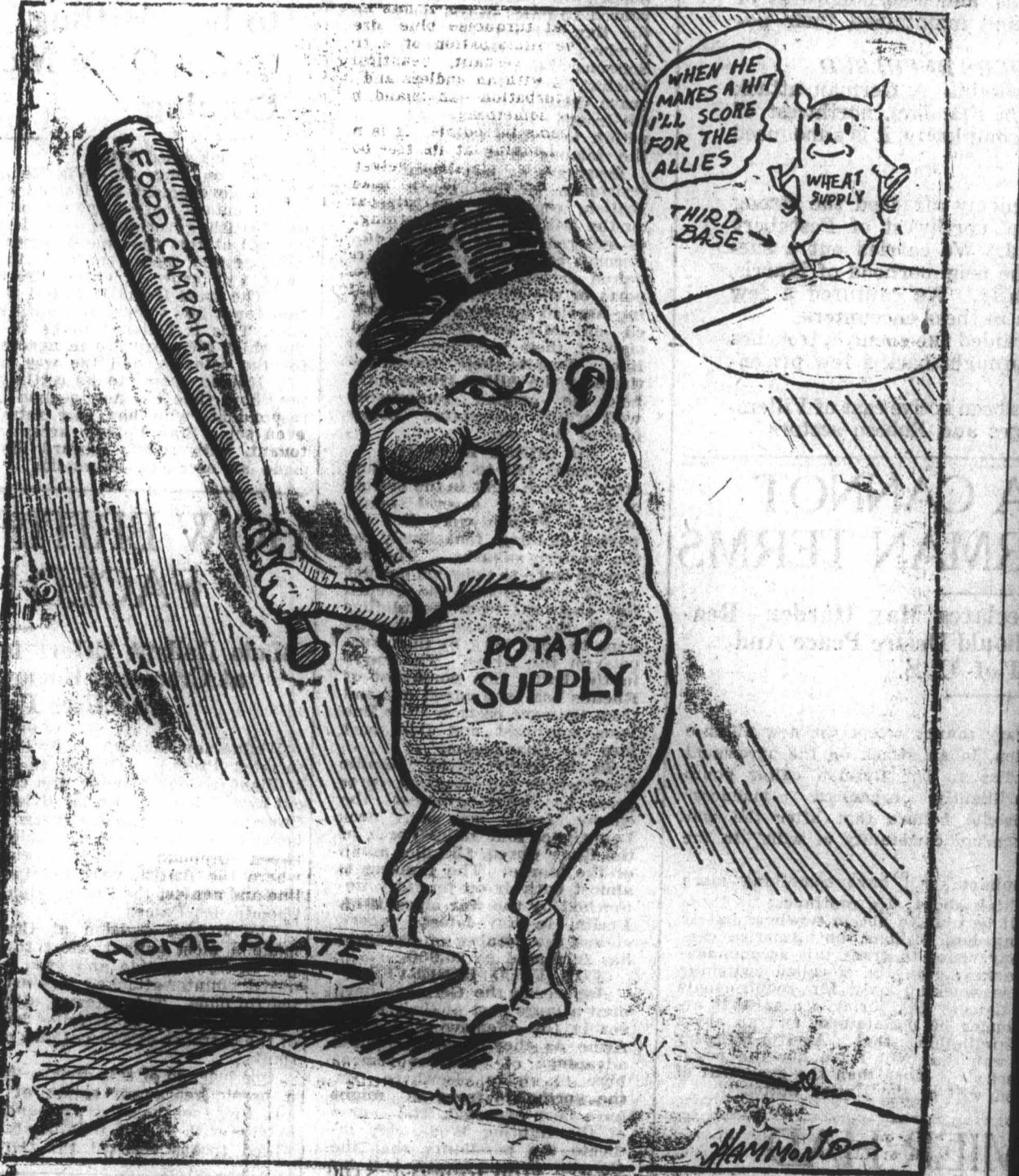
By Courier Leased Wire Stockholm, May 30.—The new Finnish cabinet formed by Senator Paasikivi indicates increased German influence in the Finnish Government and has resulted in a further request by General Mannerheim, commander of the Finnish troops, demanding that his resignation be accepted. The General is opposed to German intervention and the Germanization of the Finnish army. Col. Volsteleff, the new war minister, is working in close connection with German headquarters. It is believed that a number of Swedish officers now serving in the Finnish army, will follow General Mannerheim into retirement.

TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS.

By Courier Leased Wire Ottawa, May 29.—In response to a complaint from the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade with regard to the careless delivery of freight at flag stations, Commissioner Goodeve of the Dominion Railway Commission, has ordered the railways to improve existing conditions. Damage to goods set off at such stations must be accounted for by railway employees; conductors must keep a better check on goods, and in addition to the present practice of the conductors delivering the way bills at the nearest station where there is an agent that agent must in future notify the consignee by postcard.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

MURPHY AT THE B.A.T.



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