

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

WIRE FENCE ON SWISS FRONTIER

Germans Establish Neutral Zone to Facilitate Commercial Relations.

TYRANNY IN ALSACE

Fear of Everything French Has Resulted in Absurd Proclamations.

(By Gordon Smith.)
Special Cable to The Toronto World.
BASLE, Switzerland, Feb. 7.—A barbed wire fence guarded night and day by frontier troops now separates Germany from Switzerland. Such is the official news published here. Through this fence, no one may pass not provided with a special permit from German authorities. At the same time a neutral zone has been established in order to facilitate commercial relations with Switzerland, which are of immense importance to Germany.

The barbed wire fence is ten miles from the official German-Swiss frontier. Anyone may enter this zone without papers of any kind after passing the usual customs examination. This precaution is proof of the anxiety beginning to prevail on the German side as to the result of the French offensive in Alsace-Lorraine. The conditions of the state of siege are being daily rendered more drastic, and the measures taken in the annexed provinces show that something like a reign of terror prevails. An order has just been issued forbidding anyone in upper Alsace to make use of a means of locomotion, and anyone found using them will be at once arrested. All aids have been ordered confiscated.

The fear of everything French appears in Alsace to be taking the form of a mania. The authorities have just posted up the following notice in the streets of Saint-Louis: "A town of a couple of miles from the Swiss frontier. Any person who makes use in the streets of French words such as 'Adieu,' or who plays the clarinet (the word clarinet, the trumpet used in the French army, is probably meant), anyone wearing clothes of a French cut, anyone who writes in German with French letters, and those who do not within twenty-four hours remove all inscriptions in French on family tombstones will be at once arrested and brought before a court martial."

No newspaper is to be printed in upper Alsace and no papers are allowed to enter the province from any part. When there is news of importance, the German authorities have replaced the French word "billards" with the expression "reikellug kesseltenspielen," while the word "certain" has become a "certainen werkzeug." The French language is banished from menus of restaurants, cars of the state railways, and as a consequence mayonnaise sauce masquerades under the name "eleitunke," which means egg oil sauce. The press has banished the words "dinner" from its columns (at least the more Chauvinistic section) with the result that the finance minister has now become "meal minister."

English Most Hated.
But the worst crime of all is to print a single word of the hated English language. The Berlin Weekly Journal Die Woche found it necessary to publish a footnote explaining why it put the words "copyright" by the head of a novel by Ernst Olga Wohlbrück, that is appearing in its columns. If this crime had not been explained away Die Woche would have lost hundreds of patriotic subscribers.

A court martial sits daily at Strasbourg trying scores of persons on a charge of having "anti-German views." Thus a shopkeeper who had dared to say that the Strasbourg fire brigade might one day be able to pay its respects to a French victory in upper Alsace, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for having spread the news of French victories in upper Alsace, while a bookkeeper and a workman were given respectively two and four weeks' imprisonment for having conversed publicly in French. Scores of persons were sent to prison for periods of from five days to three weeks for leaving their place of abode without possessing passes.

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

Col. the Hon. James Mason, honorary-treasurer of the Canadian Red Cross Society, reports that since the last public acknowledgment, the following contributions to the fund of the society have been received, amounting to \$181,855.10:	
Albion, Ont., per Mrs. Norelworthy	5.00
Ayr, Ont., Women's Institute	25.00
Baltimore, Ont., Women's Institute	14.50
Bowling, Ont., Women's Institute	9.00
Campbellford Cheese Board	50.00
Dennis, Ont., teachers and pupils S. S. No. 3	10.00
Dairymen's Patriotic Fund	1000.00
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Fredericton, N.S., per Mrs. Francis Danbury	20.00
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Harvey, Ont., proceeds of entertainment, per Miss Nixon	14.00
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Grand Bend, Ont., ladies of Methodist Church	6.00
Kewlisk Christian Church Junior Sunday School	2.25
Kelly, Mrs. J. K., Almonte, Ont. (Pins)	3.50
M. F. Chas. Parry, Ont.	50.00
McCarthy, Mrs. H. M., Yarker, Ont. (Pins)	1.20
Monte, Ont., proceeds of entertainment, per Mrs. M. C. Miles	13.00
Norwich, Ont., S.O.B. Niagara Falls, Ont.	50.00
Ottawa Branch, C.R.C.S., for two motor ambulances	4000.00
O'Brien, Miss N. (Sale of buttons)	1.25
Pederson, Patriotic Society, Pittsburg, five life members	125.00
Patriotic Society, Melville, Sask.	22.25
Patriotic Society of Belgrave, Ont.	115.00
Quebec Branch, C.R.C.S., for motor ambulance	2000.00
Queen Victoria School, Belleville, Ont.	10.00
Rainy River Soldiers' Aid	100.00
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Sampson, Mrs. H. M., Balgonie, Alta.	5.00
Scotch Ridge Missionary Society, N.B.	20.00
Ugahy Club, Orangeville, Ont.	15.00
Vyner School, entertainment, Meota, Sask.	41.00
Windsor Branch, C.R.C.S.	25.00
Waubesaene Women's Institute	35.00
Women's Patriotic League, St. Catharines	250.00
Waller, Miss, Chaplin, I.O.D.E., Wainwright, Alta.	100.00
Women's Patriotic League, St. Mary's, Ont.	100.00
West Middlesex, teachers of W.C.T.U., St. Stephen, N.B.	25.00
Yess, M., per Mrs. M. C. Miles, Fenelon Falls, Ont.	1.55

GRAND TRUNK BRAKEMAN WAS KILLED AT COUTEAU

W. Saunderson, of Brockville, Fell From Top of Car and Was Run Over.

Special to The Toronto World.
BROCKVILLE, Ont., Feb. 7.—W. Saunderson, a Brockville Grand Trunk brakeman, was killed last night at Couteau. The train upon which he was working was pulling away from the junction when Saunderson was missed, and a search revealed the mangled remains alongside the track. It is supposed that he fell from the top of a car. He was an old employee of the company and has made his home here for many years. He is survived by Mrs. Saunderson and two children.

COMMISSIONER TO SPEAK

Commissioner Chas. E. Chambers will speak on "Patriotic Administration in Toronto," at the second meeting of a series on civic administration on Wednesday at the Traders Bank building, room 318.

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ATTRactions AT THE THEATRES THIS WEEK



PRINCIPALS IN "THE GOLDEN AGE" AT THE ALEXANDRA.



HAZEL FORD With "The Passing Review of 1915" at the Star.



WILL H. COHEN With "The Happy Widows" at the Gayety.



GLADYS ARBUCKLE At Loew's Winter Garden this week.



ADELE ROTINI In the dramatic musical novelty, "The Singer," at the Grand.

MORE POLICE WANTED IN GRANTHAM TP.

Lincoln County Council Alarmed at Increase in Crime Among Canal Employees.

Special to The Toronto World.
ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Feb. 7.—The Lincoln County Council will request from the attorney-general of Ontario additional police protection in the Township of Granttham on account of the thousands of foreigners who are employed on the Welland Ship Canal. This action was decided on as a result of various crimes committed in that territory in the past few months. The council also decided to put up a strong fight against the application from the Village of Port Dalhousie and the Town of Merritt for a special act to relieve those two municipalities from any liability for the maintenance of Queen's road.

IRISH RIFLE CLUB.

The Irish Rifle Club has decided to discontinue its training drills, but drill will be held on Saturdays at the armories, between 4 and 5 p.m. Shooting practice will take place also on Saturdays between 2 and 4, and on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. About 80 members attended the practice shoot on Saturday last.

WOMAN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mrs. J. B. Tyrrell will speak at the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Canadian Historical Society to be held at 55 St. Alban street on Thursday at 8 o'clock.

The Golden Age

If contrast is the soul of art, "The Golden Age," which is to have its initial performance at the Alexandra theatre, should be a great success. The first act takes place in Cairo, Egypt, and the music is redolent of the language and bizarre coloring of the east. In direct contrast to this the second act is a dream of dainty grace and chaste coloring.

Prince of Pilsen

Among the cast to be seen in the enormous all-star revival of "The Prince of Pilsen" at the Princess for the week beginning next Monday night, are John W. Ransome who created the leading comedy role; Edward T. Mora, Henry Coote, Dorothy Delmore and a dozen others who have been identified with this wonderful musical comedy for years.

The Singer at Grand

"The Singer," the new musical drama which will be the offering at the Grand Opera House all this week, pictures the life story of a girl in New York who at the age of 14, thru parental misfortune, is cast upon the mercy of the business world to provide for herself and family. The possession of a wonderful singing voice brings many offers from leading theatrical people and others.

"Milestones" Coming

That masterpiece of dramatic art, "Milestones," will be presented at the Grand next week. The same great cast and production which won the play at the high priced theatres will be seen here.

Ruth Royce at Shea's

Ruth Royce comes to Shea's as the headline attraction of this week's bill. Frank Milton and the De Long sisters return this week as the special feature. In "Knight and Day" John R. Gordon and Company have an amusing comedy playlet, while Herman Timberg returns with his wonderful violin. The Salon Singers have a pleasing musical novelty. The Dare Brothers are sensational gymnasts. Miss Doris and her cascade act will be an entertaining sketch. Cooper and Smith in a pantomime and feature film comedies and dramas complete the bill.

Feature Bill at Loew's

Willard, "the man who grows," will head the bill at Loew's Yonge Street Theatre and Winter Garden this week. In this remarkable demonstration of his ability to increase his height or lengthen his arms or legs at will, Blanche Leslie, the musical comedy star, will present, revue of new songs and some stunning gags. Roland West's clever sketch, "The Elope-ment," will be a headline attraction. The Harvey De Vost Trio, makes their first appearance in Toronto. Others will include the Japanese wonders, the Tussle Brothers, Rutan's Song Bird and the Two Koras.

Gormans at Hipp

The Six Gormans, who come to the Hippodrome as the headline attraction this week, have one of the most imposing musical offerings in vaudeville. "Runaway Tune" will be the feature film attraction. Billy Tuttle's College Days, Irene Meyers is a pleasing singing comedienne, while Morris and Perks provide many laughs. The Three Romans have a sensational ladder novelty, and with feature film comedies and dramas complete the bill.

N. Y. Symphony and Hofmann

Seats for Hofmann and the New York Symphony Orchestra will be placed on sale at the Massey Hall box office this morning, and music lovers who have been awaiting this event with eager anticipation, will have their first opportunity of making reservations. Judging by his latest concert, the great Russian pianist is an even greater sensation in New York than ever before.

The Happy Widows

The acme of perfection in musical comedy seems to have been reached in the latest offering by the "Happy Widows" company at the Gayety Theatre, commencing with today's matinee.

Passing Review

Pleasing the public palate is the one thing Edward F. Beatty and Joe LeVitt, theatrical chiefs, do best, and their talent in compounding diverse ingredients into a toothsome whole, is best shown in their presentation of a real burlesque show, "The Passing Review of 1915," which will open a week's engagement at the Star Theatre this week.

ALBERT H. LEAKE WINS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Wrote Essay on "Agricultural Education," and is Successful in Getting Prize.

The committee of United States University Professors which conducts annually an essay contest, open to the inhabitants of Canada and the United States, has just announced its award for 1914.

A prize of \$500 has been awarded to Albert H. Leake of Toronto. This gives to Canada another victory over many of the best students of economics and education in the United States. Mr. Leake is inspector of manual training and household science for the Province of Ontario for the Department of Education and a year ago won a prize of \$1000 in the same contest for a study of "Industrial Education—its Problems, Methods and Dangers," a work which is fast becoming recognized as a leading authority on the subject on which it treats.

The subject for which the prize is now awarded is "Agricultural Education." This is to be published by Houghton Mifflin and Company of Boston, the official publishers of the essays, and will run to a volume of about 300 pages.

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LARGE CONGREGATION AT BONAR ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Macgillivray Preached Morning and Dr. Herridge in the Evening.

Bonar Presbyterian Church's seventy-fifth anniversary was celebrated by the large congregation which attended the services yesterday. The morning service was conducted by the pastor, Dr. Macgillivray, and a special musical program was provided by the choir. In the evening Dr. Herridge, moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, preached. He took for the subject of his sermon, "Behold, the stone shall be a witness unto us, if it hath heard all the words of the Lord which He spake unto us." Dr. Herridge spoke of the number of times inanimate objects were referred to as having the power of speech. How Christ said that the very stones of the temple would cry out, and referred to the actual church building as being more than a mere place of worship. "It is a memorial," he said, "whose very immobility is a testimony and a witness that service must be rendered unto God. Had these stones the power of speech might they not remind us of promises made to God, and broken, of duties acknowledged between man and God, and of the fact that man receives his inspiration from God?"

SIGNS OF THE TIMES ARE NOT ALL BAD

Dr. Endicott Peabody Says "Find Features That Are Encouraging."

"In a time of transition many signs of a surprising nature are likely to happen," declared Dr. Endicott Peabody of Croton School, Mass., in his sermon at Convocation Hall this morning. "The present time is a time of change. A new world is being born. The signs of the times are not all bad; we find many features that are encouraging. One of the most potent signs of the times is the growing value being placed on personal service. It is being forced upon us more and more that persons are more than things. It was in the world and not out of the world that Christ commanded us to love—not the lives of hermits and monks, but the lives of men and women. It is good for man to be alone. His soul was among erring men and women. The speaker gave it as his opinion that the scriptures were being studied more at the present time than ever before in history. Far-reaching is the fact among younger people. The great goal which was aimed at was personality."

MUST REBILL SHIPMENT OF FLOUR TO ENGLAND

Embargo on Consignment for Salonika, Greece, to Be Lifted if This is Done.

Special to The Toronto World.
NIAGARA FALLS, Feb. 7.—Instructions were received from Ottawa by Arthur Boyle, collector of customs, to permit the 10 cars of flour consigned by the Maple Leaf Milling Co. to Salonika, Greece, to go forward provided they are rebilled to London, England. Similar instructions have been received in respect of other consignments to prohibited destinations in Europe. It is understood that the exporters will comply with these conditions and an early release of all the detained shipments is expected.

Polly and Her Pals

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