

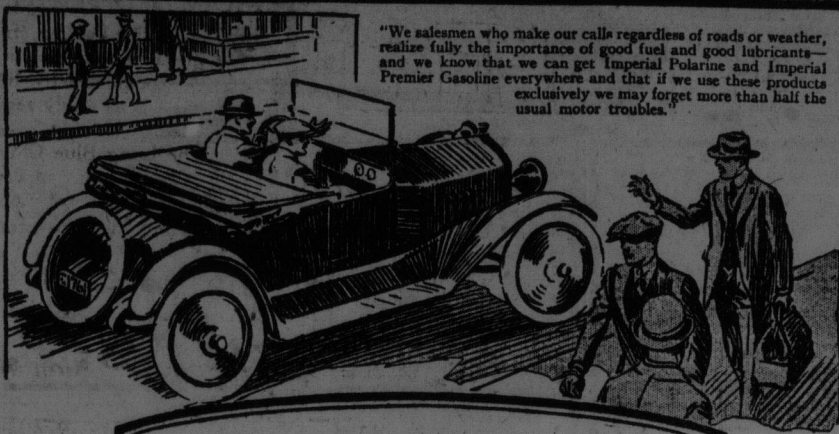
FUNERALS.
The funeral of Mrs. Ellen O'Grady took place yesterday afternoon at half past two from the residence of Dr. O. M. Kelly, Princess street, to the Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. Harry Ramage. Interment in the new Catholic cemetery.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Margaret H. Easton.
The death of Margaret H. Easton, widow of Captain Walter Easton, occurred yesterday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. James Brown, Sand Cove road. She leaves

five sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss. Interment will be at Gaspereaux Station. Mrs. Easton was eighty-four years old.

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**CABINET SPLIT IN POLAND
SEEN IF WARSAW FALLS**

Some of the Ministers Going to Cracow, Others to Posen—
Present Regime Has Lost Grip, is Belief—Censors Prohibit Criticism of Pilsudski.

Special Cable Despatch

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Danzig, Aug. 16.—The Polish government if forced to leave Warsaw, will probably break up, part of the ministers going to Cracow the former capital of Austrian-Poland and part, including the Foreign Minister Prince Sapieha, to Posen, which will become the nominal capital. The foreign missions in choosing Posen followed the decision of the foreign office to which they are attached, but the general impression in diplomatic circles is that they will find there neither Premier Witos nor Vice Premier Daszyński and in all probability the chief of state, Marshal Pilsudski, will find his comfort better served elsewhere than in Prussian-Poland.

The legation, however, attach less importance to this prospective dispersion of the government since even when assembled it fails to pull together and to repeat the phrase which the correspondent succeeded in getting by the inelastic censorship Sunday, has "lost all coherence and grip of affairs." It was impracticable under the censorship conditions to explain and develop the phrase, which was cited literally from diplomatic conversation and nutshells of opinion widely held.

It may be explained from Danzig, however, that the weakness in Poland today is not only military but administrative and political as well. Its new cabinet of national defence, formed to unify the nation in the hour of peril, is strong in numbers, but weak in unity of purpose, slow of decision and prone to waste time in debate and vacillation. The two days which the cabinet and the council of national defence wasted in debate on the terms of the answer to the Soviet proposal to send peace delegates to Minsk when each hour was bringing the Polish army nearer to catastrophe typify the vacillation and indecision of the cabinet. It may now be stated that the answer was drafted and despatched then only as a response to the strongest representations of the allied missions. It took repeated sessions of the cabinet, likewise under allied pressure, to come to a decision on moving the capital, former Austrian and Prussian province, striving hard to bring the seat of government into their respective spheres of influence. Dependence upon the crack Posen divisions, the most dependable fighting force of the army which still preserves Prussian discipline and the punch, finally swung the vote in favor of Posen, but Austrian ministers do not consider themselves obligated thereby.

Newspapers Encouraging People

The government, though slack and tardy in decision, is capacious in at least one field that is influencing public opinion through the press. The newspapers are daily filled with in-

spiring dispatches about foreign troops about to move to Poland's assistance, heavy shipments of munitions, prospective declarations of war by the United States against Russia, and other news items calculated to make the population think that all will go well. Your correspondent himself had the impression when he left Warsaw that ships were coming steadily stream to Danzig with munitions, and learned only upon arrival there that the whole epic on munition shipments had been written around a single shipload with no early prospects of more.

Disparaging with prospective reinforcements with prospect troops all give the impression that the British and French divisions have been or are being mobilized and are held up only by German obstruction to the passage of troops across Germany, but the correspondent does not recall a single printed despatch on the opposition at home which the two governments must overcome before the troops could be sent or indicating that the German attitude is altogether unwelcome. The excuse for hesitating in sending much-needed reinforcements is that Rumania, according to the despatches issued by the official news agency, is always mobilizing, or Hungary is about to send troops. The readers do not learn of the impossibilities of assistance from these quarters. The result probably will spare the government much criticism, but it is largely responsible for the apathy with which the population not exposed to the immediate danger of invasion have regarded the crisis.

The outgoing censorship, on the other hand, is the despair of the foreign correspondents. The censorship bureau is manned by a crew of officers, of whom only one has been found speaking English, others only French or German, though called upon to pass upon press dispatches in all three languages. One censor encountered spoke only Polish and Russian. The correspondent was forced to explain the contents of the dispatch in the latter language. The one hard and fast rule of the censorship emanating from Marshal Pilsudski and the inner organization is that the chief of state must not be criticized. The correspondent therefore, are forced to resort to much circumlocution to write up the political and military developments of the last fortnight unless their direct references escape the eye of the napping censor. In the early hours of the morning the government represented abroad, but the correspondents are fond of discussing how Poland's case is misunderstood or misrepresented abroad, but the government itself is largely responsible, since it is almost impossible to obtain reliable information or explanations from any government source. The one branch of the government whose efficiency impresses the foreigner is the railroad administration. The trains, it is true, move on delayed schedules, but reach their destinations and are handling enormous movement of troops and refugees and heavy freight traffic successfully, despite the war conditions. The result, it partly due to the presence of the American technical mission, which supervises and advises the Polish railway administration.

**PAPER STOCKS THE
ACTIVE ISSUES**

On the Whole Trading on
Montreal Exchange Was of
Narrow Scope.

Montreal, Aug. 16.—Trading on the local stock exchange today was narrow with attention confined to a few active issues in which considerable strength was shown, particularly in the paper stocks, the Spanish River being the most prominent.

Spanish common was traded in to the extent of 2,000 shares, at the preferred to the extent of 1,97 shares. At its best price for the day the common was 8 1/2 points above the week-end close. From this point there was a reaction to 117, with 116 5/8 bid, leaving the net gain one of 7 1/2 points. The preferred made a maximum rise of 8 points to 124 and held the gain with 124 bid and no stock offered.

The day's largest gain in the paper group went to Riondon, which, on dealings in only 110 shares, sold up ten and a half points to 202 1/2 and held nine at 201. Abitibi and Laurentide also did well, the former netting three points and the latter 2 1/2 points. Dealings in Abitibi amounted to 800 shares and in Laurentide to 360. Abitibi closed at 79, the day's best, and Laurentide at 113 1/2, a fraction under the best. The largest gain was scored by St. Lawrence Flour, which sold up 8



points from a previous sale at 87 at the week-end.

The textiles were strong, Dominion rivalling Riondon in size of gain, being 8 points up at 140.

Elsewhere in the list substantial gains were made by Ames Holden preferred up three points to 68; National Breweries up 1 1/2 to 65, while among the material losses was Dominion Bridge, which eased 2 1/4 points to 84 3/4.

Total transactions: Listed, 9,262; bonds, \$14,300.

Nearly a quarter of the young population of London attends evening classes after their day's work, according to the Rev. S. D. Headlam, speaking at the National Liberal Club.

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