

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The season is rapidly approaching when visits to the sugar bush, the baseball field and the lawn bowling greens will be the order of the day.

It is no longer the fashion to borrow your neighbor's newspaper. This old habit has been firmly established with some whose names have been given the Express, and it is but fair for us to inform all such that it has never been popular with the neighbor borrowed from, who will strongly endorse Dame Fashion's decree.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has been declared bankrupt, and with its enormous debt will pass into the hands of the government. If the latter does not weaken and allow the parent road, the Grand Trunk, to ignore its obligations in guaranteeing the bonds of its offspring, the probabilities are that the Grand Trunk will also soon become a National Railway, for it has never paid a dividend during its sixty-five years of existence, and the interest alone to be paid the government will be from five million to seven million dollars annually.

It has been decided to call the German plenipotentiaries to the peace conference on or about March 20, to receive the preliminary draft of the peace treaty. These representatives will then discover that the terms imposed will be such as to forever prevent Germany from obtaining military domination over the world. The wonderful armies of which the Huns were so proud are to be reduced to 100,000—a mere police force—and they will be allowed no artillery or other equipment beyond that sufficient to preserve order in their own country. Drastic naval terms, not as yet announced, are also to be imposed. It is more than possible these terms will be rejected, but if not accepted the German government must take the consequences, as there is no likelihood of them being modified. In this connection the following dispatch from the London Daily News is significant: "It is an open secret that Premier Lloyd George considers disarmament the touchstone of Conference success, and his insistence on disarmament for Germany is merely the first step in a general policy of pacification intended to lead to disarmament in all countries."

It would appear that the returning American soldiers strongly resent the attitude taken by the members of the Congress who are opposing the League of Nations. An officer writing to the New York Times says he expresses the views of the returning soldiers in the following cutting terms: "I trust that I may be allowed to register the shamed amazement and indignation that I know is being felt by the thousands of soldiers returning from France at this time to face the noise of the political strife that has been raging in our Congress. We feel the bitterest resentment against these servants of our nation who can thus turn from the high service of mankind (to which we as soldiers proudly felt that our nation had dedicated us) to be led by a political motive or to avenge a personal wrong. We resent the spoiling of the hearts and tempers of our highest representatives, this appealing to the selfish and sordid motives of the ignorant and discontented masses, and this challenging of the ideals and convictions that united the Allied armies and inspired men to face worse horrors than death. Can these be the men who have sent sons to France to die, as so many have died? Shall we now turn from fields of battle and chambers of death to put up with a faction of disgruntled congressmen, obstructing the accomplishment of the goal that we have been fighting for, trying to discredit the only ideal that could justify the appalling sacrifices we have seen? Must we see our honor besmirched—we who have taken such pride in the high regard and honor of our Allies? Must we who have tried to merit the esteem, be forced now

to feel the contempt of those good friends with whom and for whom we have fought?"

At no time during the war was there a word of criticism uttered against the Canadian soldiers. On the other hand their gallantry, fearlessness, good conduct and remarkable achievements were unstintingly praised in every land. Even the enemy, who feared Canadians as they did no other forces, were forced to pay their tribute of respect. It was therefore with sorrow that we at home read of the outbreak at Kimmel Camp, Wales, last week. We venture to say that all who participated now regret their action. While offering no excuse for their mutinous outbreak, which unfortunately resulted in loss of life, it can be readily understood how it came about. There were about 25,000 of our boys in Kimmel Camp anxiously awaiting demobilization and embarkation for home after fighting for their country and the protection of the civilized world for more than three years. Kimmel Camp covers some two hundred acres of ground, and is about five miles from Rhyl. It is on low ground, and at this season of the year water from the highlands pours down into the camp making conditions most uncomfortable. In addition this camp is said to be devoid of all organization, while the food and sleeping accommodations are unfit for human beings. Since the armistice was signed military discipline has no doubt been more or less relaxed, and the soldiers had nothing to do. If the promises made them had been fulfilled they would have been home long since, and the unfortunate occurrence would not have happened. But lack of boats it seems made this impossible. For some time the soldiers had been becoming more and more restless. They wanted to get home and return to civil life, and failed to see sufficient reason for holding them. Nor could they reconcile themselves to the fact that adjacent towns and villages were out of bounds to them. In this condition of mind it only required leadership of some twenty venturesome comrades to transform them into a reckless, howling mob, ready to destroy anything and everything in sight. Doubtless their lapse from sanity was short lived, for they soon showed regret for their actions. Another thing that inflamed them was the knowledge that after four years of fighting and privation, during which time they freely accepted all hardships, boats could not be obtained to return them to Canada, while 3,800 American negroes, who never saw the firing line and never smelt powder, were returned on the last trip of the Olympic, one of the largest and finest boats in the service. The Manchester Guardian, in declaring the rioters were not entirely to blame, says: "It is obvious that the conditions of the camp were unusually bad, and the fact that the food stores were first plundered is proof. Probably demobilization grievances, real or fancied, were a more potent cause, and finally it would seem that the rioters were not wholly to blame for the bloodshed." It is apparent that the outbreak has awakened the authorities to the necessity of giving the Canadians more consideration, as we are authoritatively informed that four additional ships have been assigned to the service of transporting our soldiers home. There must be, of course, an investigation, and it is but fair that the conditions of the camp complained of be included in the evidence taken.

MALE HELP WANTED

Be your own boss, anyone can start a cut-rate grocery of their own, \$25 to \$100 invested should earn \$25 weekly, plans free. H. V. Martin, Windsor, Ontario.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank the friends and former neighbors in the county, and also those in town, for their help and sympathy in the loss of our dear husband and father. Such thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Jabez Cohoon
Harvey Cohoon
Dwight Cohoon

RED CROSS HAS SPLENDID REPORT
Goods Worth Over \$13,000 Sent Overseas

Aylmer may well feel proud of its Red Cross Workers who have been so zealous in responding to the call overseas. Last Friday afternoon they gave an "At Home" in their rooms in the Marshall Block, which was attended by about two hundred people, and to say the least, it was a most enjoyable affair. Speeches and addresses were made by the following gentlemen: Rev. Mr. Miles, Rev. W. K. Hager, Mr. T. Hammond, Mr. Wyn Christie, Mr. G. Dalley, Mr. D. Marshall and others, and musical numbers rendered by Miss Hilda Brown, Miss Thayer, selections on the Victrola, after which the ladies served a dainty lunch. The society while giving up active work, have not disbanded. As the report will show, there is a nice balance in the bank, which will be used to further the work. A number of business men were present and several members of the G.W.V.A. Mrs. Bridgman, who has been President since the inception of the society acted as chairman, and further proved her ability to "carry on." The following is her address. Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with feelings of gladness, yet with feelings of regret, that I address you this afternoon. Gladness; that I may rejoice with you, that the awful war is over, and the cause of our activities as a society, has been removed. Regret; that the social and pleasant relations, which have existed for the past years amongst us will cease. You will please pardon me for reading a part of this address, for when I try to speak I very often forget many things which I had wished and intended to say. I assure me as a society, wish to extend to you all a hearty welcome here, and at the same time we want to extend to all who have assisted us in our labors, either by your work or financially, our heart felt thanks, and trust you will receive it in the same hearty spirit in which it is given. I am sure you will rejoice with us over the splendid report which has just been read, and that with us, you will feel proud of the work accomplished; by the untiring efforts of the women of Aylmer and surrounding district. I believe the main object of this gathering is to wind up the work of the society, to spend a social hour together, and to review the report, which is pinned to the wall, so all may read it, and to rejoice together over the objects attained by patient, persisting, co-operative work. Many of our returned men, with whom I have chatted, have told me of the excellent work of the Red Cross for the boys overseas, some going as far as to say the war could not have gone on as it did, without the assistance, the comforts and necessities received at the hands of this world-wide and beloved organization. We are thankful to the Giver of all good, that we have had the strength, and His kind watchfulness over us during these years which are past, and sorry too, that more has not been accomplished, and which might have been, if ALL who COULD, would have united with us in our efforts, and have cast in their lot with us, and thus have helped us to further our output, and so helped us to "carry on." It will be a great pleasure for us to look back upon the many pleasant hours spent together in so noble a work, and to say within ourselves; we did what we could, or as we often put it, did our bit.

The thanks of all are due to Mr. Marshall, who has furnished us with bright and comfortable quarters for our work, cheerfully and without cost, to Messrs Youell & Wrong who did the shipping of our many consignments, free of charge, to Mr. J. Wilson, who has so kindly laundered our goods, without charge, to Mr. Taylor who has done much of our draying and to the Grand Trunk Railway for free transportation of all goods to our headquarters, Hyman Hall, London.

I would be ungrateful indeed, were I not to mention the courtesy always extended to me as your president,

by the officers, and ladies of the society, and to whom no small credit must be given for their hearty co-operation at all times, and under all circumstances. We regret that we have been deprived of the able assistance and kind counsel of our worthy vice-president, Mrs. Wrong, who has been going through such a siege of illness, and we pray she may speedily be restored to her former health.

We are pleased to be able to report that we are out of debt, and as you noticed by the report, have a nice little surplus in the bank. These monies will be paid out to deserving purposes as requested by our superior of-

ficers, from time to time, and where they will do the most good.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Total shipments, 6698 pairs socks at \$1, 1690 suits pyjamas, \$1.25, 606 shirts, \$1.50, 72 pillows, \$3.00, 806 pillow slips, 30c, 492 handkerchiefs, 25c, 254 sheets, \$1.00, 2180 towels, 25c, 1181 wash cloths, 20c, 20 knee caps, 40 bed sox, \$1.25, 8 bed jackets, \$1.50.

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WE are sole Distributing Agents for Aylmer for the following two unexcelled ranges of made-to-your-measure tailoring.

Semi-Ready Tailoring

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We guarantee you absolutely perfect fitting garments, tailored on any model you prefer, with irreproachable tailoring and at prices less than you'll pay elsewhere for inferior fabrics.

Every garment warranted to retain its perfect shape always.

Over 400 beautiful cloths to select from.

Our made-to-measure business is gaining by leaps and bounds as a result of the advertising of our pleased customers.

Come in and look at the new Spring Styles and Fabrics.

The G. R. Christie Co.
The Store for Best Value

Fancy Linens

Spring 1919

Fine China

GRAND OPENING OF AYLMEY'S Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Store



This store is showing this week a complete range of New Collars, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts and Coats. Crochet Cotton, Silkines, Knitting Cotton, Dress Shields, Hose Supporters, Handkerchiefs, Purses, Corsets, Brassiers, Table Linen, Towelling, Hosiery, Gloves, Fancy Buttons, Camisoles, Middies, Underwear, Umbrellas, Etc.

Our styles, sensible and true to the needs of the moment give that satisfaction and confidence to the wearer which distinguish the well-dressed.

Satisfaction is a reliance based on certainty, and Emerson truly said, "Being well-dressed confers a satisfaction to a woman—which religion cannot give."

Our Ready-to-Wear and Style Openings Continue all day Saturday.

You are Welcome



One of our many pretty waists.

WOOSTER & TURNER

Thos. Wooster

Wm. Turner

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mon children spent the week Mrs. Monteith's parents, Mrs. J. Bate, Tillsonburg.

Mr. Arthur Mann has house from Mr. C. Smuck street east and is moving west.

Mrs. J. P. Strong, who was way home from California, en ill with influenza and has a hospital in Bay City, Michigan, Sunday, March 16th, will give the G. E. Ecker's last meeting Gospel Mission. In the evening will preach on "Will the annihilated?"

Mr. L. J. Parker was in Saturday night, where he to see his son, Private C. who came over from London good-by before leaving for Private Parker's work with clerical nature on boats ing Canadian soldiers home front. He left for Halifax.

Sapper J. Grant Van Sly Mr. and Mrs. John Van among the passengers who on the Megantic, and is n ing a few days with his pa At the time of enlisting he verity student at Toronto

At a meeting of the H. Society last week the sprin bulbs and plants for the 5 placed and consists of 2 tuns, 1,000 asters and gl cannas, 200 fancy foliage 100 shrubs, roses, etc. Th tion is in a prosperous co does a great deal to help mer a pretty town in wh They always welcome new

The concert given in th here last Friday eveni Thomas and Aylmer talen auspices of the local br; G. W. V. A. was a decid those who are fond of Sc and songs, etc. The Mc; St. Thomas, than whom better in their line, we ceived, as were the Black Aylmer. Misses Findley soloists of St. Thomas, v and William Hollingshea tertainer was good. A so James Barnum was w W. Harold Barnum, we and of course filled t most acceptably.

Death came very sudd ma Gillett, at the home Mrs. Herbert Orton, morning. Deceased, wh 70th year, had been a heart trouble for some y taken with a severe spe ting up from her bed, fore medical assistance summoned. She was ar on Monday and retired good health. Her hus ceased her some two ye ceased was born in Engl her family came to C but a young girl. She respected resident of more than forty years member of the Baptist leaves to mourn her los: ers and four sisters Al of Ingersoll; Charles, Harry, of the P.M., St. Adam Murray, Aylmer Radford, Ingersoll; Blackwell, Wingham; Sackrider, Toronto. Th take place from the resi bert Orton, this after o'clock, and interment in the Aylmer cemetery

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST NEXT SUNDAY Rev. Wm. K. Hag

Junior League St. Paul's Church 11 a.m.—A Story of Habakkuk, "How the Individual in National Destruction" 3 p.m.—Sunday school League.

7 p.m.—Christ's Life "Gethsemane." Wednesday, 8 p.m.—P YOU are cordially in these services.

Choir practice Frid 8:00 o'clock. C. S. Bridgman, Lead; Geo. R. B. Stratton; Geo. Dunning, Presi

THE BAPTIST NEXT SUNDAY

11 a.m.—The Pastor v 5 p.m.—Sunday Scho Class.

7 p.m.—The Pastor w The choir will si numbers.

Get into the GOC come to church twic

Monday, 8 p.m.— meeting.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.— Rev. T. J. Mitchell, Mr. E. C. Monteith, Mrs. E. H. Smith,

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, A

Mass—Sunday, 8 a.m.