

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

President Wilson has despatched another "final note" to Germany, in which he refuses to interfere with Britain's blockade.

No doubt the Government at Ottawa has learned of the kick put up by the Express over the similarity in appearance of the 2 cent and 3 cent stamps. Announcement has been made that the next issue of the 3 cent variety will be in a new color.

London became very much excited over the announcement that a new training camp is to be established near Barrie. Assurance is given the Forest City, however, that men in khaki will continue to train there. London does not want to lose anything.

The popularity of the daylight saving movement is gaining momentum all the time, and bids fair to become generally popular, as mentioned last week. We note that the British House of Commons on Monday, after a short discussion, adopted a motion favoring daylight saving by a vote of 170 to 2. Sir Henry Norman, the mover of the resolution, estimates that the economy in lighting alone will be ten and one-half millions of dollars yearly. We would be glad to have the views of our readers in regard to the movement, briefly stated in the Express. If you know of any real objection to daylight saving, let us have it.

Beginning next Monday, every patron of moving picture shows, theatres, race tracks, baseball games, and other amusements, will be required to pay a war tax, in addition to the entrance fee. The income to the Government from this source is estimated at over \$500,000 per annum, which exceeds the amount hitherto received from the liquor licenses of the province. The amusement tax, it would appear, is to form an easy solution for the loss of revenue from the unpopular liquor business, and will doubtless meet with no harsh criticism, as no one who really enjoys amusement should object to pay for it. It is far more reasonable to tax the luxuries than the necessities of life.

After having last week shot three of his leading generals because they failed to force their armies into the "Jaws of Death," the German Crown Prince has been causing great slaughter among his "brave Pomeranians" in another futile attack on the French at Verdun. The longer he keeps this up, the better for the Allies, as the French know he cannot win there, and would prefer that he butt his brains out at this spot than at a new one, and the discontent at failure here, after sacrificing so many lives, will be very great throughout Germany. Bismarck said he would not give a Pomeranian grenadier for the whole of the Balkan States, but the Crown Prince is quite profligate in disposing of them. Pomerania is a



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Baltic province, and has as one of its chief cities Stettin, which has immense shipbuilding yards. As an illustration of how well the Germans keep informed of the movements of the Allies, comes the news of the sinking of the Cymric and the notice of "Welcome, Australians," put up on the arrival in their trenches of the Australians and New Zealanders on the Western Front. "Punch" paid the Australian soldier a great tribute in a recent issue. "The bravest thing that God has ever made," being the remark of an officer.

The sinking of the Titanic from collision with an iceberg, in 1912, was recalled when the widow of John Jacob Astor, who was drowned on that occasion, presented her bill for the living expenses of their posthumous son, John Jacob Astor IV., four years of age, which amounted to \$27,393, or \$75.60 a day. The Court had only allowed \$20,000, which she finds too small an amount to supply all his wants, which, of course, would include such toys as the finest automobiles. The child's father divorced his first wife, a most estimable and useful woman, who at present is taking a very great interest in Red Cross work; and on September 9th, 1911, married Madeline Talmage Force, a young society beauty. They spent their honeymoon in Europe, and were on their return to New York, on the maiden trip of the Titanic, when the disaster occurred. Mr. Astor might have been saved, but gallantly gave up his chance that a lady might take his place. He had made ample provision for his first wife and their two children at the time of the separation, and for his second wife at the marriage settlement. His will, made not long before his death, gave the bulk of his huge fortune to his son, William Vincent Astor, and left a comfortable amount and living allowance for the child which was expected, but the second widow evidently wishes more. The founder of the Astor family, John Jacob Astor I., was the son of a German peasant. He came to New York when twenty years of age, and died sixty-five years afterward, leaving a fortune of about eighteen million dollars, made in the first place by a fur business, and added to by judicious investments in New York City real estate. This fortune was doubled by his second son, William Backhouse Astor. It was the policy of the Astors never to sell their real estate, and values increased so rapidly that the late John Jacob Astor was worth about one hundred million dollars. The founder of the family in 1811 established the colony of Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia River, which was made the subject of one of Washington Irving's popular stories.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Liggett's Chocolates, pure and delicious, are received fresh almost every day at all Rexall Drug Stores, the exclusive agents.—J. E. Richards & Co.

A petition has been largely signed by Aylmer business men to close their places of business every Wednesday afternoon during June, July, and August.

The Travel Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. John Allen on May 16th. This is the last meeting of the season, and all members are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Strachan announce the engagement of their daughter, Grace Evelyn, to Mr. William L. Powell, the wedding to take place early in June.

Dr. G. Frayne, veterinary surgeon, who for the past few months has been in partnership here with Dr. Augustine, has enlisted for overseas service, and left Aylmer yesterday. The doctor expects to leave for England next week, and on his arrival there will be attached to the Veterinary Corps with the Imperial Forces. Dr. Frayne has made many friends since coming to Aylmer, who admire the sacrifice he is making to serve his country. He has been given the commission of lieutenant.

After an illness extending over several years, John Richardson, Malahide, passed over to the silent majority on Tuesday evening last, in his 68th year. For the past six months he has been confined to the house, and gradually grew weaker until the end came as stated. The late John Richardson was one of the best known and highly respected residents of the district. With his parents, he settled on the beautiful farm near

Luton, when four years of age, and lived there continuously until his death. He was a man of integrity and ability; a man whose word was as good as his bond. Naturally of a kindly disposition, and possessing excellent judgment in all things, he was a friend indeed to all who needed his services. He enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him, and filled the highest positions of trust in the gift of the people of the township. For years he was a member of the Council, and for several terms occupied the position of reeve without opposition. Mr. Richardson was a man of strong religious convictions, and an active worker in church. He was a worthy member of Malahide Lodge A. F. and A. M., and also of Aylmer Chapter, and a Past Master and Past Z. in these orders. Besides his widow, who has also been an invalid for some time, he leaves one son, Earle, on the farm adjoining, and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. J. Dunn, Malahide, and Miss Alta, at home. The funeral will take place to-day at 2.30. After a service at the house, he will be buried in the Luton Cemetery with Masonic honors.

FORMER AYLMER LADY MARRIED IN ST. THOMAS.

The marriage took place on Monday afternoon, May 8th, at the home of the bride's mother, 24 Hinks Street, St. Thomas, of Hugh A. Campbell, of Winona, Ont., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Campbell, of Mitchell, Ont., and Miss Jean Thompson McIntyre, daughter of the late T. G. McIntyre, and Mrs. McIntyre, formerly of Aylmer. The ceremony was performed by Captain (Rev.) N. H. McGillivray, pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas. The bride was given away by Mr. Thomas G. Dochstader, of London, Ont., also formerly of Aylmer, the wedding march being played by Mrs. Frederick A. Bell.

The bride, who was unmarried, was married in a travelling costume of Jaffa blue, wearing a hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses. The house was beautifully decorated with roses, sweet peas, daffodils, and ferns. After congratulations and wedding dinner, the happy couple left for Toronto and other points. They will reside on the groom's fruit farm at Winona. Miss Hillis and Mrs. G. Haight, of this place, attended the wedding. Three of the groom's brothers were present in khaki, the youngest only 16, waiting for the time the age limit will permit his going to the front. The eldest, a flight aviator, invalided home after having been nearly killed when his aeroplane, striking a tricky pocket of air, dashed to earth. When he regained consciousness he apologized for the damage done the machine, and asked to be taken to a London hospital, and arrived at the time when the King's surgeon was on duty, and got the best surgical aid possible. His life was saved, but he will bear souvenirs of the event in different sections of his anatomy from head to foot, from a silver plate in his head to an ivory cap on his heel and a silver one at his ankle. While naturally his nerves are too shattered to resume aviation at the front, he still has enough to attempt a flight on the 24th of May from Toronto to Mitchell, of which town his father is mayor. The officiating minister, Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of St. Thomas, was in khaki. Mr. Dochstader, who gave the bride away, was mistaken by many in the city for ex-President Taft.

NOTES WITHOUT COMMENTS.

Chickens.

(By Benedict.)

The most of us have, at one time or another, figured out how we could make a fortune out of chickens. With a reasonable amount of paper and a good serviceable lead pencil, and a fair amount of energy, we could place ourselves in the millionaire class in a short time.

But when we came to put our theory into practice, it was a far different matter.

My wife and I wanted to go into the chicken business, because we felt that along this line our destiny was laid by a Power higher than ourselves. We have since changed our minds.

We hunted the farm papers high and low to discover the kind of fowl that would answer the purpose we had in mind. At last we found it. It was the Shanghai. We found a poor man who was forced to sell his celebrated flock of Shanghai's at a much reduced price, and we gobbled them up.

Talk about your birds. We had them all skinned a mile. When it came down to birds, we were there with the goods. Our birds awoke at 2.30 p.m., and stayed awake until the sun set. The first morning our rooster crowed, all the people thought it was the fire alarm, and it cost the town \$12 to square matters. For weeks at a time those chickens would sit around, solemn, and without a thought of the future, and calmly consider the future as regarding their well-being.

Eat? You never saw anything like it. Corn, oats, shorts, buckwheat,

barley, rye; all seemed to go the same way; and as for results—well, you may imagine. One day my wife came running into the house, singing, "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, the hens have laid an egg." I took that egg; weighed it, looked at it, considered it, and finally, in a moment of desperation, ate it. That egg cost me seventeen dollars and twenty-three cents, and yet it was no better than any average egg that you could buy at the store.

I started to kill off those chickens. When I went to kill the rooster, I found that he had swallowed two feet eleven inches of wire clothes-line. I dulled an axe cutting off his head. I fell from grace remarking on his toughness. I got indigestion from attempting to eat him. And finally I swore by all the powers that govern chickenology that I would for ever and a day eliminate chickens from my catalogue.

We are buying our eggs now; and the first person that attempts to sell us "guaranteed-to-lay eggs" will be dealt with in a manner befitting their station. Cold storage eggs are good enough for the writer; and when any fellow comes along with some "get-rich-quick" scheme along the chicken line, kindly refer him to me, and he'll meet his Waterloo.

LAKEVIEW

The sad news came to Mrs. Wm. Cook just as she had arranged to return to England hoping to see her seven sons, who all are at the front, that two of them had given their lives for their country. One, Fred, the youngest, accompanied his parents to Canada a couple of years ago, and enlisted with the 33rd Battalion and went overseas to the front some months ago. The other had enlisted in England, and the message sent said he had gone down with a ship that was torpedoed recently. Mrs. Cook, with her husband and family, resided on H. L. McConnell's fruit farm until a few months ago. Mr. Cook died very suddenly, and Mrs. Cook decided to return to England. She had been with her daughter in Sparta for a few weeks. On learning of her great bereavement, she at once sailed for England. Fred Cook was a young man who made many friends here, and all feel much sympathy for his mother in her double bereavement.

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