

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It has been officially announced at Ottawa that there will be no conscription in Canada. A system of registration is to be established, however, to distinguish slackers from workers.

According to a recent speech of Lloyd George, Great Britain will soon be in a position to manufacture all the shells she will need, and that it would be unnecessary to place further orders in America. There will likely still be much business done in this line with Russia.

If our neighbors to the south go any further with the protest against removing mail matter from vessels at sea, they will have both Great Britain and France to deal with. Both take the stand that such action is not in violation of international law, and have decided to act jointly in the matter.

The next public holiday in 1916 will be on Christmas. Here's hoping that before that day arrives, in some miraculous manner this cruel and devastating war will be ended; that right and justice may have triumphed, and that "Peace on earth, good will towards men" may find true expression in the hearts of men of all nations upon the earth.

Applications are coming in so thick and fast from the district of Ontario west of Lake Superior for wholesale liquor permits, that the License Board has decided to issue no more licenses. The big increase in the demand for licenses was due to the large number of orders received from Manitoba, where the people still seem inclined to take the cup that inebriates.

A leading New York financier makes the positive assertion that Ambassador Gerrard has been instructed by the Kaiser with a message from the Kaiser appealing to President Wilson to use his good offices in an effort to secure peace terms. Such a request, even if the report is correct, will not meet with favor by the Allies at this time. Holland and Sweden have been warned against such a move, and some time ago the British War Minister emphatically stated that "any attempt on the part of neutrals to bring about mediation at this particular juncture" would be viewed as deliberately unfriendly. The United States has persisted in keeping out of this struggle up to date, and if they will not fight, it will be far better for them to make no effort to stop the fight, until the Kaiser and his followers are brought to their knees. The Allies are asking no favors from any nation, but they do ask and expect neutral countries to attend to their own affairs and not interfere.

The following editorial note, taken from the Aylmer Express of November 18, 1911, applies to-day with so great force as at that time: "You may take it for granted that unpunctual people are thoroughly selfish. Their own inclinations are paramount to the convenience of others. The unpunctual man is apt to think that the greatest evil he occasions by his special infirmity is temporary inconvenience or disappointment. But this is not so. If one of his delays should disturb only the arrangements for one day of a single person, he may congratulate himself. What bitter disappointment, and what serious annoyance and loss, may come from a letter a little too late for the mail; an appointment not kept; a commission deferred. Punctual people are always reliable. Do all that you promise to do, and all that you are rightfully required and expected to do as certainly, so far as it depends upon yourself, as the sun rises and sets, so that the hearts of all with whom you are in any way connected may safely trust in you. Then you will become pillars of support in the family and in society, instead of broken reeds. Let your word be as good as your bond, and when you say you will do a thing, do it."

An Aylmer lady has kindly handed in a copy of the Aylmer Express of thirty-five years ago, edited by the late T. W. Michael. We have with considerable interest studied its contents, and with all modesty we must submit that it in no way compares with the Express of to-day as a newspaper. It is a four-page sheet, and the subscription price was \$1.50 per year in advance. The lady who brought it in says that no one thought of objecting to this rate. If our subscribers to-day were called upon to pay a proportionate price the Express would cost them \$3.75 per annum. But the trouble would be no one would pay it. At the same time wages are double what they were thirty-five years ago, blank paper, ink, and other materials have trebled in price, rents have gone up, and no one needs to be told of the increased cost in living. And yet we are getting no higher rate for advertising than prevailed at that time. We are either much better managers or we are very foolish, and are inclined to think it is the latter. In 1881 wheat, which it is reported, had taken a decided drop, was quoted at \$1.20 a bushel, pork brought \$7.00, and cheese 58 shillings. With one exception, J. L. Lambert, there is not a firm in Aylmer doing business to-day which was represented in the Express in 1881. There are several citizens in business here now, who were doing business then, but their partners have passed away, and the firm name consequently changed. A glance at this copy by our older citizens would doubtless bring up recollections long since forgotten.

One year ago to-day the Germans committed a blunder, which to them is worse than a crime, when they executed Miss Edith Cavell, a nurse, Edith Louise Cavell, who was born in 1866 at Swardeston, her father being a Protestant clergyman. Upon his death, having completed her education, she decided to take up the profession of nursing. In 1906 Miss Cavell became matron of a surgical and medical home in Brussels, the position being given her because of her better knowledge of hygiene and aseptic methods. She showed great tact in introducing new methods in the institution, which had always been managed entirely by the Roman Catholic Sisterhood. Her great professional skill, backed by a strong personality, soon won confidence and esteem from all sides. At the time war was declared, Miss Cavell was in England on a visit with her mother. She heard the call, and at once departed for the field of action in Belgium. English, Belgian, French and German law is not tempered with healing touch. It came to the knowledge of Germany that she supplied British, French and Belgian refugees with food, clothing and money, and had helped them to escape across the frontier into Holland, also that she used her hospital for fugitives. German law is not tempered with mercy, and on August 5th, German officers burst into a ward where she was binding up a soldier's wound, took her prisoner. Notwithstanding protests, she was executed. When taken out into the yard to be shot, this brave woman became unconscious, and while she lay upon the ground, a German officer drew his revolver and shot her dead. The effect of this judicial murder was a help to recruiting, and the crime will be remembered against Germany so long as one of the lofty snow-capped peaks of our Rock Mountains, named after her, stands. A home for nurses is about to be built in Toronto and named after her, and so long as the English language stands this gentle martyr will be remembered.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reavely spent the holiday in Ottawa. Mrs. (Dr.) F. H. Miller is visiting Mrs. C. B. Laur, London. Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Smith, Aylmer, on Wednesday, October 12th, a son. John Boughner, of the post office staff has been laid up on account of illness for the past few days. Miss Helen Laur, of London, has been the guest of Miss Clarice Miller for the past few days.

Miss Clara White and Mrs. Truman Crosby, of Chicago, have been the guests of Mrs. C. A. White.

Bread has been raised to 8 cents a loaf in Aylmer. The new rate came into effect on the first of the month.

Owen Johnson, of Brantford, has taken a position with the Aylmer Shoe Company.

Mrs. Robertson, of Tillsonburg, has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. James Allen, who has not been enjoying very good health.

Mrs. Harper and daughter, Mrs. Harry Pappert, have been visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) McFarlane at Wallacetown.

Drs. J. H. and Annie Tanner, of Woodstock, spent the holiday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, of Royal Oak, Mich., are visiting the former's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson, and other relatives and friends in and around Aylmer.

Mr. C. Macklem has secured a position with a shoe factory at Brampton, and left for that place last week. Mrs. Macklem and family will remain in Aylmer for a time.

Mrs. Seed and the Misses Seed have returned to New York after spending a couple of weeks in Aylmer. While here they attended the wedding of Mr. M. R. Seed and Miss Mildred Kidd.

It is claimed that advertising largely contributed to the success of the Canadian million-dollar war loan, which was so readily and quickly subscribed to by the general public. Judicious advertising will contribute to the success of any enterprise.

Corp. B. L. LaRoy, of the Signal Training Depot, Ottawa, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his cousin, Mrs. H. G. Hicks, South street. Corp. La Roy enlisted in Alberta and this is the first opportunity he has had in some years of visiting his relatives in Aylmer.

C. S. Noble, an Alberta farmer has a thousand acre wheat field, half of which has yielded fifty-two bushels per acre. If the average is maintained, as expected, it is stated that a new world's record will be made. The world's record is now held in Washington State with a fifty-one bushel yield.

In a letter received this week by his father, John Roberts, John street south, Pte. H. Ray Roberts writes that he has received a first-class scout certificate, and has passed the final medical examination, and expected to be on the firing line by the time his father received his letter. Pte. Roberts enlisted with the 91st Battalion.

Mrs. Shaw, of Mr. Salem met with injuries on Thursday night of last week which will confine her to the house for some time. She was driving west through Aylmer on her way to St. Thomas, when a young man and a young lady driving east ran into her rig in front of the residence of Mrs. John Dennis. Mrs. Shaw's buggy was upset and she was thrown out. She sprained her ankle and suffered considerably from shock. The horse dragged the buggy across the road and when it struck the curb, the buggy righted itself. The horse ran to New Sarton where it was caught. Two physicians attended to Mrs. Shaw's injuries and Mr. Em. Millard drove her to the home of her sister at Mt. Salem in his car. The young fellow driving the rig did not even stop to find out if Mrs. Shaw was even hurt, but hurriedly disappeared.

During the evening service at Trinity church on Sunday last, a very impressive service was performed by the rector, Rev. Charles Miles, who unveiled the honor roll of those brave men who have enlisted from the congregation of Trinity church for overseas, and most of whom are now doing "their bit" on the firing line in France. The roll also contained the names of those who had fallen in the fight for their religion and the cause of humanity. The rector spoke in fitting terms of the men. How they had sacrificed all to help restore peace and that when peace was eventually restored he hoped that they would return to their homes and loved ones to enjoy it. The honor roll contained the following names: Harry Simpson, Charles Elworthy, Francis H. Ingram, (all killed in action) Alfred Ingram, Edward Brey, Harry Richardson (returned soldier wounded); Roland Gattward; William Butcher, George Swadling, Harry Grass (honorably discharged); Verne Mitchell, Robert Brackstone, Frank Pipe, Gilbert Gaskill, Gordon A. Philpot, John Wallace, John Bobbitt, Leslie Todman, Wallace Antill, Leonard L. Youell, Harry A. Wrong, Hugh B. Hill, Eric Bingham, Gerald Rundle, James Glover, Edward Bateman, Charles Picknell, Harold Sawyer, Thomas Greig, Harold Whetstone, Robert G. Thompson, F. L. Summers, S. T. Summers, Charles Dingle, Fred Roberts, Henry A. Sykes, Edwin Hatcher, Leopold Jones, Samuel Hawkins, Arthur W. Youell, Wm. Harris (killed in action) Ray Bobbitt.

MEN'S SUITS

\$10 to \$25

BOY'S SUITS

\$3.00 to \$12

Our Fall Line is complete and awaits your inspection.



For those who want Made-to-Measure Clothing

We have over 500 Cloths to select from \$15 to \$40 and all prices between. Fit and Service Guaranteed

We're Right Here on the Job

with the catchiest range of New Fall Suits you ever rested your eyes upon. Tasty fabrics perfectly tailored on the newest models, 2 and 3 button sacks, the popular pitch back. Clothes to suit both the man with quiet taste or the young fellow who wants "ginger" to his clothes. The Christie guarantee backs up every garment in our big stock. See them now even if you don't want to buy. We know we can interest you. Everything that will fit you outright in furnishings and footwear is stocked for the Fall trade and our prices are without doubt, RIGHT. We are making a special effort to look after the Boy's this year, and we can fit them out from head to foot.

Our Special Shoe Bargain Table is very attractive this week

THE G. R. CHRISTIE CO.

"RELIABLE OUTFITTERS"

CARD OF THANKS

I take this opportunity of thanking my neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness shown me during my bereavement. I also wish to specially thank the Summers Corners Sunday School Class and the friends who furnished cars, for their thoughtfulness and kind assistance. Mrs. Samuel Harp.

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As it is impossible to see each one personally, we take this means of expressing our thanks to the friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved mother, Mrs. Juliana Pressey. We can assure you such kindness will never be forgotten. The Family.

The Royal Bank of Canada INCORPORATED 1869

Table with financial data: Capital Authorized \$25,000,000; Capital Paid-up \$11,820,000; Reserve and Undivided Profits \$13,236,000; Total Assets \$235,000,000

The Royal Bank of Canada is equipped to offer customers every facility of modern banking. Current Accounts for business purposes opened on favorable terms. Interest-bearing Savings Accounts may be opened with a deposit of \$1.00 and upwards.

J. W. BANFIELD, Manager Aylmer Branch

Kitchen Cabinets

There are more Kitchen Cabinets sold to-day than ever before. The housekeeper appreciates scientific housekeeping and demands up-to-date conveniences just as the business man does filing cabinets.

We have a very fine line of cabinets finished in the natural and golden finish, also in solid oak ranging in price from

\$6.50 to \$38.00

One very complete cabinet is of solid oak enameled white interior, nickeloid extension top, metal lined bread box, flour can with sifter attached, glass sugar and spice jars, making a handsome and convenient piece of Kitchen Furniture.



Other cabinets in Maple and Ash having all the conveniences which make a kitchen cabinet a necessity in an up-to-date kitchen. Kitchen Cabinets save "labor and worry". Come in and let us show you these goods we will be pleased to show them to you.

John Palmer & Son

Bell Phone, Store and Res 93 Rural Phone, Store and Res. 54

Licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. J. V. Smiley and postlock, motored to Monday, and called on Mrs. Lefler, of St. Thome (Daley), in visiting Mrs. Lefler, John street south. Mr. Rennie Walling, former Aylmer boy, spent the summer with Aylmer friends. Mr. and Mrs. Howard spent the summer at home from Port Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Allan, daughter, Berenice, of here guests of the Misses here the holiday. Mr. P. D. Claus left Kingston where he will pursue in chemistry at University.

Dr. J. D. Leeson has operation at the Toronto hospital, and is rapidly the Doctor expects to about a week's time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. S from their wedding trip and are now occupying the corner of Wellington streets.

Pte. Teddy Slatter, 0 Battalion, spent a few last week on final leave overseas. He visited his Doris Slatter and friend.

The residence of Wm. was burned to the ground Monday night started in a woodshed had been no fire for. There will be a heavy small insurance was c

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. I ton, Ont., motored to day and spent Saturday in town. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Doan preached again for the Malahide circuit church, at Mt. M. charge, and the tions at all the service to hear him once.

Professor Murray, nephew of W. G. A. M. Wrong of this pointed Vice-President of Technology, Manitoba is one of the fish technical colleges is a graduate of Toronto and later was a student at the University. At the pointment he was a dalene College. His Wrong is head of a history at the Univ.

The postponed, E Show and Race Me on the Fair Grounds, Friday, October 21st 1 o'clock. Prizes a best single road horse, single road horse, carriage horse, 152 single carriage horse, best single draught horse, racing programme large number who real fun: Three-mile heat; Gentlemen driven to buggy; heats, hoppers, never have started for October 15th, trot and 220 pace to races close Oct. The admission is Coughley, Aylmer, Wm. Ashton, P weather remains assured. Everybo the fun.

MR. G. A. SW REMEMB

The following G. A. Swayze, a genuine surprise Brothers whom heard from for in The kindly spirit the boys of fifth remember their appreciated by h ed to know that my have made as is evidenced by which they enclose. Mr. George A. S Copenh Our Dear Team in reading t of the 14th inst, indeed, to note ping that you ar With congr wishes for y health, we are ago, at the old north of Orwel