

Beautiful Scenes in Southern California

Los Angeles, January 20. Editor Ontario:— Blue sky, cloudless; so warm that I was obliged to remove my hat while walking. Eighty-seven thousand cars here. Twenty deaths, 120 accidents in December. I stood in a car, which had stopped, and an auto ran into the rear of the car with great force, doing considerable damage. The conductor had each person in the car fill in name and address. I presume to secure witnesses.

Many young girls are pretty; middle-aged women, plain, homely. And many of them, I think, must be insane, because on the hottest days they will wear all sorts of fur garments. Some wear fur coats, others, capes and mufflers. I do not think the world has produced faster motor-cyclists than I saw in several races—a mile in seventy-eight seconds; fifty miles in thirty-seven minutes. The horses here seem thoroughbred, and make fast time in the weekly races. Tomorrow there is to be an air battle. Many airships, controlled by returned soldiers, will contend. Bombs will be fired and all sorts of evolutions performed.

As Belleville's street carnival did not turn out a great success, this city is going to attempt tonight a carnival which will occupy ten blocks on Broadway, a band at each block. Large numbers of girls-in-white will be massed and will sing at the City Hall. The entire distance will be given up to dancing. Frequently I have written about the electrical display. The city tonight will introduce a new street lighting system which will make "the Great White Way" of New York sit up and take notice. The radium is to be increased many times. I just saw four loaded cars leaving for Venice Beach. Venice puts up great stunts. No other California place approaches Venice in this respect.

Mr. W. C. Mikel blew in for a few days and our old Sidney friend, Mr. Hugh McCaughey, who with his beautiful wife is visiting their old-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Finkle. The doors of Mr. Finkle's home stand always open for any old Bud of Quinte friends, and they would share their last potato with any who come here from Belleville. Mr. Mikel was anxious to see Venice by night. I had seen it by day and was entirely satisfied. But I drew the line at a night visit; so Mr. Finkle, who knew Venice thoroughly, conveyed Mr. Mikel and returned him to this city. What their experiences were, I did not learn. Mr. and Mrs. McCaughey in their beautiful Cadillac took us out to Pasadena, the millionaire city, to call upon a very wealthy friend of his, whose home in Seattle adjoins Mr. McCaughey's home. This gentleman has forty acres which include a mountain peak. He has a beautiful mansion on the slope of Mount Lowe above the forest line. Here he has an orange orchard, every tree loaded with delicious fruit; reservoirs, garden, flowers. The house, standing on the slope of the mountain, presents from its front windows a scene of the utmost beauty—many mountain peaks and valleys. The cloud and prismatic effects were magnificent. A road or path has been made on the face of the mountain and every moment you are obtaining different views of the utmost beauty. We were told to take all the fruit we desired. In the parlor were skins of polar bears, tigers and other animals.

A large painting evidently of great value, the Madonna was on the parlor wall. Fruit men love to purchase land upon the mountain side above the forest line. Nearly all fruits require irrigation. Nuts do not and I learn of many fortunes being made in nuts. One crop paid the full price paid for the land. If the buildings erected here last year were placed in a line, the length would be 47 miles. I have seen buildings worth five and six thousand dollars, in excellent repair pulled down to make garages. I know of eight or nine such places adjacent to where I live. There is tremendous excitement here about Texas oil. Such immense fortunes have been made. One instance I will tell. An old man and his family lived in Texas on land which was waterless. They were poor but he owned the land. Tired and despairing he purchased another site but his wife would not sign the deed. She said if you will put down a deep well for water and if you don't find water I will go. Some of his friends cladded together and raised \$1,000, put down the well. At 1200 feet they struck oil. That old man is worth today three millions. His friends who helped him are also wealthy. At a great oil meeting the orator said by a lease at \$12.50 an acre. Don't put a cent of money to work it. Others are work-

ing, if they strike oil your fortune is made, if they do not you lose the small amount expended. The drives through the country are fascinating. Roads are smooth, beautiful stately residences and hangarows, covered with vines and flowers. The roads are lined with many kinds of palms. The wonderful pepper tree with its red berries, the tulips, geraniums, barbanoson sweet peas. Then the roses, the millions of roses in clusters in hedges of pink, white and yellow.

ON PATROL WORK

DESCRIPTION OF HOT CORNER IN ARGONNE FOREST Fierce Fighting for Victory Over a Most Difficult Terrain—How One Bunch of the Enemy Was Wiped Out The tricky nature of the fierce fighting in the Argonne forest is vividly described in Collier's Weekly by Arthur Ruhl, who shared the dangers to which the heroic American divisions were exposed in the taking of that difficult terrain. In an article from which the following is an extract, Mr. Ruhl's viewpoint was that of a certain regiment which had two badly decimated battalions on patrol work in an exposed position. He writes:

"Tricky valleys were almost always overlooked by some unexpected hill-top, from which any advance could be enfiladed. Pending another general attack, for which everybody was waiting, the duty of our regiment was to 'keep in contact' with the enemy, push forward when not too costly to do so, and to find out about the positions in front of them and what was needed to take them. The young majors were up there now with the remnants of two battalions. Raked by machine gun fire whenever a head showed, pounded by artillery if they showed themselves or not, they had been at it now for forty-eight hours almost without rest. Half of their men were gone, the rest were hungry and tired, some of their wounded had been waiting for the stretcher bearers for the two whole days. From the army's point of view, the little fight was a mere drop in the bucket—a minor operation between attacks. The battalions were but part of a regiment, the regiment part of a brigade, but half of a division, and there were half a dozen or more divisions on this particular sector. But for the patrols themselves—the steel point of the division's spear—the clump of bushes across the way that zip-slipped every time a head showed, that devilish high-velocity Austrian 38 which whipped in without a moment's warning, the wounded moaning before their eyes, water they couldn't get, the 'chow' that was late—all these little things were everything. They were all the war there was. And it is the sum of scores of little white hot spots like this which makes it possible for some staff man sitting comfortably in his quiet office, miles away, to write: 'Nothing unusual to report.'"

"I was after I arrived the major telephoned that they had caught with their machine guns, a bunch of Germans marching across a clearing in 'columns of squads.' 'Columns of squads,' the colonel shouted, 'and full belts in their machine guns!' The ones not mowed down or able to escape—some thirty or forty—held up their hands in token of surrender. No men could be spared from the harassed patrol to handle any such number and get them back to the rear—the machine guns kept working. 'The woods were full of obstacles, 'pill boxes' or merely positions in rocks or behind embankments, with convenient shafts running thirty or forty feet down into the ground, into which the crew might retire during artillery fire. Sometimes during an advance in fog or thick brush they would let the infantry filter through without firing and then turn on them after they had passed. The few men left behind to hold such a position sold their lives dearly, generally, and when our men had paid the price, in casualties and time, they would not even have the satisfaction of capturing something. The enemy artillery would be far away, of course; the bulk of the infantry withdrawn to new positions similarly strong. There would be nothing to show for the work done but two or three dead Germans and an abandoned machine gun. It was an economical bargain for one side and an extremely expensive one for the other—most of this Argonne-Meuse fighting was that."

HONDURAS

A Land of Rivers and Heavy Debt Honduras, where an incipient revolution is reported to have been suppressed after the rebels had captured four cities, is described in a bulletin of the United States National Geographic Society, based on a communication from F. J. Youngblood, as follows: "Honduras is a country of hills and valleys; of rain and sunshine; of large and small rivers. A half dozen rivers may be crossed in one day, and while they are usually narrow, a few hours' rain will turn them into roaring torrents, absolutely impassable. I have been held up for five days by a stream that when I first crossed it was less than three feet in depth. When I wanted to cross the second time, a few weeks later, it had been raining and even the natives remained in whichever side they chanced to be until it went down again. "Honduras is said to be the most backward of all the Central American republics, and she will remain so until railroads cross the country and the government becomes stable. Then there will be great opportunities here for many, and American and American capital will always be welcome. "The country is just a little larger than the State of Pennsylvania, yet it has a population of only a little more than half a million. It has the largest per capita debt of any country in New Zealand—at least it had before the present European war, upset all statistical conditions. It owes \$220 per capita. Most of this debt was created by loan shark methods, however, for Honduras would agree to pay \$10 to get one—or some such ridiculous proportion. "The name of the country is said to be derived from a Spanish term meaning 'depth', the early explorers having found difficulty in striking water shallow enough for anchorage. They were so delighted when they reached the Nicaraguan shore near by that they called the headland Cape Gracias a Dios (Cape Thanks to God), a name it still holds. "As a rule the night will be spent in a native house, sometimes little more than a hut, built of mud, hatched or roofed with tiles. One is apparently always welcome to the best the house affords; but a hammock as part of the traveller's outfit is a necessity, for the beds of stretched bull-hide or canvas are usually fully occupied, if not only by those at whose home you are a guest, then by other residents greatly to be feared. "Everybody sleeps in one room—men, women and children together. Your hosts are curious, but politely so, watching you undress and get into your hammock with a calm stare that must not be considered impertinent, for a white man is not an everyday visitor. I rarely undressed completely. Sometimes I would only take off my hat, coat and boots; sometimes only my hat, for sleeping in one's clothes becomes second nature after a while, and bathing and changes of linen can be better indulged in along the roadside."

business again the holiday visitors having gone to their respective homes. A few from here attended the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Farrell, Lonsdale on Friday evening, the 9th. Mrs. F. D. Oliver and daughter Alice are visiting relatives in town. McGuiness Brothers are getting a great quantity of hay pressed this week. Mr. and Mrs. G. McDonald of Ft. Anne spent the holidays at the home of Mr. Fred Mowbray. Miss Belle McGinn, nurse-in-training at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, spent a few days under the parental roof. Mrs. Tom Murray is on the sick list. The U.F.O. have been unloading a carload of shorts, flour, etc. this week. Mr. John Ford was unloading a car of seed oats from the West, the past week. Mr. J. F. O'Sullivan called on Mr. J. Ford on Wednesday last. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Coffey are visiting relatives for the past month, took their departure for Peterborough on Wednesday last. A meeting was held in the town hall on Wednesday about the delivery of the mail. Messrs. Thompson, M.P. and J. V. Walsh were among those present. We extend our sympathy to the Ashley brothers and sister of Belleville in the loss of their brother, Joseph Ashley. The deceased spent his childhood days in this vicinity. He was well and favorably known. James McGinn was threatened with pneumonia, is around again. Mr. and Mrs. Corrigan have sold their farm to Archie McGuinness. Mrs. Joseph O'Sullivan, Lonsdale, still continues quite ill at the time of writing. Miss Loretto Doyle spent Saturday night with her aunt, Mrs. Pat. McAlphey. Mr. John Campbell has returned from Westport. Born—At Lonsdale, on Sunday, Jan. 4th, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Doyle, a daughter. Born—At Lonsdale, on Monday, Jan. 5th, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welch, a boy. Born—At Lonsdale, on Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Breunan, a daughter. Born—At Albert on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. Jos Williams, a daughter.

CAMPBELLFORD Mrs. E. J. Sweet has returned to Detroit after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Long. Miss Isabel Denike, of Toronto, was home for a few days during the week. At the evening service in the Methodist church she sang a solo which was much enjoyed. Mrs. G. W. Hammond, on Wednesday morning, received the sad news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Adeline Callery, which occurred at her home in Caniffon. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond left yesterday to attend the funeral. Mr. Louis Joffe, the Christian Jew who has delighted several audiences in Campbellford, will address the young people of the Methodist church next Monday evening on "Shakespeare viewed from many angles." Mr. Harry M. Broughton who has been connected with the Trent Valley Woollen Mfg. Co. for the past year as designer, leaves Campbellford about February 1st, to assume his new duties as Superintendent of The Hawthorn Mills, Carleton Place, Ont. maker of woollen goods for ladies and mens wear. Mr. Broughton has been interested in musical affairs here, being a member of Christ Church Choir, and an officer of the Campbellford Choral Society. The family will not move until spring. They leave the best wishes of a host of friends here.

FOXBORO The weather has been most severe lately. Drawing wood is the order of the day in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wickett left on Tuesday for Toronto to spend a short time visiting friends. Mrs. Leslie Ashley and son Douglas of Madoc are now visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Gay also Mr. B. Faulkner. The concert held in the Methodist church on the 18th was a splendid success. It was under the auspices of the W.M.S. Mr. Christie Stewart spent over Sunday in Campbellford. Mr. and Mrs. Wilnot Rose of the 6th line, also Miss May Rose, visited Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davis on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Kenneth Prentice of Toronto is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Prentice. Mrs. E. Caverley of Belleville was

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GRAVEL ROAD We guess winter has certainly arrived this time to stay. The weather is between 26 and 30 degrees below zero. Sleighting is fine. The trustees of the school held a meeting last Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Sullivan and children spent Sunday evening, the 11th with Mrs. J. O'Sullivan. Miss F. Fahay is attending Notre Dame Convent, Kingston. The burg has settled down to

guest in our village last week. Miss Gladys Stewart called at the home of Mrs. Will Burd of Thursday afternoon. We are sorry to report Mrs. Susan Gowells' illness and hope she may soon recover. Her daughter, Miss Marie of Belleville is taking care of her. A large number of hogs were shipped from here this week by Empson and son, and also Mr. Scott. Ottawa letter carriers may go on strike for an increase in wages. Rev. C. W. Brown, Port Arthur, has accepted a call to Saskatoon. Fire Chief Lewis is asking for fifty cents a day increase for Brantford firemen. Capt. Geo. Kingswell has been re-appointed as assistant fire chief of Brantford. An election will be held in St. Mary's to fill the vacant North Ward aldermanic seat. The G.W.V.A. provincial convention will be held in Peterboro on March 11 to 13. Geo. Kutsch, Sarnia, was fined \$10 and costs for attacking Mike Rizen with a hammer. Eighteen thousand dollars in bank notes was stolen from the steamer Chelosta at Vancouver, B.C. The charge against F. P. Shea of bringing liquor illegally into Huron county has been withdrawn. Wm. Chorley, a returned soldier, died in Kingston hospital from the effects of drinking wood alcohol. Jas. McBurnie, jr., owner of the sawmill in Wildfield township, near North Bay, was killed by a falling tree. The headquarters of the Machine Gun Brigade of the Permanent Force will be at Kingston and Barriefield. John T. Irwin, roofing contractor, was instantly killed in Hamilton while crossing a street when the trolley pole of a street car snapped off and struck him on the head. Frank Ficht, a well known South Oxford farmer, died of heart failure while standing his horses in a barn at Woodstock. Constable J. Beaudry, Winnipeg, has been arrested on a charge of taking a bribe of \$100 in a liquor transaction. Stratford city council will be asked to petition the Legislature to have the police commissioners elected by the people. L. D. Wilgress has been appointed Canadian Trade Commissioner in Southern Russia, Roumania, Poland, Jugoslavia and Czecho-Slovakia. Increases granted to St. Thomas Collegiate teachers, inspectors, janitors and secretary of the School Board will amount to about \$6,000. Duman Gray, Chatham, is suing the C. W. and L. E. Railway for \$3,000 for damages received when a passenger car struck his automobile last June. J. B. Detweiler, Brantford, has resigned as general manager of the Steel Co. of Canada and will become president of the Bluebird Manufacturing Co. R. H. McElroy, M.P.P. for Carleton for ten years, and for the past three months Registrar of that county, died at his home in Ottawa after three days' illness of pneumonia. Failure to throw the switch after the freight train had taken the siding caused a collision between the Ottawa Chalk River local and the freight at Chalk river near Pembroke. The Unionists of Londonderry were defeated in the municipal elections of last week. Premier Lloyd George will leave Paris for London today. Premier Nitti left for Rome last night. Four men were burned to death and two more badly injured in a fire that gutted a five-story building in New York. The Supreme Council has adopted the British and French proposals regarding the lists of Germans guilty of war crimes. The United States Senate appointed a commission to investigate the probability of bridging the Niagara river near Buffalo, N.Y. Flour dropped 50 cents a barrel in the Minneapolis market yesterday. The general market decline in wheat was given as the reason for the drop. Gary, Ind., reports 500 cases of "gum." Mexico reports 30,000 American draft dodgers are residing down there. Many birds are dying in parts of Ohio, the deep snow preventing them from obtaining food. U.S. navy is short over 40,000 men necessary to get recruits. Birmingham, Ala., school teachers were given a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$1,750 a year. High School pupils of an Iowa town paraded the streets demanding higher pay for their teachers. Manipulation by speculators has caused a jump in potato prices at Chicago from \$3 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Three men were killed and 11 injured in a boiler explosion at the Interstate Iron and Steel Co. plant, Chicago. Aliens held at Ellis Island for deportation will be taken to Albany to testify against suspended Socialist Assemblymen. U.S. ships outnumbered British entries into Boston for the first time in history, but latter exceeded American in tonnage. When a Hebrew orphan asylum at New York took fire 1,200 boys and girl orphans were marched out in their night clothes. A jury of married men at Paterson, N.J., decided that when a man is jilted he is entitled to the return of the engagement ring. Despite the fact that 168 Americans have been killed in the Tampico district of Mexico, no one has been brought to justice. A woman at San Rafael, Cal., left her goldfish bowl out overnight and in the morning found the two goldfish and four minnows in a tank. She placed the bowl near the range and soon the fish were as lively as ever. A bill passed at Washington concerning citizenship on all Indians born within the U.S. and providing final disposition of tribal property. U.S. Prohibition Commissioner ruled fruit juices and cider come under dry regulations if they contain more than one-half of 1 per cent. of alcohol. In a fire at the American Brewery plant at Rochester, N.Y., 60,000 pounds of German hops, valued at a dollar a pound, were destroyed. The \$2,000,000 trust fund set aside by the late Henry M. Flagler, of the Standard Oil Co., at New York, has increased to \$8,930,799 in ten years. Lexington, Ky., police are looking for a swindler who sold three men a 10-gallon keg of rainwater for whiskey. One hundred and twenty-five dollars was the price. An Altoona, Pa., family crated and sent a dog by express to their new home in New York. On the way it escaped from the crate, jumped from the train and returned 200 miles to Altoona. Berlin advices indicate German Ambassador to the U.S. will be either Dr. S. Hoekscher, former director of Hamburg-American Steamship Co., or Dr. W. S. Wolf, former German Foreign Minister. U.S. War Department has issued permit for the construction of the Illinois waterways which will open to water-borne commerce 15,000 miles of inland rivers in the Middle West and connect Chicago with New Orleans. Horse racing in the U.S. will be a thing of the past within two years, according to Rev. Henry Pringle, of the Reform Bureau, who is conducting a campaign for the passage at Washington of an anti-gambling bill. U. S. Assistant Attorney-General says present clothes prices and any increase cannot be met by the public. Prices should go down within six months and if they don't the government is determined to find out why. The Roman Catholic Church at Champlain, Que., was partly demolished by the explosion of the heating system. The council of South Dumfries has been notified that the village of St. George will not be included in the plans of the Galt - Hamilton radial. Property at the corner of Waterloo ave. and Dublin st., Guelph has been purchased and will be constructed into a club-house for returned soldiers. Capt. (Dr.) D. McDonald, Fort C. A.M.C. of Portneuf, Que., returning to Canada in charge of troops on the Royal George died and was buried at sea. Kenneth Wright, of Milford, a longshoreman about 18 years of age was killed by falling into the hold of the Empress of France at St. John N. B. Principal Race, of the Ontario School for Blind at Brantford, announced that the patronage list had been abolished and the bursar was buying in the market. Unable to find rooms in the border the Windsor public schools have been provided with sleeping accommodation at Assumption street, school. New York harbor, for the first time this winter was filled with ice. More than 2,000 cases of influenza have been reported in Chicago in the last 24 hours. President Deschanel intends to retain the presidency of the Chamber of Deputies until he takes up the office of President of the republic of France. Sir Adam and Lady Beck have left Bourne-mouth Eng., where Sir Adam was in a nursing home, and will sail for home about February 18.

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Employee Claims 10 per Cent Judge Wills Dismisses An interesting case, ployers of labor and was heard on Monday Honor Judge Wills brought by Frederick V. the H. Corby Distill claiming 10 per cent. wages earned for five in the employ of the d was alleged by the plad bonus was part of the hiring at the time he by the defendants. Th on the other hand, claim and alleged that contract as claimed by except for the payment that any bonus which claimed by the directors pay was simply a pres to these men in the e company at the time th granted. Judgment w yesterday morning d

ESTABLISHED Brighton Ma Welcomed District Deputy Chas. J. Symons, of Visit to United Last N A large gathering of United Lodge A. M. Brighton, welcome last night Chas. J. Symons, of trict deputy, grand occasion of his visit home of Masonry. Owing to an epidemic which has hit Brightly the regular st was nearly all absent being assumed by other brethren. After the example second degree in the candidates, the disty addressed the lod The following is of officers.— W. M.—C. T. Lap I. P. M.—G. F. L S. W.—G. S. Lang J. W.—F. G. Har Chap.—Rt. Wor. B ford. Treas.—H. B. Phf Secy.—C. C. H. B D. of C.—W. H. F S. D.—Dr. F. M. E J. D.—H. C. Run S. S.—D. G. Wells J. S.—W. T. Fritz J. G.—V. Conter Tyler.—R. M. Hare Organist.—W. R. B After the business was concluded the b to the banquetting d dinary social was The guests having plection, Rt. Wor. B Picketford took charge dinner program. The toast to the brought forth an eff from District Deput though suffering fr and a severe cold, g the attentive audie eloquent exposition principles. The toast to the W. Bros. Dawkins a Eureka Lodge, Bellev and others. Then R. W. Bro. S half of the visitors p to "United Lodge," a several brief but ex from Wor. Bros. L and Morrow, Dredwy Bird and Dr. Rundle. A remarkably ple fitable evening, clo singing of "Auld Lan United Lodge has a centenary and is 10 having been founded Col. Bullock, who w at Queenston Height the founders of the have been four gene Bullock family as United Lodge since 18 Mr. A. D. Bullock, w the fourth generation, present past masters o

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