

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Brevities.

A New York newspaper remarks that while coal has gone up forty cents a ton and flour \$1.25 a bag, yeast is still selling at 2 cents a cake. It is just as well not to lay too much stress on the fact. The yeast may take it into its head to rise also.

King Albert of Belgium drinks nothing but water, and is a giant in strength. Between his two hands he can bend an inch wide bar. He can take his fourteen-year-old boy with one hand and his ten-year-old daughter with the other and hold both out at arm's length.

For the first time in history, a Jew became a member of the Quebec Legislature last week. With hat on head, and hand on the Old Testament, Peter Bercovitch, Liberal member for Montreal St. Louis division, took the oath. In 1808 a Jew, Ezekiel Hart, was elected for Three Rivers, but he was not allowed to take his seat because he could not take the oath upon his true faith as a Christian. So he resigned and went back to his constituents, who re-elected him by a big majority than ever. But before he had time to take his seat, the Legislature was dissolved.

The Honorable David McKern, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, died at his summer residence, 'Maplewood,' North West Arm, shortly before 11 o'clock, Monday night, at the age of seventy-seven, after an illness of but six days. He suffered a stroke of paralysis on Wednesday last and held his own until Sunday when he sank rapidly. He was unconscious from the beginning. The late Honorable David McKern was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia in October, 1915, succeeding the Honorable James Drummond, McGregor, Chief Justice Sir Wallace Graham has been appointed administrator of the Government.

Every Scotman in France is a French citizen with all rights and privileges of such, if he chooses to claim them. In other words, every Scotman born in Scotland is also a Frenchman, and is thus possessed of two nationalities. Surely a unique position.

Rheims has been very prominent during the present war, and it was there, after his coronation in 1429, that Charles VII promulgated a decree that in return for assistance rendered by the Scottish soldiers to Joan of Arc, who defeated the English and made his coronation possible, Scotland was to be considered as a free citizen of France.

Now the whirling of time has once more brought the Scots to the neighborhood of Rheims, to assist their fellow French citizens, not against the English, but in conjunction with them, against the would-be destroyer of civilization.

One of the many problems with which the people of this province have to contend is the procuring of a sufficient supply of fuel to tide them over the coming winter. With the season of frost and snow rapidly approaching and the prices of coal soaring skyward the outlook is far from being a comfortable one. There seems to be a determination on the part of those controlling the coal to make conditions as hard as possible for the public in this regard. Such a state of affairs would not be so unbearable if conditions warranted the advance in price which is steadily going on. Those who are in a position to know, however, tell us that there is really no reason why the price of coal should be very much greater this season than usual. Since the coal areas of this province belong to the people it seems unnecessary that they should be called upon to bear this heavy burden at a time when many are finding it decidedly difficult to make ends meet. It seems to us that the reasonable solution would be for the Legislature to exercise its prerogative and take over the coal mines of the Province and operate them in the interests of those to whom they belong. The present is no time when a few greedy individuals should be allowed to become rich at the expense of those who already have a sufficient burden laid upon them because of the conflict in which the Empire is engaged. The Huns within our gates should also be taught a lesson.

Another 'Down and Out' Gains Glory From War.

Another man has emerged from the European war purged of disgrace, according to information received today. Fred F. Ferrar, of the French Foreign Legion, has been decorated for valor in the field, and acclaimed for conspicuous gallantry. He disappeared five years ago. His many friends here and in England learned that he was the Rev. Dr. Frederick Percival Ferrar, rector of Sandringham, domestic chaplain to King George, and honorary chaplain to Queen Alexandra, Queen Dowager of Great Britain. He had been dismissed from his court posts, and he had not been heard of since in the United States or England until a few days ago.

For a year he has been fighting in the Foreign Legion, but it is not known under what name. His persistent courage finally drew attention to him. In addition to other honors, it is understood, he was offered a commission in the British Army by the King, but declined, preferring to fight in the ranks with his present comrades—living World.

Facts About the Moon.

In these days of darkened streets and Zeppes in raids a knowledge of the moon and its phases is not without interest. Professor J. H. Jeans recently explained that the earth and moon were originally one mass of fluid. The continual rotation of this mass caused it to become pear-shaped. The smaller end ultimately broke off and revolved as a satellite round the larger. Thus the moon came into being.

The distance of the moon from the earth varies during the course of the lunar month, i. e., the time from new moon to new moon, a period averaging 29 days, 12 hours, 44.05 minutes.

The moon's mean distance from the earth is 238,850 miles. Her maximum distance, however, may reach 252,830 miles while the least distance to which she can approach the earth is 221,520 miles. Her diameter is 2,162 miles.

The moon always presents the same face to us, as is evident from the permanency of the various markings on her surface. This proves that with respect to the earth she revolves on an axis, and the time of rotation is exactly equal to the time of revolution round the earth, viz., a little over twenty-seven days.

The moon's surface contains about 14,685,000 square miles, or nearly four times the area of Europe. It is a strange fact that the force of gravity is less there than at the earth. A body weighing 20 lbs here would weigh 3 lbs in the moon.

The attractive force of the moon acting on the water of our oceans is mainly instrumental in raising them into protuberances of tides. The moon has no atmosphere and no water. In remote ages the moon's surface was disturbed by volcanoes, which threw up cones and ridges exceeding 20,000 feet in height, and at other places made rents and furrows correspondingly deep. The moon's volcanoes are now quite dead. A profound silence reigns over the desolate and rugged surface. It is a dead world, utterly unfit to support either animal or vegetable life.

1,820 Ships Sunk.

New York, Nov. 15.—One thousand eight and twenty ships with an aggregate gross tonnage of approximately 3,326,884 have been sunk by belligerent nations during twenty-seven months of war ending November 1, according to figures compiled from cable despatches and mail advices and published here to-day by the Journal of Commerce.

The losses during October were larger than for any one of the preceding five months, according to the statistics, amounting to 127 vessels of a total of 227,158 tons gross.

Norway lost the largest number of ships, 50 according to the statistics, but their tonnage was only 57,333 as compared with Great Britain's total loss of 115,545 gross tonnage of 38 vessels destroyed.

A table showing the total shipping losses since the war began estimates those of the Entente Allies at about 75 per cent., and those of neutral at about 18 per cent., with Teutonic losses less than 7 per cent.

Literary News.

Canadians who love the poems of Service will be interested to know of the discovery of a Scottish Kipling R. W. Campbell, who has already won his laurels by his books 'Private Spud Tamson' and 'The Kangaroo Marines' has now given the world of letters a set of poems entitled 'The Making of Micky McGhee' and other stories in verse. These verses breathe of romance, the humour, and the glory of the Great Adventure. And to Canadians these poems will have a special interest, for the author has toured from Halifax to Vancouver, Prince Rupert and back. He was the author of that famous journey of 12,000 miles in a kilt, through the cities, towns, prairies and deep crayons of Canada. His pen and his lectures have sent many to seek their fortunes in the Golden West, for he is an ardent admirer of all things Canadian and matters Imperial. In Toronto he met the great Macdonald of the Globe, in Winnipeg, the immortal Ralph Connor, and in other parts the statesmen, thinkers and pioneers who have laid the foundations of our great Canadian Dominion.

These poems breathe a reverence for things Imperial, and introduce the world to the chivalry of the trenches. Fun there is and in abundance, the same sparkling fun that has immortalized 'Spud Tamson.' There are many beautiful illustrations, and those who desire a literary treasure should secure a copy. The book is entitled 'The Making of Micky McGhee' and other stories in verse, and is to be issued at 3s. 6d. net by George Allen & Unwin, London.

Canada Warned of Hun Plot to Spread Disease.

Information has come to hand that German agents in Switzerland are trying to induce a number of Swiss peasants to emigrate to Canada as farmers for the purpose of spreading foot and mouth disease in the country. It is stated that these men would be supplied with small bottles containing cultures of the disease.

The United States has only recently stambed out the worst outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the history of their country, and it cost them an enormous amount of money and the loss of a vast number of cattle. Happily, by constant vigilance and rigorous restrictions by the federal department of agriculture this dread disease was kept out of Canada. The Canadian immigration authorities have been forewarned—Ottawa, Nov. 2d.

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A Soldier Boy's Letter.

The following letter received by Mrs. W. J. Boates, Grand Pre, from her son Russell, now on active service at the front, will be read with interest by many. Pte. Boates was well known and highly respected in Wolfville: Somewhere in France

Oct. 18, 1916
MY DEAR MOTHER—I received your letter dated Sept. 18th, also one from Arthur dated 17th, and I got them both in the trenches. I sure hear from you often now, it is because our mail is delivered when it comes and not left lying around like they used to in England. Well, I know the trenches three days but not in the front line. We were in the second line but I have been to the front line twice on working parties, so I know what it is like all right.

No, I did not see Norman McKern but I wish I had have for I would like very much to have seen him. I may meet him over here some time. I have not seen any of the boys from home yet.

We were lucky this trip up the line. Our Company A only had three casualties and they were only wounded, not killed. I was sitting with my shoulder next to one of the boys who was wounded. But it did not frighten me any, for it was two minutes fully after the shell burst before he knew he was wounded.

Fritz shooting us reminds me of some fellows I have seen shooting. He shells away and hits nothing but the wind of course. The shells hit the ground too far for it would be hard to miss. 'Fritz' seems very fond of fire works, for at night he has flares in the air all the time. It makes a person think they are going to drop on them any day. They are very pretty.

Lots of 'Fritz's' shells are dud. It seems that every time he gets a good shot that he shells in a dud (a dud shell). Every time a dud comes over the remark is always passed, 'I hope every one you fire is a dud.' I have heard that said a dozen times, and a good many dozens more. All I hope is that 'Fritz' does not last much longer, for I am getting anxious to get home. It seems a lifetime since I left there was a 'Fritz' powder told us we would have our Xmas dinner in Berlin. I hope he knows, for it would be all right to have our Xmas dinner in Berlin, wouldn't it?

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As Order-in-Council has been issued from Ottawa placing all the Hearst publications on the forbidden list after Nov. 11th. After that date any one found with a copy of the Boston American New York American, San Francisco Examiner or any other publication owned by Hearst will be subject to a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for two years.

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