

BRIGHTON YOUTH DROWNED TRYING TO SAVE AIRPLANE

Myer from Deseronto Landed on Beach and Machine Blew Out into Lake—Aviator Exhausted When Saved.

Brighton, Aug. 19.—A novel and sad drowning accident occurred here this morning, when Charles Auston, one of Brighton's most respected young men, lost his life.

blown out into the lake. Mr. Auston went with the aviator in a row boat in an effort to get the airplane ashore, but in some way the boys were swept and before assistance could get to them in this unfrequented part of the lake Auston went down. The aviator was picked up later in an exhausted condition.

UNHARVESTABLE ALTA. WHEAT CAN BE TURNED INTO BEEF

FOUR-FIFTHS OF CROP WILL AV- BEAGE TEN BUSHELS; BAL- ANCE USED AS FEED

The pessimism that was rampant in Alberta following the froak frost which swept the central and north- ern district of the grain-growing area the last week in July is rapidly disappearing under the prevailing pleasant weather conditions, wires W. J. Whiteside, publicity agent of the C.N.R., who is investigating prairie conditions. Likewise the estimates of the damage to wheat, which in many cases was set down as total, are being revised.

Reports from the southern section of Alberta, which were rather hope- less a week or ten days ago, are tak- ing on a healthier tone. Pasturage has improved as a result of rains, and even the returns from actual harvesting operations are consid- erably better than was anticipated.

The preliminary estimate of the acreage sown to wheat in this province was approximately three and a half million acres. Gov- ernment officers today were of the opinion that, roughly speaking, twenty per cent. of that would not be harvested. For the eighty per cent. it is expected that the yield will not average less than ten bushels to the acre.

On Sunday evening at seven o' clock at St. Thomas Church, Ven. Archdeacon Beamish will conduct a memorial service in honor of the late sergeant.

Lucy, Pride of the Americans in France, Escapes Death and Frying Pan by Timely "Cluck"

Half Starved, She is Found in Peasant Village After Hun Flight and Blossoms Out in Course of Events as a Gay Coquette, Proving Her Loyalty at Eleventh Hour.

With the American Army in France, Saturday.—The only living thing in the pleasant village of Lucy le-Boeage when the Americans took it from the Germans was a tiny gray chicken. There was nothing to in- dicate that it had any intelligence.

into a full grown hen and—I don't vouch for the truth of this, I am merely repeating what was told to me up there in the region of shrapnel, dugouts and wire—when the hunger of her friends was reach- ing a desperate stage and her life was hanging by the slenderest thread, she laid an egg!

It wasn't the biggest egg ever laid but it was an egg. It was the effort, the thoughtfulness of the bird which touched the hearts of the hungry soldiers and warmed their affection so that Lucy's future was assured.

To see her now you would think that she is not only the queen of this whole chicken family but that she has intellect, tact and pride. The Americans have no doubts whatever on the subject. It is quite probable that in the stories told about Lucy there has been injected a slight touch of exaggeration, but why question them? We all know that the average chicken has less intel- ligence than any other living thing—and yet there is Lucy.

So wondrous was the news that the constant dropping of shells in the village was of secondary con- sideration.

And then with the triumphal dignity of a peacock, Lucy strutted to the most conspicuous spot in the village and clucked and clucked and clucked.

If you could see her strutting around, jumping on the knees of the soldiers, coquettishly making love to all, at times when their empty stomachs conjure glorious pictures of Lucy broiled, Lucy fried or Lucy roasted, you would feel sure that the Creator endowed at least one chicken with human intelligence.

"You're all right, Lucy!" "You were close to the frying pan many times, old girl, but you're the star boarder now." "You're a game kid!" "If you never lay another egg you're all set for the Croix de Guerre."

Hunger stalks frequently at the front line. Enemy shells make it impossible at times to get food to the men. In Lucy-le-Boeage the soldiers are hungry for days at a time. Lucy matured rapidly. She was scrawny and small when she first became the personal property of the Americans. In her new en- vironment she blossomed quickly

and retains all the characteristics of that coquette, coming sometimes and running away at others, when she is called. I asked a sergeant what will become of Lucy when the soldiers move.

WEEPING ECZEMA SOON RELIEVED

A Perfect Treatment For This Distressing Complaint

Sergt. Charles White Killed

First Belleville Boy to Give Life in the Big Offensive—Harold Holway Wounded

The first Belleville boy to fall in the recent offensive was Sergeant Charles White. Mrs. White received the following message from Ottawa, bearing the sad tidings of the death of her husband:

Deeply regret to inform you 746137 Sergt. Charles White, in- fantry, officially reported killed in action August 8th.

Sergeant White was prior to en- listment engaged as chef at the Anglo American Hotel, Belleville. He went overseas in the 116th Battalion of Oshawa and fought in the 2nd Battalion at the front. He was twice wounded. Recently he had been awarded the military medal. He had spent two years at the front.

Sergt. White leaves his widow and two children to mourn his death, he sides his brother Fred of this city, who is employed with Mr. Harry De- Marsh as a plumber and three sis- ters, Mrs. Cummins, of the Pine Grove Dairy; Mrs. Sayers of Picton and Mrs. Fortune of Galt.

The deceased soldier was 29 years of age.

Harold Holway Wounded Mr. Aubrey Holway, 165 Church street, has received an official mes- sage from Ottawa relating to the wounding of his son Harold, the well known hockey player. The telegram was as follows:

Sincerely regret to inform you 636263 Private Harold Holway, in- fantry, officially reported admitted to General Hospital, Rouen, Aug. 9, gunshot wound in arm.

Director of Records, Ottawa.

Obituary

ARTHUR TERRILL Mr. Arthur Terrill, 95 Dundas street passed away on Monday August 19th at his home at the age of sixty-six years. He was stricken with a paralytic stroke on Saturday, which was of such seriousness that his recovery was not anticipated.

The late Mr. Terrill was a well-known citizen, although he had lived in Belleville only five years, having come here from Wooler, where he was born in the year 1852. He was a member of the Society of Friends. He was the third son of the late Simon Terrill. Besides his widow he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Bernard Sharp, of Wooler and Misses Helen and Edith Terrill of this city, two brothers, James and John Terrill, of Wooler and one sister, Mrs. John Macoun. Mr. Terrill belonged to Wooler Lodge T.O.F. and Frank Lodge, Frank- ford, A. F. and A. M. The remains will be taken to Wooler on Friday morning to the Friends' Meeting- house for service. Interment will be in the Friends' Cemetery.

WEST LAKE

Mrs. Ferd Mills has returned from Wainwright, Alta., and is staying with Miss Myrtle Mills for a time. Joseph Kleinstaubser has purchased a new Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Burlingham and family have returned to Toronto after spending a time with Mr. and Mrs. O. Burlingham.

Mrs. Ernest Cummings is here from Wainwright, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McConnell and baby and Mrs. Henry Sanderson were guests at Stanley McConnell's on Sunday.

W. Whattam has sold his summer resort at West Point to Messrs. Mor- den and Fax of Belleville.

J. Tubbs spent Sunday at his home here.

Completes His Investigation

Capt. Reid Returned to Kingston Today after Inspecting the Moira River

Canadian Fish Wanted in the U. S. Markets

New York, Aug. 20.—The opera- tions of the enemy submarines along the Atlantic coast are affecting the fish supply. Not only is the supply diminishing to a surprising degree, but many of the heads of fish com- panies are fearing that more serious conditions are ahead. It is reported that the usual daily supply of fish from the New England coast had dropped off fully 25 per cent. since August 1, and as a result prices are beginning to advance.

If Canada has any supplies of fish, cured or fresh, it would seem an op- portune time to get them on the American markets.

Skull Hurt

John Martin Seriously Hurt By Stone Thrown by Boy.

While playing near his home Friday evening, John Martin, 523 North Bay street, Hamilton, was struck on the head by a stone, thrown by another boy about 8 years of age. The stone caused a serious wound in the lad's skull and he was rushed to St. Joseph's hospital, Hamilton, for treatment. Dr. T. H. Baile who was called im- mediately after the accident per- formed a very delicate operation on the boy's skull, and the patient was reported on Saturday by the hospi- tal authorities as doing nicely and past all danger.

Farmerettes at Bloomfield

More Volunteers Needed For Late Fruit Picking and Canning Work

At Bloomfield the farmerettes are in camp, their occupation being outdoor work. These girls who are aiding in the greater production work, are girls from college and young ladies who in ordinary time would have leisure on their hands. Many of them came from institutions in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

There is urgent need for more volunteers in this work for the remainder of the season. The occupation will be the picking of the latest fruits and conservation of food in canneries.

This year there are many camps throughout the province. Conditions are much improved this year. The work is popular in its appeal and is attracting the best type of girls to the canning operations.

A farmers' picnic is being held at the Sand Bank. There will be sports. The S.O.S. boys have challenged the farmerettes to participation in various sports.

Any girls wishing to volunteer for farmette work are requested to communicate immediately with the Director of Women's Farm Work, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Military News

The G.W.V.A. band is to give a concert at Queen's Military Hospital on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. J. Drysdale, Rochester, N. Y., will spend two weeks at Peta- wawa Camp as special chaplain to the soldiers.

Sergt.-Major Hewson, of the Royal Canadian Engineers, who went over- seas early in the war, has been granted a commission as lieutenant. He held seven first class certificates. He formerly worked for the firm of El- liott Bros.

Lieut. Ford Ralph, of the Royal Flying Corps, eldest son of F. E. Ralph, Livingston avenue, has been appointed an instructor in England. The friends of the gallant young officer will be pleased to hear of the rapid strides he has made and the success to which he has attained.

Brig.-General G. S. Munnell left for Ottawa this afternoon to be present during the visit of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught. The guard of honor will be composed of returned soldiers in co-operation with the Governor-General's Foot Guards and the 2nd Depot Battalion. His Royal Highness will inspect Rockcliffe camp and the Fleming Home.

Major Harold T. Horsey, chaplain services, was a visitor at head- quarters, Kingston, on Thursday.

What the War is Costing

WHO IS SPENDING MOST CASH. Would Take France Over Three Years To Pay Off Debt From Her Total Income.

Which country of France, Great Britain, and Germany, is spending most money? This is one of the questions answered in "German War Profits," where a table is given, based upon the expenditure during the first three years of warfare. Great Britain spent £111 19s. per head of population during this period. France comes next, with £88 16s., and Germany next, with £64 10s.

An American statistician, writing in the Century Magazine, carries these figures a step or two further. He estimates that, if the countries could devote every cent of their in- come to the National Debt, it would take France the longest to pay it off, August 1, and as a result prices are beginning to advance.

Gain in Potential Wealth. It is impossible to calculate a nation's income with any degree of exactness, but the following may be taken as approximately correct: United States' income, \$8,000,000,000; Great Britain's income, \$2,500,000,000; Germany's income, \$2,200,000,000; France's income, \$1,200,000,000.

When we consider the cost of the war in the bulk, and compare it with the above incomes, we enter truly bewildering realms. During the first three years of the war, the Central Empires spent roughly \$7,600,000,000, or an average of \$2,533,000,000 odd a year. The allies—excluding the war outlay of Serbia, Rumania, Greece, Japan and the United States—spent \$13,370,000,000, averaging \$4,456,000,000 odd a year!

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RITCHIE'S Wise Shoppers Will Stock Up Now In TABLE LINENS

Pure Linen Table Cloths John S. Brown's absolutely pure Linen Table Cloths all handsomely patterned and shown in sizes 2x2 yds. 2x2 1-2 yds. 2x3 yds., also about 2 dozen odd Cloths in sizes 2 3/4x2 yds. 2x3 yds. that are exceptional values at \$6.00, \$6.75 and \$7.50 each.

Cotton Damask Table Linen Table Linen By The Yard

Splendid qualities and prettily patterned, shown in sizes 2x2 and 2x2 1/2 yds. priced at \$1.95, \$2. and \$2.50 each.

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The outlook for the supply of Baptist ministers during the near future is in consequence regarded as very serious. A conference was held in Toronto of representative Baptists to consider the situation and the com- mittee named appointed.

The committee was authorized to institute a campaign among the boys and the young men of the Baptist churches to impress upon them the claims of the ministry and to raise immediately a fund of not less than \$2,000 to assist suitable baptists who are exempt from military service to begin the theological course at Mc- Master University, this fall.

Wild and Violent Movies

In these days when the moving picture business has become a great one, it should be possible for any community that so desires to free it-

self from cheap tawdry, and objec- tionable shows.

The Thamesville Herald makes a vigorous protest against an objec- tionable kind of movie shows, and calls upon the Provincial censor to suppress them. It objects particu- larly to a class of so-called "serials" such as "The Poisoned Claw" and "The House of Hate." In these crime and murder are said to crowd numerously on each other's heels. As described by the Herald these shows seem pretty wild stuff with which to entertain peaceable people. The moving picture theatre can be a very useful recreative and educa- tive influence, and it can also be a potent force for all that is evil and rotten. We repeat, the Canadian film censor must either wake up or be kicked off the job. Port Hope Guide.

Alderman Lyon, well known Mont- real lawyer, was caught by the mil- itary police without registration pa- pers.