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NOTE AND COMMENT

Patriotism is not shouting. It is doing the right thing at the right moment. Stick to business at home or at the front.—Monetary Times.

There are too many men between the man with the hoe and the man with the mouth. Co-operation will reduce the number.—Grain Growers' Guide.

War has its ironies no less renowned than peace. If a murderer shoots himself he is patched up until he is sufficiently recovered to be hung. If a soldier is wounded, he is nursed well enough to be killed.

The officer who writes "I've found it harder to go straight in life than to go under fire" shows that there is a path of heroism open to every one. All the heroes are not in the battle line.

Kingston Standard:—"Back to the land" is a cry which a good many people might listen to with advantage. Agriculture is going to boom in Canada and offers good profits now, and a future independence for those who will go into it with a determined spirit.

Every movement of today is pregnant with surprise; it is a time to watch with open eyes, to examine every change on the political horizon, to keep in readiness for the most strenuous exertions, for the political international barometer indicates storms ahead.

Philadelphia Public Ledger: There is no reason why the United States should be any more secure than the rest of the world from German attack. On the contrary, a German dominating Europe must inevitably seek expansion in the new world. Only by opposing sea power to sea power could the United States hope to maintain the Monroe doctrine and keep the German flag from being raised in some of the countries south of us.

Canada Hit Hard

A Detroit journal says that Canada is hard hit by the war. So is the United States; so is the whole world. But Canada is not yet hit as hard as the United States. The Peterborough Examiner points out that the people of Canada have bank deposits of \$141.49 per head, about double that of the per capita wealth of the people of the United States as represented by bank deposits. The latest returns of the United States banks show deposits of \$76.75 per head.

We may not have as many moneyed monopolists as our neighbors, but we have more generally distributed wealth than our neighbors. In perhaps no country in the world is there such great prosperity and comfortable living as in Canada, and we are fighting to keep it. We may be hit hard by the war, but we welcome the blow. If we are hit hard we are ourselves to blame. We accept the responsibility of our place in the Empire, and we are trying to do our duty in the fight for the highest interests of humanity.—Welland Telegraph.

From Old Subscribers

Wm. Dormer, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.: "We are having a very pleasant winter here, lots of sleighing but very mild weather, a few bad storms about Christmas time, but that was all. More like old Lambton weather only the snow does not all disappear."

John White, postmaster Swift Current, Sask.:—"I feel that we cannot get along without the Guide as it is just like getting a letter from Watford every Monday morning when it arrives. Mrs. White and I are very much in love with the West although business is rather quiet on account of the war."

KERWOOD.

The regular meeting of the Cheer "U" Rugby Club was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watson. Mr. Reginald Thorn and Mrs. Geo. Freer were awarded the prizes. The meeting closed in the usual way.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Freer on Friday Jan. 15th, when the children and grand-children of Mr. Benj. Richardson met to celebrate his 75th birthday. After all had done ample justice to the good things provided by the hostess, the evening was spent in games and

music until a late hour, when all returned to their respective homes.

War Summary

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—An official report giving details of the naval engagements in the Black Sea during the first week in January, when the Turkish cruisers Breslau and Hamidieh were damaged, says that fifty-one Turkish boats were sunk by the Russians on the night of January 6 in Sourmene Bay and in Kiziah Bay (35 miles east of Trebizond).

Jan. 18.—Much of the fighting in Belgium has been done along the region of Neuport and Lomhaertide, where the French claim to have forced the Germans to evacuate their trenches in the great dune.

The Germans claimed to have secured the advantage in the Argonne, although the operations have been hampered by heavy storms.

The Allies in Belgium and France and the Russians in Poland are both making progress against the opposing forces, according to the latest official statements issued from Paris and Petrograd.

The Germans, who are endeavoring to advance on Warsaw, seemingly have been held in check, which Russian advance columns have stormed and captured the important pass of Kirlibaba, leading from Bukovina into Hungary.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Correspondents with the Russian army in the Caucasus send to their newspapers stories of the terrible plight of the retreating Turks after the defeat of the Turkish 11th Corps in the Kara-Urgan region. It appears from these stories that large numbers of prisoners were secured through the capture of the victualing transport, which left the regiments concerned no alternative but starvation or surrender.

The correspondents say that the condition of the prisoners taken reveals demoralization in the Turkish forces. The soldiers were hungry and fatigued. Many were without uniforms, but all appeared to be equipped with modern weapons.

Montreal, Jan. 18.—A letter from Major Hamilton Gault, dated "in the trenches, January 3," has been received by R. E. McDougall, of Montreal.

Major Gault describes his personal experience on the day before Christmas, when he, with few others, spent some time in the trenches and were vigorously shelled by the Germans. This engagement was the first in which the Princess Pats came under fire. Major Gault's references to the engagement follow:—"A few of us went up to the trenches, which are not so very far away, to get a general idea of the situation. It was an interesting experience, and one that I shall not soon forget, for we got a nasty bit of shelling on the day of Christmas Eve, and for about 15 minutes I really thought it was all, or very nearly all, over. The 'Huns' got a nice 'bracket' on us, and their direction was perfect, and before you could say 'knife' they plumped in eight or ten 'Weary Willies' (small Jack Johnsons, from howitzers), which burst just behind our back parapet within 10 yards of the dugout in which we were lying. The crashes were deafening and six yards shorter would have found us nicely."

The Mail and Empire correspondent says:—"I am informed from a private source that about two hundred of the Princess Patricia's were in the heroic charge described in Friday's despatches, and that the enemy made a violent onslaught upon them with the result that only eighty-three returned from the charge, while Major Hamilton Gault had a very narrow escape."

London, Jan. 19.—German air craft made their long-remembered raid on England to-night and attempted to blow up with bombs the King's residence in Sandringham, County of Norfolk. This intention was ill-timed, for King George and Queen Mary, with their family, who had been staying at Sandringham, had returned this morning to resume their residence in Buckingham Palace.

A Central News dispatch says that bombs actually dropped on the King's estate. A dispatch to the Press Association from King's Lynn says that a bomb fell not far from Sandringham Palace, but that no damage was done to the royal residence.

It is still not definitely known whether the raiders were Zeppelins or aeroplanes, but Zeppelins were reported yesterday afternoon as passing over the island of Ameland, in the North Sea. The night was quite calm but very dark and cloudy, which made it impossible for the people in the towns over which they passed to distinguish even the outline of the raiders, though the whirr of their propellers and the droning of their motors could be distinctly heard. A Zeppelin is reported to have been brought down by the fire of a British warship at Hunstanton, a few miles north of Sandringham. Bombs were dropped in Yarmouth, King's Lynn, Sandringham, Cromer, Sheringham and Beeston, and everywhere, except at Beeston, casualties and damage to property resulted.

The visit of the aircraft lasted ten minutes. Great excitement prevailed in the town, and special constables, the police and the military were called out to control the people, who streamed out of their homes when the explosion took place. The electric supply was immediately cut off and the town was plunged in darkness.

The whirring of the propellers of the aircraft first attracted attention to it. Shortly came the explosions and the sound of breaking glass. The first bomb dropped near the recruiting ground, and the others near the armories.

In all, five bombs were dropped by the aviator or aviators.

The Canadian troops from Salsbury Plain began moving to France at the week-end. It is assumed that the greater part of them have already landed there and that the movement will be completed within a few days. That they will immediately go into the firing line is not, however, likely.

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Government Crop Report

Ottawa, Jan. 13th, 1915.—The Census and Statistics Office has issued to-day its final report on the yield and value of field crops in 1914. The report shows that, in marked contrast to 1913, the season proved particularly unfavorable to the growth of grain. Persistent drought throughout the greatest part of the Northwest provinces resulted in a yield per acre of the chief cereals lower than in any season since 1910 and lower than the average of the six years ended 1913. In Ontario and Quebec, though the grain crops suffered from a dry season, the conditions were not so unfavorable, whilst in the Maritime provinces a favorable season resulted in good returns.

For the whole of Canada the area estimated to be sown to field crops was 45,102,175 acres, as compared with 35,175,430 acres in 1913, but owing to the drought the total productive area in 1914 was reduced to 33,440,075 acres. Upon this area the total production of grain crops in bushels was as follows:—Wheat, 161,280,000, as against 231,717,000 in 1913; oats, 313,078,000 against 404,600,000; barley, 36,201,000 against 48,319,000; rye, 2,016,800 against 2,300,000; peas, 3,365,500 against 3,951,800; beans, 707,500 against 793,300; buckwheat, 8,626,000 against 8,372,000; mixed grains, 16,382,500 against 15,792,000; flax, 7,175,200 against 17,549,000, and corn for husking, 13,924,000, against 16,768,000 bushels.

The yields per acre were in bushels, as follows:—Fall wheat, 21.41, compared with 23.29 in 1913; spring wheat, 15.07 against 20.81; all wheat, 15.67 against 21.04; oats, 31.12 against 38.78; barley, 24.21 against 29.96; rye, 18.12 against 19.28; peas, 17.64 against 18.05; beans, 18.20 against 17.19; buckwheat, 24.34 against 21.99; mixed grains, 35.36 against 33.33; flax, 6.82 against 11.90; and corn for husking, 54.39 against 60.30.

CHOP STUFF.

Hay prices are going up. The well on the Hyatt farm, 6th Con., Ennisville, is down 1800 feet.

Plympton and Wyoming Agricultural Society is sixty years old.

The sum of \$187.00 was realized at the ball given at Petrolia for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Leamington concerns contribute \$1000 in assessments to the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Blenheim and Forest bakers have raised the price of bread to seven cents for the 24 oz. standard loaf.

Miss Maggie Dean, Glencoe, had the misfortune to slip and fall a short time ago while carrying in a scuttle of coal, injuring her back so severely that an abscess formed necessitating a surgical operation.

While operating a corn shredder on the farm of James Hutchison, south of Wardsville, Mark Berdan, Dunwich, had the misfortune to get his left hand in the rollers, losing three fingers and badly lacerating the hand.

Francis Deacon, of Alvinston, died on January 5th. He was born in Peel county in 1827, moved at the age of eight to South Dorchester, in 1871 to Brooke and seven years ago to Alvinston. He leaves a widow and two daughters—Mrs. Fred Bennett, of Brooke, and Miss Margaret, at home.

Tom Maylor, Sr., Forest, organist of Christ church, was recently made the recipient of a solid brass smoker stand, and a seal grain leather bill book, a gift from the choir for the very faithful services rendered as organist and choir leader, a position he has filled cheerfully, efficiently and gratuitously, for over 17 years.

Fire, which is supposed to have been started by a tramp, completely destroyed the fine barns of McPhail Bros., near Wanstead, shortly after midnight on Saturday. The flames had made such head-

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Mrs. H. J. Fair has returned after spending a few weeks in Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eastman, are visiting Mr. N. C. Eastman.

Mr. Archie Boyd has returned after spending several years in Mr. A. A. Towns, of Corom, is renewing old acquaintances this week.

Miss E. McKnight, of K. visiting Miss Lila Dowling.

Our special January sale until the end of the week. D get some of the bargains.—B Rev. Fare will preach an evening in the Methodist special sermon to young men music, a quartette of young men by Mr. L. Grogan.

The Laymen's Mission held in basement of Methodist last Monday night was a decided success. Over 150 laymen being present. Caskey is a powerful speaker his subject well.

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