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Children's Potato War Plot Fused

In the spring of 1915 the Ontario Department of Agriculture offered to supply children taking part in the Rural School Fairs with sufficient potatoes to plant a plot 1x2 rods if they would agree to dispose of the crop and contribute the money to some patriotic cause. Applications were received through the District Representatives, and the children showed great interest in the work, so much so that the prospects in the early part of the season were that between ten and fifteen bushels of potatoes would be produced. Unfortunately, however, the season proved to be unfavorable for the potato crop and greatly reduced the yields. In many cases the potatoes suffered so severely from rot that they were not worth digging. However, thirty-four counties taking part in the work reported sales from over 2,500 children's plots, and the Department has received up to date \$1,843.18.

In order to create special interest in this work, the children's potato war plots were inspected and prizes given for the best kept plots. A medal was also given to the boy or girl in each county producing the greatest yield of marketable potatoes from his or her plot.

Before deciding upon the disposition of the money received from the children, the officers of the Canadian Red Cross Society were consulted, with the result that a McLaughlin Motor Ambulance was purchased and formally presented to the Red Cross by the Hon. Jas. S. Duff.

156th at Church

The countermanding of the camp order of the 156th enabled the Athens squad to once again attend church. They attended service in St. Paul's Presbyterian church where a sermon was delivered by Rev. Wm. Usher on the words of St. Paul, 1 Cor. 11: 2, "Now I praise you brethren." The speaker first showed the difference between praise and flattery, and then gave some reasons why we should follow Paul's example in praising the commendable. Praise had often stimulated us to do better things, and that was one reason why we should praise others. A more sense of pleasure on the achievements of others will not help them to higher or better things. We must give utterance to our pleasure in words like St. Paul's. Our Lord commended where men and women were at all commendable. In the last judgment he will utter words of praise to the faithful; he will say, "Well done" to those who have done well, and in the epistles of St. Paul's we have innumerable instances in which the great apostle followed the example of our Lord. The duty of praising people is not easy, but difficult, requiring discrimination. He who said, "I praise you," said in reference to things not good, "I praise you not." The sermon was listened to by a fairly large congregation. To the members of the battalion, the preacher expressed the good wishes of the Church.

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New Grand Master Orange Young Britons

R. W. Bro. Capt. T. A. Kidd, the newly elected Grand Master, is a returned soldier. He was a lieutenant in the second Battalion, commanded by Col. David Watson. A German bullet fractured his skull and he was invalided home. He is one of the two surviving officers of No. 1 Company of his regiment. At the outbreak of war Capt. Kidd held the office of captain and went overseas as a lieutenant. He is a member of the firm of F. A. Kidd and sons, merchants and millers, of Burritt's Rapids and Oxford Mills. During his membership in the Orange Order he has held the following offices: Master of O. Y. B. No. 65; County Master of O. Y. B. County Lodge of Grenville and South Carleton, and W.M. of L. O. J. No. 72 Oxford Mills.

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GREEK FORTS SEIZED

Bulgar Forces Occupy Posts on Greek Side of Frontier.

They Gave the Defenders Two Hours in Which to Surrender—Allies Had Expected the Move—Greek Cabinet Has Consented to Occupation of Forts in Consideration of Concessions to Allies.

LONDON, May 29.—A Bulgarian invasion of Greece, which it has often been stated would so inflame the Hellenic nation that the latter's entry into the war would become inevitable, has taken place with the consent of the Greek Government. In giving this consent and explaining it to the diplomats at Athens, King Constantine's Government stated that no other course was left open to Greece after she had made similar concessions to the Entente powers in the past. "Greece possesses no option to act otherwise," a Greek statesman is quoted as saying, explaining the consent to the Bulgarian invasion.

The actual crossing of the frontier occurred on May 25 (last Thursday) near Demir-Hissar, via Rupel pass. The invaders, about 25,000 strong, occupied Demir-Hissar station and bridge, and also foris Rupel and Dragotina, Spatovo. It is stated that they are marching towards Kavalla.

The crossing of the Greek frontier by the Bulgarian Macedonian army and the occupation by it of four Greek forts, coupled with the report that the Bulgarians are advancing in the direction of Kavalla, are interpreted here as foreshadowing a Bulgarian drive on Salonica. Such a drive is believed here to be instigated by Bulgaria's ally, Germany, with the view to forestalling any possible allied campaign in Macedonia and thus depriving the Entente powers of the initiative, repeating the performance at Verdun and on the Trentino.

The Daily News' Athens correspondent, announcing the Bulgarian occupation of Rupel, says: "No allied troops are there. The Greek garrison of the fort, which is part of the organized defenses of Demir-Hissar, fired 26 shots against the invaders."

"Considerable doubt existed at Athens whether the advance was made by the Germans or Bulgarians. There was a desire to regard the invasion as being undertaken by the Germans, but I have the best authority for saying that the invaders are Bulgarians, led by German officers."

"The latter explained that they had definite instructions to occupy the fort in order to protect the Bulgarian left wing against an attack by the Allies. The Greek garrison was given two hours to evacuate, which they did after receiving instructions from Athens."

"The officers taking possession of the fort, signed a document promising to return the fort to the Greeks as soon as the military necessity of holding it ceased. They also promised to indemnify Greece for any damage done by the occupation. 'My information is that the Bulgarians have been practically abandoned by the Austrians and Germans in the Balkan war area, and were consequently forced themselves to take measures which they regard as necessary against an advance by the Allies.'"

The papers here declare that the Bulgarian advance is a violation of the arrangements concerning a neutral zone.

A despatch from Athens says: After a long conference attended by Premier Skouloudis, the Minister of War, and the members of the general staff, the officials announced Sunday that the Government had consented to the occupation of Rupel by a German-Bulgarian force in consideration of the concessions made to the Entente Powers and of the wish of the Government to maintain strict neutrality.

SERBIAN ARMY IN FIELD

Eighty Thousand Men Have Been Landed at Salonica.

PARIS, May 29.—After crossing the Aegean Sea without loss the Serbian army in full strength has now been landed at Salonica, according to a despatch received here Sunday.

Serbia's new army has been variously estimated to number between 80,000 and 100,000 officers and men. It was reorganized on the Island of Corfu, which is approximately 700 miles distant by water from Salonica. The Serbian army totalled about 300,000 men at the outbreak of the war, but this force was greatly depleted as a result of an epidemic of typhus and by the engagements fought in an endeavor to check the Austro-German and Bulgarian invasion of Serbia and Montenegro. The survivors are reported in despatches from Mediterranean points to have included some of the best Serbian regiments.

On reaching the sea coast the Serbians were transported to the Island of Corfu, where they were supplied with new rifles and clothing, and efficiently equipped for further service on the Balkan battlefield. When the reorganization had been completed the Entente allies sought permission of the Athens Government to transport the soldiers from Corfu to the base at Salonica across Greek country by rail. Greece, however, steadfastly refused to allow the troops to cross her territory, taking the stand that it would be a violation of her neutrality.

Fell With Aeroplane.

LONDON, May 29.—Capt. Grimes Jones was killed and Lieut. Henry Tennant, son of Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, was seriously injured Sunday in Kent, when a biplane in which they were manoeuvring fell a distance of a hundred feet.

BURMA'S COLOSSAL BUDDHA.

This Statue is Said to Be the Largest in the World.

The largest monument of the human form existing in the east today, if not in the world, is the great reclining statue of Buddha near Pegu, in Burma, around which the government erected a building with lattice steel pillars to protect it from the elements. This colossal was brought to light during the construction of the railway that runs northeast from Rangoon to Mandalay.

While the permanent way was being banked up to protect the lines from occasional floods the engineer in charge required for the purpose of his work a harder ballast than the alluvial deposit over which the line was running could give him. Less than a mile away was a tree clad mound, and here, it was thought, suitable material might be found. The task of clearing away some of the trees took but an hour or so, and then shafts were sunk to find the needed stone. Before the diggers had gone down more than a yard they struck an enormous and fairly preserved figure of Gautama.

In actual length the statue is 180 feet and fifty feet high at the shoulder. The figure and its pedestal are of brick, covered with plaster. Since its discovery the plaster has been removed and painted over, the box at the head and the finger nails gilded and the headress decorated with glass jewels. The statue is thought to be about 500 years old, but no one knows its history, no reference whatever being made to it in Burmese legends or traditions.—Wide World Magazine.

One-Way Out.

Despite his illiteracy Mose Belt has gathered quite a competency from his whitewashing and kalsomining trade.

Recently during the course of some business with a notary the latter produced a document, saying:

"Sign your name here, Mose."

"Look heah," said Mose, with offended dignity, "I doesn't sign mah name, suh. It's a business man, suh, an' has no time for dem trifling details. I always dictates mah name, suh."

Equality.

"No such thing as stickupplishness about her," says the loyal servant, defending his mistress against the criticisms of the acquaintance who is inveighing against class discrimination and the attitude of the wealthy toward the working element.

"Well, but don't she order you around?"

"Sure she does! She haws me out just the same as what she does her husband. She don't make no difference between me an' him even."

Lines.

Railroads, poems, plays, drawings, thoughtful brows, palms of hands and geometry are made up of lines.

Lines sometimes have a president and a board of directors, and presidents and boards of directors usually have lines. The care of lines produces lines of care.

Fishes and sentimental young ladies are frequently caught with lines.

Poets formerly were much given to inditing certain lines to young ladies, but the modern lady who desires certain lines usually goes to a modiste.

A man who gets a line on other people is either a prodigal son, a detective or a tattoo artist.

Ruddy Mars.

There seems to have been no reason other than its suggestive color for the selection of the planet Mars as the celestial symbol of the war god. Yet it was universally so regarded in ancient times.

If we could tell why Mars is red we might hit upon the whole secret of that strange planet. Its color is probably due to some peculiar quality of its soil.

It may be principally composed of material resembling our red sandstone, or it may be stained red by an abundance of iron in its rocks.

Suits to a T.

The clause "It suits to a T," meaning it fits exactly, is as old as the familiar instrument, the T square or T rule (so called from its resemblance to the letter T), used by mechanics and draftsmen for making angles true and for obtaining perpendiculars. The expression was in common use in the time of Dr. Johnson, who is quoted by Boswell as saying of Warburton, "You see they have fitted him to a T."

Condescension.

"Isn't the style of music you have been playing rather lacking in classic quality?"

"Oh, yes," replied the highly accomplished girl. "But one must show some consideration for the tastes of one's parents."

Dad's Portion.

"I notice an eastern paper runs an attractive mothers' department headed 'Frocks and Frills.'"

"Some of these papers," growled the old man, "ought to run a fathers' department headed 'Shocks and Bills.'"

Where Her Thoughts Were.

Daughter.—To tell the truth, pa, I didn't think much of the close of the sermon. Father—Thought more of the clothes of the congregation, eh?

Labor now to live so that at the hour of death thou mayest rather rejoice than fear.—A Kemple.

SHERWOOD SPRING

May 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitney were guests on Friday evening at the home of Mr. Geo. Stewart.

Miss Kate Chick spent the 24th at her home in Mallorytown.

Mr. D. A. Cumming, Brockville, made a business trip through here on Thursday last.

Farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather and are rushing their seeding.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Smith Latham is still unable to leave his room.

On May 24th, a picnic was held on Anderson's Point for Private Allan G. Clow, of the 156th Battalion at Mallorytown. Friends and relatives from Yonge Mills, Sherwood Spring, and Riverside, were present, and it being perfect weather, everyone enjoyed the day. Friends from a distance were: Miss Gladys Gainford and Mr. Gerald Ross, South Augusta, who were spending the day with the former's sister, Mrs. E. P. Eligh.

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GREENBUSH

May 29.—On May 23 Miss Leita Maud, accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Hilyard Kendrick, started for Saskatchewan to spend the summer with relatives.

Miss Myrtle E. Loverin spent Victoria day at Donaville, the guest of Miss Hazel Perrin.

Mrs. Hattie Gifford spent a few days in Brockville last week with her daughter, Mr. Seymour Wylie.

Mr. W. H. Tackaberry and Mr. Norris Loverin each had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse. Mortality among young stock is prevalent in this section.

Mrs. Bert Forsythe returned from Soperton, where she had been making an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Suffel.

The Epworth League intends holding a social evening at the home of Miss Edith Johnston on the evening of the 29th.

Among the guests in our neighborhood on Victoria day were Miss Hattie Cannon, Mr. W. Kennedy of Brockville, and Master Lyman Judson of Athens.

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