

to Master Richard Stroeder at Dead Moose Lake and Mrs. Hy. Schmidt of Pilger.

For the winter months the services at Dead Moose Lake and Pilger will be every second Sunday or Feast Day at 10 o'clock. The next services on the 10th of Nov. are due at Pilger.

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin at Pilger will be considerably increased in membership this year. It is expected that the reception of the young ladies into the Sodality will take place on Dec. 8th. This will be a memorable day for the parish of Pilger.

The Pilger new church is nearing its completion. During Father Casimir's illness the parishioners were busy at work. The inner scaffolding was cleared, and flooring, windows and doors put in. The installing of furnaces etc. is now in progress. Mr. Herman Hueser is putting the finishing touches to carpentry. By the 8th of December the services will be held in the new church.

The extraordinary efforts and perseverance and untiring labor on the part of the parishioners have brought it about that within the space of a few months a stately structure and a worthy place of worship was erected. It will be one of the largest churches in St. Peter's Colony, built of tiling and brick, the excavation of which was commenced after seeding and the structure completed before winter. The length of the church is 115½ feet, the width 49 feet. The estimated cost is \$18,000. Of this sum the parish collected \$6000 in cash and put \$6000 worth of labor in it; the balance of \$6000 is the present indebtedness of the parish. Considering that the parish of Pilger consists of some 40 families, it will prove the fact: Where there is unity, there is strength. An example worthy of imitation! We started this year without a cent in the treasury.

Corr.

HUMBOLDT, Sask., Nov. 4th 1918

Dear St. Peters Bote:—

The Spanish "Flu" is having full sway in our town. It is impossible to ascertain how many cases there are, but it is reported that there are but few residences in town without one or more sick inmates. Up to the present time five patients have succumbed to the scourge, viz. Michael Hulack of Vonda, who died Oct. 25th and was buried on the Catholic cemetery Oct. 27th; Max Ernst, Jr., fireman in the employ of the C. N. R. and son of Max Ernst, Sr., who died at the age of 30 years Oct. 31st and was buried on the Catholic cemetery, Nov. 1st; F. K. Martin, formerly superintendent of the town of Humboldt, who died Nov. 1st and was interred in the City cemetery Nov. 3rd; Frank McInerney, employee at the Land Titles Office, who died Nov. 3rd and was buried on the Catholic cemetery Nov. 5th. W. G. Taylor, druggist, the first victim of the dread disease, died Oct. 23rd. Let us hope that God may be merciful to us and speedily avert the scourge. Several days ago the "Flu" patients at St. Elisabeth Hospital numbered 22, but yesterday, Sunday, only 15 were left, the balance having been discharged as cured. The majority of cases are light. On Monday, the Rev. Father Joseph, pastor of Engelfeld and Carmel, was added to the list of "Flu" patients receiving treatment at the hospital. He took sick at Carmel and motored personally to the hospital to place himself under the care of the doctors and the good sisters. His case is not serious. The case of Mr. A. Lutter, however, is reported to be hopeless.

On Oct. 31st Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wiggers, Sr., celebrated their silver wedding jubilee without all exterior pomp or celebrity.

Canadian News

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MOOSOMIN. — The large flour mill here, which has been idle for the last few years, has changed hands, the Northland Milling company of Winnipeg being the new owners.

SASKATOON. — Free vaccination depots for all who wish to be vaccinated against contracting Spanish influenza, will be open during the duration of the epidemic, from 2 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening. Doctors and nurses will be supplied at each depot by the central bureau of the Board of Health.

— Four sons of W. G. Lawrence of Rockhaven, died last week of pneumonia. William of Rockhaven, and Edward, of Battleford, died within two hours of each other Oct. 29th, and Benjamin, of Rockhaven, and John, of Battleford, died Oct. 31st. The coincidence is extraordinary, as all lived in different houses.

— Jack Therault, who is wanted by the city police for obtaining a Ford touring car on false pretences, was arrested at Prince Albert by the provincial police and will be handed over to the local police for prosecution.

PRINCE ALBERT. — J. B. Brown, city clerk of Prince Albert, died at the Holy Family hospital of pneumonia after a few days illness. He was 36 years of age.

— The citizens were shocked to hear of the death of Dr. Swindley, dentist, who succumbed to pneumonia following an attack of influenza contracted about 10 days before.

Alberta

EDMONTON. — With all polls heard from, J. J. Gaetz, Liberal, supporter of the Stewart government, is elected by a majority of 879 over F. W. Galbraith, Unionist Independent, in the Red Deer provincial riding. Galbraith loses his deposit.

— There were 9,199 pupils in attendance at the Edmonton public schools in September, according to the monthly report of Supt. Carpenter. This was an increase of 529 on the enrollment of June.

— Mr. W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, states that from three to four times the volume of freight traffic has been passing over the G. T. P. line between Prince Rupert and Edmonton this year as compared with any previous season.

CALGARY. — The sheep, swine and dairy cattle sales advertised to take place here on October 30th and November 1st, have all been indefinitely postponed on account of the influenza.

British Columbia

VANCOUVER. — The 268 passengers and crew of 75 men were lost when the steamship, Princess Sophia, foundered in the Lynn Canal Oct. 25th, during the night. Not a soul survived. The big Canadian Pacific Railway's steamer left Skagway, Alaska, Oct. 23th. A gale drove the ship on a reef.

VICTORIA. — Premier Oliver leaves here on November 12th for Ottawa, where, with Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, he will attend the conference on Nov. 19th between the Dominion government and provincial ministers to discuss problems arising out of reconstruction plans.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG. — A free public vaccination bureau was opened at the Manitoba Medical college where two doctors are ready to inoculate anyone who wishes.

— Public utilities commissioner MacDonald, by interim order granted the Winnipeg Electric railway the right temporarily to increase fares until an investigation is made.

A five cent flat fare will be charged, except on children's and workmen's tickets, which will be sold eight and six for a quarter respectively.

— Gustave W. Walters, charged with bigamy, was committed by Magistrate Macdonald in the police court for trial at the next assizes.

— Accused of falsifying accounts and the embezzlement of monies amounting to approximately \$25,000, Herbert Taylor Maywedy was arrested in the city. It is alleged that he stole this sum from the Union bank at Waskada, where he was manager, and also that he stole money from the Union Bank in Winnipeg.

MIAMI. — Hon. Dr. Thornton, minister of education, made an appeal to citizens and teachers at the convention of the teachers here on Oct. 9th, 10th and 11th. "We should banish the term 'foreigner' from our common usage," said the doctor, "and address non-English speaking settlers as 'new Canadians'."

TREHERNE. — C. Weichmann, general merchant from Treherne, paid \$100 and costs in provincial police court, Winnipeg, for selling flour without a proportionate amount of flour substitute. This is the first prosecution of the kind in Manitoba.

SWAN RIVER. — While Wm. Mitchell and David Wilson, returned soldiers, were going for an auto ride, the auto went into the government drain which was five feet deep at that point. The auto turned turtle and pinned Wilson under it killing him almost instantly.

Ontario

OTTAWA. — A new food board order defines wheat substitutes as "oat, barley, corn and rye flours." Consumers must take one pound to four pounds of wheat flour. Any one may henceforth hold 100 pounds, or sixty days' requirements, while farmers may have 200 pounds of their home-grown wheat, or if they live five miles from a miller or dealer, 200 pounds of any flour.

— The Catholic Arm Hut Fund, which the Knights of Columbus are raising in Canada, will exceed \$1,000,000. The objective was \$500,000.

— The anti-looting law has been amended so as to provide for arrest without warrant. "Any peace officer," the amendment reads, "may arrest without warrant, any person whom he believes on reasonable and probable grounds to be violating the provisions" of the anti-looting law.

— Owing to the increased supplies of feed in the west the order prohibiting the burning of straw in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta has been rescinded.

— Export has been prohibited of a number of articles except under license issued by the Canada Food Board. The articles include arrowroot cake made from wheat flour, canned fruits, chewing gum, honey, fruit jams, edible jellies, mustard flour and meal, prepared cereal foods, prepared coffee and cocoa, sugar beets and vinegar.

— The railway board, in a judgment modifies a previous general order in regard to the general railway switching service. The amended order changes the inter-switching practice in that it compels railway companies to give interswitching instead of extending it at certain points as a matter of grace.

— Divorce applications will be about as numerous as usual at the next session of parliament which is expected to open about the middle of January. Upwards of twenty applications have already been given notice of and it is probable that this number will be doubled before the house convenes.

— "Sunday selling of gasoline is contrary to law" is an official warning. The fuel controller has been informed that since the removal of the ban on Sunday motoring, some dealers have assumed that they could sell gasoline on that day. This is a mistaken impression.

— The question of the future of the Ruthenian or Ukrainian weekly newspapers was decided in Ottawa on Saturday. It was announced a few weeks ago that no Ruthenian papers could be published except under license from the government. The decision of the government now is that permission to print may now be granted by the secretary of state on condition that all the editorials and news is printed in parallel columns in English and Ruthenian.

— Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries, announced that contracts had been placed with several shipbuilding yards in Canada for the construction of 31 steel steamers ranging in tonnage from 3,400 tons dead weight capacity to 8,100 tons.

— After 36 years of efficient service, Sir Percy Sherwood, commissioner of Dominion police, has asked to be relieved of his duties. He is in poor health.

TORONTO. — With a grand total for the Dominion of \$118,404,150, Canada has done itself proud in the first five days of the Victory Loan campaign. Last year at the end of the fifth day of the drive, the figures reported stood at \$87,316,000, or over \$32,000,000 less than in 1918.

— Within a day or two it is likely that every church in Ontario will receive a letter from the fuel administrator R. Home Smith calling on them to follow the lead of the Brookville churches, which united last winter and saved 100 tons of coal.

Quebec

MONTREAL. — Paper shortage, hitherto acute, has become worse owing to influenza, some of the paper mills being on the point of closing, owing to large numbers of their employees being absent on account of sickness.

United States News

WASHINGTON. — On Tuesday this week the congressional elections are taking place all over the country. The Republicans are much displeased at President Wilson for issuing an appeal to vote for the Democratic candidates. They claim that the President had urged the keeping of party politics out of the elections until now, when the influenza prevents an effective campaign.

— All federal reserve districts over-subscribed for the Liberty Loan, the Boston district reaching 126 per cent. of its quota, and standing first in the percentage column. Richmond made 103½ and Philadelphia 119.

— A reduction of one cent a pound in price of packers' hides and ½ cent a pound on country hides for the months of November and December, and a reduction of 2 cents a pound on packers' hides and 1½ cents a pound on country hides for the month of January, was agreed to by the price fixing committee of the war industries board.

— Increase of the monthly allotment of sugar from two to three pounds per capita was authorized, the food administration announced.

— Spanish influenza has caused more deaths among American soldiers since the epidemic became generally prevalent than German bullets in the same length of time and most of these deaths occurred in camps in this country, senators calling at the war department said they were told.

NEW YORK. — Over 100 men and women were killed and probably double that number injured in a rear-end collision on Nov. 1, between two Brooklyn Rapid Transit trains near Prospect Park station on the Brighton Beach line. The crash occurred when the train ahead, said to have been in charge of a "green" motorman, jumped the track at a switch and another train running in the same direction plunged into the rear cars.

— Felix Gouled, the army contractor, who was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States, was sentenced by Judge E. E. Cushman in the United States District Court to serve a sentence of seven years, and A. Vaughan, of the Quartermaster's Reserve Corps, who pleaded guilty to a charge that he had taken part in the same conspiracy, was sentenced to a term of two years.

— Announcement that the German woolen mills of New Jersey and other large manufacturing plants throughout the country, with an aggregate value of more than \$200,000,000, will be sold within the next two months to Americans, was made by A. M. Palmer, alien property custodian. German property seized in this country totals \$800,000,000, and will soon reach \$1,000,000,000.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. — Nine cars loaded with chlorine gas were wrecked on the New York Central Railroad near Canelot, according to telephone advices from that place. A call was received here for gas masks. It was said the gas had spread over a wide area.

PRINCETON, Minn. — R. C. Dunn, one of the leaders in the State Senate and prominent for years in republican politics in Minnesota died at his home here. He was 63 years of age.

SEATTLE, Wash. — Sam. Hill of Seattle, railroad builder and president of the Pacific Highway Association, sailed to make a survey of Japan's railroads and highway situation. He left on the invitation of T. Nakahima, chief engineer of the Southern Manchuria Railway Co.

Old Monasteries Used. — In France many of the old monasteries are being used not only for shelters and canteens for the American troops, but also by the Knights of Columbus, Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army and other organizations for their work. Some of them have been transformed into hospitals. It is characteristic of the American spirit and training that these religious buildings are treated with the greatest respect and that everything possible is done to preserve them from violation. Nothing arouses the anger of American soldiers to a greater degree than the frequent deliberate attempts of the Boche armies to destroy these monasteries and their contents.

What Each Soldier Costs. — Each American soldier costs the United States Government \$2,040 a year. More than 1,200,000 are in France. On the basis of \$2,040 per soldier, they would cost \$2,452,000,000. Following is the cost of each soldier for a year: Sustenance \$ 430 Personal equipment 280 Service equipment 650 Pay (average officers and men) 430 Housing, canteens, etc 80 Transportation (to France) 120 Total \$2,040

Shall Wear Cross. — War department regulations providing that army chaplains shall wear only the cross indicating their calling and no insignia of rank follow a ruling made by General Pershing and which has been effective in France for several months.

A Young Bishop. — Among those who registered in Salt Lake City District No. 3 was Rt. Rev. Bishop Glass. He is one of the few Bishops in the United States who is young enough to be included in the provisions of the military service law.

CARD OF THANKS

MR. MAX ERNST desires to express his sincere thanks to the numerous friends for their kind assistance and Christian charity shown him at the time of the illness, death and funeral of his beloved son Max Ernst who died of the Spanish Influenza with subsequent pneumonia at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Oct. 31st, 1918.

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