

DETECTIVE (?) GETS 7 YEARS

Frederick Webster Pleads Guilty in Peterboro — Second Marriage Took Place in Belleville

Peterboro, Jan. 9.—Frederick Webster who pleaded guilty in police court this morning to two charges of bigamy, was sentenced to seven years in Kingston Penitentiary. Webster was married three times. He was last married here in November, having come from Belleville, where he was married in July. Webster's first marriage took place in Toronto, in fact he himself revealed when he obtained the official records as proof that he was not eligible in the unmarried class for military service. Two of his marriages were only four months apart.

Webster came to Peterborough a short time ago from Belleville, a. c. applied to Chief of Police Thompson for a position as detective. Later the Chief received an enquiry regarding Webster from his wife in Belleville. Webster's Peterboro marriage was an after-discovery.

A. FROST WAS HEAVILY FINED

Guilty on Two Counts of Selling Liquor in Trenton

A. Frost was in Trenton police court fined \$300 and costs or three months in jail by Magistrate O'Rourke for selling liquor without a license on Dec. 13th and \$300 and costs or 3 months in jail on another count for selling liquor on Dec. 15. C. G. Meath pleaded guilty to selling liquor and the case was enlarged for judgment and sentence until Friday, January 11th.

Inspector Arnott and Crown Attorney Carney prosecuted.

OBITUARY

The obsequies of the late Mr. Mearns A. Paul was held on Tuesday afternoon Dec. 18th, from his late residence, fifth concession of Sidney Street, St. Paul's church, where Rev. J. P. Snow officiated at a very impressive service, text being taken from the thirty second psalm first verse.

He was buried at Stockdale Cemetery under the order of L.O.L. 240 Frankford. He was also a member of C. O. C. F. Stockdale. He was born at Stockdale where he had spent the greater part of his life. Five years ago he moved to fifth concession Sidney, where he spent the remaining days of his life. Besides the widow he leaves three sons, Albert, of Oshawa, Harry, of Aurora, and two sisters and three brothers, James Paul, of Murray, Peter of Newark and Abraham, of Beaverton Mich.

MRS. PETER D. MYERS Mrs. Nancy Myers, beloved wife of Mr. Peter D. Myers, of this city, passed away today. She was a daughter of the late David Nicholson, having been born in the first concession of Huntington. Mr. and Mrs. Myers removed to Belleville about four years ago, having lived previously for many years on the Front of Sidney. She was a member of the Tabernacle Methodist Church. Besides her husband she leaves four sisters and one brother, the sisters being, Misses Ellen and Hannah Nicholson, residing on the old homestead, Mrs. M. Caverley, of Foxboro, and Mrs. Eliza Tucker of Rawdon, and the brother, Mr. John Nicholson of Cannifton.

MRS. WILLIAM THOMPSON Margaret Thompson, beloved wife of Mr. William Thompson, passed away at an early hour this morning at the family residence, 37 Catherine Street after about three months' illness. Mrs. Thompson was a native of Fermansagh, Ireland, where she was born in the year 1834. She came to Belleville over 50 years ago and had resided here ever since. Mrs. Thompson was a member of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church. She leaves one son, John, of Ingersoll, besides her husband to mourn her loss.

DAVID W. VANDERVOORT The death occurred in Kingston hospital yesterday of David W. Vandervoort, a well-known resident of Belleville who resided at 130 Catherine Street. He was born in Sidney and had lived in this city for twenty years past. Latterly he had been employed as night man on the Bay of Quinte bridge. He was in religion a Methodist. His widow and six sons (five in Belleville and one in Rochester) survive to mourn his

MARRIAGES

CALDWELL — HICKEY — On January 2nd, 1918, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Reid, 4373 Western Avenue, Westmount, Montreal, Miss Annie S. Hickey, to Doct. Joseph Caldwell, of Belleville Ont.

DEATHS

THOMPSON — In Belleville on Friday, January 4, 1918, Margaret Thompson, beloved wife of Mr. William Thompson, aged 83 years.

LEAVENS — In Toronto, on January 3rd, 1918, Ella J. Stephenson, relict of the late George N. Leavens.

MEYERS — At Belleville Jan. 3rd 1918, Nancy Meyers, beloved wife of Peter D. Meyers.

death. The remains arrived here this morning from Kingston.

LAI D AT REST

BURIED AT FOXBORO The funeral of the late Miss Delphine Denyes took place yesterday afternoon from the Foxboro Methodist church, where Rev. Mr. Kemp officiated. Interment was in the Foxboro cemetery, the bearers being Messrs. S. C. Gay, B. Hamilton, L. Snider, W. Wickett, J. Gowsell, Jr. and C. Pittman.

LATE H. G. HUFF The funeral of the late Howard G. Huff took place on Thursday afternoon from his late residence near Massasauga under Masonic auspices, W. Bro. W. W. Anderson conducting the last rites of the order. Rev. Mr. Gall of Roblin's Mills, officiated at the religious service. The remains were brought to Belleville cemetery vault. Many beautiful floral tributes had been offered in memory of the deceased.

HUN INTRIGUE UNITED ITALY

UNION SEED BORE SURPRISING PRICE Failed to Excite Italians Against the British Rome, Jan. 4.—These are days when the enemy must either gamble with the weather gods and throw his front into the mountains and along the lower Piave for a decision in this theatre of war or be content with digging in and extending the scope of his air raids on the towns of Venetia. There are days, likewise, when a pause in enemy effort means further reorganization of the Italian army and growth of confidence among the people of ability to meet any contingency in the spring.

The Italy which has emerged from the trial by fire in the momentous weeks since the October reverses is an Italy which from bottom to top has taken stock to learn its full causes and effects. As a consequence there has been laid bare—more completely than at any time during the war so far as this country is concerned—the naked skeleton of enemy intrigues. But the enemy's wily efforts to sow seeds of discord have had results opposite to what he expected. The more he has seen his efforts fail the more clumsy he has become, until today "made in Germany" labels conspicuously adorn every recent attempt to further his ends through such channels.

As I have already pointed out in dispatches from the battle front one of the enemy's propaganda efforts recently was to drop from aeroplanes leaflets representing British soldiers as adopting a menacing attitude toward the Italian peasantry, whereas Tommy Atkins, smoking a pipe in the doorway of an Italian farmhouse, the centre of the admiring peasantry, is really the true picture, as even the Germans must know.

But there are other efforts to sow dissension between Italy and her allies, such as wild rumors of British and French victories on a huge scale, denials of which the Germans hope will cause a pessimistic reaction. In 28, 1916, there re but 48 vessels now uncompleted. The vessels now building include five battleships, one battle cruiser, three scout cruisers, nine fleet submarines, ten coast submarines, two fuel ships, one repair ship, one transport, one destroyer tender, one ammunition ship and one submarine.

Secretary Daniels declared that the submarine chasers built in the United States have not been a failure. He admitted that the type of these vessels is being changed but declared that he hoped the navy would continue

CONGRESS INVESTIGATING WAR PROFITS

HURLEY TELLS WHAT IS BEING DONE IN BUILDING OF SHIPS

Indications That "Red-tape" Has Been to Some Extent Responsible for Holding up Supplies of the United States Army. Washington.—America's war preparations are today under the searching investigation of Congress. There are three separate investigations now going on in the Capitol with two more to be taken up when Congress resumes after the holidays.

Chief of interest in the investigation into the affairs of the United States Shipping board, the investigation was called suddenly when Admiral Frederick Harris, resigned as head of the Emergency Fleet Corporation after a tenure of office of a few weeks. Admiral Harris in resigning declared that his hands had been tied and that there was a lack of authority.

Edward Hurley, chairman of the Shipping Board, was the first witness to be called upon by the Commerce Committee of the Senate which is conducting the investigation. Hurley's testimony brought out the fact that the progress of America's merchant marine has been considerably hampered by the fact that the United States Navy has cornered most of the shipbuilding facilities in the United States. Cross-examination was exceedingly close and confusing.

Building New Shipyards Investors believed they had scored when Hurley admitted that 42 contracts for ships had been given to men or companies owning no shipyards. He declared that these shipbuilders, however, had immediately begun to construct shipyards.

Contracts of the Emergency Fleet Corporation have been let to 110 shipyards, Hurley declared. Of these 74 have been created since Jan. 1. In addition the Emergency Fleet Corporation has requisitioned vessels which are building in 73 shipyards, so that at present there are 183 shipyards under the control of the fleet corporation.

Since April 1st there have been 146 contracts let for 395 vessels with a tonnage of 5,571,100. Hulls have actually been completed within 64 days on the Pacific Coast. Hurley stated, and further more explained that the labor employed in ship construction has been increased 45.2 per cent. in the nine weeks ending Dec. 31st.

According to figures offered by Hurley 1,427 ships of 3,573,108 dead weight tons are under construction or under contract. Of these 431 ships of 3,056,900 tons were already under construction when the commandeering order went into effect on August 3rd. The new tonnage of steel ships ordered is represented by 539 ships of 3,975,500 deadweight tons. The wooden ships for which contracts have been let represent 579 bottoms of 1,344,900 deadweight tons and there are in addition 58 concrete ships of 307,000 deadweight tons. Since the requisitioning order went into effect on August 3rd, forty-nine vessels of a total of 300,855 deadweight tons have been completed.

Equipment Orders Chairman Hurley reported that companies throughout the United States manufacturing ship deck machinery and equipment for these vessels are rapidly organizing and will soon be able to meet the demands placed upon them by the shipping program.

Investigation into the conduct of the navy has been unproductive thus far. The House Committee on Naval Affairs after spending but one day in enquiry found conditions in such line shape that they called off further probes until after the holidays. Secretary Daniels told the investigating committee that of 108 ships of all ships provided for in the three year building program begun August 28, 1916, there re but 48 vessels now uncompleted. The vessels now building include five battleships, one battle cruiser, three scout cruisers, nine fleet submarines, ten coast submarines, two fuel ships, one repair ship, one transport, one destroyer tender, one ammunition ship and one submarine.

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ON GROUND THAT DISASTER WAS AN ACT OF WAR AND NATION RESPONSIBLE

Fire Insurance Companies Find It Hard to Estimate What Damage Was Done by Fire and What by Explosion. There is every likelihood that the Dominion government will assume the payment of losses incurred as a result of the explosion on the munition ship Mont Blanc in Halifax harbor and that both the British and United States governments will contribute a share of the money required to make restitution to those who lost their property in the disaster.

Representations to this end have been made to the government by the fire insurance companies and members of the government have gone to Halifax for the purpose of studying the situation on the ground. It is pointed out that the catastrophe was virtually an incident of the war and that therefore the whole nation is in a sense responsible for the damage that was done. The explosives were being conveyed to the battle front and, though at the time thousands of miles from the actual seat of conflict, were as much in use for war purposes as if they were behind the guns in France. On this ground there is every reason why the nation should meet the losses.

The special board of adjusters appointed by the insurance companies has been busy at work since the explosion occurred and are now near the end of their labors. Their task has been no light one. Destruction by fire in most cases followed damage by the explosion and it has been no easy matter to determine just how much of the loss is attributable to the one and how much to the other. Should the Government assume that it cannot meet full losses, the insurance companies, of course, do not see their way to far as preliminary estimate can be made, no company concerned will be embarrassed by the payments which will be required to make. At the same time it will be apparent that a sufferer from the disaster will be more equitably compensated if the government steps in and covers his entire loss than if the insurance company merely pays the small proportion of the loss covered by the insurance policy.

Life insurance companies, on the other hand, are making no effort to avoid liability. In the case of pre-war policies there can be no question that the companies are liable. Even in the case of policies since issued and contain a special war clause, the broadest interpretation of the latter word scarcely cover death losses to civilians resulting from the explosion. As a matter of fact, with the possible exception of three or four companies writing industrial insurance, life companies have not been heavily hit by the disaster. They will simply demand the customary proof of death and settle with the beneficiaries.

THEY ARE HEROES

The Men Who Work on Railways These Forget Days Montreal, Jan. 4.—A railway official stated: "The travelling public who may have to put up with some little inconveniences in connection with train delays should remember that the weather now being experienced is the worst and coldest recorded for any December within the last sixteen years. There were two thousand miles for instance, on the Canadian Pacific system where the thermometer registered thirty degrees below zero, and at some places it was as low as sixty degrees. The engineers and trainmen who work under such conditions are little short of heroes. The additional cost of coal under such conditions amounts to many thousands of dollars, and the burden placed upon the railways cannot be minimized."

MADOC JUNCTION

Friends here are shocked to hear of the death of H. Gay in Sidney. Those who mourn have the sympathy of the community here.

Rev. C. S. Reddick occupied the pulpit here at Eggleston church on Sunday afternoon and preached another very helpful sermon on confessing sins and forgiveness of sins.

Mr. George Clark spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Peterboro.

Among those who spent their New Year's with friends here are, Miss Nixon, Madoc, Miss Hazard, Miss Jean Eggleston, of Keene, Miss F. Carr, Miss Tutts, of Tweed, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid, of Sidney, Mrs. Martin Hough, Holloway and others.

A number from here attended the concert at Holloway on Tuesday night.

Miss Nellie Bird has returned to Belleville to attend the Business College there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bennett near Stirling.

Miss Mildred Eggleston visited friends near Glenshurg this week.

Lieut. A. E. H. Coe, formerly sporting editor of the Winnipeg Telegram, has been awarded the Military Cross.

1,500 TRACTORS FOR FRANCE

U.S. HAS SCHEME TO INCREASE FOOD CROPS

Washington, Jan. 4.—Fifty hundred farm tractors will be sent to France by the Food Administration for use in increasing the French food crops. One hundred, it was learned today, already have gone forward aboard a naval transport. All will be across by March, when the spring plowing begins.

The plan for sending the tractors was conceived by Henry Morgenthau and his son, Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Young Morgenthau will go to France to supervise delivery of the tractors and to establish schools to teach older men and women to use them. The tractors will be distributed by the French Minister of Agriculture. The tractors have been accepted on behalf of the French Government by Andrew Tardieu, French High Commissioner to the United States.

The National Implement & Vehicle Association approved the arrangement and gave assurance that their shipment abroad will not interfere with production to meet the needs of American farmers. The use of tractors, food administration officials said today, not only will be of great service to France but will release two million tons of shipping next year that would otherwise be required to transport food from America to France. The acreage sown to crops in the uninvaded portions of France this year was 36,742,157, compared with 46,647,293 in 1913. The total food crop this year was 24,681,290 tons against 39,462,340 in 1913.

Use of the tractors will enable the French in the spring to plant 800,000 additional acres in potatoes and in the fall an extra million acres in wheat.

KITCHENER MAN TALKED FREELY

ALLEGED HE BOASTED OF FOOLING OFFICIALS Windsor, Jan. 4.—Bernard Liffin aged 6, a young German from Kitchener, who has been held in Sandwith jail since the immigration authorities found he had failed to register, will be charged with perjury as soon as he is released this week.

He came to Windsor last September with the wife of an overseas soldier and soon got into trouble by talking too freely. It is now alleged that he obtained a passport here by swearing he was British born. The authorities allege Liffin had frequently related to friends how easy it was to evade the immigration laws.

50 BELOW FOR A MONTH

Dawson City in Troops of Extreme Cold Weather Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 4.—The unbroken temperature of 50 to 60 degrees below zero, which has prevailed at Dawson for a solid month, continued today with no indication of a break. All the hospitals are full of victims of pneumonia and colds. Eighteen deaths have occurred in the city since the cold spell began and no funerals are possible until the weather moderates so that graves may be dug. The latest deaths include Peter Brown, a pioneer miner in the Cariboo country and a veteran of the Klondike camps; George Henley, former city librarian; Eugene Landeoleke and John Nicholas noted Yukon promoter.

ITALY'S AIRMEN AVENGE PADUA

Italian Headquarters, Jan. 4.—The Italian airmen have shown that they know how to counter to the Austro-German attacks of the last few nights upon the cities of the Venetian plain. Sunday night, as the official communique has related, they made their way, while the enemy machines were out on evil work, to the nests from which these night-birds came, and found the Austrian aerodromes all lighted up in the expectation of the return of the raiders. The Italian airmen dropped a few bombs, but that was only a reconnaissance. Monday night, while the Austrians were out again, the Italians set off once more, heavily laden with incendiary and explosive bombs. They made for

WILESS SOLDIER PLAYING BILLIARDS

A PRINCESS PAT MAN GIVES A MARVELLOUS EXHIBITION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT

A blind Canadian soldier played a billiard match in London, England, last week against a man with sight and scored 62 points in 1 hour and 40 minutes. The match took place at the National Maritime Club, the blind player being Sergt. Shawl, who lost his sight in the second battle of Ypres. He is an inmate of St. Dunstan's Hospital, Regent's Park, and at the end of the contest the mariners present collected £28 for the hospital funds.

BUTCHER HELD UP ROBBED IN STORE

MEN OF ROYAL FLYING CORPS BLAMED FOR TORONTO HOLD-UP Toronto, Jan. 2.—Held up at the point of a revolver last night, Morris Winberg, a Dundas Street butcher, was robbed of \$100 in cash and a check for \$60. He stated to the police that two men, wearing the uniform of the Royal Flying Corps, were responsible for the crime.

The men apparently waited until the store was clear of customers and then made a dash through the door. One pointed a revolver at Winberg and told him not to resist or cry for help on threat of instant death, while the other made a dash for the till. He seized everything in it, including the check. The two men made a rush for a passing street car.

HOLD-UP MAN WORSTED

ATTACKED MICHIGAN GROCER WITH A GUN AND WAS STRUCK WITH HAMMER Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 4.—Harry Corby whose home is said to be at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., attempted to hold up W. H. Rice, a Grocer street grocer here, and got the worst of it. Corby fired a shot at Rice, which passed through the latter's coat. Rice, without waiting for the second bullet, which Corby was preparing to fire, grabbed a hammer and struck the hold-up man on the head, sending to the ground.

At the hospital, where Corby was taken in a police ambulance, the would-be robber regained consciousness today and has a chance to live. Corby says he enlisted in the Canadian army, but was rejected as physically unfit.

There is no coal at all on sale in Windsor and vicinity and the natural gas supply there and in adjacent municipalities is limited.

The Western Livestock Shippers Association and the Winnipeg Livestock Exchange are protesting against the increase in freight rates.

The returning officer for West Edmonton announces that, with twenty-one polls to hear from, Glenohob (Unionist) is leading Oliver by 139.

The official count in the recent North Essex Parliamentary election places Kennedy's majority over Lt. Col. Wigle, Unionist candidate, at 1,492.