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ECHO PLACE NEWS

There was no afternoon service held at the Anglican mission on Sunday, but quite a number of the congregation went to St. Luke's to witness the confirmation ceremony by the Bishop. Next Sunday will be a celebration of the holy week at 8 a.m., and children's school at 10 a.m. The Ladies Aid gave a most successful tea at the beautiful home of Mrs. Thomas, Echo Villa, on Sunday. The door was opened by Mrs. Thomas and Elizabeth Elmer, who also sold flowers. A good

crowd turned out, and tea was served by three lady friends of Mrs. Thomas. Mrs. Goodman, Miss Davison, and Mrs. Thomas delighted the audience with piano solos. Miss Senn sang sweetly, and Miss Saunders gave a pleasing recitation. There was a splendid quality of home-made cooking of the finest quality for sale, which very readily found buyers. Fancy needlework of every description, also aprons, etc., were on sale and most of these were quickly sold. Altogether over \$22 was realized, and the Ladies Aid are to be congratulated on their great success. Miss Blanche Delbridge has accepted a position in the ticket office of the B. & H. radial station and started her duties on May 24th.

Miss Bella Delbridge was a visitor at the parental home over the holiday. Miss Ila Demary was unfortunately enough to sprain her arm very badly while swinging at school, and the doctor had to put it in splints.

THE WESTERN FAIR

London, Ont., September 10th to 18th. Queen's Park, at London, Ontario, the home of the Western Fair, is a very busy place at present, as active preparations are in progress for the great exhibition to be held in September. Ever since the last Exhibition the entire grounds and buildings have been in possession of the military authorities. The City of London and the Board of Directors of the Western

Fair Association have been very pleased to be able to help our government in some small way in these strenuous times, and so the grounds and buildings were placed at their disposal entirely free. As the soldiers are now under canvas a great deal of work will have to be done to prepare the buildings for the exhibition. Owing to an unfortunate fire in the grand stand the old structure is entirely demolished and a new and up-to-date steel stand with a seating capacity of 5000 people is in course of erection. This will very much add to the comfort and conveniences of the visitors as every seat in the new stand will give a full view of everything taking place on the track and platform. For any

information regarding the exhibition write the secretary, A. M. Hunt, London, Ont.

FREDDIE WELSH TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

Has Agreed to Meet Charley White at Denver on July 5.

(By W. S. Farnsworth.) New York, May 28.—Freddie Welsh is going to defend his lightweight title on July 5, and Charley White, the hard-hitting Chicago lightweight is the lad who is going to get the big slam at the champion's crown. The match will be staged in Denver. For months Denver has been after a twenty-round struggle between these lads. But Harry Pollok, who manages the champion, demanded \$15,000 for his end. But Promoter Tamman of Tamman and Bonfield, owners of The Denver Post, would not agree to guarantee Welsh over \$13,000.

Last night Pollok and Nate Lewis, White's manager, met and came to an agreement. Pollok insisted on \$15,000 if Welsh lost, but declared \$13,000 would satisfy him if Freddie won. Then Lewis agreed to give Welsh \$20,000 if White's end if Charley won the decision.

Welsh besides getting the guarantee of \$15,000 if he loses the title or \$13,000 if he wins, is to receive 45 per cent. of the gate and 51 per cent. of the moving-picture rights.

White will probably leave for Chicago either late to-morrow or early Sunday morning. He plans to start training immediately in Chicago and will wind up his work in Denver. Welsh's plans are unknown.

MT VERNON

Relatives from Brantford spent the 24th with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Young.

Mr. Ross Irwin of Brantford, spent a few days with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tapley and little sons of Burford, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Fowler and family.

Miss Maggie Colter of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. A. Moore and son, stone road.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Freker of Brantford spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Searles of Waterford spent a week ago Monday with Mr. A. Perrin and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Flaherty and children of Brantford spent the 24th with Mr. and Mrs. Bougner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson and little sons, spent Sunday visiting relatives at Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Newport and Mrs. A. Edwards and Miss Ada and Master Gordon Edwards of Onondaga spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Simon Reid.

Mr. James Newstead and Miss Eva and Elva Newstead of Brantford, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tufford and children motored from Brantford and spent the 24th with Miss Judson.

Relatives from Brantford spent the 24th with Mr. and Mrs. C. Henderson.

A few of the young folks of Mt Vernon held an enjoyable picnic at App's on Monday, the 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reid of Detroit, are visiting the former's mother, Simon Reid.

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SHIP BLOWN UP; 325 MEN KILLED

Crew of 250 and 70 Workers Perish on Former C. P. R. Boat.

London, May 27.—The Princess Irene, a British mine-laying ship, was literally blown to atoms with at least 325 men aboard as she lay at anchor in Sheerness harbor yesterday. The explosion apparently was intentional, its origin being marked by complete mystery, and so far as known, only one man has survived, a stoker named David Wills, who was picked up badly injured.

It is understood that all but three of her crew of 250 men were aboard the steamer, as well as 78 dockyard men carrying out repairs. Some estimates, however, place the number of victims much higher. The Daily Mail asserts that in addition to the 78 shipwrights there were on board 100 workmen from Chatham, as well as 250 members of the crew, which would give a total of 418 persons on the steamer at the time she was blown up.

The disaster has immediately recalled the fate of the British battleship Bulwark, which was mysteriously blown up on November 26, at practically the identical spot in which rested the Princess Irene, with the loss of some 736 officers and men. The destruction of the Bulwark was never explained. There were rumors at the time that a German submarine had slipped into Sheerness harbor and launched a torpedo at the warship, subsequently stealing away without detection. It has since seemed more probable, however, that the Bulwark was blown up by an internal explosion—the inference being, of course that a spy accomplished the work.

WAS 70 YARDS FROM SHORE. The Princess Irene, which is a Canadian Pacific liner, requisitioned by the government, was lying at her moorings 70 yards off Port Victoria at 11 o'clock in the morning her decks crowded with busy workmen. The harbor was filled with vessels of all descriptions. Nothing of an extraordinary nature had occurred to arouse suspicion.

2ND UNIVERSITY COMPANY CANADIAN EXPED. FORCE

The Second University Company, the organization of which was authorized by the Militia Department, on April 24th has made substantial progress towards completing its establishment. The company, under the command of Captain George C. McDonald has its headquarters at 382 Sherbrooke street west, where about 120 men are already enrolled and in training.

In addition to this, two officers, Mr. G. M. Smith and Mr. D. G. Haggarty of the Toronto University C.O.T.C. have been appointed to look after recruiting in Toronto. A number of men have already been sworn in there and it is expected that before June 1st Toronto University will have furnished a full platoon of about 60 men.

The full complement of all ranks required is 227, so that it is likely that the company will be up to its full strength at an early date. The rank

and file are a splendid type of the young educated Canadian, being recruited from University graduates or undergraduates, or men of a similar class. They are drawn from nearly every part of Canada, groups having been brought from Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg as well as from the Eastern Provinces. A number of men with C.O.T.C. certificates have enlisted in the ranks.

In the training of this unit special attention will be given to further instruct men studying for officers certificates. A great many of the men have received the benefit of the training at the C.O.T.C. camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, which was held from May 2nd to 15th.

When the company has been brought up to full strength, it will probably be moved to one of the permanent camps to undergo further training before going to the front. The first University company, (D. Co., 38th Battalion C.E.F.) which has been selected as a draft to reinforce the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry, is at present in camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and will probably sail for England inside of the next fortnight.

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