

BRIEF DISTRICT NEWS

Brockville, May 7.—Mrs. Wm. Aiken of Alexandria Bay, near here, was fatally burned yesterday afternoon about the head neck and shoulders when the flames of a bonfire were swept over her by the wind.

She had started the fire to burn some rubbish, and was bending over a throwing on more rubbish, when a sudden gust of wind caused the flames to envelop her. She ran screaming from the fire, and was aided by neighbors to extinguish the flames, but only lived a few hours.

Brockville, May 9.—Charles Fung, proprietor of the Brockville Cafe, was fined \$100 or three months in jail for disregarding the order-in-Council regulating the serving of meals in public places.

Kingston, May 7.—The Kingston campaign to raise \$15,000 for the military "Y" got off to a good start today. Senator Richardson giving \$1,000 and W. F. Nickle, M.P. for Kingston, and his brother, Hugh Nickle, contributing \$500.

Brockville, May 9.—The board of health is strongly opposing a proposition to keep swine within the corporation limits to increase production. The town council was considering the wisdom of giving citizens the necessary permission.

Two train wrecks lent a little variety to the Grand Trunk operations over the week-end.

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On Sunday morning the line suffered a rear end pitch on at the Keene station. A double header standing at the station in the fog was rammed in the freight train. A "caboose" and car of grain immediately caught fire and were burnt to cinders.

While the monetary damage was considerable there were no casualties or injuries. The track was cleared by 3 p.m., by an auxiliary from Lindsay and the traffic resumed.—Lindsay Post.

Half a peanut breathed into his lung was a contributory cause in the death last night of little Jack Blewett, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. William Blewett, Peterboro. He was just one year and ten months old, a bright, healthy boy who had rarely been sick.

Yesterday morning, in charge of two girls, he was taken down town to see the soldiers, the band and the other big features of the Governor-General's reception. The girls had some salted peanuts and gave the baby one of them to eat.

Half of it caught in the boy's windpipe, and was carried into a lung. The baby was later taken to the Nicholls Hospital. Everything was done to save his life, but he died at 10.30 p.m. of suffocation.

Kingston.—Capt. Douglas Nickle, son of W. F. Nickle, of this city, who was injured when he fell in his burning aeroplane "somewhere in France" and miraculously escaped death, has been taken down with scarlet fever in the isolation hospital in London, to which he was removed following his accident. He was just beginning to pick up in strength when the fever seized him; but previous to his accident he fortunately was in the physical condition and no serious result are apprehended from his present illness.

Citizens who were uptown early this morning did not have to wait for the official hours of the Duke of Devonshire's visit to the city to have a peep at Canada's Governor-General. His Excellency after breakfast left his coach and strolled north on George street. His Excellency was unattended and in his walk probably rubbed shoulders with a number of citizens who had not the slightest idea who the stranger was. Those who had seen his Excellency before readily recognized him.—Peterboro Review.

A valuable young horse belonging to Mr. Richard Walsh, of Westwood, was killed on the C. P. R. track a short distance west of the station here. Mr. Walsh's son, Stafford Walsh and a companion by the name of Herr came to town on Saturday evening and tied the horse in the

King hotel sheds. While the boys were in the barber shop waiting to get some work done the coil became restless and broke its halter. On leaving the shed it turned west along Ridge street and left the buggy back of Mr. J. E. Roxborough's residence and then headed east and north. When it reached the C.P.R. track it wandered westerly along the railway and was struck and killed by the midnight express. The beast was valued at \$200.—Norwood Register.

Lindsay.—Frank Brimmell, son of Ald. Brimmell, was pinned under his car when it turned over the other night on the Danforth road. He is suffering from a slight concussion while a lady companion was not in the least injured.

Brockville, May 9.—Charles W. Tackaberry, who was prominent in local amateur theatricals, also a promising sculler of the Brockville Rowing Club, died at his home here from an attack of pneumonia. He was 24 years of age and unmarried.

Late on Saturday a break occurred in a water main at the corner of Princess and Montreal streets, Kingston, and the war began running out on the pavement. Workmen were immediately put to work excavating to find the leak, and they worked faithfully all night. It was about nine o'clock on Sunday morning when they finally discovered the leak and found that a portion of the main had broken off.

Brockville, May 9.—An organization meeting of the St. Lawrence Coal and Freighting Co., Inc., was held when directors for the ensuing year were elected. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: President, E. F. McCourt, Montreal; vice president, E. J. Burns, Ogdensburg; treasurer and managing director, J. A. Brenahan, Brockville. When present plans mature the company will be in a position to meet coal and freighting requirements at lake and river ports from Belleville to Cornwall and will considerably relieve the coal and freighting problems for these ports, which has been a serious handicap to the coal trade during the past few years.

Gunner J. F. May, formerly of Peterboro, now a member of the 73rd Battery, celebrated his twenty-first birthday last Friday at the Hotel Dixie, Kingston, where he is slowly convalescing from an attack of pleuro-pneumonia. On this occasion was taken advantage of by his many friends to give him a pleasant surprise.

The spacious sun balcony was prettily decorated with flags and pennants, and a splendid Norwegian pine bearing tiny flags of all the nations adorned the centre table. Dainty refreshments were partaken of by the young soldier and his friends, and brief toasts were proposed by Gunner A. C. Currie, of Ottawa; Gunner A. L. Warren, of Lindsay; and Gunner C. H. Hodgets, of Ottawa. Visits were made to the other patients in the institution and cheering messages were brought to them, together with earnest prayers for the coming of peace.

London, May 8.—Count Czernin, then Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, paid a secret visit to Jassy in the latter part of February, and delivered in person a verbal ultimatum of the most drastic sort from the central powers to King Ferdinand of Roumania; it has become known with the arrival here of the American Red Cross Mission to Roumania.

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Bloom Is On In Niagara

ONTARIO'S GARDEN A BLAZE OF GLORY BY SUNDAY

Bloom began to show in Niagara orchards with the beginning of the week, and by Sunday, if weather conditions are favorable, the Garden of Ontario will be a blaze of glory.

Interviews with representative growers, such as J. W. Smith, Winona, W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines, and B. B. Armstrong of Queenston, fully justify the expectation of at least a fair average, following upon the season of bloom. Later varieties, such as the Elberta, have suffered winter injury in some cases, although Mr. Bunting says all varieties of peaches in his orchard promise at least fair yields. The general report is that early varieties of peaches will give an abundant yield.

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Napanee Farmers Want Crops Saved

DON'T EXPECT EXEMPTION AS A CLASS—THINK OTTAWA DOESN'T UNDERSTAND

Napanee, May 7.—"We don't want exemption, we don't plead for exemption, we don't expect exemption for all farmers as a class, but we do want necessary steps taken as fast as possible to save the crops that it appears can be taken to fruit, have of absence to actual farm workers who are now busily engaged producing food," declared Jos. Hicks, Warden of Lennox and Addington, at a special meeting of more than six hundred farmers held at Napanee yesterday afternoon to discuss conscription as affecting farmers and production.

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QUESTIONS YOU MUST ANSWER IN JUNE WHEN REGISTRATION IS MADE

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- To Be Answered by Males
1 Name.
2 Address in full.
3 Age.
4 Race.
5 Can you speak English or French?
6 British subject (by birth, naturalization, marriage.)
7 Are you single, married, widow or divorced?
8 How many children under 16?
9 Do your health and home life permit you to be required to give full time, paid work (registrants answering "No" to this question need give no further information, those answering "Yes" or in doubt should fill in the rest of the card, or must sign affirmation.)
10 Do your circumstances permit you to live away from home?
11 What is your present main occupation? If in business as employer, state number of employees. If an employee state name, business and address of employer. If full time voluntary worker state name of society serving.
12 State particulars of each if you have trade or profession, degree, diploma or certificate. Special training.
13 State length of experience, if any, in general farming, poultry raising, dairy farming, etc.
14 Can you drive a tractor, drive a motor, drive a horse, harness a horse, do farm cooking?
15 Indicate any qualifications or practical experience which you possess not already recorded.
16 Do your circumstances permit you to give regular full time service without remuneration?
To Be Answered by Females
1 Name in full.
2 Address in full.
3 Age.
4 Race.
5 Can you speak English or French?
6 British subject (by birth, naturalization, marriage.)
7 Are you single, married, widow or divorced?
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"Over the Hills of Home" and Other Poems. A New Volume by the Gifted Author Miss Lilian Leveridge. CONTAINING that wonderful heart-song, "Over the Hills of Home", pronounced by competent critics to be the noblest expression of tender sympathy—in fact, the most remarkable poem that has appeared since the beginning of the present war.

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Twisted Bars And Escaped. Brothers Left Children's Shelter on Thursday Afternoon. "Some walls do not a prison make nor iron bars a cage," mused a cavalier in quite a different spirit from that of two Belleville boys. Escaping on Tuesday afternoon from the Children's Shelter only to be caught in the evening, the two brothers again made the attempt on Thursday afternoon and got away. As yet, they have not been found. These youngsters who were on Tuesday morning made wards of the Society, twisted with their hands the bars in the basement where they were kept and squeezed out of a small hole. Whether they got assistance from outside is unknown. The authorities are on the lookout for the fugitives. The boy Babcock who escaped on Tuesday has not yet been apprehended. Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton returned from Toronto yesterday where he had been in attendance at a meeting of the Central Committee of the Canadian Red Cross.