

ing reached for the button, but the innkeeper pushed back his hand, it was not Agnes but Frances. When she had gone out with the empty glasses the taverner remarked: "I don't wish to fall out with her. She has the very tongue of her mother deceased, plus her own—we'd both come off sorrowly with her. Nor do I wish unnecessarily to anger her old friend, who holds it against me already for the reason that a few worthless hares were found in my kitchen." Consequently he placed the wound-up box carefully on the window. The company caroused till eleven and then dispersed.

To be continued.

Wit and Humor

WHAT ONE LETTER CAN DO.
A proofreader, agent the importance of trifles, read from his notebook these absurd sentences, each made absurd by the omission of a single letter.
"The enemy was repulsed with great laughter."
"When the president's wife entered the humble sitting-room of the house she was politely offered a hair."
"A man was yesterday arrested on the charge of heaving eaten a cabman for demanding more than his fare."
"An employee in the service of the government was accused of having stolen a small ox from the mail. The stolen property was found in his vest pocket."
"The Russian soldier Knackinoff-oskewky was found dead with a long word sticking in his throat."

DIDN'T SEE THE VICE VERSA.
"Let me see some of your black kid gloves," said a lady to a shop assistant.
"These are not the latest style, are they?" she asked when the gloves were produced.
"Yes, madam," replied the shopman. "We have had them in stock only two days."
"I didn't think they were, because the fashion paper says black kids have tan stitches, and vice versa, I see the tan stitches, but not the vice versa."
The shopman explained that vice versa was French for seven buttons, so she bought three pairs.

THE LIMIT.
Mrs. Hicks, a Maine housewife, is so painfully neat that she makes life miserable for her family. One of her rules is that all members of the household must remove their shoes before entering the house.
"Bill," she remonstrated one day with her husband, "I found a grease spot on one of the dining-room chairs, and I think it came off those pants you wear in the shop."
A brief silence ensued, then a volcanic eruption. "Well, Mirandy, for the last fifteen years I've taken off my shoes every time I come into this house, but I'll be hanged if I'll go further."

THE DIFFERENCE.
"God loves the Irish," said Mike to Pat as they were taking up the pavement on Fifth Avenue.
"He does that," answered Pat as he looked up and saw Andrew Carnegie whizzing by in a big limousine, "but He seems to help the Scotch."

GOOD TIME COMING.
A farmer near Cookstown predicts that in ten years all the plowing will be done by autos, with girls in high-heeled boots and silk stockings to drive them. Then the problem will be to keep the young man away from the farm.
—Galt Reporter.

Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA.—Announcement is made by the Canadian Pacific railway that as a result of the epidemic of Spanish influenza the train service will be considerably curtailed.
— Over three hundred schools have been closed in the province on account of the epidemic of influenza. Most of them have been closed for the year, while others are being closed as a precautionary measure. Some of the teachers have been dismissed.
— Peter McAra, who resigned his position as inspector of income taxes for Saskatchewan, reconsidered his resignation at a conference with Hon. Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, and will continue to act.

— The recent order-in-council permitting the sale of liquors by druggists without a physician's prescription throughout the province as an emergency measure during the influenza epidemic, has been rescinded by the provincial government. The decision applies not only to the cities and towns, but to villages, hamlets and the rural districts and from now on it will be illegal to sell liquor without a doctor's prescription.
— Harvest leave to soldiers in M. D. No. 12, has been extended from November 15th to December 1st, on account of influenza.
— Thomas Aird Murray died of pneumonia, following influenza. He had been consulting engineer to the provincial bureau of public health for the past ten years.

CHAPLIN.—As a result of investigations conducted by Detective McEwan in the Chaplin, Sask., district, four men paid heavy fines for being in possession of more than the permitted quantity of flour and sugar. As a consequence of McEwan's good work the Canada Food Board now has 3,600 additional pounds of flour and 200 pounds of sugar for export to Great Britain, while the provincial treasury is richer by nearly \$500 in fines.

ALLAN.—Geo. Clark, foreman on Col. Lang's farm, had one of his legs badly broken and his head severely cut. He was hauling hay and had occasion to get in front of the wagon, when something frightened the horses and they ran away, the wagon and load passing over Mr. Clark.

SASKATOON.—One of the most tragic stories in connection with the influenza epidemic is the death in Warman of the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cooper, all within an hour of each other, from Spanish influenza.

BATTLEFORD.—Within two weeks the provincial asylum for insane, with a total population of 1000, had 400 cases of influenza with 23 deaths. 300 cases and 20 deaths were among the inmates, the rest among the attendants and their families.

Alberta

EDMONTON.—Every person in the province of Alberta must wear a gauze mask, outside their own home or residence except when it is necessary to partially remove the mask for the purpose of eating. This order was issued by the provincial board of health.
— The provincial board of health passed an order closing all offices and mercantile retail stores of all kinds, except banks, doctors, dental offices, and cigar stores, in cities of over 5000 population every day until 1 p.m. The order has come into effect Nov. 8th, and continues until Nov. 16th.
— Civil action has been entered by John J. Duggan of St. Albert against the C. N. R. for \$1,475. According to the claim, the plaintiff lost three valuable mares and three geldings, which had strayed

upon the defendant company's railway tracks last February. The six animals were killed by a passing train.

PEACE RIVER.—Nobody is allowed to step off a train here, to prevent the bringing in of the influenza. People may, however, leave from here by train.

DRUMHELLER.—About one-half of the mines in the Drumheller district are closed at the present time, partly owing to the epidemic and partly owing to lack of orders.

British Columbia

VANCOUVER.—Owing to the large number of influenza cases at Powell River, which have seriously crippled the working force of the big paper mills, the plant was closed.
— The musical world of Canada suffered a great loss by the death of Oscar Ziegler, who died in Vancouver at the age of 31 years of pneumonia. Born in Kitchener, he received his training at Toronto and located out West about nine years ago. He was a brilliant violinist and conductor of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—Morris Wachow, of Ashern, Man., was run over by a freight train on the C.P.R. track in the vicinity of Ogilvie's mill. Taken to the General hospital, he died about three hours later.
— Retroactive to May 1st 1918, about 1200 Provincial Government employees of Manitoba receiving less than \$2,500 a year, are to get a salary increase of from 3 to 44 per cent.
— Vital statistics covering the month of October show 216 deaths, the largest number in any one month since December, 1916. Of the October deaths 120 were males. Births totalled 426 and marriages 156.
— A \$12 minimum wage for adult experienced women sales clerks in retail stores in Winnipeg and St. Boniface with a day of rest, Sunday or some other day, in each week, and a weekly half-holiday where there in Saturday night work, is the finding of the Manitoba minimum wage board.

— Winnipeg firemen will wear gray uniforms within a few months. Because of the scarcity of good blue goods, the board of control decided to change the color of the fire fighters' garb.

Ontario

OTTAWA.—The Prime Minister will leave at an early date for England to take part in the preliminary discussions respecting the terms of peace, and to represent Canada in connection with the peace conference. He will have the assistance and advice of Sir George Foster and Hon. Arthur Sifton, who will accompany him.
— During the absence of Sir Robert Borden at the peace conference, Hon. N. W. Rowell will be secretary of state for external affairs. Hon. A. K. Maclean will be acting minister of trade and commerce, in place of Sir George Foster, and Hon. J. D. Reid will be acting minister of customs, until Hon. Arthur Sifton returns.
— F. B. McCurdy, M. P., has resigned as parliamentary under secretary for soldiers' civil re-establishment.
— The minister of finance is considering the design for a new one-cent copper coin. The new coin will be slightly larger and thicker than a ten cent piece.
— The naval department announces that all hands of the auxiliary patrol vessel "Galiano" were lost when it sunk on Oct. 30. The Galiano was a vessel of 393 tons gross and was built at Dublin in 1913. She was designed for the Canadian fisheries patrol service and since the war she was used as a patrol ship.

TORONTO.—During October 3,011 deaths from Spanish influenza in Ontario were reported to the Provincial Board of Health. The report states that this number of deaths will fall far short of the actual number that have occurred, as a large number of returns had not been made.
— Hassan Meby, an Albanian, was convicted in Toronto of the murder of G. H. Tucker at Weston on May 19th, and sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 3rd, 1919.
— KINGSTON.—Senator H. W. Richardson was found dead in bed on Sunday before last. He was hunting the day before. Deceased was the head of the wellknown grain firm of J. R. Richardson and Sons.
— BROCKVILLE.—There was a loss of \$500,000, when the Canada Carriage Works, one of Brockville's chief manufacturing establishments, was destroyed by fire.
— BRANTFORD.—Owing to the number of children left as orphans through the ravages of the Spanish influenza, the Brantford Social Service League has taken action to provide for the children. In six instances, families of over five have been left without parents.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—A record for police court was established here when Magistrate Elliott imposed fines aggregating \$16,700 on seven foreigners charged with being members of the Social Democrat organization and having publications in their possession printed in an enemy language.

Quebec

MONTREAL.—Under an order issued by the secretary of state, Washington, effective Nov. 11th 1918, all persons going from Canada to foreign destinations by way of United States seaports must procure permission for embarkation before leaving Canada, it was announced by railway and shipping interests here today. Such permission may be arranged for either by executing declaration and procuring visas on passport before one of the consuls in Canada, or making formal application to any of the United States immigration officers located in Canada, upon forms furnished by the said officials.

Strayed

on Oct. 20th from Sec. 21-37-25, 5 miles south of BRUNO, Sask.: one dark brown gelding, 1200 lbs, with star on forehead; one bay gelding, 1200 lbs, with small mark on forehead. A reward of \$15.00 for information leading to their recovery.
Nic. Mitetuk, BRUNO, Sask.
STRAYED
about Oct. 25th, from my farm at ST. BENEDICT, Sec. 34-41-24, the following horses:
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