

A Budget of News From the Old Land

Ilford is to have a woman school attendance officer.

Deposits at Glasgow Saving Bank have increased by £1,800,000 during the year.

For a bet a Hoxton street hawk ate nine mince pies and drank a quart of ale in 15 min.

Anti-influenza vaccine is to be supplied by the Ministry of Health for distribution to doctors.

At Pontypool a man has died from spotted fever, and there is another case at Ebbow Vale.

Fifty years vicar of Winsham and Cricket St. Thomas, Somerset, the Rev. D. Hall Spencer will retire this month.

Returning to his burning house, presumably to get some money, Mr. Hiseock, a Romsey, Hants, shopkeeper, lost his life.

Black and White were the names of the bride and bridegroom at a North London wedding, and the name of the best man was Brown.

Except for allowances to dependents of Russians and British-born wives of repatriated aliens, no help will now be given to destitute aliens from Government funds.

At Westminster Cathedral the Most Rev. Alban Goodier, S.J., was consecrated Roman Catholic Archbishop of Bombay, the ceremony being conducted by Cardinal Bourne.

The Vicar of Selby, Canon J. Soloway, D.D., who took the part of Paulinus at an historic pageant at York a few years ago, proposes to give a solo-play in the vicarage grounds.

Andrew Fraser, 31, discharged naval stoker, of John street, Penwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was at Wolverhampton remanded on a charge of murdering his wife, Bertha Fraser, at Wolverhampton, by cutting her throat.

Mrs. Jane Lowe, who has just died at Wigan at the age of 91, leaves 85 direct descendants, including six sons and one daughter, 42 grand-children, and 35 great-grand-children. Her husband died 25 years ago.

Councillor Albert Jesse Whitehead, of Chatham, who, owing to a breakdown in health, withdrew a few weeks ago his acceptance of the unanimous invitation of the corporation to become Mayor of Chatham, has died, aged 68.

Surrey Comrade of the Great War have secured the freehold of the club premises recently opened for them by Col. John Ward, M.P., at Haslemere. Their plan of work includes the formation of suitable ex-Servicemen as motor-guides for the county.

Mr. A. W. Richards, who is retiring from the headmastership of the Queenborough Council School after 45 years' continuous service as a head teacher in the Isle of Sheppey, has been presented with a cheque for £32 from teachers and past and present scholars.

The Rev. A. V. A. Scott, vicar of Buchland (Bucks), writes to the Daily Mail as follows: "I noticed some facts about old age in The Daily Mail some time ago. I think, however, that the record of this small parish in the Vale of Aylesbury are hard to beat. From the year 1914 we can count nine couples who have celebrated their golden wedding. The average age of the only seven inhabitants I have buried this year is 80 years. David Brackley, whom I buried the other day, aged 86, was a sergeant in the Army when the Boer war was on."

Lewes, Sussex, prison and workhouse are both empty.

For a lock of Napoleon's hair £20 was paid at Sotheby's, London.

Mr. D. R. Llewellyn, the coalowner, has taken an area near Llanelly expected to produce 6,000,000 tons of coal.

Fishing with rod and line off Hastings, Mr. A. J. Kemp, a resident, caught one 73-lb. cod and another of 13 lbs.

Lifford (County Donegal) Protestant Church was seriously damaged and some horses and cows killed in a storm of lightning.

Editor and proprietor of the Steamship and for many years principal of Leith School College, Mr. John Lockie has died at Leith.

The death has occurred of Dr. Arnold Harris Cadogan, who was known by the title of "Archbishop of the Old Catholics in England."

Launched on the Clyde, the light cruiser Enterprise, christened by Lady Maclay, wife of the Shipping Controller, has twelve 21-inch torpedo tubes.

Novelist, journalist and surgeon, Mr. Walter Mulren Fisher, died at Glyncorrwg, Glamorgan, where he practised as a doctor for 25 years.

Mr. John Claypole, one of the oldest tenants on Lord Ancester's estate in South Lincolnshire, has died at Ripplingate, in the house in which he was born 81 years ago.

Pte. William Williams, of Dowlais, a prominent Welsh flyweight boxer, has been decorated by the Mayor of Merthyr with the Military Medal and the Greek Cross.

William Graham, of Ulminster, has completed his 70th year in the same situation, at Messrs. Willy's rope works. He has worked for five generations of the Willy family.

Mr. James Lowe, for 37 years book-keeper at Day's lock, near Wallingford-on-Thames, and now living in retirement at Cumnor, has just celebrated his golden wedding.

A parcel despatched by his wife in September, 1918, to Mr. E. A. Bellamy, of the Somerset Light Infantry, when he was a prisoner in Germany, has just been delivered to him intact, with the contents in good condition.

Some crocus bulbs which a private in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders sent from the Struma front some months ago to his father at Killoch Cottage, near Oban, were planted in the open garden, and are now making a good show of pale purple blooms.

The death has occurred at Clacton-on-Sea, of Mr. John A. Groom, in his 75th year. Mr. Groom founded in 1866 the Watercress and Flower Girls' Christian Mission, which afterwards became known as the John Groom Watercress and Flower Girls' Mission.

Patrick James Daly, of Chatham, an Indian mutiny-veteran, has died, aged 89.

Miss Mary Jane Curtis has celebrated her 50th year as a patient in the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney.

The death is announced of Mr. Whitehouse, Somerset miners' agent, aged 70, one of the original founders of the National Miners' Federation.

Rev. Daniel Hall Spencer, who is retiring from active work, has completed 50 years' service as vicar of Winsham and Cricket St. Thomas Somerset.

With a salary of £1,200 a new post—that of Paymaster Director-General, with the rank of Paymaster Rear-Admiral—has been created in the accountant branch of the navy.

A list, compiled by Mr. F. Berwick, Clifton College, of Old Chitonians, who served in the war, contains 3,063 names. Of these, 577 have lost their lives, including a few who left in the junior school.

Mr. James Stevenson Holt, aged 84, one of the best-known master printers in the Midlands, was found dead in his bed at his residence at Northampton on Christmas morning. He had suffered from heart trouble.

Mr. Edward Beesley, who has completed 50 years' continuous service with the Ince Forge Company in the Wigan coalfield, has been presented by the firm with a cheque, "with best wishes for many more long and happy years."

The death is announced of Mr. William Mann Cross, who had been a member of the City of London Corporation. For half a century he was the proprietor of Baker's Chop House in Change-alley, a well-known old City hostelry.

The main water supply pipe burst at a busy junction in Central Glasgow. The tramway track was torn up, and tons of stones, sand, and other wreckage were thrown into the air. Water accumulated in the streets to a depth of two and three feet.

Dr. George Smith, C.I.E., a distinguished traveller, geographer, journalist, and author, has died at Edinburgh, aged 86. He went to India as principal of Doveton College in 1853, and on his return to Britain he became editor of the Edinburgh Daily Review.

Wivern, one of the latest class of destroyer, built by Messrs. J. S. White & Co., of Cowes, and just launched, is the 120th steel war vessel constructed by this firm. She can carry 400 tons of oil fuel, which will enable her to run 1,000 miles at full speed, some 35 knots an hour.

The Board of Trade have awarded a silver cup to Mr. John Bruce, D.S.C., skipper of the steam drifter Pansy, of Wick, in recognition of the promptitude and ability with which he rescued the survivors of the steam drifter Ocean Crest II., of Yarmouth, when that vessel struck a mine in the North Sea on November 19.

Posted in Hull for Odessa on July 30, 1914, a letter has just been returned to the sender.

A second aerial lighthouse (70,000 candle-power) has been built at Hounslow aerodrome.

Except for airmen, sailors from Scapa Flow, and a few invalids, all German prisoners have left Great Britain.

Mr. John A. Compton, K. C., has been appointed Recorder of Leeds in place of Mr. E. Tindal Atkinson, K. C., resigned.

An address bearing the borough arms and mayoral signature has been given to the nearest relatives of Hornsey men who fell in the war.

Cycling down hill, Canon William Hodgson, vicar of Alton, Birmingham, fell heavily owing to the steering column of his machine breaking, and died.

Known to royalty and to visitors to the Isle of Wight during the past 40 years, Mr. Donald Marshall, head of the Royal Osborne Minstrels, has died, aged 72.

Dr. Tweed, the City of London analyst, reports that of the samples of food and drugs submitted to him during last quarter 12 per cent. were adulterated.

A new "cash-on-delivery" parcel service to France, Denmark, and Switzerland, and certain British possessions was started by the Post Office on New Year's Day.

Vice-Admiral R. J. B. F. Bredgaard, C. B., will haul down his flag as Vice-Admiral commanding the Orkneys and Shetlands on February 15, and the base at Scapa will be reduced to peace status.

After 45 years' association with the banking business in various Lancashire towns, Mr. J. R. Macmillan, of Southport, who since 1900 has been manager of the Manchester and County Bank at Wigan, is retiring.

The first public stamp exhibition to be held in Great Britain since 1914 was opened at the City Art Gallery, Leicester, by the mayor. Postage stamps to the value of over £12,000 were exhibited by local philatelists.

The Rev. T. W. Edginton, vicar of St. Simon's, Sheffield, died suddenly. He had been going through his sermon and had almost completed his task when he was taken ill. He placed his pen on his Bible, sat back in his chair, and died.

Judged by the number of people who signed their names in writing when married, illiteracy in Ireland is decreasing. In 1908, of 100 men 92, and of 100 women 94.5, signed their names. In 1918 the percentages were 96.2 and 97.6.

Mr. Seymour Berry, the Welsh Coal and steel magnate, has given £10,000 to the Merthyr Hospital.

Thieves who entered the house of Mr. H. Creswell, a well-known oarsman, at Kingston Hill, took practically all his silver cups.

Attracted by short hours and high wages, large numbers of boys are

leaving the cotton mills in South-East Lancashire for the coalpits.

Found lying on a sofa with a deep gash in his throat, a razor at his side and two pet dogs tied to the couch, an elderly man, George Brookes, has died at Dudley.

Canon James Keating, Rector of St. Anethin's, the Roman Catholic Church at Stafford, died recently. He was brother of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Northampton.

The Co-operative Wholesale Society has agreed to give an extra 10 per cent. war bonus to all their staff now receiving £200 a year or less, and to merge the war bonuses into the wages.

Of 18 couples married in Wombwell township during the Christmas holidays, no one, it is said, has yet secured a house.

The shako, it is understood, has been recommended as the new head dress for some of our infantry regiments of the line.

Mystery surrounds the discovery of the dead body of a man named James Cameron in the lower harbor, Perth. The body was found standing upright with the feet firmly embedded in the mud.

COMPLETE DEFEAT Of German Navy, Shown in Kiel Inspection.

London Dispatch: The Reuter correspondent with the International Naval Commission at Kiel, says the commission inspected the dockyards there on Saturday and left Monday for Berlin. There was virtually no activity around the harbor during the stay of the commissioners. All types of German warships were moored in the harbor. Only two cruisers and four destroyers were in commission. A 32,000-ton battleship half completed, and untouched during the last fourteen months, and other giant vessels, their armor plates removed and engines and funnels rust-eaten were also to be seen.

The whole scene in the dockyards and harbor, says the writer, gave a most vivid idea of the complete submission and defeat of the German navy. The spirit of the German seamen, however, was not in the slightest broken. They sang patriotic songs on the arrival and departure of the commission.

SAM GOMPERS CONDEMNS REDS

"Completely, Finally, and for All Time."

Even Russ Workers Against Lenin.

Washington Report: Writing in the current number of the Federationist official organ of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, condemns Bolshevism "completely, finally, and for all time."

Mr. Gompers declares he doubts whether the propaganda which emanates from the Bolshevik organization itself is most effective than that conducted by those who claim to be entirely detached from Russian interference and Russian payrolls. He says he doubts whether publications issued by Russian Bolshevik agents have as great an effect in this country as those "which like to be known as 'journals of opinion,' such as the Nation, the Dial, and the New Republic."

Mr. Gompers made an extended reference to the argument that the United States people know little about what is going on in Russia and the argument that it is unfair and unwise to pass judgment.

"It is not necessary," says Mr. Gompers, "for us to know at all times just what the exact conditions in Germany before passing judgment on the form of Government existing in Germany. It was necessary only to know what was the form of government and under what rules it was operated. We do not have to wait for information about the form of government existing in what is called Soviet Russia. All the information necessary to the passing of judgment on Bolshevism and the system of government and as a state of society, is at hand from sources that are authentic. The plea of those misguided persons who say 'wait for facts before passing judgment' is nothing more than an excuse which it is hoped will gain time for the Russian experiment and enable it to spread to other countries."

Quoting from the new Bolshevik constitution, Mr. Gompers points out that while the fifth Pan-Russian Congress declares for dictatorship of the proletariat and the poorest peasantry, a great portion of the peasantry is disfranchised and the largest Bolshevik estimate of the Proletariat calculates that as only one-fifth of the number of peasants. Even a fairly prosperous working man, by his calculation, Mr. Gompers says, is not a proletarian. Bolshevism minority does not even represent the masses of factory workers in Moscow, the Bolshevik stronghold.

CHEAPER COAL. British Miners' Demand On the Government.

London cable—The miners' delegates when they meet Premier Lloyd George to-morrow, intend, according to report, to demand that the Government reduce immediately the price of industrial and export coal and proceed with the limitation of coal owners' profits, the limitation to be retroactive. They also will demand that the Government take steps to reduce the price of food and clothing to a reasonable basis.

The miners threaten as an alternative to demand an immediate allround increase in wages, amounting to five shillings daily.

WILL PROTEST NOBEL AWARD

Paris Dispatch: The action of the committee on the Nobel prizes in giving the award for distinction in chemical research to Herr Haber, a German associated with Professor Fisher in inventing and perfecting poison gas, is to be the subject of a protest by chemists in Entente countries. The Haber award was given ostensibly for his researches in connection with obtaining nitrogen from the atmosphere, but his selection in view of his poison-gas reputation excites very unfavorable comment against the Scandinavian committee entrusted with the distribution of these prizes.

FOUR CREMATED In Burning of Historic House Near Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Dispatch: (By Canadian Press).—Three men and a five-month-old child perished in the flames that burned to the ground the old historic hermitage, Headingly, ten miles west of Winnipeg, at 1 o'clock this morning. Tightly clasping her year-and-a-half-old daughter in her arms, Mrs. W. C. Hall, wife of W. C. Hall, former reeve of Charleswood, and one of the fire victims, plunged to safety out of the flaming kitchen and into the bitter 30-below-zero weather. She wore only her night clothes. Following are the victims of the fire: Ex-Reeve W. C. Hall, of Charleswood, aged 57, owner of the destroyed house, and a painter in the district; William, his son, five months old; John Marigold, living with the family, and William Rogers, 20 years old, chore boy.

Enough is as good as a feast, but the profiteer is a glutton.

AUTO BANDITS GET LONG TERMS

Five Years Each for Two Men and Woman.

Used Ammonia On Their Victim.

Toronto Report: Sentences of five years each at Kingston Penitentiary were imposed by Judge Coatsworth in the sessions yesterday on George F. Wilson, W. F. Chaminski and Pearl Fringle, alias Norman, the auto bandits, who squirted ammonia over Donald Selvage, taxi-driver, and afterwards beat him up and robbed him on Runnymede road. The trio, whom he identified, Selvage stated, hired him to drive them to an address on Runnymede road. No sooner had he stopped his taxi by request than the ammonia was squirted in his face and he was beaten into insensibility.

Wilson, a native of St. Louis, not only admitted the "hold-up," but pleaded guilty to two charges of house-breaking. It was at a doctor's house he stole the "dope" which was a feature of the case. He stated that before setting out for the taxi he and Chaminski took four doses of the drug. On the way he took another, and then went crazy in the head. As to what really happened he said he could not remember.

Chaminski, hailing from Pittsburg, who served overseas, was bayoneted and gassed, and enlisted subsequently in the Royal Canadian Dragoons, the uniform of which he wore, remembered starting out on the taxi ride, but nothing more. He swore that he did not share the proceeds of the robbery, and knew nothing about it.

The girl Fringle, who was married when thirteen years of age and remarried in August last after she had been told that her first marriage had been annulled, admitted that she took up with Chaminski three weeks before the robbery. She met Chaminski in the Savoy restaurant on Queen street, where she was employed. She, too, admitted starting out on the taxi ride, but stated that when the two other prisoners took more "dope" on the way she quarrelled with them and asked to be put out. The taxi was stopped at her request and she left it at the Runnymede road before any robbery had taken place. She knew nothing of what happened the taxi driver, as she went straight to her lodgings. Though not a drug taker, she admitted taking one dose of "dope" before entering the taxi.

Judge Coatsworth, in passing sentence, refused to make any distinction in the case of the girl Fringle, who received a further sentence of one year for bigamy, to run concurrently. For the two burglaries to which he pleaded guilty, Wilson was sentenced to two years to run concurrently with his five years' sentence.

QUEBEC MURDER.

22nd Batt. Veteran Found Shot to Death.

Quebec Dispatch: Lucien Morrissette, a great War Veteran, who was three years overseas with the 22nd French Canadian Battalion, was murdered in cold blood last night in a dark street in Levis, just across the river from Quebec. Morrissette was forty years ago age and single, and was employed in the yards of the Canadian National Railway in Levis. He left work at 10 o'clock last night, and shortly after midnight his dead body, with two high velocity rifle cartridge holes in it, was discovered in Wolfe street.

On the evidence of companions of the dead man last night, the police have arrested Romeo Remillard, the son of a resident of Wolfe street, who is alleged to have been complicated in the shooting.

According to the police, Morrissette was accompanied by two telegraph operators, Alphonse Belanger and F. O. Guilmette, while walking in the dark along Wolfe street. The trio had arranged to visit a friend named Baker, whose home was adjacent to that of a family named Remillard. Not being certain which was Baker's and which was the Remillard house, the three men entered the latter, where they were entertained for a short time by the lady of the house.

Suddenly an elderly member of the Remillard family, who, the witnesses claim, was under the influence of liquor, shouted to Romeo, one of the boys, to "shoot that lurch out," which Romeo proceeded to do with a high velocity rifle.

With the sudden turn of events the trio took to flight, but were followed by the young Remillard, who opened fire. The first shot, according to the witnesses, went wild. By that time the three men had reached the piazza.

It was when he heard the shots that Morrissette is said to have turned around to see if his companion was hurt, when he received one bullet in the abdomen and another in the groin. He fell to the ground bleeding, and died a few minutes after the doctor arrived on the scene.

SAYS HUNGARY CANNOT COMPLY

To the Peace Terms of the Ally Powers.

Budapest Has Gone Into Mourning.

Budapest Special Cable: Count Albert Apocny is engaged in writing Hungary's answer to the terms of peace submitted at Neuilly by the Peace Conference. He said to-day there were many clauses which were impossible of fulfillment.

"There are sixty absurdities in the proposed treaty. One of these takes away all our wood and iron ore, while another demands that we give wood and ore to the Austrians. What affects our people most is the loss of territory. As for the economic conditions, we know we can never fulfill them, so they cannot matter so much. If a man asks me to pay a thousand dollars, I may do so, but if he demands a billion, I know I can't comply, and so should not worry."

The depressing effects of the treaty are evident in Budapest. Wines are not served at hotels, flags are half-masted, and St. Stephen's Crown, on the royal palace, has been draped in black. Joseph Horvath, a Hungarian soldier, recently committed suicide, leaving his possessions to his comrades in the army. In his will he declared he could not outlive his country's shame.

BERLIN WORRIES.

Threatened Collapse of Coal Production.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The Government is worried over the threatened collapse of the nation's coal production in consequence of the miners' demands for a six-hour shift. The convention of the Westphalian factory owners, and various trade unions, held at Muenster, has sent a communication to the National Coal Commissioner, pointing out that a further reduction of coal deliveries would force the immediate shutting down of many industries and declaring that if a six-hour shift is adopted it would result in the falling off in the production of coal of 1,500,000 tons monthly.

KOLCHAK'S LIFE IN REAL DANGER

London, Saturday, Jan. 24.—Confirming the report that Admiral Kolchak, former head of the Omsk Government in Russia, is a prisoner of the revolutionists at Irkutsk, The Daily Mail's Harbin correspondent, in a dispatch dated Thursday, says the indications are that he will be tried, and that his life is in danger.

"Various reasons are current," says the correspondent, "why Kolchak was surrendered by the Czechs, to whose protection he had been confided by the Allies, but it would be premature to accuse the Czechs of bad faith."

ALL RIGHT THERE.

The Professor—A man should have a solid foundation for his career and that means he should have a good head on his shoulders.

The Freshman—I'm all right there. The Track coach says I've got the solidest dome on the team.

CANADA AGREES TO BELGIAN TERMS

For Big Contract for Railroad Equipment.

Finance Minister's Proposal Explained.

Ottawa Dispatch: It is understood here that large American firms are interested in the fact that the Belgian Government is in the market for fifty locomotives, 18,000 freight cars and a number of passenger cars. Whether they will get any of the business depends on the Belgian Government, which now has the Canadian offer before it to accept Belgian Government five and a half per cent. five-year treasury bonds in payment for the locomotives and cars.

The proposal of Sir Henry Drayton that the companies themselves should extend five-eighths of the credit and the Dominion Government the balance has been accepted by the companies. A fifty-fifty basis was originally suggested by the companies.

It is practically the only large business which is in prospect at the moment. Inquiries are continually coming, it is true, for other manufactures which Canada is unable to ship under present conditions. For example, inquiry about such products as newsprint because the home and United States markets eat up the whole products without difficulty and ask for more.

WIRELESS FROM OTHER PLANETS

London Dispatch: Discussing the mysterious signals described yesterday by Signor Marconi as having been received in the form of interruptions of the Marconi wireless instruments, Sir Frank W. Dyson, Astronomer Royal, to-day admitted that, in his opinion, it was quite possible to get waves from other planets. He was not prepared to go further at the present time, and left it to greater wireless expert than himself to describe the effects of such waves.

DEPORTED REDS.

Soviet Ark's Passengers Now in Petrograd.

Washington Dispatch: The 249 radicals recently deported to Soviet Russia by the United States Government have reached Petrograd, and are quartered at Smolny Institute, according to a cable message from Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman. The message was made public by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Soviet "Ambassador," and reads:

"We were met at the Soviet border and at Petrograd with tremendous enthusiasm. Our reception was inspiring. Enjoying the hospitality of Petrograd, the deportees are quartered at Smolny Institute. They will be sent to work wherever they desire. The people here are cold and hungry but their spirit and devotion are marvelous. After two weeks we will go to Moscow."

GERMAN SPOKE AT LABOR MEET

Talked Sound Sense at Great Paris Meeting.

Looks at Questions From World Viewpoint.

Paris Cable: Germany had a spokesman at to-day's session of the International Labor organization, when Carl Rudolph Legien, President of the German Federation of Trades Unions, and delegate of German workers, addressed the meeting. Herr Legien, who had not taken exception to a single decision reached during the day, following the majority in each vote, declared the economic situation of the world had convinced him that a six-hour day for miners should not be declared at present, if it would decrease production. "It would be premature to give my impressions of the work done by the Peace Conference at this time," he said, "but I feel confident a great step has been made in dealing with the welfare of workers. I have some here with the firm intention to collaborate with my colleagues on the international bureau. No matter to what nationalities they belong, I wish to give them my hearty support. I am not here as a German delegate, but as a delegate of the international workers' unions, and am looking at questions, not from a German, but an international point of view."

NEW STANDARDS. (Life.)

Suitor—Please, I'd like to marry your daughter.—But can you support her in the manner in which her favorite screen heroine is accustomed to live?

HER CONDITION.

"Do you thoroughly understand cooking with a gas range?"
"I sho' does!" replied Miss Maudie Waddles. "I's done spearmint wid 'em twell I's plumb incompetent. Yassum!"

Even the fellow with one foot in the grave will eventually get there with both feet.