

OLD GUARD MEMBERS APPEAL TO OTTAWA OVER M.S.A. CASES

Present Instances of "Extreme Hardship" at Capital.

[Special to The Advertiser.] OTTAWA, July 11.—The capital has been honored during the past few days by a simultaneous visit from a group of the old guard federal Conservative members. Included among them are Frank Glass, of East Middlesex; Dr. Steel, of South Perth; H. B. Murphy, North Perth; W. Z. Hayes, of South Simcoe; Sexsmith, of East Peterboro, and others who will walk on the "Twelfth."

It may have been a mere coincidence that all appeared together. Most of them had "cases of extreme hardship" to bring to the attention of the military authorities, which had voted in the Commons last session for the regulation which had created these issues. Frank Glass denied that skilled workers in the flax industry should be exempted.

Busch Beer Coin Went Into Bonds of Hun War Loan

More Than \$100,000,000 Sold in States, Is Report From New York.

NEW YORK, July 11.—The Busch family of St. Louis bought at least \$100,000,000 worth of the German war bonds which the Government believes were sold in this country for propaganda, and for the purchase of the New York Evening Mail and other newspapers, according to a statement issued today by Alfred L. Becker, deputy state attorney-general. Mr. Becker added that probably more than \$100,000,000 worth of the bonds had been sold in the United States.

PAUL PERRITT PICKED ON BY SHREVEPORT BOARD

PITTSBURG, July 11.—Pitcher Paul Perritt of the New York Nationals today received a notice from his local draft board at Shreveport, La., to appear and show cause why he should not engage in essential employment under Provost Marshal-General Crowder's work-or-fight ruling. Third Base-William McKeechnie of the Pittsburgh Nationals received a similar summons from his board here. Both will appeal.

HUGE RICE INCREASE

BEAUMONT, Texas, July 11.—The preliminary estimate of the Rice Millers' Association published today gives the total rice acreage in the south this year as 1,130,717, compared with 93,197 acres last year. The acreage of the three principal rice producing states, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, exceeds the entire 1917 acreage in the United States, according to the estimate.

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What Lydia E. Pinkham's
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Portsmouth, Ohio.—"I suffered from irregularities, pains in my side and was so weak at times I could hardly get around to do my work, and as I had four in my family and three boarders it made it very hard for me. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me. I took it and it has restored my health. It is certainly the best medicine for women's ailments I ever saw."—Mrs. Sara Shaw, R. No. 1, Portsmouth, Ohio. Mrs. Shaw wrote the merit of this medicine and wrote this letter in order that other suffering women may find relief as she did.

Women who are suffering as she was should not drag along from day to day without giving this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial. For special advice in regard to such ailments write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company, Lynn, Mass. The result of its forty years experience is at your service.

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CHATHAM CITIZENS MAY DEMAND REPEAL OF NATURAL GAS ACT

Object Strongly to 40 Per Cent Raise in Rates by Railway Board.

CHATHAM, July 11.—The price of natural gas to all users is 35 cents a thousand cubic feet, according to an interpretation made by the officials of the Chatham Gas Company and the Union Gas Company of the order issued by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board on June 27, and effective on July 1 last. Section 5 of the order reads: "That every person, firm or corporation being a consumer of natural gas in any municipality shall be charged a rate equal to the highest domestic rate in such municipality, irrespective of the purpose for which the gas is used."

In Chatham the maximum or highest domestic rate has been 40 cents a thousand cubic feet where gas is used only for cooking purposes. On this there was a discount of 5 cents a thousand, or the bills were paid before a specified date, and it is the opinion that this rate now prevails. In cases where gas was used both for cooking and heating the price was 30 cents, less the 5 cents, or a net price of 25 cents domestic.

This means that the majority of the domestic users in Chatham have had a 10-cent raise per thousand cubic feet, or a 40 per cent raise in their rate by the railway and municipal board, even before the board had heard any evidence introduced by the Union Gas Company in support of their claim for higher prices or before any evidence had been given by the city. This arbitrary action on the part of the railway board, which it has the power to take under the natural gas act, is strongly opposed and criticized locally. There is growing strength to the agitation for the repeal of the natural gas act, and when the fact became known that this raise had been foisted on the people and that they have no opportunity or right to appeal, there is a loud clamor against the Ontario Government for passing such an act, particularly as it was forced through the Legislature in one day, and the Government would not wait to hear two sides to the story, setting up a precedent such as has not been known in Canadian history and hardly in the history of the British Empire.

CHARGING 30 CENTS. WINDSOR, July 11.—Unless ordered by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to raise their rates, the Windsor Gas Company, which supplies natural gas to the Canadian border cities, will continue to do so at the present price of 30 cents a thousand feet. A statement to this effect was made this afternoon by Manager Pinckard of the company. He added that possibly those who use gas solely for cooking purposes may be asked to pay a price proportionate to coal, but it is not the intention to increase the cost of gas to those who use it during the cold months for heating purposes.

FOOD CONSERVATION ON THIS SIDE HELPS BRITISH SITUATION

Optimistic View of Overseas Conditions by Dr. Robertson.

OTTAWA, July 11.—An optimistic view of the food situation in Great Britain is taken in a cablegram received by the minister of agriculture from Dr. J. W. Robertson, who is representing the department of agriculture on a special mission overseas. The improvement in actual conditions and in the outlook are, Dr. Robertson stated, attributed largely to the American and Canadian campaigns for conservation and increased production; the availability of shipping; rigorous economy in France and Italy, and increase in the English potato use in 1917 of 117,000,000 bushels over 1916.

Dr. Robertson finds that the commodities scarce are sugar, butter and fruit. "With a considerable increased area," said Dr. Robertson, "Great Britain's cereal crops are in excellent condition. Farmers expect uncommonly large yields per acre, have seen wheat fields of from 30 to 50 acres each with an estimated yield of 75 bushels per acre. These are exceptional, but the average condition is extra good. Woman labor on the farms is proving effective and acceptable, particularly in dairying."

The situation in regard to the supply of food is still dominantly important, although safe for the present, and reserve stocks are accumulated against a possibility of partial crop failures next year or some new war contingency. The need for saving and buying war securities is better understood and acted upon here than in Canada. Those deriving revenues from farm products which are financed by the Government recognize the duty of investing part of their receipts in war bonds to enable the Government to continue paying cash for commodities."

Prof. Pegg and bride arrived in town

"Human Ostrich" Weds Girl Who Saved His Life

Port Stanley Romance Follows Near-Drowning There This Summer.

STRATHROY, July 11.—A pretty wedding took place at Port Stanley on July 8, when Pearl Redwing was united in marriage to Prof. William Foster Pegg of Strathroy, the ceremony taking place at Trinity Church. Rev. Mark Turnbull officiating. The young couple will be at home to their friends at Zedaville cottages, Port Stanley, after July 12.

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1,454 HURON RESIDENTS READY TO GO ON FARMS

CLINTON, July 11.—The registrar of South Huron has completed his returns in connection with the recent registration, and has handed over to the county representative of agriculture 1,454 cards of persons who have signified a willingness to do farm work, and most of these people are familiar with the work of the farmer.

The following is the number of cards received from the various municipalities:

Townships of South Huron.	Males.	Females.
Hullett	754	744
Goderich	492	492
Stanley	640	632
Hay	622	651
Steepleton	1,024	1,077
Tuckersmith	505	528
McKillop	539	507
Usborne	366	375
Towns and Villages.		
Seaford	835	1,006
Winchester	314	381
Exeter	644	870
Bayfield	133	160
Clinton	641	651
Total	7,510	8,424

BELGIAN ROYAL PAIR TAKE AIR ROUTE HOME

Paris, July 12.—The King and Queen of Belgium, who had been visiting in England, returned to France by the same means which they used in crossing the Channel to England—through the air. The return passage, the newspapers say, lasted thirty minutes. The royal couple said they were delighted with the experience of the aerial voyage.

VETOES RESOLUTION

Wilson Takes Expected Stand in Railway Relinquishment Case.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 11.—President Wilson today vetoed the resolution adopted by Congress last week extending the time for the railroad administration might relinquish control of lines not wanted in the federal system.

The veto had been expected because of a provision added to the bill forbidding the relinquishment of any road where a connecting or competing line was retained. This was construed as meaning that the Government would have to resume possession of a large number of short lines relinquished a few hours before Congress passed the bill.

WON THE MEDAL

WINGHAM, July 11.—James Allen Wingham, son of Chief Allen, yesterday at Blyth, while attending the Women's Christian Temperance Union convention, also participated in the competition at the Methodist Church in the evening, where the contest took place for the different medals. As eloquentist Mr. Allen carried off the grand gold medal. Previous to this, some time ago, in Wingham, he took the silver medal, and at Goderich the gold medal.

STRATFORD.—Local blacksmiths have decided to increase their rates on all kinds of work, and it is expected that the raise on shoes will be from 5 cents to 30 cents, and on other work in proportion.

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Kiddies' Suits from	\$1.98	Boys' Stockings from	25c
Mens' Trousers from	\$1.48	Boys' Bathing Suits from	40c
Boys' Bloomers from	98c	Mens' Bathing Suits from	65c
Boys' Wash Suits from	75c	Boys' Jerseys from	35c
Kiddies' Fancy Suits from	\$2.98	Kiddies' Wash Bloomers	38c
Raincoats from	\$4.98	Boys' Overalls from	48c
Work Socks from	15c	Mens' Overalls from	\$1.18
Fine Socks from	19c	Boys' Underwear from	29c
Balbriggan Underwear from	39c	Straw Hats from	88c
Combinations from	68c	Felt Hats from	98c
Merino Underwear from	59c	Panama Hats from	\$2.98
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