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NEWBURY

Miss Ida Haggitt left on Friday for London where she will remain indefinitely.

Mrs. James Anderson and daughters, Isabel and Gertrude, of Detroit are visiting Mrs. John T. Armstrong and Mrs. Dan Livingston.

A meeting in the interests of the school fair was held on Wednesday last. We had a splendid fair last year and after all accounts were settled a surplus of \$32 remains, which is most gratifying to the committee and the public in general who all helped to bring about this splendid success. The winners of the grand total prize were—Miss Alberta Armstrong; boys, Will McCready. The following officers were elected for 1919:—President, A. Holman; 1st vice, Miss Chasely; 2nd vice, Miss Be Fennell; treasurer, G. L. Murdoch; secretary, J. G. Bayne; executive committee, members of school board; auditors, D. Stalker and C. T. Dobbyn.

We are getting a good start this year and if each and all lend a hand the fair of 1919 should beat even the splendid records of the past.

John Brennan, James Coleman and Vincent Curran were in London on Saturday receiving their discharge from the army.

D. J. Batsner spent last week in Des Moines, Iowa, and Detroit.

The first meeting of the 1919 council was held Monday night, with all present. Officers for the year appointed were C. Tucker, clerk; D. Stalker, treasurer; C. A. Blain, assessor; G. Clemens and E. Connelly, auditors; Dr. A. P. Owens, medical health officer; J. P. McVicar, V. S. board of health, with reeve and clerk; B. F. Jeffery, caretaker town hall, nuisance inspector, black knot inspector and truant officer; P. McEae, C. Fennell, E. Connelly, fenceviewers; Wm. H. Jeffery, pound-keeper; C. Fennell, sheep valuator. A resolution was passed that, when the reeve receives word of the home-coming of a returned soldier the village bells are to be rung, such to be a notice for each and everyone to bring their flag and go to the train to meet the soldier, then march to the town hall where an address of welcome will be read. It is intended when all the boys get home to have a public banquet. We might add, now that we know what to do, let us one and all turn out and give the lad who has been serving his king and country a right royal welcome.

Just as we were writing our notes for this column we received the sad news of the death in Edmonton of Lila, daughter of B. M. Johnston—a victim of influenza. Deceased was married about three years ago and leaves two children, one about a month old. Much sympathy for the bereaved family will be felt by hosts of friends in this locality.

NORTH NEWBURY

Rev. R. G. McKay of Alvinston has returned home after attending the funeral of his brother.

Will Plaine and sister Jean visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Armstrong, on Tuesday.

Mrs. James Anderson and children have returned to their home in Detroit after spending the New Year's holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrison of Brooke called on Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Munroe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur of Ennisville on Sunday.

Misses Lizzie and Mary McDougald of Euphemia are very ill with the flu. Mr. and Mrs. John Leitch are improving after the flu.

Charlie Joyce and Joseph LaFerty were Alvinston visitors on Saturday. James Moran, Jr., has returned after spending some weeks in Wallaceburg.

KILMARTIN

Mrs. Robertson is in London attending her daughter Jean, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Mary McLarty of Walkerville is visiting Mrs. John Secord.

Burns' church, Missa, will be closed for the next two Sundays owing to the prevalence of influenza in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Walker of Brooke spent the week with their daughter, Mrs. D. Secord.

Born on December 20th, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dewar, Milly, Sask., twins—a boy and a girl.

On sale everywhere—There may be country merchants who do not keep Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, though they are few and far between, and these may suggest that some other oil is just as good. There is nothing so good as a liniment or as an internal medicine in certain cases. Take no other. The demand for it shows that it is the only popular oil.

MELBOURNE

The friends of Mrs. W. G. Robinson were sorry to learn of the sudden death of her brother, John Watson of Mount Carmel, on Friday evening, 3rd inst. Mr. Watson was 38 years of age and in good health. He ran his car over to Mount Brydges and after returning from his trip he ran the water out of the radiator of the car and was starting the engine to warm the car when he dropped dead. He is survived by his widow and two children, his father and mother, one brother and one sister.

Rev. Mr. Vance preached in Mid-temiss on Sunday evening, 5th inst., to a good congregation.

Mr. Ted Hagerty of the Canadian West is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. Carruthers.

We are pleased to see Miss Eva Parr in the store again after her illness.

Mrs. Parr is visiting her daughter at Kimball.

Max Parr has returned to Toronto to continue his studies at the University.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Peter McNabb is ill.

Miss B. C. Buchanan, who has been quite ill, is improving slowly.

Mr. Hutt has returned from a business trip to Detroit.

Miss Jean McNeill is clerking in Mr. Parr's store for a short time.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parr were sorry to hear of the loss of their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Staples of Kimball, who died a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Parr and family have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

Mrs. Staples leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband, father, mother, three sisters, Misses Eva and Anna at home and Mrs. Muckle of Blenheim, and four brothers, one at Inwood, Harold who has been and is still overseas, Floyd who is also in the army, and Maxwell who received his discharge from military service recently and is now attending the university in Toronto.

We are pleased to welcome Isaac Stevenson and son Ernest back to our village again after a few months' visit with the former's son, Oswald, in Vancouver.

Memorial services will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday evening next for Willie Newman, who gave his life for his country in France.

We understand that Mrs. Charlie Prentice, who has been ill from the effects of a stroke, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Earl Beattie, who underwent an operation a few days ago at her home, is improving.

William Beattie of the Canadian West is visiting his sons here for the winter.

Mrs. Annett, who has been in ill health for some weeks, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have returned home after a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson of Mount Carmel.

Services were held in both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches here on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Vance, pastor of the Methodist church, was in his own pulpit. Robert Campbell preached in the Presbyterian church in the absence of the minister, Rev. P. Jamieson.

U. Griffiths of Stratford is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. George Richards.

WARDSVILLE

The schools and churches have reopened here. Just two families have the flu in this village.

Miss Dessie Purdy has resigned her school at Tupperville, and Miss Minnie Randles has taken her place.

A union missionary meeting was held in the Presbyterian church, when addresses were given by Mrs. Malcolm of the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Murphy of the Anglican, Mrs. Brimston of the Methodist, and Mrs. Mahan. The latter is from the West, and has been doing missionary work there for the last seven years.

The addresses were good, touching on the vital questions of the day. The attendance was good.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of John Bilton on New Year's night, when Miss Dan, her Gertrude Miller was united in marriage to Stanley Turk of Aldborough.

A pleasing event took place on New Year's Day when Miss Ella Sheppard became the bride of J. V. Farnham.

H. Brimston, mail courier of R. R. No. 1, Wardsville, wishes to thank his many friends on the route for their kindness and gifts during the holidays.

At the last meeting of the quarterly official board of the Wardsville and Cashmere circuit of the Methodist church, the salary of Rev. Selby Jefferson was advanced another hundred dollars. Last year it was raised two hundred dollars. This shows that the Methodist farming folk have some sense of proportion and cannot bear to have all the increase on their own side without sharing some of it with their pastor. The circuit met with a great and almost irreparable loss in the death of Mr. Purdy, long time treasurer of the church.

Miss Quigley, Miss Lillian Sheppard, Miss Oread Sheppard, Miss N. Jackson and Miss Elva Brimston have returned to their schools.

Mrs. Roberts, who is visiting her son at Toledo, still continues very ill.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church met at Mrs. Jackson's and surprised Mrs. Jackson by making her a life member of the society.

Mrs. C. B. Sheppard and son Will have returned to their home here. Will is looking fine after his overseas experience.

Miss Hilda Blott has returned to Chatham.

Miss Mabel Milner has returned to Detroit.

A sure corrective of flatulency—When the undigested food lies in the stomach it throws off gases, causing pains and oppression in the stomach region. The belching or eructation of these gases is offensive and the only way to prevent them is to restore the stomach to proper action. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do this. Simple directions go with each packet and a course of them taken systematically is certain to effect a cure.

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APPIN

Harry Gammel of Brimley, Mich. is visiting his brother-in-law, Duncan Campbell.

Ewart Munro has returned home after spending two weeks with his grandparents at Kilmarin.

The flu is being checked. Only two new cases were reported last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Galbraith attended the funeral of her father, Mr. Glenfield, at Jarvis last week.

R. E. C. McDonald intends building an elevator in the early spring.

Mrs. Catherine Lindsay of Inwood is with her niece, Mrs. D. A. Patterson, who has been ill with the flu but is able to be around again.

STRATHBURN

No. 1 school is open again, the teacher, Miss Jackson, having recovered from her illness.

A great number of teams are hauling logs from the Dykes farm to Glencoe.

The flu has again broken out at Major Grover's. Two of his children are quite sick. Every man Major had engaged this fall had the flu.

A large number of Mr. Fleming's neighbors gathered at the mill last week and raised the smokestack for him.

George Weekes and family are recovering from their illness.

A great many cars are going over the Longwoods Road.

George Cottle entertained Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McKee and family and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan R. McKee to an oyster supper at the home of Squire McKenzie on Thursday. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Asthma brings misery, but Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy will replace the misery with welcome relief. Inhaled as smoke or vapor it reaches the very inmost recesses of the bronchial passages and soothes them.

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MIDDLEMISS

At present our town is rid of the flu. Mrs. A. Wilson, who has been in Victoria Hospital undergoing an operation, is home again, feeling much improved.

J. A. McDonald has leased a portion of his storehouse to Wm. Patrick, who has put in a chopping outfit.

The G. T. R. have put some of the material on the ground for a new station here and it is expected that the work will be commenced shortly.

C. H. Lucas delivered a fine team of horses in London on Saturday, for which he received a good price.

Douglas Campbell shipped a carload of old rails to London last week, the first of this class of fuel to be shipped from this district.

One of the sons of Angus Murray had a narrow escape from death when a horse which he was leading turned and kicked him in the forehead, crushing the forehead in and cutting a long skin wound. Dr. Turner was called and put in several stitches, and says it is a miracle that the boy is living.

Fuel continues to be very scarce. A few loads of green soft wood, 16 inches long, were offered at \$3 per cord.

E. W. McDonald loaded hogs here last Thursday at \$17.75. He intends loading this week also.

The Middlemiss branch of the Women's Institute held its last meeting for the year at the home of Mrs. Davison on the usual Red Cross work the members are busy making garments for the refugees in France and Belgium. The society shipped to Hyman Hall during the year 280 pairs of socks, 19 hospital shirts, 1 scarf, 1 sweater, 15 sheets, 15 towels, and also sent \$17 for Christmas boxes, and kept a prisoner in Germany. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mullins.

QUININE AS A PREVENTIVE.

Has Cut Down Malaria Cases to a Small Fraction.

Quinine, though so long recognized as a cure for malaria, has been extensively used as a preventive only with the last very few years.

In Italy its employment in this way has been developed on a large scale by the Government, quinine pills being sold at cost to communes and towns, which are required to distribute them gratis among all the people who are too poor to pay for them.

By this means—the pills being recommended to be taken regularly as soon as warm weather arrives—malaria conditions in Italy have been vastly improved, relatively, few cases occurring, while the death rate from the malarial has been reduced to one-fourth or one-fifth of what it used to be.

This, too, although many of the people do not take the quinine before the disease strikes them. In the Italian army, where men are under discipline and obliged to take the pills, malaria has been cut down to a small fraction of the old-time 28 per cent. Similar results are reported from Greece and Algeria.

The preventive dose is seven grains daily for adults and half that quantity for children under ten years. One important effect of the treatment is to render cases milder and more easily curable when they do arrive.

Quinine is a deadly poison to malaria germs. The supposition is that, when used in advance, it interferes with their multiplication in the blood, keeping them below the number necessary to produce an attack.

The public health service advises that this method be widely adopted in the United States. A farmer may not be able to drain and clear his land so as to get rid of mosquitoes. He may find it difficult to make his house mosquito proof with screens. But he can always buy enough quinine to protect his family from an onset of "chills and fever."

Capt. Gilbert Nobbs Tells.

I first heard of St. Dunstan's when crossing the North Sea in a hospital ship after my release from captivity in Germany. I had been given a champagne supper on board to celebrate my release—the first time that I ever remember having drunk champagne in bed.

A R.A.M.C. sergeant came to my bedside with the inevitable form to fill up, and I am afraid I did not answer his interrogations with that solemn dignity which his official tone seemed to expect.

"Your name, sir?"

"So and so."

"Regiment, sir?"

"So and so."

"Rank, sir?"

"So and so."

"Nature of wound, sir?"

"Bullet through my head."

"Gunshot wound through head," he wrote down.

"Same thing."

"Any operations performed, sir?"

"I have had my right eye taken out."

"Right eye excised. Any disability, sir?"

"Blind in one eye."

"Then you can see with the other, sir?"

"No."

"Then you must be blind in both eyes, sir."

"No, I'm blind in one eye."

"How can that be, sir?"

"Sergeant," I replied quietly, "I have only got one eye."

And then he dropped his air of dignified officialism, and became human.

"You fairly caught me there, sir. I'm very sorry you've lost your sight. You ought to try and get sent to St. Dunstan's."

"Why, what kind of a place is St. Dunstan's, sergeant?"

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BETHEL

Mrs. George Galbraith is under the doctor's care.

Miss Hiscott, lady evangelist, is spending a few days the guest of Mrs. C. Towers.

Mrs. E. Ash is suffering from a serious illness. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Miss Anna McGill has returned to London after spending the holidays at her home here.

Those suffering from the flu in this burg are all able to be about again.

Miss Susie Boyd has resumed her teaching at Iderton after spending her holidays under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Towers of Redcliff, Alberta, have arrived to spend the winter with their many friends here.

A runaway horse caused some excitement in this burg last week, but thanks to the phone it was caught before any damage was done.

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THE FIGHT FOR BAKU

CHANGES IN TRANS-CAUCASIAN DISTRICT ARE NUMEROUS.

British Appeared Upon the Scene When the Turks and the Germans Were Quarrelling Over the Lost After Retreating the Inhabitants—A Little Known Phase of the War.

THE recent evacuation of Baku by the British on account of the unreliability of the Armenian army calls attention to a phase of the war about which very little is known in Canada.

We heard little about the proclamation of the Georgian independence in the spring of the present year and the arrival of the British contingent at Baku. The facts are accordingly of interest.

On May 26 of this year Georgia declared herself independent as a consequence of the dissolution of the Trans-Caucasian Republic, from which the Tartars separated themselves, while the southern provinces, including Batum and Kars, were occupied by Turkey.

The influence which led to the dissolution of the Trans-Caucasian Republic had been at work since the beginning of the revolution of March, 1917, when Turkey, through her agents, penetrated into Eastern Trans-Caucasia and the Northern Caucasus, using Mohammedan priests as propagandists. Turkey was afraid that the formation of the Trans-Caucasian Republic, including the Georgians, Tartars and Armenians, would separate from her the Mohammedan Tartars, and close the doors to her penetration into Turkestan, and that in years to come the Trans-Caucasian Republic, with its resources and population, would become a formidable unit, which could not be treated as a subservient vassal.

After capturing the fortresses of Batum and Kars—a task which was not so difficult, as the population of Trans-Caucasia was demoralized by revolutionary propaganda, just as were the inhabitants of other parts of the former Russian Empire, and therefore could not offer substantial resistance, especially as there was no hint of forthcoming help from outside. Turkey occupied the strategic positions of Trans-Caucasia, from which she was to dictate terms or to proceed to complete her occupation of Trans-Caucasia. At this stage, however, Germany interfered as she also wanted some booty in Trans-Caucasia, principally with an eye to her railway routes to Turkestan and Persia.

Georgia, after having been deprived of her fairest provinces in the south of the Batum district and her chief port of Batum, was recognized by Germany as "independent" the area concerned comprising the provinces of Tiflis, Koutais and Soukhumi. Meanwhile, the Armenians, who have been deprived of all their territory in Turkey, hold a small strip of territory in the province of Erivan as an "independent" republic, while the Tartars have been allotted the provinces of Baku, Alizavetpol and part of the Erivan province, the whole being styled the Aderbeijan republic.

These three republics were then invited to go to Constantinople and after two months of blackmailing, threats and requisitions, have been forced to sign a "peace treaty" with Turkey, by which Georgia becomes a German protectorate and the Armenians are placed under Turkish "protection." Prior to the signing of these "peace treaties," however, on June 24, the day on which Dr. von Kuhlmann made his declaration in the Reichstag concerning Georgia, 3,000 German troops were landed at the Georgian port of Poti on the Black Sea, and advanced along the railway to Tiflis, the capital of Georgia. By this means Germany succeeded in obtaining control of Tiflis, which is the centre of railway lines, the chief of which radiate toward Persia and Turkestan.

From that moment competition set in between Germany and Turkey concerning the rearrangement of the territories in Trans-Caucasia. Turkey claimed special protection over the eastern part of Trans-Caucasia, which is populated by Mohammedan Tartars and including the classic oil fields of Baku. This gave rise to great dissension between Turkey and Germany, the more so as the oil wealth of the Caucasus represents several thousand million pounds.

The strategic importance of Baku is enormous, both for the control of the Caspian Sea and for that of the routes leading toward Turkestan, Afghanistan and Northern Persia, and had this action taken place in January last, both the German and the Turkish penetration of the Caucasus would have been either entirely prevented with the help of the Georgians and Armenians, or its dimensions very substantially curtailed.

A message from Constantinople now announces that, as a result of a plebiscite held in the districts of Kars, Batum and Ardahan, a decision was recorded by 85,124 votes out of 87,048 in favor of the union of these three districts with Turkey. What bitter irony it is that Turkey, which cannot call herself a civilized power, is talking about a plebiscite having been carried out after she has conscripted the able-bodied male population of these districts and has obtained the plebiscite under pressure of Turkish bayonets. The vast majority of the inhabitants of these three districts are Georgian Mohammedans, who have always wished for union with their Christian brothers. Every inch of this territory is bound up with the history of the Georgian race, and it is a cruel fate that, on this sacred soil, the young Turks should be arguing an appearance of formal decency.

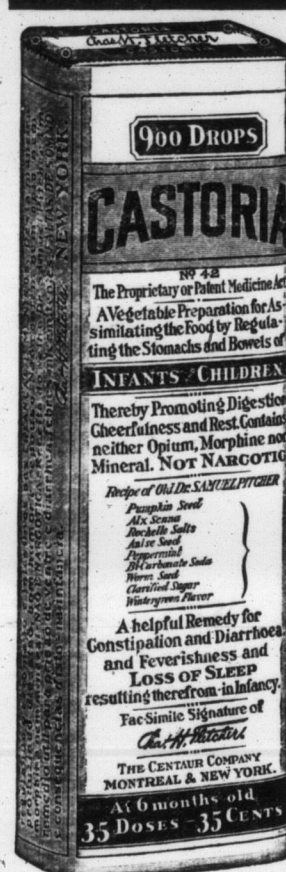
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