

Local and Other Items

Latest war news indicate the continued uncheckered drive of the Allies. More prisoners, more guns, more villages captured.

New potatoes sold in the market yesterday for \$200 a bushel. Price of staples generally were about the same as at last quotations.

The Car Ferry arrived at Tormentine, Monday night at nine o'clock. She will clean up all the freight before beginning regular traffic on Monday next.

W. L. Pierce of Victoria, B. C. was fined \$1,000 or three months in jail for having in his possession a copy of "The Week" a weekly publication recently suppressed by the censor.

The Russian government has issued a declaration that a state of war exists between England and Russia, according to a despatch to the Local Anzeiger of Berlin, which prints it "with reservation."

The C. N. R. car-ferry Canora which was built in Quebec and was booked to sail for Vancouver in a few days was rammed by an ocean liner at Quebec recently and had her port bow damaged above the water line. She will likely have to go into the dry-dock for repairs.

The Canadian Food Board has issued a summary of the results of the special food production and conservation efforts in the Dominion. This statement was accompanied by an appeal to the public to continue the conservation of wheat, meat, daily products and sugar, which already have been saved in very large quantities for export overseas.

Ottawa advices of the 9th state that the damage done by Wednesday's storm to the plant of the Cunnaght Park Jockey Club was much more serious than at first reported. C. Ross, Honorary Secretary, accompanied by other directors, visited the track and found that the terrible cyclone which broke over the capital about 7.30 Wednesday evening, had done at least \$20,000 damage.

Wheat cutting has commenced in Saskatchewan. Farmers in the Maple Creek district commenced cutting operations a few days ago, while at Lenoisford and Lauer the binders were in the fields on Saturday week. In some districts in the extreme west of the province cutting begins generally within a few days. Reports from many parts of the province show that the grain was ripening.

The Diamond Shoals Sightskip off Cape Hatteras, N. C. was shelled and sunk by an enemy submarine on Aug. 8. The crew who took to their boats, have reached shore safely. The submarine came within half a mile of shore. The Diamond Shoals Lightskip is one of the most famous aids to navigation in the world, and has been the subject of many a story in verse and prose. Such vessels usually are manned by grey beards and are of such a type as to be utterly helpless in the face of an enemy attack.

Hon. Dr. Beland, M. P., has \$10,000 waiting him at Ottawa. During his absence of four years on active service and as prisoner of war his sessional indemnity of \$2,500 has been voted by parliament each session, compensation from his country for his service and sacrifice. Furthermore, if Dr. Beland will accept a position in the cabinet as a much needed representative from Quebec, the prime minister and his colleagues will welcome him to the government.

Since the days of the Napoleons it has been seldom that any person has been honored with the exalted title of Marshal of France. On August 6, for his splendid achievements and priceless services to the Republic and to the Entente, the French council of ministers elevated General Foch, and hereafter it will be Marshal Foch, as it was Marshal McMahon, or Marshal Ney in the days of Napoleon III, Napoleon I, or later, Marshal Joffre. General Foch was not forgotten and he was given the military medal.

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Fishermen and cannerymen at Prince Rupert, B. C. agree that the indications are that this will be the biggest salmon season in twenty years.

A census just completed at Petrograd shows that the population of that city is now 1,417,000 or a million less than it was eighteen months ago.

A party of 125 experienced lumbermen left St. John on Wednesday night by C. G. R. for British Columbia, to get out spruce for airplanes for the Imperial Munitions Board.

A hail storm of unparalleled ferocity passed west of the city of Ottawa between six and seven o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 7, levelling crops, uprooting trees and carrying away fences and roofs of building at will.

Arrangements have been completed by the Canada Food Board by which the restrictions recently placed on the exportation of dried prunes and dried peaches by the United States for the war trade board have been removed in so far as Canada is concerned.

After being marooned on a sand scow within 1,000 feet of the brink of the Niagara Falls for sixteen hours George Harris, of Buffalo, and Gus Lofberg, a Swedish sailor, were rescued by the Youngstown lifesaving crew on Thursday morning.

Hon. A. K. MacLean, acting Minister of department of Naval Service, has announced the formation of a Royal Canadian Air Service. The organization will come under the direction of the Naval department, and has for its primary object the defence of Canada's coasts, but the men enlisted in the air force will be liable for service outside the Dominion if necessary.

Five miners were killed and five others were seriously injured when a gas explosion wrecked a mine shaft and sections of the workings belonging to the Consumers Mining Co. at Hamarville, Pa., on Aug. 8. The force of the explosion was so terrific that parts of human bodies were blown from the bottom of the shaft to the surface, a distance of three hundred feet.

An Order-in-Council has been published on the recommendation of Sir Thomas White, Finance Minister permitting Government contractors to deposit as securities, bonds of the various war loan issues instead of certified bank cheques. At present contractors are requested to deposit cheques to the credit of the Receiver General.

The British Government has let contracts to British manufacturers for military clothing to the value of 2,000,000 American soldiers. This order, which breaks all records, is in addition to contracts under execution for the French and British armies. No cloth is to be made henceforth for civilian use except under permit.

The Canada Maru was successfully floated on Aug. 8 from the rocky ledge on which she had rested near Cape Flattery for five days, and continued her way up the straits to Victoria B. C. under her own steam. The salvage of the the Canada Maru is one of the most remarkable feats ever accomplished in salvage history on that coast, as the liner was considered a total loss and had been practically abandoned by the experts who had been working on the ship from the time she piled up.

Father John J. O'Leary, of Seranton, P. A., chaplain of a regiment engaged on the Marne and Vesle fronts, has brought to Paris a silver ciborium and a gold chalice, such as are found in every Catholic church, the former containing cigarette ashes and the latter some drops of ill-smelling beer. These were placed on the desk of Monsignor Connolly, head of the Catholic chaplains with the Knights of Columbus and photographed as evidence of the outrages committed against French churches by the German invaders.

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Three hundred French Canadian soldiers, according to a Montreal report, will form part of the 4,000 men Canada will contribute to the Allies' Siberian expeditionary force.

For failure to stop the French offensive, nineteen German officers have been retired. This punishment was inflicted upon General Von Planitz, two majors-general, four colonels and twelve lieutenant-colonels.

British troops that have proceeded from Vladivostok to the Usari River front have received an enthusiastic welcome from Czech-Slovak forces with whom they will co-operate, according to a London despatch of the 13th.

Sinking of the British steamer Penitence by a German submarine off Georges Bank was reported on Aug. 12. The Penitence, a vessel of about 4,000 tons gross, apparently was sunk by the same submarine that destroyed nine fishing schooners on Aug. 10.

Advices of the 10th from London, Ont., state that more than 2,200 soldiers from camp left Carling Heights on six weeks leave of absence to participate in harvesting. Among those permitted to go were a number who had been warned for the next draft on the 30th.

A military unit of 4,000 Canadians will be part of the expeditionary unit which the allied Governments will send to Siberia to assist the Russians and Czech-Slovaks against the Central Powers. The Government has authorized the mobilization of a force of 4,000 for active service in Siberia, with the base at Vladivostok.

Washington advices of the 10th state that voluntary enlistments in the army or navy were suspended completely to prevent disruption of industry pending discussion of the bill proposing to extend draft ages to include all men between 18 and 45 years. Orders were issued by Secretary Baker and Daniels directing that no voluntary enlistments be accepted after the 10th until further orders.

On Saturday last telephone communication between this Province and New Brunswick was established. The formal opening of the service was in the nature of congratulatory messages between our Premier Arsenault and Premier Foster of New Brunswick. Our Province is now telephonically connected with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. More extensive connections may be effected in the near future.

Rumors are in circulation of a revolt by German sailors at Wilhelmshaven in protest against continuation of the submarine war. It is reported that propagandists incited sailors about to leave on submarine cruises to attack their own officers and surrender their ships or seek an opportunity to sink them and get themselves interned in neutral harbors. More than 50 submarines are said to have disappeared.

The German prisoners engaged on the Borden branch line are composed principally of soldiers from the big liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. There are several first class engineers among the number. The prisoners are good workers and seem to be quite satisfied with their quarters and the treatment accorded them. They evidently realize that they are much better off where they are than risking their lives trying to carry out the mad ideals of the Kaiser.

According to a despatch from Winchester, Va., apple cooking on the trees in the great orchard region of northern Virginia is one of the freaks of nature being caused by the hot spell. State Fuel Administrator Byrd is displaying fruit from his orchard, where the thermometer registered 120 degrees in the sun, which has been thoroughly sizzled, if it actually has not been baked, and other growers say the fruits are being threatened with ruin. Other growing crops are withering under the hot wave, and it is said big losses are likely.

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The tallest man in the British army is Sapper John L. Laval of the Canadian Engineers. He is 6 feet 9 inches tall, and has six sons in the United States army.

The Admiralty announced on the 12th that six British motor boats have failed to return from a reconnoitering expedition, carried out on August 11, along the west Friesland coast of Holland.

It is stated in Ottawa on high authority that Major General F. L. Lessard will command the Canadian Expeditionary force to Siberia of 4,000 men to assist Czech-Slovaks and to operate from Vladivostok in Siberia which will be mobilized by authorization of Canadian Government.

It is now stated that Lord Kitchener's death was directly due to the Czarina, who was a pro-German. The Czar received a message that Kitchener was about to leave for Russia and the Czarina immediately informed the Kaiser, with the result that Hampshire was sunk in the North Sea.

The war cabinet, with Sir Robert Borden attending, was sitting Saturday while the battle was in progress. Premier Borden and his colleagues received hourly bulletins of the progress of the battle, especially with reference to the progress made by the Canadians. Earlier Premier Borden and General Mcburn visited the officers and depots of the Canadian Red Cross and afterwards declared that in no business establishment are the administrative details more thoroughly and efficiently worked out. Later Premier Borden and Hon. Col. Ballantyne conferred with Lord Reading and Mr. E. R. Thomas Royden.

Storm in Boston

Boston, Aug. 8 - Lightning, hail and a wind storm lashed Boston and nearby cities last night with terrific fury leaving a trail of property damage amounting to many thousands of dollars. The storm lasted only about ten minutes. Lightning struck an old brass weather vane on the Second Church (Unitarian) on Beacon Street, hurling it and its stone base to the ground. The masonry in the steeple was shattered and two great blocks crashed through the roof of the edifice. The damage is estimated at \$20,000. The weather vane was fashioned in 1721 out of old brass kettles.

On the roof of the Westminster Hotel in Copley Square, where more than 200 guests were dining, a large canvas awning was ripped from its fastenings and fell among the tables overturning them. The guests left in such haste that many valuables were forgotten. Hundreds of trees in the suburbs were uprooted. In Lexington a number of ancient elms beneath which the British troops marched on Lexington and Concord were victoriously destroyed.

The windswept across the Common against buildings on Tremont and Boylston streets with tremendous force windows in several shops were blown in and awnings were carried down. One awning caught a woman and carried her off the ground for some distance before she was able to free herself. The Massachusetts Universalist convention building in Dorchester was struck by lightning and damaged. Because of the branches and live wires in some streets, it was necessary to close them to traffic. Police lines were established.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Change in Time Table Commencing Monday August 19th, 1918, the Car Ferry, Prince Edward Island, will resume service between Borden and Tormentine, and the time table will be the same as was in effect when she was withdrawn, giving two return trips to the Mainland daily. The service between Summerside and Pt. Du Chene will be discontinued after Saturday, August 17th, 1918. District Passenger Agent's Office, August 10th, 1918. August 14, 1918-11

... CANADIAN ... CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS Urgently Required. Campaign To Raise \$100,000 In The Maritime Provinces

These Huts in Canada, England and France are open to every soldier wearing the uniform of any of the Allied Nations. Their motto is: Everybody Welcome and Everything FREE Major Rev. J. J. O'Gorman, Overseas Chaplain writes from the front: "Huts and Chapel tents and many other accessories are needed. There has been a long felt want. Our Chaplains at the front in joint meeting appeal for the necessary funds. Surely that appeal will not be left unanswered."

Sir, Edward Kemp Says: "The Hut is a great comfort, not only to the officers, but soldiers of all ranks." Cardinal Bourne: "To the Canadian soldier the Hut is something of a home, from home, a place where he finds a welcome and friends." Help to make life better for the soldier. They are willing to sacrifice everything for you. They ask you to sacrifice something for them.

Your contribution might be the SAFETY of many a soldier. Now All Together and Watch the Campaign Fund Grow All subscriptions and collections to be forwarded to Mr. J. E. Cullen, Accountant Royal Bank, Charlottetown, who is Treasurer of the Fund.

All information relative to the Campaign will be furnished by the Provincial Organizer, L. B. McMillan. August 7, 1918-21

.. CARTER'S .. Feed and Grain Store

We carry large stocks of Bran, Middlings, Oil Cake, Calf Meal, Corn Meal, Cracked Corn, Rolled Oats, Flour, Graham Flour, Black and White Feed Oats, Pressed Hay, Pressed Straw, Feed Wheat for poultry, Chicken Feed, Scratch Feed, Ground Oyster Shells, Cotton Seed Meal, Sugar Beet Meal, Cracked Grain, Milk Mash and Egg Mash for laying hens, Flax Seed, Pure Linseed Meal, Charcoal for poultry, Alfalfa Meal, Bird Seed, Bird Gravel, Ground Poultry Bone, Beef & Bone Scraps, Leg Bands, Wire Hen's Nests, Drinking Fountains, &c., &c., all at LOWEST PRICES

WHOLESALE and RETAIL Carter & Co., Ltd Seed Warehouse, Queen Street

Department of Agriculture, July 25th, 1918. Field Crop Competition.

The competition in fields of standing grain which has been carried on by the Department of Agriculture for a past number of years, is to be conducted again for this season on a system similar to last year.

Since the inauguration of this Competition the improvement in the grain crops of the Province has been remarkable. The objects of such work can be enumerated as follows:—

To stimulate an interest in the production of pure, clean seed of the best varieties of our farm crops, to encourage and assist those who are engaged in growing seed grain, to show the value of seed selection and the proper cultivation of the soil, and to direct the attention of the general farming public to the value of clean seed and better methods of cultivation.

The acceptance of all the objects is becoming more general as the work becomes more established. With the increase of entries and a better fulfillment of the objects, the trade for seed grain has grown, both within and beyond the provincial limits.

As a means of insuring a reliable stand of grain, the grower must keep in touch with the treatment of the seed and the soil, and it is encouraging to note that with each year a greater number of competitors are showing an interest in the selection of seed; the purity of the variety; the treatment of seed for smut; and the detailed work that must be undertaken to insure the highest degree of efficiency.

Table with 3 columns: Crop, Acres, and Prize. Rows include Oats, Wheat, and Barley with their respective acreages and prize amounts.

West Prince shall include the First Electoral District and Lots 7 and 8. East Prince shall include the Fourth and Fifth Electoral District and Lot 18. Middle Prince shall include the remainder of Prince County. West Queen's shall include the First Electoral District and Lot 13. Middle Queen's shall include that part of Queen's County lying north and west of the Hillsborough River, not included in West Queen's. South Queen's shall include that part of Queen's County lying south and east of the Hillsborough River. East King's shall include Lots 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 55 and 56. South King's shall include Lots 59, 61, 63, 64 and Georgetown Royalty. West King's shall include the remainder of King's County.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. A field of oats shall consist of at least five acres; of wheat at least three acres, and of barley at least two acres; 2. An entry fee of one dollar will be charged, if only one kind of grain is entered, and an additional fee of fifty cents for each additional kind of grain. 3. The entry fee must be sent in with the entry. 4. Entries should be made to the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown, or to J. Leslie Tennant, District Representative, Summerside, and should arrive not later than August 20th. 5. No field will be judged unless the entry fee is paid before the time of judging. 6. Members of the Banner Oat Club should have all fields from which grain for seed will be sold properly inspected while standing. 7. Members of the C.S.G.A. are requested to enter a field in the competition. 8. Competitors should give the Department at least one week's notice when the fields will be ready to cut. 9. Members of the Banner Oat Club and the Canadian Seed Growers Association are asked to notify the Department of the amount of grain they wish inspected in the fields. The following score card is used in judging the fields:— General Appearance... 5 Type of plant, vigor and uniformity of growth... 10 Acreage, method of seeding, absence of lodging... 5 Freedom from weeds... 25 Freedom from other varieties and other kinds of grain... 20 Freedom from smut, rust, blight and insects... 10 Apparent yield and quality of grain, proportion of well filled heads of plump grain of good quality... 20 Uniformity of maturity... 5 Total... 100 Aug. 7th, 1918-21

GRAND SCOTTISH GATHERING



The Annual Scottish Games directed by the Caledonian Club of P. E. Island will be held on the grounds of the Charlottetown Driving Park Association on

Wednesday, August 21st

A grand programme of events has been arranged also horse racing and nothing will be kept out to make this an occasion of rare enjoyment for all who attend. For competition prize list and other particulars see programme.

T. F. WHITE, President T. M. McMILLAN, Sec'y Games Com July 31, 1918-31

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