

**AUSTRIAN BLOOD FLOWED**

It was a bloody affair, gore oozing from the wounds of the three contestants, Pres. Peti Sklihan and George Korpuk, and a fellow-countryman, Basil Manchuk, and the buggy business was all pulled off at the spring, summer, autumn, and winter home of Manchuk, Centre ave. The net result was the soldiers were fined \$20 and costs apiece for assaulting Manchuk. The bunch had been intimate, said intimacy finding its source or origin in the bottle. This, according to the soldiers who were down on the book as Austrians, accounted for their visit. Manchuk appeared as if he had been through a large-sized meat chopper. One of the cuts of his forehead was shaped like an iron cross. The balance of his head looked like a tree stump after picnickers had finished carving their initials on it. His overcoat looked as if a dog, interested in woolen goods, had been making an inspection. The heads of the men in the dock will need some time to recover their pristine contour and beauty. Manchuk said the soldiers had first asked for whiskey, then for \$500. He claimed that both had knives. And his wife, via interpreter

Shontoff, said she dropped in just as the prisoners were "cutting off" her husband's head.

The tale of the defence, conducted by Austin Ross, was quite different. The prisoners put all the blame on Manshuk, who, they said, insulted the King's uniform and accused them of going to kill his darling brothers. They claimed that Manchuk was the only one to use a knife. The police found no knives within a radius of half a block. The inference remained that the gallant souls had been trying to eat each other. Mr. Ross pointed to the bloody scars on his clients' bodies, one at a time, after the fashion of a lecturer on anatomy, and called it "an equal battle." Assistant Crown Attorney McFadden didn't see it in that light, and reminded Magistrate Ellis that Manchuk had been attacked in his own house.

The soldiers were fined \$20 and costs of 60 days. They paid.

**A ROMANCE**

The consuming ambition of Lawrence Kirkham was to get into the newspapers, to see there a fine picture of himself, and a story of heroic deeds, and to lean back and think of the hundreds of thousands of people who would regard him as a dashing, daring hero. To achieve this fame he bedecked himself in naval uniform, three gold bars, signifying wounds received during action, and to cap all, he decorated his manly chest with the D. C. M. Thus equipped he sallied forth to find an impressionable newspaperman, and he didn't have to go further than the corner of Yonge and Melinda. Next day's issue of the *Globe* contained a nice half-tone of himself and a glowing story of his famous exploits on H. M. S. *Byrnie*. But his fame was short-lived. To-day the gay trappings of distinction were stripped from his youthful person. The fierce light of cold fact pierced his stately grandeur, and he stood revealed before the police magistrate as a poor sailor, but a first-class romancer. As a matter of fact he served on H. M. S. *Niobe* from Jan. 4, 1917, to Jan. 25. Then he joined H. M. S. *Pembroke*, became an invalid and was discharged Aug. 5, 1917. There is no record of any service on H. M. S. *Byrnie*, and he dreamed all his wounds, which would spare him a lot of pain.

"A chap like that prevents decent men

from getting jobs," said Magistrate Kingsford. "He'll be fined \$25 and costs of 60 days. This will be a warning to other humbugs."—Police Court News in the *Toronto Telegram*.

**DISCOVERY OF GREAT HERRING FISHERIES IN FAR NORTH WATERS OF CANADA**

The discovery by the Stefansson expedition of great herring fisheries in the Far Northern waters of Canada is announced in a statement which was issued through the Naval Department the other day.

The statement asserts that an abundance of herring has been found along the arctic coast of Canada, east and west of the mouth of the Mackenzie River, and that this will have an important bearing on Canadian Northwest Fisheries. If the difficulties in transportation can be overcome, the herring fisheries discovered may develop rapidly.

**DRIED FISH**

Since many factors in the dried fish trade have been looking for a weakness in this market, the condition lately developed in Newfoundland as well as in Porto Rico and Cuba was no surprise to the trade. Although the local market shows no signs of a weakening, there is expressed the opinion that dried fish generally is due for a decline. This view is not shared by all factors in the trade here, but those far-sighted merchants who have foretold conditions in the past seem to be of one mind on the subject. Soft cured codfish in Newfoundland has reached a very low level and stocks are not selling. With heavy stocks of hard-cured codfish on hand, merchants and shippers in St. John's are reported to have little immediate business in sight. The European situation is none too hopeful at present, for Norwegian codfish is already in many markets and it has found a demand where other supplies have not. There are indications that some Norwegian cod, perhaps a heavy supply, will be exported to this country within the next few months. Supplies of codfish, haddock, hake and pollock are generally light in New York and holders are not making any concessions in prices because of their inability to procure desirable lots to replace those now on the spot. Most grades offering through this market are held at the quoted prices of a few weeks ago, and, despite the weakness in the West Indies there is no cutting of prices as yet. Newfoundland and American Porto Rico are held at \$70@71 for medium, while large have reached \$78 in some instances, but not for this market. Cuban codfish remains at the levels of a few weeks ago, with few offerings. There is a supply of haddock available, but little hake and pollock. On these latter grades prices are held firm.—*Fishing Gazette*, New York.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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**PROTECTION FOR DEER ON DEER ISLAND**

Deer Island, Jan. 27th, 1919.

Editor "BEACON":

Sir—Would you please grant me space in your valuable paper to call the Chief Game Warden's attention to violation on Deer Island, of the Game Law, in regard to the hunting and killing of deer? About four years ago a family of deer took up their residence on Deer Island, and that family has grown so that at present it numbers some eight or ten. It has been reported that parties from Eastport, Me., with two hounds, have hunted and killed one or two of the deer. Now the good people of the Island would like to have these deer protected in such a way that hounds or gunners would not disturb them for some ten or fifteen years.

There has been notices posted up through the centre of the Island, warning gunners hunting deer to look out for the Game Warden on the island; so it is supposed that there are Game Wardens looking out for the gunners, so if these law breakers get caught they can blame no one but themselves. Trusting, Mr. Editor, that the Chief Game Warden will take this matter up more fully, and that the deer may have perfect protection for the next ten or fifteen years from hounds and hunter, I thank you for this favor.

Yours Respectfully,  
F. W. RICHARDSON.

**ADVICE TO PTE. JARVIS WREN**

To the Editor of "THE BEACON":

Sir—When Private Wren wrote the war-letter from Germany recently printed in your paper he seems to have had a mind for general fault-finding and swearing at large. One in that mood should keep as far as possible from writing materials, lest he do himself an injustice. Who in his normal mind would care to be held responsible for the following:— "Although war has its horrors, peace has them also, and I am beginning to think those of peace are worse?" One would think that he desired to reverse Sherman's aphorism by substituting the word "peace" for "war." As for the Belgians he seems to dislike; they are no more nearly perfect than the rest of us. Their country was ruthlessly invaded, their property destroyed, and their women and children subjected to untold indignities. During the first rush of invasion the civilians fought back with any weapons they could get, and we respect them the more for it; but Brand Whitlock, the American Minister, says they did not "snipe the army of occupation," and the majority of us believe him.

The amusing part of Pte. Wren's letter is the complaint as to the condition of his underclothing. The old fellows who have knocked about lumber camps for half a century or so, know that while there is an excuse for a soldier being infested with "cooties" or "bolshheviks," when he is in the trenches, there is none for him when he has little else to do but keep clean. Then, if he associates with "bolshheviks" he is either ignorant or indifferent and deserves no sympathy. There are many remedies available to one who has access to a drug store; but he who has not, may, with the aid of a little gasoline or kerosene, put the enemy out of business in a very short time. In this world the Lord only helps those who try to help themselves, and Lord help those who can't or won't.

Though Pte. Wren is right in the war-zone, he seems to be laboring under a strange delusion. An armistice is not a peace (see any good, bad, or indifferent dictionary), as he seems to think. He is one of an army occupying an enemy country. As such, any man of open mind and common-sense can see that "court-courtesy" is the only correct attitude. Pte. Wren seems to want to mix up with the Germans and have what he mistakes for a good time. While we



revolution caused by the scarcity of red liquor, the people threw out the Storting Congress bodily and elected a new set of delegates, who were pledged to reinstate the liquor traffic. Speaking of the scarcity of food and other necessities of life, Mr. Lyndsig said that no one more than 10 years old in that country was permitted to drink milk, and that last winter no fuel of any kind was available. There is no gasoline, and motor cars are driven by carbide gas, the manufacture of which requires little fuel.

**THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB**

The third monthly meeting of the Women's Canadian Club was held in Paul's Hall, on Thursday evening, Jan. 23rd, the President in the chair. The meeting opened by singing, "O Canada." The minutes were then read and approved. Mrs. Andrews then in a few brief words, introduced the speaker of the evening Mr. W. F. Hatheway of St. John.

**LETTER OF CONDOLENCE**

To Mrs. Lucy Stuart  
Lambertville, Deer Island.

Whereas it has pleased God in his wisdom to remove from our midst your beloved husband, Hazen, and our brother we the Officers and members of Eureka L. O. L. No. 129, desire to extend to you our heartfelt sympathy in your loss, which we realize is so hard to bear. The removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy which is hard to fill. We mourn for one esteemed by all and whose memory we shall ever cherish but we pray that the great loss may teach us to look to the Giver of all good for comfort in this deep sorrow remembering always that "He doeth all things well."

MESTY STUART W. M.  
ANDREW STUART R. S.  
Signed in behalf of Eureka L. O. L. No. 129.

**MAJOR AITKEN ON TRIAL**

Calgary, Jan. 23—Major R. T. Aitken, Canadian Army Service Corps, brother of Lord Beaverbrook, is being tried here on two charges, first, neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he did not inspect the company canteen and see that a proper audit was made, and second that he was using canteen funds. The accused pleaded not guilty to both charges, but admitted that the canteen was not run according to military law and that purchases were made for him, but denied knowledge that canteen funds were used for the purpose.

**STANDING OF PARTIES IN GERMAN ASSEMBLY**

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**PROHIBITION A FAILURE IN NORWAY**  
New York, Jan. 27.—An account of how Norway settled the "bone-dry" question was given yesterday by Brederic Lyndsig, who returned to the United States after six months' sojourn in that country, on the Norwegian Line steamship Stavangerfjord, which left Christiania on Jan. 11 and docked at the foot of 30th street, Brooklyn, this morning.  
"Norway went bone-dry in 1915," he said. "In 1917, after almost a state of

cheerfully admit that a bolshevik-inhabited Canadian is, in our opinion, plenty good enough for any German drawing room, it is no place for him if he is a soldier. A soldier should be a soldier first and a society-man afterwards. When the war is over, and the enemy disbanded, no one (but the Germans) will hinder him from going back to the kind, gentle, and hospitable people we hear of, and "having it out" with them socially, to his heart's content. But now, he is on the Nation's business, and should bear himself as one who is faithful to his trust.  
With apologies for designs on your space,  
I am Sir,  
Very truly yours,  
L. I. FLOWER.  
Central Cambridge, N. B.

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