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The fuel situation in Athens reached a critical stage last week. Coal could not be obtained and the condition of the roads prevented farmers from bringing in wood. As the woods can not be entered on account of the depth of snow practically no fuel has been cut this year. This together with the scarcity of men to do the cutting has made wood almost unobtainable. The price has of course, risen, and \$5.00 a cord has been asked for a poor quality of dry mixed wood. This is in effect a hold up; but as the owners of the wood say, "they are not obliged to sell it." However the weather has moderated, giving some hope of relief.

Brockville and Civic Snow-Cleaning

Wouldn't it be genuine irony of fate if after Brockville had gone to the expense of an organized system of snow cleaning for next winter the snow failed to do its part and refused to fall in sufficient quantities even for sleighing? Stranger things have happened.

Electric Development Not a Phantom

There are people who say that we shall never have electric power and light in this district; but anyone who follows the work of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association knows that municipalities who desire, can have it in a reasonably short time. Eastern Ontario is waking up to the advantages the Hydro Commissions offer, and it is only a matter of time until the entire province will be veined with wires carrying electric energy from innumerable waterpowers. Electricity is the perfect servant; it is light, heat, and power combined. Its use will, of course, be detrimental to the interests of many business concerns now dealing in gas and other heating and lighting commodities. But as the handloom gave place to the wonderful weaving machinery and as hand-compositors suffered by the introduction of the linotype machines in the printing business, the private interests will have to adapt themselves to the relentless march of civilization. Leeds County has sufficient power in the northern part for all needs, and the public ownership of the system will keep rates at the lowest possible level. The Hydro Commission has no object in humbugging the public as has been done rather too frequently by stock-selling companies.

Adulterated Maple Sugar

(Family Herald and Weekly Star)

It is hardy to say the least of it for the manufacturers of imitation or adulterated maple products to approach the Government, in order to secure the repeal of the legislation which is curbing their imitative energies. In the interests of the farmers who make real maple sugar and syrup it would be simply iniquitous to allow such efforts to succeed. This spring buyers intend to offer a dollar a gallon for No. 1 syrup, and ten or eleven cents a pound for sugar f.o.b. There is a market for every ounce of the products, because the public has been told that what is sold to them is a genuine article, and not a rascally imitation compounded of some cheap glucose or other materials. The country really needs restrictive measures against all imitations of farm products. Confiscation, very heavy fines, with imprisonment for second offences is not a bit too severe punishment for those who adulterate the people's food, and defile the business of the farmers, who form the basis of the life of the community.

"The Wireless"

Westport boasts of another paper called "The Wireless." It is cleverly written and some of the cartoons are worthy of a wider circulation. It is issued by the High School boys.

Reporter's Pay-in-Advance Campaign

The Reporter's Pay-in-Advance campaign is progressing very favorably. The subscribers are realizing that it is the only way, and the manner in which they are responding is most gratifying. Look at your rate! It bears the date to which your paper is paid. You can save 50c by paying before the first of April, when the new rate of \$1.50 goes into effect. If the label does not coincide with your receipt notify us at once. We shall be glad to rectify any error. Do not neglect this matter, as this campaign is based on the necessity of the newspaper for money due it.

Alviston Free Press: Once in a while an item will creep through without the eagle eye of the editorial censor on it, and that is how we account for the unfortunate item in our last issue which stated that we were sorry to hear that one of our citizens, who was ill, was improving slightly. It is hardly necessary to say that we regret the error.

The Same Old Teddy

Teddy Roosevelt is said to be contemplating the organization of an expeditionary force which would be placed at the disposal of the Entente generals. In the event of this project interfering with the ideas of the general staff of his country, he would come to Canada and carry out his plans. Evidently Billy Sunday has not been able to get a monopoly of the limelight. Trust Teddy for that!

Myers—Yates

St. Philip Neri's church, Toledo, was the scene of a brilliant wedding on Wednesday, Feb. 14th, when Rev. Father Hanley united in marriage Miss Joanna Gertrude Yates, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Yates, to William Thomas Myers, of Chantry. The bride was a dream of loveliness as she came up the aisle to the strains of the wedding march played by the organist, Mrs. Morrissey, and took her place beside the groom. She wore a wreath of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The bride was assisted by the groom's sister, Miss Katie Myers, who looked sweet in a dress of pale blue silk with white fur trimmings. The groom was assisted by the bride's brother, Wilfred.

After the ceremony and the nuptial mass was celebrated, the bridal party were driven to the beautiful home of the bride's parents where about fifty of their immediate relatives and friends had assembled. Congratulations were extended to the newly wedded couple and the company repaired to the dining room where a dainty spread awaited them. The tables and house throughout were tastefully decorated. A few hours were spent in music and social chat when the guests departed, the bride and groom leaving for a short wedding trip to western points. The bride who is popular in Toledo and vicinity was the recipient of many beautiful presents of silver, cut glass, china and other costly gifts, also several sums of money from her parents and the groom's parents and other relatives and friends. Substantial cheques and letters of regret were received from relatives who were unable to be present.

The groom's gift to the bride was a gold watch; to the bridesmaid, a gold locket. The bridesmaid gave the bride a watch fob.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers will reside at Chantry where the groom is one of the most prosperous young farmers in the locality. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Myers and a nephew of Moncton, N. B.

On Monday evening, Feb. 5, a number of the young friends of the bride gathered at her home and gave her a miscellaneous shower. A pleasant evening was spent and many gifts were received by the bride.

Ladd—Kavanaugh

The marriage took place yesterday afternoon in Christ's church, of Martha Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kavanaugh, to Lester Dean Ladd of Mallorytown, Rev. Rural Dean Swayne officiating. Miss Lily Dixie was bridesmaid, and Mr. Hilyard Kavanaugh, brother of the bride was best man. The ceremony took place in the presence of many friends and relatives, after which supper was served at the home of the bride's parents.

TURKS FALLING BACK

British Took 1,995 Prisoners in One Assault.

Fighting in Mesopotamia Continues With General Maude's Troops Making Steady Gains—All Ground Has Been Taken in Dabra Bend, and Important Tactical Points Seized—Turks Admit Retreat.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Several important gains against the Turks in Mesopotamia are recorded in the official report made public Saturday night. In addition to forcing the Turks back on the Tigris River, the British captured 1,995 prisoners. The text of the report reads:

"Mesopotamia: The offensive against the Turks on the right bank of the Tigris was resumed Thursday. An important tactical point in front of the enemy's right wing was first seized. An attack on his right centre followed, resulting in the securing of our objective on a front of 700 yards. This was afterwards extended by bombing to a depth of 500 yards on a frontage of 1,000 yards. The half-hearted Turkish counter-attacks were easily repulsed.

"Some hours later an assault was launched against the enemy's left centre, securing our objective on a front of 850 yards.

"During the night the enemy were cleared out of small areas first held on the river bank. By dawn Friday, all the ground in the Dabra bend was in our hands.

"The prisoners taken numbered 89 officers, including two regimental and three battalion commanders, and 1,906 other ranks. We captured five machine guns, 2,500 rifles, and a large quantity of ammunition, equipment and stores.

"A further advance of 1,200 yards was made Friday south of the Shumran loop. Our advanced troops now hold the southwest corner of this bend."

Two Turkish official communications received Saturday admit retirements on the Tigris. The communication, under Thursday's date, says: "After an enemy attack against our right wing had been repulsed, part of our positions were evacuated, according to orders, to prevent needless losses."

The second communicated, undated, reads: "On the Tigris front we executed a slight backward movement to avoid unnecessary casualties."

STILL MARKING TIME.

President Wilson Is Expected to Move This Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The American Government continued its waiting policy towards Germany's ruthless submarine warfare Sunday, and although it is taken for granted in all quarters that President Wilson will go before Congress on the situation before adjournment March 4, the statement was authorized that so far he had made no definite plans to that end.

The President made no move during the day, and unusual quiet prevailed at the State, War, and Navy buildings. If any despatches of importance came in they were not made public.

The visit of the President to the capitol Saturday to discuss with Senators the advisability of appearing before a joint session to ask authority for protecting American sailors and ships from submarines has given rise to much speculation as to when the step will be taken. No one professes to know, however, and the official answer to all queries is, "The President will decide."

The confident belief everywhere that there will be action not later than next week, if nothing happens to precipitate it before, is based upon the knowledge that the President wishes to avoid calling an extra session of Congress if possible, and the reiterated declarations of members of the administration that the present conditions, under which most of the American ships in overseas trade have been frightened into cancelling sailing dates, cannot be permitted to continue.

Y. P. C. Notes

The ladies of the Y.P.C. have 20 mending kits ready for filling and request the gentlemen to give them a shower of the following articles to complete them on Friday night:

1. Sewing needles, coarse
2. Darning needles, coarse
3. Darning yarn, grey or khaki
4. Thread, linen or khaki
5. Safety pins, large and medium
6. Bachelor buttons
7. Buttons, underwear and pearl
8. Court plaster
9. Lead pencil
10. Boracic foot powder
11. Boot laces
12. Scissors, blunt pointed

Pte. Prue Writes Home

Mrs. Wm. Prue, of Row's Corners, has received a letter from her husband, Pte. Wm. Prue, written in Flanders, January 21 in which he acknowledges receipt of three parcels and letters. He had also learned of his father's death, which came as a sorrowful surprise. He also says he does not think the war will last much longer as the Germans appear on their last lap. Daily they are showing exhaustion which the men of the allied armies cannot fail to notice.

TOLEDO

Feb. 12

The boys here, who are taking the short course in agriculture at Frankville, are very much interested in the lectures and stock judging.

Evangelistic services will be continued the present week, having had to be closed the latter part of last week owing to unfavorable weather.

The hockey match between Toledo and Frankville on Saturday afternoon resulted in the score of 1-0 in favor of Toledo.

Laura and Jean McClure entertained a few of their little friends Saturday afternoon, it being their 8th birthday.

Mrs. Lucy Marshall is spending a week at Lombardy.

Mr. John Brunton spent the past week among friends.

Word was received from Mrs. G. Kilborn, Florida, that their children had been poisoned and two were dead and one very ill in the hospital.

A pure bred holstein calf was donated to the girls of the Khaki Club and they are disposing of it by raffish. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross.

CHARLESTON

Work is progressing on the new Charleston wharf.

The Cedar Park wharf is completed.

Mr. Fleishman, of New York, accompanied by Mr. Osborne, Brockville, were here last week on business. Born on Thursday, Feb. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelsey, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Heffernan entertained a number of friends to a dancing party on Friday evening and a very pleasant time was spent.

Mrs. Chas. Slack and son attended the Myers—Yates wedding at Toledo on Wednesday.

With deep regret the news of the death of Mrs. Stracy, of Warburton, was received by her many friends here where she was a frequent and welcome visitor. She was a niece of Mrs. Mulvena and W. R. Green. Mr. Green and Mrs. Cliff Green attended the funeral at Warburton on Sunday.

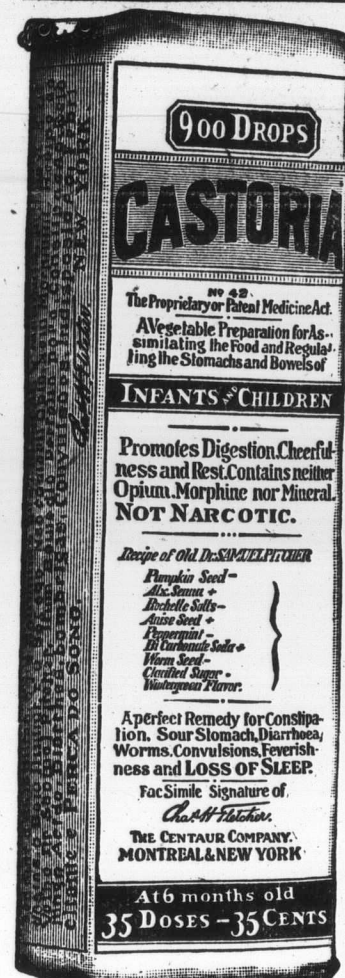
Miss Sarah Hudson spent the past week in Athens with her sister, Mrs. Jack McKennay.

Murphy—McCann

The marriage took place in St. Edward's Church, Westport, of Miss Anna Marguerite McCann to Mr. Vincent Peary Murphy, of Chaffey's Locks.

Cranker—Mallory

At the Methodist parsonage, Mallorytown, on Wednesday evening, Rev. W. G. Bradford united in marriage Miss Laurel Mallory, daughter of Mr. Peter Mallory, Mallorytown, to Mr. Nathan Cranker, of the township of Lansdowne. The bride was very prettily attired in blue silk poplin with fringe trimmings and wore also a white satin hat faces with black and trimmed with ermine and a single rose. Over all was worn a long black coat of baby lamb with collar and cuffs of ermine. She was attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy Mallory, while her brother, Mr. John Mallory, assisted the groom. They will reside at Selton.



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