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EDITORIAL GLEANINGS

The outlook of the war is continuing favorably for the Allies. On all fronts successes have been recorded even in Roumania when it looked as if the German warriors would overrun that country as they did Serbia that had been held in check. Russian reinforcements and pressure on other parts will no doubt save nearly all of Roumania from invasion.

The arrival of our gallant Nova Scotia Highland Brigade safely in England was joyous news to thousands of Nova Scotians at home. They have already gone into camp and ere long will complete their training and then be ready for any dangerous position to which they may be assigned. All that Great Britain and France asks of these men is that they prove their mettle as have the other Canadians who have been tried in the furnace of this war. In our hearts we know they will prove to be the finest class of fighters that Canada or any other country could produce.

There are troublous times in Austria. The Premier has been assassinated and grave riots have broken out in Vienna which for a time the police were powerless to quell.

On a front of five thousand yards the British troops have advanced their line from 300 to 500 yards and captured about one thousand prisoners. The British casualties are reported as slight and the enemy seemed so desperate that they made no attempt to retake the captured ground.

Affairs in Greece are still unsettled but some Greek soldiers and Greek warships are going over to the side of the Allies. King Constantine still hesitates, and the Allies have demanded that the Greek army now in Macedonia, in the rear of Allied troops be transferred to Morea. If this is done, the allied army now at and near Saloniki will be ready to advance into Bulgaria.

FRUIT REPORT

Until recently the weather has been ideal for the gathering of fruit crop in the Valley. A heavy blow last week and recent wet weather injured some of the crop. There yet remains considerable fruit to be gathered and most of the crop is well colored and of good quality.

While many orchards are very short of a crop, in others the fruit has turned out fully double that was anticipated early in the season. There seems no doubt but that the quantity for export sale in local markets will be far in excess of the half a million barrel mark. The total crop raised will reach well up to the million barrel mark. Unfortunately much of this will be placed in evaporators and used and fed out at home on account of the poor quality in some districts.

Growers should make plans for thorough spraying next season, and not be discouraged by a partial failure this year on account of wet weather in the spraying season. We have in the Valley, notwithstanding the bad season for spraying, the best fruit found anywhere in Canada. Prices are ruling high and will likely continue, if fruit shipments are properly regulated.

Shipments are being made each week via Digby and St. John to the Western markets.

Sugar prices have gone up 50 cents per hundred pounds the last week.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM THE FIRING LINE



LIEUT. A. H. CHUTE

Among the young men from Kings County who enlisted for service at the very commencement of the war was Lieut. Arthur H. Chute, son of Dr. A. C. Chute of Wolfville. He has well contributed his part in the cause of the Empire. Mr. Chute is well known all over Kings County as he delivered eloquent addresses in the political campaign of 1911, making such a record that many look upon him as a candidate for political honors in this County. Through some blunder and unknown to Mr. Chute some Canadian dailies announced at the last election that he had obtained leave of absence to contest Kings Co. The following letter describes some of his incidents at the front.

In the Field, Sept. 14, '16  
Today I have been watching the faces of innumerable squads of men marching up to the trenches. The major sent me down the line after ammunition, and all the way I met those chaps who, before another day, will have done their part and paid their price for another British advance. Tonight I am up in the front line. Besides me is a battalion of fine young Canadians. The dawn tomorrow will bring death to many, perhaps to most of them.

I went into a dug out wherein were gathered a group of subalterns, two of whom were old friends of mine at home. As I stood at the door of the dug-out I felt like one about to enter the death-cell to encounter those condemned to die. They had done no wrong, but ere another day their life would be extinct; this was their last watch. I almost entered there on tip-toe, with reverend silence, but the place was full of talk and laughter which soon put me at my ease. 'Forget the sentiment,' is outwardly the soldier's maxim. But within each of these men was fighting with fears and perplexities and apprehensions. When I left, the 'gayest bird' of the bunch shook my hand and said, 'Well, good bye old man. We've all got to peg out some day and if it's a bit earlier what's the odds?'

Later—We have fought one of our most successful battles, and I thank God I am safe and sound. At the dawn this morning I was in a valley that looked as much like hell as anything that imagination could frame. The hills on both sides were a continuous mass of leaping fire where hundreds of our guns were pouring death upon the Hunns like floods of rain. The awfulness of the spectacle, accompanied by the crack and roar of Artillery, formed a fit tableau of Dante's 'Inferno.' I tuned in last night at midnight and slept till 2 a. m. During those short two hours' sleep I was awakened three successive times by the arrival of orderlies with messages from the Battery. At 2 a. m. they were crying for ammunition and I had to get out and find it. Between 2 a. m. and breakfast time I made two trips between the divisional ammunition column and the Battery. Just after arriving from my second trip things began to happen and we began to

advance. It is the most thrilling part of soldiering to advance with the guns. After two years stationary fighting our moving campaign has commenced and the Canadians have had their first taste of a battle worth while. After what has occurred since last night I am more firmly than ever convinced that Germany has entered upon the 'Last Phase.' I am also assured that it is the answer to your prayers that has kept me whole on fields where death is as common as daisies in a June meadow.

OBITUARY

Gordon Manning

Another Nova Scotian, well known to some people in Kentville has given his life for the Empire. On Wednesday last Mrs. Roop wife of Mr. M. L. Roop, received the sad intelligence that her brother, Gordon Manning, had been killed in action.

Early in the war he responded to the call for volunteers and enlisted in the 26th Battalion and has been in the trenches almost continuously for a year. Previous to the war he was a locomotive fireman on the C. G. Ry. at St. John. He was a son of William Manning, both brother of Albert Manning, both engineers of the D.A.R. at Halifax.

M. Starr Eaton

Canning was shocked to hear of the very sudden death on Sunday morning last of Mr. M. Starr Eaton. He had been ill of late but no serious turn was anticipated. On Saturday he had a bad turn but seemed to rally and slept well that night. On Sunday morning he was reading in bed for a while and laid his book down and life passed out without any further warning.

Mr. Eaton was a man well known in the community. He had been engaged in a fruit, confectionery and grocery business for many years and was a district representative of the North America Life Insurance Co. In all his dealings with the public he was genial, honorable and exact, and leaves a wide circle of relatives and business and social friends.

Mr. Eaton married Miss Sawyer, sister of late James J. Sawyer, who was buried on Saturday last. Besides his wife who survives him he leaves the following sons: Lewis, at home; William P., a naval officer of the United States at Virginia and Major Fred now with the army in France.

The funeral service will be held from the residence on Tuesday (today) at 2.30 p.m., burial at Hillaton. He was 56 years of age.

Nicklet Theatre

To-Night: The Haunted Canvas  
Being the 12th Episode of "The Iron Claw"

Wednesday and Thursday, October 25th and 26th

TWO GREAT FEATURES

Charlie Chaplin Mary Pickford

The Floorwalker A Girl of Yesterday

A benefactor of the human race—he makes 'em laugh. Better for you than all the doctors in the world. Laugh and forget trouble. Bubbling over with tickling idiosyncrasies you'll see him and he'll hand you the laugh of your life in "The Floorwalker." See Chaplin shopping in a department store. Chaplin on the escalator—it's a scream!

As the prim and unsophisticated incarnation of our grandmothers, and, later, as the centre of attraction in the modern world of society, with all the pomp and luxuries of the elite of today, Mary Pickford achieves an unusual double triumph, and makes her first aeroplane flight with Glen Martin the great aviator.

Friday and Saturday, October 27th and 28th

Jesse L. Lasky presents for the first time in Kentville the Great Metropolitan Opera Star

CERALDINE FARRAR

Every Fri. and Sat.  
Strange Case of Mary Page

THE ALIENIST

Among those who appear in support of the star are Theo Roberts, Elsie Jane Wilson, and Raymond Hatton.

Glen Ellis

May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not!" I will pilot thee.

Another young and useful life has been sacrificed on the altar of devotion to duty and country. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ellis of Sheffield Mills, received the very sad intelligence last week of the death at the front of their son, Glen. The death of such a promising young man will be a sad loss in the home and community where he was much beloved. He was about 20 years of age. He had been engaged in doing guard work. Further particulars will be received later.

John James Sawyer

The funeral of John James Sawyer took place at Steam Mill on Saturday, Oct. 21st, at two o'clock. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a large number of friends and sympathizers present—several from Kentville. The Rev. T. C. Mellor, rector of Kentville, conducted the service and was assisted by the Rev. J. D. Hull rector Cornwallis. The hymns sung were: "Nearer, My God To Thee," "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" and "Abide With Me," while a quartette from Kentville sang very feelingly "The Day of Grace."

The interment took place in St. John's Churchyard, Church Street, conducted by the Rev. J. D. Hull. When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar "Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then while leaning on Thy breast

THE CONDITION OF OUR JAIL

The recent escape of prisoners Charles E. Elderkin and another offender against the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, from our County Jail at Kentville has aroused much comment. Frequent are the uncomplimentary remarks made about our former Councillors who had the management of the construction of the building and also the late councillors who had notice of unsafe condition. Some who pretend to know, claim that the money it cost to erect the building has been wasted and it cannot be made a proper one for the safe confine of prisoners. His Honor Judge Ritchie was particularly severe and sarcastic in some of his references to the confining of prisoners there, that persons sentenced to a term there need not remain any longer than they wished.

An examination of other public buildings throughout the province shows that in convenience, permanency and efficiency we have in this County in our Jail, Court House and Post Office, sadly failed to give the public anything like the value of the large amount of money expended. New Dominion War Loan has reached the price of 99, and several sales are recorded at that figure.

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