

From Erin's Green Isle

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

Nearly one hundred acres of flax were grown by the farmers in the Athy district this year.

A serious shortage of cured bacon is being experienced by the provision trade of Dublin.

The death took place recently of Sir Henry Lynch Bosse, of Athlone, Co. Wick, County Mayo.

The late Randall K. Moore, D.L., J.P., of Barne Park, Tipperary, left an estate valued at \$22,403.

Owing to the increased demand for turf in the Clones district prices are now the highest on record.

Preliminary negotiations are on foot for the establishment of a dockyard on a large scale at Wexford.

English wool buyers say that the clip of home-grown Irish wool this year is the best within memory.

Mary O'Donnell, of Tipperary, was fined ten shillings for having in her possession three military blankets.

The Board of Trade Journal states that the value of the fish caught on the Irish coast in July amounted to \$76,226.

Efforts are being made in the Midlands and West of Ireland to establish depots for the manufacture of peat bricks.

Dr. Joseph Kidd, who died recently at Hastings, England, at the advanced age of ninety-four years, was a native of Limerick.

Full naval and military honors were accorded the remains of Engineer Rear-Admiral Lister, who was buried at Queenstown.

The Military Medal has been awarded to J. W. L. Kennedy, Royal Fusiliers, formerly a booking clerk at Danganoo passenger station.

The sum of \$5,094 was realized at a fete given in the City Hall, Belfast, on behalf of the Red Cross and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Department of Agriculture will offer this month a number of competitions in the cultivation and handling of flax.

Aerodrome contractors from Great Britain are at present in Dublin, for the purpose of employing men for their work in England.

To supply the needs of the Midlands and the West of Ireland coal mines in Roscommon are being developed on a large scale.

While testing an aeroplane, Lieutenant Ruxton, R.A.F., of Antrim, Co. Louth, fell a distance of several feet and received fatal injuries.

The new find of coal seams in the Irish Midlands promises to give an abundant yield and relieve the coal situation in Ireland.

Private James Duffy, V.C., Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Leterkenny, is taking part in a recruiting campaign in his own and surrounding counties.

The message accompanying a pearl for the Red Cross necklace was "in gratitude for a chaplain husband and six brothers serving."

Owing to a strike among the employees of the builders, hotels, printing offices and coachmakers, nearly nineteen thousand workers are now idle in Dublin.

Captain George Baird Moffat, R.A.M.C., Belfast, has been awarded the D.S.O. for service in the German South African campaign.

Gunner Nathaniel Curry, R.F.A., who died recently in the military hospital, Victoria Barracks, Belfast, was buried with full military honors.

Hugh Wright, manager of the Stephen Green Motor Company, was fined \$5 at Dublin for using petrol, contrary to the Motor Spirit Act.

At a parade of the troops in Victoria Barracks, Belfast, the G.O.C., Col. J. C. Bassett, presented a number of awards for service in the field.

Foch at Work.

I confess, says an English writer, that when I first saw Foch, in the midst of a group of distinguished Frenchmen, I was astonished at his "civilian"—almost professorial—aspect. I had expected a more martial figure. He seemed more the student than the warrior. . . . Yet, in the quiet of his plain little office, the marble forehead and eyes of steel austere bent over a little book in which he is jotting orders of the day, he seems a living incarnation of Rodin's "Thinker" on the steps of the Paris Pantheon—strong and absorbed. The telephone on the table in front of the hanging map, marked with great lines, are the only objects other than the simple furniture, lighted by the cheap cretine curtains at the window. The telephone is the baton with which the marshal moves armies and commands myriads of men.

Do not use artificial preservatives or "canning compound." They are not only harmful to health, but unnecessary.

Press reports say that the salmon run in the rivers of northern British Columbia is especially heavy this year. Fishermen have been making fabulous wages.

Back of almost every agricultural achievement, great or small, there is a human interest story. All too often it is the last thing which practical men think of getting. In cases where it is obtained, however, it is the part which sticks in the reader's mind and carries the story home.

For Autumn Days



A double-breasted coat, with the cuffs and pockets straps slipping through slashes. Suitable for school or play. McCall Pattern No. 8520; Girl's Coat. In 7 sizes, 2 to 14 years. Price, 20 cents.



For the miss at school a serge dress is always most desirable, combined with a contrasting material at the collar. McCall Pattern No. 8566, Misses' Dress. In 4 sizes, 14 to 20 years. Price, 20 cents.

These patterns may be obtained from your local McCall dealer, or from the McCall Co., 70 Bond St., Toronto, Dept. W.

The war is doing something for civilization. It is estimated that cable waste in Toronto has been reduced 75 per cent, since 1914.



AutoStop SAFETY RAZOR

From the War Zone

Comes the news that the AutoStop Safety Razor is helping officers to maintain the high morale of the soldiers.

Nothing makes a soldier feel more like himself than a clean, velvety shave—this is only possible with an AutoStop. Because of its self-stopping feature it is the only razor that is always in perfect condition.

Price \$5.00

At leading stores everywhere. 25c postage will deliver an AutoStop Overseas by first class registered mail.

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GERMANS SACKED EVACUATED TOWNS

THE MATERIAL LOSSES ARE INCALCULABLE

French and Belgian Cities Celebrate End of Four Years of Privation and Oppression.

Douai, in its waste and desolation, is a sad sight. Moving pictures of the city should be taken so that the world could see for itself sights which cannot be described.

The streets are filled with furniture and articles of all kinds. It might be said that in Douai all the insane asylums had been opened and that madmen in their fury had taken delight in destroying everything. The material losses are incalculable.

The stained glass windows in the Church of St. Peter have been smashed, and the great organ has been broken up. Religious ornaments were found scattered about the floor of the church. The City Hall, where the German commandant had his quarters, was pillaged and sacked. Most of the paintings in the museum were taken away, but fortunately the belfry was undamaged.

Roubaix and Turcoing yesterday celebrated their deliverance from the enemy, and it was like a Christmas, New Year's Eve and Fourth of July all rolled into one. Tears of joy intermingled with shouts of laughter, while the population sang and danced and waved flags of defiance.

The two cities were completely wild with emotion and joy. There were kisses, hugs and handshakes for every British soldier. On their windows housewives had pasted pictures of French and British military celebrities torn from magazines.

There was good reason for Roubaix and Turcoing to celebrate the end of four long years of hardship, privation and oppression. The swabbing Germans had gone, leaving in their wake as much ruin as they could do. Nearly every home in the city had been sacked, and things that could not be carried away were destroyed.

Systematically Burglarized.

The Germans were piqued at being forced to leave the towns, and they went to extreme lengths to seditate, destroy and steal. Roubaix and Turcoing were systematically burglarized, Roubaix suffering the most. In Roubaix the Germans cut fine leather seats from chairs, ripped pictures from their frames, and even took the cloth covering on mattresses. Apparently they went through the fine old houses of the city with the idea of seeing how much they could wreck the interiors. In many places the Germans seemed to go into a house and deliberately break up everything they could lay their hands on.

For miles around Roubaix and Turcoing the countryside has been sieged and scorched by the red heat of war. Bombs, cannon, mated rifles, pieces of shell, barbed wire, and the bayonets and other equipment of soldiers are scattered all about. There are miles of mangled fields, where the shell craters are so thick that it is impossible to tell where one begins and the other leaves off. Here and there are old machine gun mounds of stone, concrete and dirt. The trees are leafless, and many have been chewed to pieces by flying shells and bullets.

Rejoicings at Bruges.

Scenes of happiness at Bruges eclipsed those of Lille following the liberation of the two cities. During the occupation of Bruges by the Germans, the people there were not allowed to receive news from the outside world or from their friends inside the German lines, unless the news was handled by the German officers.

Bruges was fined enormous sums on various occasions, the correspondent says, and everything made of metal was taken away. The city was searched four times for copper. The works at Bruges were robbed of every scrap of machinery. The Germans paid for nothing except food and drink, and then only in paper money. The town itself is intact, and the belfry and the front of the Hotel de Ville are uninjured. Most of the pictures remain in the gallery, and Bruges seems to be as restful as in the old days, except that all the bridges are gone. German mines completed the work done by British torpedoes which were launched at the submarine base at Bruges.

Carried King on Shoulders.

The men, women and children of Ostend were so overjoyed when the King and Queen of Belgium landed there on Oct. 17, that many of them heartily kissed the rulers of the liberated town. King Albert and Vice-Admiral Keyes, of the British Navy, says the Dover correspondent of the Daily Mail, were carried to the town hall on the shoulders of men in the large crowd which greeted the King and Queen at the landing. All ordinary bonds of restraint were loosed in the happy delirium of the occasion. The Queen walked to the city hall surrounded by a great crowd of children.

We consume more sugar than is good for us, as a rule. Improve your diet and acquire some new pleasures of the breakfast table by using a little soft instead of a lot of sugar on your grapefruit and cereals.

WOMEN! IT IS MAGIC!

LIFT OUT ANY CORN Apply a few drops then lift corns or calluses off with fingers—no pain.

Just think! You can lift off any corn or callus without pain or soreness.

A Cincinnati man discovered this ether compound and named it frezone.

Any drug-gist will sell a tiny bottle of frezone, like here shown, for very little cost.

You apply a few drops directly upon a tender corn or callus. Instantly the soreness disappears, then shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you can lift it right off.

Frezone is wonderful! It detaches instantly. It doesn't eat away the corn or callus, but shrivels it up without even irritating the surrounding skin.

Hard, soft or corns between the toes, as well as painful calluses, lift right off. There is no pain before or afterwards.

If your drug-gist hasn't frezone, tell him to order a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house.

HUN DESTROYER WAS SUNK

British Seaplane Dropped Bomb Squarely in Centre of Deck.

The destruction of a German destroyer by a British seaplane is graphically told by Captain Paul Bowsher, who observed the unusual occurrence from the cockpit of a fast British bombing plane.

He was flying off the Belgian coast when he saw two British machines in front of him.

"Suddenly," he writes, "the front machine turned to the right and began to fly toward the coast. Its occupants had evidently seen something of importance. Looking below I saw, a few miles from the Zebrugge mole, six little shapes which seemed stationary on the gray sea.

"They were German destroyers which were in reality steaming at top speed toward the coast. Gradually the seaplanes drew nearer and nearer, and soon were but a few miles from the land.

"Near the front machine appeared a small black ball of smoke. Another appeared and another, and I could hear the sharp crack of bursting shells.

"Now, however, they were almost over the destroyers, which were beginning to zig-zag as the danger of the coming attack was realized.

"I saw six black cylinders drop spinning from the front machine. Near the destroyers appeared the white smoke and spray of a bomb. Another followed, and another. Then on one of the destroyers a great red flash appeared and the centre of the boat was left clouded in smoke. Its attacker had scored one direct hit.

"I shouted excitedly to the pilot as one of the destroyers dropped out of line and made swiftly for its mortally wounded consort.

"The airplanes returned to report. A patrol, returning a few hours later, stated that they had seen five German destroyers returning toward Ostend. At that time the sixth, torn and shattered, lay with many another twisted and rusted companion under the sea."

TREE SURGEONS

Immense Value of Woodpeckers in Preserving Our Forests.

Of the many thousands of kinds of birds in North America the downy woodpecker is perhaps most helpful to man. Long ago nature selected him to be the chief caretaker, the physician and surgeon, of the tree world. In The Spell of the Rockies Mr. Enos A. Mills says that five hundred kinds of insects prey upon the oak. These aggressive pests form warrior armies with which the woodpecker constantly contends.

In this incessant struggle with insects the woodpecker has helpful assistance from many other bird families. He himself gives general attention to hundreds of kinds of insects, but he specializes on those that injure the tree internally. He is a distinguished specialist; the instruments for tree surgery are entrusted to his keeping, and with these he each year performs innumerable successful surgical operations.

The downy woodpecker, the smallest member of a family of twenty-four distinguished species, is the honored one. Between his attacks on the concealed enemies of the trees he finds time to prey freely upon caterpillars and other enemies that feast on the leaves and blooms. He appears most content when he is close to the haunts of man, and he spends much of his time caring for our orchards and cleaning up our shade trees.

Fortunately for the forest, Dr. Woodpecker, during his ceaseless round of inspection and service, generally discovers infested trees. If one woodpecker is not equal to the situation, many concentrate at this insect-breeding place; and here they remain until the last dweller in darkness is reached and devoured. So important are these birds that the shooting of a single one may allow insects to waste acres of forest.

FIGHTS ON OLD BATTLEFIELDS

Many Have Been the Conflicts in the "Cockpit of Europe."

It is fitting that the war for the world's freedom should be fought in the "Cockpit of Europe," which for more than a thousand years has been the scene of epoch-making battles. There is scarcely a foot on all the long battle-front in Flanders and France that has not echoed to the tramp of armed hosts.

Lille and Lens, St. Quentin, Laon, and Rheims, around which the tide of battle is raging to-day, are all old-time battlefields. Lille was captured by Louis XIV., and was stoutly defended in 1792 against the Austrians. In 1648 Lens was the scene of a great battle in which the French routed the Spaniards. At St. Quentin, on August 10th, 1567, the army of Philip II. gained a victory over the French; and the Germans, under Von Goeben, defeated the French in 1871.

Laon was the centre of fighting in the religious and League wars against England, and at Laon Blucher defeated the French in the year 1814. Near Rheims, in whose cathedral French kings have received their crowns, Napoleon thrashed the Russians in 1814. At Courtrai the Flemings put to flight a French army twice their strength on July 11th, 1302. And at Roulers, near Ypres, the French, under Pichegru and Macdonald, defeated the Austrians in 1794.

At Amiens the Germans, under Manteuffel, defeated the French forty-eight years ago; and at Nancy Charle's Bold was defeated by the Swis in 1477.

From Lens and Arras you can see Agincourt, the scene of the historic battle of 1415; also Fontenoy, where the French routed the allied English, Dutch, Hanoverians, and Austrians in 1745; the Sedan, the scene of the battle in 1870 which led to the downfall of the French Empire.

Near Brussels there are many famous battlefields of other days, among them Waterloo; Quatre Bras, where Marlborough defeated the French and the Prussians; Ligny, where Napoleon punished the Prussians in 1815; Tirlemont, where Dumouriez thrashed the Austrians in 1793; and Steenkerke, where the French beat the Allies in 1692.

GIRLS! WHITEN SKIN WITH LEMON JUICE

Make a beauty lotion for a few cents to remove tan, freckles, sallowness.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply you with three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Squeeze the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle, then put in the orchard white and shake well. This makes a quarter pint of the very best lemon skin whitening and complexion beautifier known. Massage this fragrant, creamy lotion daily into the face, neck, arms and hands and just see how freckles, tan, sallowness, redness and roughness disappear and how smooth, soft and clear the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless, and the beautiful results will surprise you.

The New Crusader.

In feudal days the brave Crusaders went At eight successive times, to free the tomb Wherein the Lord of Life had lain in gloom, From fierce usurping foreigners bent on sprent With pilgrim's blood, whose constant Will was exercised to find progressive room For Allah's faith so lately taught to bloom.

Where Abraham had pitched his nightly tent, Among the rest, the Lion-hearted King Of thine own island, sagely turned away With hands uplifted, like the ones who pray, But thou, dear Allenby, of whom I sing, Hast well atoned for failures of the past, By setting free the Holy Land at last.

MONEY ORDERS.

When ordering goods by mail send a Dominion Express Money Order.

The Mother.

She packs a box with soldier socks and sweets, And as she hums she hears the door-bell ring— A cablegram!

She staggers back and stares At what she's packed; picks up a bit of string, And twists it slowly in her trembling hand, Takes out the socks she finished late last night, Whilst yet the cablegram was on its way—

Caresses them, and reads the news again: "He died of wounds the twentieth of May."

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

Get your assets in liquid shape for the new Victory Loan.

This summer, London, Ontario has transformed 400 vacant lots into gardens. This area, some 200 acres, formerly grew nothing but weeds.

"When you have spoken the word it reigns over you. When it is unspoken you reign over it.—Arabic Proverb.

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When Summer Fled. Summer had a rose roof And windows bright with light, And sweetest rivers singing by, And dreams of dawn and night; And all sweet things and shining wings Made music in their flight.

She wasn't Winter's sweetheart, Although he wooed her so, And he made for her a prison Walled round with hills of snow; But Summer said: "Love keeps the gates; They open, and I go!"

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows

Not Even a Germ.

A country school teacher was cashing her monthly check at the bank. The teller apologized for the filthy condition of the bills, saying: "I hope you are not afraid of microbes."

"Not a bit," answered the school-ma'am; "I'm sure no microbe could live on my salary."

A druggist can obtain an imitation of MINARD'S LINIMENT from a Toronto house at a very low price, and have it labeled his own product.

This greedy imitation is the poorest one we have yet seen of the many that every Tom, Dick and Harry has tried to introduce.

Ask for MINARD'S and you will get it.

Jiminy giggled when the Teacher read the story of the Roman who swam across the Tiber three times before breakfast. "You do not doubt a trained swimmer could do that, do you, James?" "No, ma'am," answered Jiminy, "but I wondered why he didn't make it four and get back to the side his clothes were on."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

A private company will be granted a 30-year permit by the Dominion Government to graze reindeer in the Northwest Territories.

If you are conserving ice try keeping the butter in a bowl of water. Cover the butter with a piece of muslin, the edges of which should rest in the water in the outer vessel.

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"You don't need mercury, potash or any other strong mineral to cure pimples caused by poor blood. Take Extract of Roots—druggist calls it "Mother Selge's Carative Syrup—and your skin will clear up as fresh as a baby's. It will sweeten your stomach and regulate your bowels." Get the genuine. 50c. and \$1.00 Bottles. At drug stores.

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