

PRECIOUS PLATINUM HAS HISTORY FULL ROMANCE

WHITE METAL IS WORTH SIX TIMES AS MUCH AS GOLD

Once Was Thrown Away As Worthless

The fact that platinum, that beautiful and very expensive metal just now worth about six times as much as gold, was first discovered in South America in a section of what is now the Republic of Colombia, is not exactly a matter of common knowledge.

Still, there's no imminent danger of Colombia's resources of platinum being exhausted. They have been estimated to down there for nearly 150 years, but the output seems to be constantly increasing.

PRINCE ARTHUR HIGHLY PRAISES CANADIANS

Toronto, Aug. 16.—"Having served eighteen months with the Canadians and seen some of the very desperately heavy fighting last year at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70 and Passchendaele, I would like to say that in my opinion there is no more formidable fighting force in all Europe at the present day than the Canadian army corps," said His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught in an interview while en route to Toronto.

ANOTHER DRAFT IN U. S. AUGUST 24

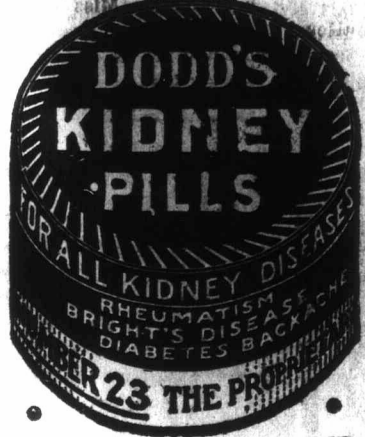
Move to Fill Up Gaps in Class One to Meet September Calls

Washington, Aug. 14.—Registration on Saturday, August 24, of all youths who have reached the age of 21 since the second registration last June 5 was ordered today by Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder, under a proclamation by the President. The purpose is to add quickly to the almost exhausted Class One to meet army draft calls in September.

FELL UNDER TRAIN; INSTANTLY KILLED

David E. Chant, Native of Chantry, Mead. Death in Smiths Falls Yard

David Edward Chant, aged 35 year brakeman with the Canadian Pacific railway Smith's Falls, slipped while attempting to board a locomotive there on Sunday morning last and fell in front of the tender. He was fearfully mangled and instantly killed. Deceased was born in Chantry and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Chant. For six years he had resided



Incidentally it is interesting to note that at one time, and that not so very long ago, the crude platinum grains that were mixed in with the ore of certain gold mines in Colombia were regarded as a waste product and thrown away.

The rejection of platinum as a waste product in the operation of refining gold led to some strange happenings in Colombia. The platinum separated from the gold by the dry or blowing system was either cast into the street or thrown through cracks in the building where the work was done.

temperament of the Canadians, which showed itself particularly in trench raids and such enterprises. And from my point of view I was delighted to observe that wonderful spirit of good fellowship which exists between the Canadian soldiers and their British comrades.

"Canada has every reason in the world to be proud of her soldiers and as one who fought with them I know whereof I speak," he said.

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In Smith's Falls, where he was first employed with the Canadian Co-operative Co., and latterly with the C.P.R. He was a member of the Freemasons, Oddfellows and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, under whose auspices the funeral was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence.

Peterboro Police Raid Opium Den

Make Two Arrests And Seize Making Outfit

Following a raid made by the police on Sunday morning, Hum

Toong, a Chinaman, in Peterboro, will appear in police court today on the charge that he was found in a place in which persons resort for the purpose of smoking or inhaling opium.

It will also be charged that Lee York, another Chinaman, did with out lawful or reasonable excuse have in his possession, a drug, to wit, opium, prepared or being prepared for smoking.

Few Luxuries to Escape Tax Order

WEARING APPAREL, MEALS AND AMUSEMENTS ALL TO PAY

London, Aug. 3.—A report issued by the Luxury Tax Committee recommends that, whatever the price paid for them, a tax should be levied on jewelry, precious stones, silk, velvet, fur, clothing, perfumes, cosmetics, yachts, pleasure boats, motor cars, pictures, sculptures, curios, antiques, pianos and other musical instruments, billiard tables, field and opera glasses, liquors and cordials.

It is recommended also that a tax should be paid on meals, for accommodations in hotels, clubs, chambers and apartments, when specified prices are exceeded, and on clothing above certain prices. For men's shoes \$2 will be allowed to be paid and for women's shoes 35 shillings. Other prices arranged are for men's hats, 8 shillings; for women's hats, 35 shillings; eight guineas for men's suits and seven guineas for women's costumes.

Articles for personal use also are to be taxed, as well as household furniture above certain prices, fifty guineas being the limit set for suits furniture.

There will be a tax on thoroughbred horses valued at above 150 guineas and on dogs valued at more than 5 pounds. Bicycles costing more than 15 pounds will be taxed. Also will be articles used in sports and games, and books published before 1870 and books in luxurious binding.

The proposed tax is a wide one, embracing such things as rent paid for fishing and shooting rights or purchases of live game. Exemption is to be made when works of art are purchased for museums, art galleries or public libraries. There is to be no tax on medical, surgical or dental appliances, or on the first sale of the work of an artist made by himself except portraits exceeding 120 pounds.

More Trains for the Exhibition

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Bracing up Their Nerves

Journals in Rhine Country Discuss the Situation in a Graver Tone Than Do Berlin Papers.

Amsterdam, Aug. 15.—While Tuesday's Berlin newspapers regard the Anglo-French main thrust as parried, and at all events, stopped, by the exhaustion of the attacking troops, the journals in the Rhine country discuss the situation in a much graver tone.

"Poeh and Haig probably will continue attacking on the Somme, but they will never achieve more than pyrotechnical victories, which will assist in the attrition of their own forces," says Baron von Der Osten, the military critic of the Rhenish Rhenische Wattalische Zeitung, of Essen.

Germany follows the terrible struggle with hated breath. In the next column it inveighs against defeatism, which is "tearing its head" in Cologne, Dusseldorf and elsewhere, even in Essen, where the people may be heard grumbling. "Another defeat for us—we shall lose the war. We have nothing to eat, no clothes, no shoes; we shall starve and be utterly ruined."

As a cure for this state of mind the Volks Zeitung administers an antidote in the shape of a raging article about the enemy "wanting to murder, rob and enslave German men, women and children."

The Weser Zeitung, of Bremen, with ill-concealed pessimism, regretfully admits in Tuesday's issue that the once-derided American army is giving much more trouble than was anticipated, while the Frankfurt Gazette pathetically pleads with the Official Press Bureau to tell the whole truth, "as far as possible."

Child Killed by Hull Street Car

Victim Was Daughter of Ex-Mayor Dupuis

A three-year-old daughter of ex-Mayor H. P. Dupuis of 8 Reboil street, Hull, was killed at 6 22 p.m. on Tuesday by a Hull electric street car at the corner of Reboil and Maisonneuve streets—Hull.

An inquest was opened by Coroner Davies on Tuesday evening, but the evidence was of a very confusing nature. The inquest was postponed until Thursday evening.

According to passengers who were riding on the car, the child was playing in the sand near the car tracks as car approached, and was struck while running across the tracks. The motorman claimed that the child was on the sidewalk, and that it started to cross the street after it was too late for him to stop the car. All agreed that the car was going slow at the time. Motorman Guibault and Conductor "Laramont" were in charge of the car.

BRUTAL ACT TO PRISONERS

Reach Fismet by Running Through Barrage—Received by U.S. Troops—Tell Sufferings of Prisoners.

With the United States Army on the Vesle, Aug. 14.—Worn out from fatigue and suffering from hunger, two escaped British prisoners staggered into our lines north of the Vesle today. They had escaped from a German pen after having been captured in the Marne fighting, and it took them seven days and nights to work their way to Fismette.

On the last lap of their journey the Britisher ran through a German barrage. When they had identified themselves the American soldiers offered them their rations and cigarettes. Their rescue promised to be as dangerous physically as their journey between the lines, when officers checked the hospitality of the Americans.

The Britishers said that the rations given prisoners was three-quarters of a pound of potato bread, a pint of thin vegetable soup and "coffee" made of hawthorn berries. The allowance of a German soldier was the same only in somewhat greater quantity, occasionally supplemented by horse meat.

It is a common practice of the Germans, the escaped men added, to beat their prisoners with clubs and the butts of rifles. Wounded prisoners, they said, were sent to hospitals only when they were unable to walk and then received little attention.

Printing Presses

The first important movement in printing presses was made by an English nobleman, Charles, Earl Stanhope, who died in the year of 1733. It is remarkable that from the time of the first introduction of printing up to the latter part of the eighteenth century no inventive genius arose to produce a new kind of press. During all that period no alteration took place in the form or mode of working a press. The same clumsy wooden machine which was used by Gutenberg and Faust continued in use until Earl Stanhope devised an improvement which practically doubled the output of printing presses.

From that time on hardly a year passed without witnessing some advance in the typographical art. The process of printing continued to be slow and arduous, however, until a little over a century ago, when the London Times applied steam power to its presses, and thus worked a revolution. The innovation was re-

ceived with great anger by the pressmen, as scores of brawny men, who had been employed to supply the motive power to operate the presses, were thrown out of employment. They threatened for a time to wreck the Times office, but were finally placated.

A GERMAN TRIUMPH

As a war measure, the sinking of the lightship on the enemy's coast is probably legitimate and justifiable. It is, however, an act that any honorable combatant would commit with the utmost reluctance and only when he could clearly prove not only military necessity but a considerable amount of military efficacy as well.

If the resulting advantage to his side and country were of brief duration, and especially if in amount it were hardly measurable, almost certainly any navy man not German would spare such a vessel, just as any army man not German would spare an architectural monument in the enemy's country if he could do so without incurring thereby an obvious and large military disadvantage.

The Diamond Reef Lightship off Cape Hatteras is maintained by the United States Government, but it and the men on board of it perform an always dangerous service for the ships of every nation having business off our coast, and that means something not far from all the world engaged in ocean commerce. To sink it hurts us a little, but so very little! And though the sinking just possibly will result in the loss of a ship or two in the safe arrival of which we are interested, this will hardly compensate Germany for the additional weight of anger and detestation brought upon her by the achievement of her submarine commander.

War may be war, but a dirtier, more miserable part of war there cannot be than the sinking of a lightship, unless it be the knocking down of a lighthouse. Both are deeds worthy of savages—which is the "come thing as saying of Germans"—New York Times.

Lieut.-Col. Jones Killed

WAS COMMANDING OFFICER OF 21ST BATTALION.

Succeeded Brig.-Gen. W. S. Hughes—The 21st Has Been in the Big British Drive in Picardy.

A private cablegram received in Brockville states that Lieut.-Col. Elmer W. Jones, a well-known Canadian officer who went overseas with the 21st Battalion, has been killed in action. It is presumed that his regiment participated in the present Franco-British drive, in which he fell. Col. Jones, who was then senior major, succeeded to the command of the 21st when Col. W. S. Hughes was made brigadier, and had seen much severe fighting with the gallant Kingston unit, second only to the famous Princess Pats. He was wounded and was invalided to England, and upon recovering rejoined his regiment, by which he was idolized.

Col. Jones was a Brockville boy, and after graduating from Osgoode Hall practised his profession in Toronto and Ottawa before removing to the Pacific coast, where he resided at the time he joined the Canadian forces for overseas. He was decorated at Buckingham Palace by the King for his work at the front. Col. Jones married a daughter of the Hon. Charles McIntosh, of Ottawa. His aged mother lives in Brockville.

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Tax Ice Cream and Soft Drinks in United States

Washington, August 16.—The House Ways and Means Committee yesterday voted to tax ice cream soda, sandwiches and other delicacies sold at soda fountains, at the rate of two cents for each ten cents or fraction thereof. In addition to this the committee adopted a 10% tax on bottled soft drinks to be paid by the manufacturer. Under this system bottled soft drinks will have to bear the manufacturers' tax and the retailers' tax of two cents or more.

What Does This Mean?

Storage Warehouse to be Built on Brooklyn's Ball Park.

New York, Aug. 16.—Ebbets Field, home of the Brooklyn Nationals, will be closed for the duration of the war to offer the game with Philadelphia, and converted into a storage warehouse.

THOROUGHNESS

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This action was decided upon at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the club. Immediately after the final home game of the curtailed season special structures will be erected upon certain portions of the field, and these in conjunction with space in and under the grandstands utilized for storage purposes. The former Federal League Park, Brooklyn, is being used for similar purposes at present.

The action of the Brooklyn Club directors is taken to indicate that the officers of the organization do not contemplate a continuation of big league baseball in 1919.

Carveth a Prisoner

Lieut. Walter A. Carveth, Royal Flying Corps, who was reported as missing on July 25th, is now announced to be a prisoner of war in Germany. A message giving the news was received yesterday by his father, J. A. Carveth, Birch Cliff, Kingston Road, Toronto, the cable coming from London, Eng., thru Switzerland.

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