

NOTES AND COMMENTS

While conditions look just a little serious in the Balkans just now, we venture the opinion that Bulgaria will rue the day she turned traitor to the allies, and cast in her lot with the Hun.

Lord Northcliffe gives as his chief reason for so strongly and persistently advocating conscription in England that loyal, patriotic citizens go to the fighting lines, while the "skunks" remain behind to drop into the commercial positions thus made vacant.

The recall of Sir Ian Hamilton, who has been in charge of the campaign in the Dardanelles, has an air of mystery which all Britons would be glad to have explained. Enquiries in the House of Commons shed no light on the future policy there, and we can only wait and wonder what is to be the next move.

Sooner or later both Greece and Roumania are practically sure to line up with the Allies. All their future interests lie in that direction, and the sooner they decide to do their part in helping to deliver the world from autocracy, the greater will be their reward and the more they will think of themselves.

The Allies are working well together. Both Italy and Russia have declared war on Bulgaria, and the former, contrary to public expectation, has already sent a squadron to the Bulgarian coast. In issuing the imperial manifesto Russia points to the treason of Ferdinand "with bleeding heart and leaves the fate of the betrayer of the Slav cause, to the just punishment of God."

Of course troubles never come singly, but it does seem as though the coalition government in England might have gotten along without the danger of a political upheaval, which if it comes to pass would be a calamity. Premier Asquith, who is ill, is said to have sent in his resignation, as will also Lord Curzon and Sir Edward Carson. A political crisis is imminent and what the result will be is hard to determine.

Will the citizens of Aylmer be found wanting in loyalty and duty to-day? We hope not. This is Trafalgar Day, and the financial aid for us in the Red Cross fund, has been placed at \$1,500. Every citizen will be given an opportunity to do his and her share, and it is to be hoped that the tight wads, who so successfully avoided contributing their share at the last public canvas, will loosen up on this occasion and regain the respect of their fellow citizens. The money is actually needed to assist in providing comforts for the brave fellows who are fighting your battles at the front. It is a just debt we owe them, and no honest citizen should try and avoid paying it. If we cannot fight we can at least help to take care of those who do.

The farmers of this section should raise a howl that will be heard at the parliament buildings in Toronto. A government agricultural expert, Mr. R. B. Hume, has been brought here for some little time past, and just as he was beginning to make his influence felt in the community, that office is closed, and Mr. Hume removed to Dutton, where a most efficient man, Mr. Buchanan, is already permanently located. Does the government think West Elgin needs the attention of two representatives, and

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East Elgin none? There is no objection whatever in giving proper service to the west part of the county, but we do object to see this section neglected. We think an explanation is due this locality, and we hope those most concerned will see to it that the office in Aylmer is restored, and Mr. Hinman or some other equally efficient agriculturist again placed in charge.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The B. Y. P. U. has turned over to the Red Cross Society twenty dozens of bandages.

Mrs. R. H. Reid and son, Maple, of Woodstock, spent Saturday with her brother Mr. John Wood.

Ted Porte, of Toronto, is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Porte.

Avoid harsh purgatives for children. The ideal laxative is Rexall Orderlies. Sold only by J. E. Richards & Co., The Rexall Store, 10c, 25c, and 50c.

Mrs. Roland Esseltine is in Denison, Ont., attending the funeral of her father, who died on Sunday, following fatal injuries received in an accident the previous day.

Lieutenant L. F. Clarke, of the 30th Battery, C. F. A., Aylmer, has received word that he passed his recent examinations successfully at the Royal School of Artillery, Kingston, and is now a qualified Lieutenant in the artillery. Congratulations.

Information is desired concerning one Melvin Matthews, or his wife, Annie Matthews, who were residents near Aylmer in 1895. Mr. Matthews was a carpenter. Any information sent to this office or to E. A. Smith, 355 Talbot street, St. Thomas, will be appreciated.

Mrs. H. R. Hollinshead is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sarah Hayden here. Mr. and Mrs. Hollinshead have left Winnipeg and will make their home in Guelph, temporarily, where Mr. Holly has been engaged as choir-master in one of the churches, until the first of the year at least.

The Ladies' Aid of the Jaffa Methodist church held their regular meeting at the home of Willard Stafford, last week. There was a good attendance, although the weather seemed to be unfavorable. At 4 o'clock lunch was served after the business meeting, which added greatly to the interest of the Aid.

Fred D. Campbell, of Haileybury, arrived home Tuesday evening, where he will spend a few weeks. Mrs. Campbell has been here for the past month. Fred has not been home for over five years and says he hardly recognizes Aylmer as the same old town, owing to the numerous and splendid improvements.

The officers and members of the Aylmer branch of the Red Cross Society, hereby wish to tender their hearty thanks to the Liberal Club, the 30th Battery, and all who took part in any way in making the Patriotic Concert such a grand success, on Thursday evening. The proceeds have been handed over to us, and will be used in our work. Mrs. Caughey, Secretary.

J. Howard Gordon, of Sparta, late of the Old Country, choral conductor and teacher of all kinds of orchestral instruments, expects to organize and conduct a choral society, also an orchestra, in Aylmer this winter. Mr. Gordon will be at Richards and Co's. Drug Store next Tuesday, where he will be glad to meet any parties interested in such work, or who desire instruction privately on any orchestral instrument other than the piano.

Pullets should start to lay before the cold weather, and they should be in their winter quarters several weeks before they begin to lay. Get their houses ready now, sort out the early pullets and put them in. It is the early eggs that pay and if pullets do not begin to lay before December they will not likely start till near February. Attention given in October means dollars.

Louis Schott and Isaac Solway, St. Thomas who were mixed up in the theft at the M. C. R. station here, are out of the way of temptation for a time. At the jury assizes in St. Thomas, 1400 pounds of copper wire from the Hydro Co. on May 21, and sentenced by Justice Meredith to serve not less than three months, and not more than one year at the Central Prison farm.

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LUTON

October 20th, 1915.

Mrs. Edgar Hill has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Steele, St. Thomas.

Mrs. A. E. Richardson is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. J. Harper, and aunt, Mrs. Hambly, of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. A. Oliphant have returned from a three months' visit to Pt. Credit.

Miss Alta Richardson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bowlby, of Aylmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemon and Miss Bessie O'Bryan, of St. Thomas, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Bryan.

The Women's Institute held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Dunn. A large number were present and the program very interesting. Miss Inez Westover gave "Current Events," Mrs. F. Maggan, piano solo, Mrs. Harry Westover a paper on "Planning and Serving of Meals," and Miss Alta Richardson a report of the finances and patriotic work the Institute had accomplished.

A most interesting incident of the Ingersoll fair, and one which up to date has not been given very much prominence, was the awarding of a first prize in the art collection to a painting of Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany. It almost seems incredible that in times like the present such was the case, but the fact remains. It certainly must have been the eye of an artist who awarded that prize, but there were others present who for obvious reasons failed to agree with the judges. An officer of the 71st Battalion, who is in training for overseas was one of these latter, and seeing the picture with the red ticket attached, promptly turned it to the wall. (The incident has created a great deal of excitement both locally and in Ingersoll.)

According to a comparative statement issued by a Montreal tanning company, since December, 1907, to date, there has been an increase of 125 per cent. in the price of native steer hides used in the manufacture of harness and belting leathers, and from 75 to 100 per cent. increase in other varieties of hides used for sole and upper leather in the manufacture of boots and shoes. This, it is claimed, explains why one pays more now for his shoes than five, six or seven years ago. It is an understood fact that shoes have been steadily advancing in price as the leather market advanced. Harness and belting also have risen in value. It is predicted that shoes and other leather manufactures will soon take another jump upward.

The Gem Theatre, as pretty a little playhouse as could be found in Western Ontario, was badly wrecked on Wednesday evening of last week.

Both the Gem and Star theatres are controlled by Mr. George Reavey, and fortunately the Gem was not open that night, otherwise we would doubtless have been called upon to report many fatalities. The basement had been utilized for some weeks for renovating feather beds, etc., and about 9 o'clock Russell Peckham and Douglas McPherson entered the premises to complete some work.

The former lighted a match and immediately a terrific explosion followed which shook the surrounding buildings and was heard all over town. There was evidently a leak in the gas pipe, and the room was filled with gas, requiring only the lighted match to set it off. The main floor was wrecked, the opera chairs loosened and broken, the north wall twisted and shattered, the large mirrors broken to atoms, the plaster loosened, the heavy concrete sills torn away in massive sections, and the window curtains blown into the trees on the banks of the Catfish. A fire started, but was quickly subdued by the prompt action of the fire brigade. How the two young men escaped injury is nothing less than miraculous. Young McPherson, who was in the doorway waiting for light, was knocked over like a nine-pin. Peckham cannot explain how he got out. He saw a ball of fire, and was certain his clothing was all ablaze. Chief Peters saw him running away, and halted him, evidently under the impression that he was a German anarchist who had intentionally blown up the building. The premises are owned by Mr. J. J. Nairn, and the loss will run into the thousands.

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