

TOURING THE BATTLE ZONE

SUGGESTING SOME OF THE TRIPS SOON OPEN TO TOURISTS.

France and Belgium Are Already Making Preparations to Welcome Sight-Seeing Travellers.

Before long there will be a steady flow of visitors to France, tourists crossing the Channel, uncontrolled by military regulations, and unfettered by "white passes," says an English officer.

Already the tourist agencies are planning out tours from Boulogne—via Cassel, Ypres, Menin, to sleep at Lille. Then the next day the visitor will, no doubt, be hustled off to view La Bassée, then Loos, Lens, the Vimy Ridge, and so to sleep at Arras. The third day may well consist of an early start from Arras, down to Bapaume, and so across the most tragic road of the Somme battlefield by Valenciennes, Le Sars, Pozieres, La Boisselle, to Albert, and sleep at Amiens.

That will be a typical three days' tour, passing in whirling motors places where hundreds fell. But there will be others to whom such haste will be sacrilege. They will reverently set off on a pilgrimage to the spot where husband, son, or father lies at rest, and will plant flowers on the grave.

Getting Ready For Tourists. This time, when France will be thrown open to visitors, it is not so far distant, and accordingly, a few hints from the front will, may be useful to those who are already planning a visit.

Those who intend to make such a tour under the auspices of a recognized agency will probably find their way made smooth for them. Though no prospectus has yet been issued, owing to the present restrictions, it is well known that companies are already being formed to "exploit" the battle zone. Both French and Belgians are also making ready to welcome these guests. Ypres is to be preserved in ruins. Arras is to be restored, but the cathedral is to remain as a national monument.

The Butte de Warlencourt on the Somme will probably be railed around, for already notices are posted up that nothing is to be removed from that tragic spot, for it is to be shown with dugouts, trenches, shell-holes, unaltered.

In order that nothing shall be missing, I hear that a company is trying to buy up half a million brass shell cases, with a view of turning them into saleable souvenirs. No—the "joy-riders" need not expect trouble except from overcrowded hotels and super expenses.

It Will Not Be Cheap. Even these two difficulties will tend to disappear. Already a landowner close to Ypres is advertising land for sale on the road between Vlamerhinghe and Poperinghe on which a commodious hotel may be erected. As for expenses, the agencies will in time cater for all pockets, but probably at first \$25 a day will be about the charge.

I hear, however, of a possible tour-de-luxe, on which all travelling will be done in closed cars, and the guests will be accommodated in historic chateaux, which were formerly occupied by Army Commanders, and such exalted folk. The chateau of General Horne, at Ranchicourt, for example, would be an admirable centre for the Arras district. The terms suggested for a tour conducted with such comfort would at least work out to \$50 a day, to include all motoring, and full board and lodging.

Our deepest sympathies will not be extended to the class of tourists who visit battlefields merely in the search of new sensations, but rather to those who have in France six feet of the dearest ground in the world. To them a timely word of advice may be given.

Make Inquiries First. Even with the fullest directions as furnished by the Graves Registration Committee, it is extraordinarily difficult to find some military cemeteries. I searched for four hours for one close to Chilly by the Somme River before finding it.

Roads have become obliterated under the shell fire of the various offensives. Woods are wiped off the earth, though they appear on the map; the whole topography of a district changes under the conditions of war. Therefore, every detail as to the exact location of a grave is most valuable. Especially useful is a sketch map made by a friend who has actually visited the spot himself.

Treasure all such records. You will need them when the present restrictions are withdrawn, and when, either as is suggested by Winston Churchill, with Government assistance, or without, you have the privilege of seeing the ground made sacred for ever.

Food For Thought.

It was washing-day, and John had been kept from school to look after the baby. Mother sent them into the garden to play, but it was not long before cries disturbed her.

"John, what is the matter with baby now, she enquired from her wash-tub." "I don't know what to do with him," mother, replied John. "He's dug a hole and I want to bring it into the house."

Sun and cleanliness are two of the best preventives of moths in infants.

RICH, RED BLOOD MEANS HEALTH

Weak, Pale People Require a Blood-making Medicine.

It took centuries for medical science to discover that the blood is the life. Now, it is known that if the blood were always abundant, rich and pure, very few people would ever be ill. It was not until the end of the 19th century that an instrument was invented for measuring the red part of the blood. Then doctors could tell just how anemic a patient had become, and with medicine to make new blood the patient soon got well.

All the blood in the body is nourished and kept rich and red by the food taken daily, but when, for any reason, a person is run down and cannot make sufficient blood from the food to keep the body in health, then a blood-making medicine is required. The simplest and very best of blood-making medicines for home use by any one is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When a course of these pills is taken their good effect is soon shown in an improved appetite, stronger nerves, a sound digestion and an ability to master your work and enjoy leisure hours.

For women there is a prompt relief of or prevention of ailments which make life a burden. Mrs. Thos. Kaake, Trenton, Ont., tells how she obtained new health and strength through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She says: "The weakness came on me so gradually that at first it was hardly noticeable. But after a time it got so that I could not go up stairs without stopping to rest. Every particle of color left my hands and face, and the least exertion would tire me and leave my heart palpitating violently. I consulted a doctor who told me the trouble was anemia and prescribed a tonic. I took this medicine for some time, but it did not seem to help me a bit. Then I read of a cure in a similar case through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and decided to try them. The result was these pills made me feel like a new woman. I have gained all my former health and strength, and feel that I owe my present condition entirely to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box of six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

AMBERGRIS. A Valuable Substance Used in Perfumes and Medicines.

Ambergris, which forms a basis for nearly all the best quality perfumes and scents, is found in an unattractive looking mass floating on the sea or lodged upon the shore. It is not known how such an unlikely substance suggested itself as a perfume, but it has been in use for centuries. Its origin, however, has only been discovered comparatively recently.

It is a morbid secretion of the liver of a sick sperm whale, and ash-colored and waxy in appearance.

Although unpleasant to sight and touch, it gives off a fragrant, musky odor when warmed, even in its raw and unprepared state. In this crude form it is subjected to chemical action to extract the active principle, called amberine, from which the perfume is actually derived.

This peculiar substance is also used as a remedy for catarrh, nervous diseases, and is very valuable, the largest piece on record, weighing one hundred and thirty pounds, being sold for \$2,080.

Experience. "Deborah danced when she was two. As buttercups and daffodils do: Spirited, frail, naively bold. Her hair a ruffled crest of gold. And whenever she spoke her voice went singing Like water up from a fountain springing."

"But now her step is quiet and slow; She walks the way primroses go; Her hair is yellow instead of gilt. Her voice is losing its lovely lilt. And in place of her wild, delightful ways, A quaint precision rules her days."

"For Deborah now is three, and oh, She knows so much that she did not know."

Small Boy: "B-but you won't do Y-you're scalped already!"

The Latest Designs



Of course little sister wants a frock of contrasting materials, for she too wants to be quite in style. McColl Pattern No. 8914, Girl's Dress. In 6 sizes, 4 to 14 years. Price, 20 cents.



When simplicity is in demand, and it usually is these days, this little frock may well answer for the call, for it is a design whose success relies on its simplicity. McColl Pattern No. 8950, Misses' Dress. In 4 sizes, 14 to 20 years. Price, 25 cents.

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

Learning to Walk.

Our little cherub learned to-day To stand alone and make her way. With tears and oft-recurring doubt, From mother's knee to father's seat.

With many a failure, many a pause, Now by rebuke, now by applause, With tears and oft-recurring doubt, She toiled her little journey out.

And ever as her faith declined, She strove anew, for there behind Was mother's sweetly crooned command And on ahead her father's hand.

And oh, at last when she survived Her tiny perils and arrived, What depths of feeling unexpressed Were stirred within each guardian breast.

We older children of the earth Have journeyed farther from her birth, But doubt and pain and dark delay Attend the journey all the way.

And all our balm for heart or mind Is merely this: that we shall find, Before we come to utter harm, The refuge of a father's arm.

Old Gentleman (baldheaded but warmhearted): "Don't cry, Willie! Grandpa will play Indians with you." Mr. Lloyd Harris states that if Canada would grant \$100,000,000 in credit to Roumania (not necessarily Government credit) we could get all their trade for years to come.

There's a Reason why so many people make Grape-Nuts

the regular part of at least one meal each day. It's because of the delightful flavor, and wonderful values of Grape-Nuts as a health builder.

MERCHANTS BANK CLOSES BEST YEAR IN HISTORY

Gains in Net Profits, Current Loans and Assets.

Shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada who attended the fifty-sixth annual meeting at the head office on Wednesday, the 4th instant, were treated to the most satisfactory report in the history of that well known banking institution. The statement presented showed net profits of \$1,317,669, a new high record in the history of the bank and \$146,000 more than was earned in the previous year. As a result of the larger earnings the dividend was increased from 10 to 11%. Not only were net earnings the largest in the history of the bank, but every department of the bank's activities showed satisfactory increases: being registered in current loans, deposits, liquid assets and in total assets. One of the most outstanding achievements was the large increase in deposits. Interest bearing deposits now stand at \$91,904,000, as compared with less than \$76,000,000 for the previous year. Non-interest bearing deposits gained from \$34,800,000 to \$41,552,900. In other words total deposits in Canada now amount to over \$133,000,000, as compared with \$110,000,000 in the previous year. It is somewhat significant to note that the large increase in deposits the bank's clients subscribed to over \$46,000,000 worth of Victory Loans, of which only a little over \$4,000,000 were conversions from previous issues. Another satisfactory feature is the growth in commercial loans: these having increased by nearly \$20,000,000 and now stand at \$96,874,000. This large increase indicates very clearly that the Merchants Bank is doing its full share in catering to the business needs of the community.

Despite the fact that the bank is doing a continually larger share of the country's business a further examination of the report shows that careful, conservative banking methods characterized the policy of the management. The bank has kept an unusually large proportion of its assets in liquid or quickly available form. Of its total assets of over \$146,750,000, no less than \$62,750,000 are in current coin. Dominion notes, Dominion and Provincial Government Securities. These liquid assets are over \$5,000,000 greater than a year ago and bear a very high proportion to the bank's total liabilities to the public. Total assets have increased over \$25,000,000 during the year.

In order to provide for future expansion the shareholders authorized the directors to increase the capital of the bank from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, although it was stated by the President, Sir H. Montagu Allan, that there was no intention of issuing any of this stock in the immediate future. The president also spoke feelingly of the death of Mr. Andrew A. Allan, one of the bank's directors. His place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Lorne C. Walker.

An interesting evidence of the bank's progressiveness was shown by the statement that since the signing of the armistice the bank has opened 88 branches and sub-branches which not only provided employment for the bank's officers returning from overseas but furnished that much more additional banking facilities to the public. Mr. Macarow, the general manager, stated in the course of his address that out of a staff of 1,360 at the beginning of the year, the present number is 223, or nearly 100% of the eligible. Of the number going overseas, 73 men made the supreme sacrifice while 87 were wounded.

The general manager in his analysis of present conditions spoke optimistically regarding the bank's position and its ability to share in the coming expansion of the country's business. The old board was re-elected and at a subsequent meeting of directors Sir H. Montagu Allan was re-elected President and Mr. K. W. Blackwell, Vice-President.

They Both Had Experience. A large motor car driven by a woman, says the Motor News, had just run down a man on a street crossing. "You know," said the driver to the injured man, "you must have been walking very carelessly. I am a very careful driver. I have been driving a car for seven years."

"Lady, you've got nothing on me," replied the man. "I've been walking for fifty-four years."

MONEY ORDERS. Pay your out-of-town accounts by Dominion Express Money Orders. Five Dollars costs three cents.

Cause For Satisfaction. There had been a terrible earthquake, and afterward one lady was asking another if she was not terribly frightened.

"Oh, no," she said; "I rather enjoyed it, for it was the first thing that has ever happened since I was married my husband did not blame me for."

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

A New Game. Uncle Jack and Uncle James had come to see their sister and her sweet little children, and, like the good-natured fellows they are, they were soon inveigled into the nursery.

For a while there was nothing more than the usual amount of uproarious riot which denoted that the little ones were perfectly happy; but at last the noise increased to such a terrific extent that mamma hurried up to find out the cause of it.

"Why, children, children!" she cried, "whatever is all this noise about?"

But little Freddy only smiled. "It's all right, mummy," he said, "we are playing a new game; we've locked Uncle Jack and Uncle James up in the cupboard, and when they get a bit angrier I'm going into the lions' den. Will you stop and see us play?"

The first Roumanian aid for several million dollars, placed through the Canadian Trade Commission, has been satisfactorily completed.

THANKFUL MOTHERS.

Thousands of mothers throughout Canada—many of them your neighbors—speak with thankfulness concerning the use of Baby's Own Tablets. Once they have used the Tablets for their little ones they would use nothing else. The Tablets are an absolutely safe medicine for even the youngest baby, being guaranteed by a government analyst to contain neither opiates nor narcotics or other harmful drugs. Concerning them Mrs. David McRobb, Divids, Sask., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets and have found them so satisfactory I would not be without them."

The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 35 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

THROUGH THE CANADIAN ALPS.

Between Banff, the popular summer resort in the Canadian Pacific Rockies and Lake Windermere, the head waters of the great Columbia River, lies an Alpine ridge of spectacular beauty, forming part of the Great Divide. This ridge is penetrated by two comparatively easy passes, the Simpson, and the Vermilion which lead into the Valley of the Kootenay River, a region abounding in game on account of its being well south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Between the Kootenay River and the Columbia River is a small range of mountains through which the Sinclair Pass and Canyon provide an easy road. When the first surveys were made for an automobile road between Banff and Windermere it was planned to use the Simpson Pass, named after Sir George Simpson, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, who made this crossing in 1841. But the route over the Vermilion was found to be easier and at the same time more beautiful, and construction of the Highway of the Great Divide was commenced from opposite Castle Mountain in this direction. At the same time the road from Windermere through the Sinclair Canyon was also commenced and at the time of the outbreak of war a gap of only thirty miles separated the two roads. War put an end to construction, and a great washout destroyed several miles of the western end, so that the project seemed to have been abandoned. Now, however, the Dominion Government has made an arrangement with the British Columbia Government by which the route of the road goes under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parks, and a substantial appropriation has been allotted to finish the work. In this way there is every prospect of the early completion of what will be the most wonderful automobile road in Canada, opening up an Alpine region of entrancing beauty. It will be possible to motor from Calgary to Windermere between sunrise and sunset through a hundred miles of the most glorious scenery in North America. A good automobile road runs south to Fort Steele and Cranbrook, and from Cranbrook there are excellent roads to Spokane, or eastward through the Crow's Nest Pass, and back to Calgary. The Good Roads Association of Alberta is enthusiastic over the prospect as this will mean the advent of many tourists from all over America. The new road will also be of great benefit to the Upper Columbia Valley, which has many attractions for settlers on account of the fertility of the soil and suitability for mixed farming. This valley is served by the Kootenay Central Railway, a recently constructed branch of the Canadian Pacific.

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BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Defined. "What's ecstacy, pa?"

"A sort of ingrowing self-esteem, my son."

The Easy Life. "You college men seem to take life pretty easy."

"Yes; even when we graduate we do it by degrees."

He Knew. Teacher—Don't you know that punctuation means that you must pause?

Willie—Course I do. An auto driver punctuated his tire in front of our house Sunday and he paused for half an hour.

Wanted to Know. The policeman pulled the man out from under the wreck and helped him to his feet.

"Are you the owner of this car?" he asked. "No," replied the injured man, "I'm a demonstrator."

"And did you have to demonstrate that the car couldn't climb a tree?"

His Father's Day. "You look like a fool," thundered the disgruntled man to his son just returned from college. "More and more like a conceited, hare-brained, helpless fool every year." Just then an acquaintance of the old gentleman entered the office and saw the youth.

"Hello, Charlie, back, eh?" exclaimed the visitor. "You're looking more and more like your father every year."

"Yes," said Charlie, "that's what the governor's just been telling me."

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

Their Own Dope. "The Germans complain that it is a peace of hate."

"They shouldn't object to that. It's just the kind of a war they started out to make."

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