

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

revolution, the damage and loss of life was exceedingly insignificant.

The United States has declared war upon Germany followed by what is considered the breaking off of diplomatic relationship between Austria and the States.

Events leading up to America throwing in her naval and military forces, backed up by strong financial support, with that of the Entente Allies followed rapidly one on top of another, beginning with President Wilson's memorable speech before the Senate in March.

Cuba then declared war and at the moment of writing several other southern Republicans are expected to do likewise.

The submarine warfare continues but with diminishing results.

The form of conscription which will effect not only Great Britain but her colonies is anticipated and Britain will be empowered to add considerably to her man-power.

General News Items.

The death of the Duchess of Connaught was announced on March 14th.

The third Canadian Domestic War Loan with an issue of \$150,000,000 worth of 5%, 20 year bonds at 96, was opened, and within a few days very much over subscribed, on March 11th.

The strike effecting some 400,000 members of the four great railroad brotherhoods in the States was only averted at the last moment on March 18th.

The interesting news is announced that \$60,000,000 worth of shipping is under contract in the Canadian yards.

A little more than thirty per cent of the several hundred men of the French colony St. Pierre contributed in the defence of the motherland have died on the battle-field.

The Post Master General, Hon. P. E. Blondin, resigned his portfolio for the purpose of enlisting in overseas forces, but this was not accepted and it is understood that the Hon. E. L. Pateneau, Secretary of State, will be acting Post Master General during his absence.

What it costs teachers to live was sought for school superintendent Miller of Dayton, Ohio, by the Dayton Bureau of Research. The questionnaire was never finished because of unfortunate objection. The idea was to base the demand for salary increases upon a large number of actual teacher budgets of expense under twenty-one different headings.

Dr. Leon W. Goldrich, of P. S. 62, Manhattan, has his teachers use several drill cards in language and spelling. The cards themselves are printed by boys and girls in the school print shop. The mistakes in grammar and pronunciation that are frequent in that locality are featured on different cards.

The Canning school building caught fire recently, shortly after school was dismissed. For a while it looked as if the fine building was doomed. But the firemen and others by hard work and by cutting several holes through the roof and partitions soon had the fire under control.

Miss Lorena Spicer, of Spencer's Island, who graduated last year from Mount Allison University and has just finished a course at Truro Normal School, has taken a school at Canso. Miss Spicer visited Sackville and Amherst before leaving for Canso.

The Northfield School is progressing under the management of Miss Sadie J. Mason.

Inspector Robinson has been visiting the Hantsport schools and found them in a promising condition.

The Elderbank School is progressing very favorably under the management of the Misses Rita Killen and Ethel MacKay.

President Richard C. Maclaurin, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, announces a step forward in methods of education, by establishment of a body within the Institute whose function it shall be to seek means of improving the methods of instruction. This committee is to be a permanent one and the Institute has selected for its chairman, Dr. Charles R. Mann of the University of Chicago.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of George Peabody College for Teachers held in Nashville last Monday, President Payne announced the gift of \$180,000 for a library building from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. At the meeting Monday the Trustees provided for a permanent annual expenditure upon the library of \$10,000. It is the purpose of Peabody Teachers College to establish one of the best libraries for teachers in the United States. With this splendid gift from the Carnegie Corporation and the annual contribution of \$10,000 from the College Trustees, together with the 50,000 volumes which were accumulated at Peabody Normal and the University of Nashville for the past hundred years, now the property of Peabody Teachers College, it is assured that the very greatest teachers' library in the south will soon be housed at Peabody Teachers College. It is not generally known that the library which was transferred to Peabody Teachers College by Peabody Normal and by the University of Nashville was for many years the oldest, largest and best teachers' library on the American continent. With these 50,000 unusually rare books to begin with Peabody Teachers' library will within a few months become the Mecca for the teachers and school administrators of the South, Middle West, and North Central States.

Contracts for the building of the new Lancaster School Building, St. John, were let recently. F. Neil Brodie is the architect. The mason work on the building was let to Grant & Horne; J. M. Belyea secured the carpenter work and G. & E. Blake the plumbing and heating for the proposed building. William E. Demings was awarded the contract for painting and glazing. The building, when completed, will cost about \$25,000.

It is stipulated that the building be completed and ready for use on November 1st.

The Rolling Dam School is progressing favorably under the management of Miss Grace Boyd.