LESS BOASTING AND MORE ACTIVITY IS URGED

CASPAR WHITNEY DEPRECATES GLOWING STORIES OF ACTIVITY

New York Newspaper Man Tells Americans They Have Made Mistake in Boasting of Airplane Programme Which Fizzled This Year—Thinks Censor Can Put a Stop To Flamboyant Tales of Mighty Coming Achievements.

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Caspar Whitney).

Paris, May 25—The news that President Wilson has given John D. Ryan plenary powers in the American bureau of aircraft production was received here with thankfulness and hopes rose that Mr. Ryan's naive intelligence and executive force will permeate all branches of the bureau from publicity to decisions on models and deliveries in France.

Yet the high promises of production that have been filling the papers recently are regarded with alarm as they recall a similar epidemic of prophecies and laudation that ushered in the "work" on our widely advertised "1918 spring air programme," the dismal reality of which we now feel.

It will be remembered that from time to time, there arose engaging accounts of the proposed activities and American deceptive stories of the aircraft equipment in France found their way into the press to discredit our undoubtedly excellent intentions and to mislead our allies.

We must stop it. The censor can do the American people and the allied cause no better service than to eliminate this stuff from the copy passing through his hands. In fact the censorship rules prescribe "exaggerations of our activities accomplished or contemplated, and they should be studiously avoided because of the bad effect that this will have on the respect which our allies have for our promises."

It is urged that the censor give strict attention to this part of his work.

No Overdrawn Pictures.

It is agreed that there must be an end to the overdrawn pictures of such a small part as we, at this moment, may take in France while fitting ourselves to do our full share which we will do, when the time comes, and do well. There must be no more loud talk of giant programmes and world filling output. It is not what we talk about doing or what we expect to do that will help our western front, but what we do. Let us be humble in the fact of our actual air production this year compared with the grandiose programme we last year promised our allies.

Must Stop Bragging.

I do not recall this for the purpose of criticism, but solely to reinforce the appeal to America to stop bragging.

Let's do something first and talk about it afterwards, or, better, let us adopt the British habit of doing it and leaving the talking to the other fellow.

In that section where the American troops are gathering, the importance of the aeroplane is fully recognized. "The boys are doing mighty well," said an officer who is best qualified to speak on a certain sector. "They are in fine shape and are getting better and wiser every day."

British officers in the field speak equally as well of the American soldiers. "They are a topping lot," said one Briton, which means that we are all perfectly sure of, that they are fine material and will make good when called from the reserves to take their place on the firing line where but few of them now are on the west front.

A British Example.

The great work of the British aeroplanes in covering General Gough's retreat, by destroying the German lines of communication, and through directing the allied artillery in killing and demoralizing the German troops gathering for the attack, all shows the vital part the aeroplane plays in this kind of warfare.

tI also shows the imperative need that we shall in our nevt essay make good our air programme.

Meanwhile, let us not blow about it in America; certainly not in France.

ARREST IN COCAGNE FOR GRAND FALLS

Usebe Goguen Accused of Raising $19 Cheque To $99.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, May 26—Usebe Goguen, a young man charged with raising a check at Grand Falls, was arrested today at Cocagne by Inspector Rideout, who was in that locality searching for deserters under the Military Service Act. Goguen was brought to Moncton and placed in the local jail. He is charged with raising a check from $19.00 to $99.00. The accused had been working on drives at Grand Falls.

HOLIDAY JUNE THE 3RD.

From information received from the Secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association at Ottawa, it is found that the King's birthday, June 3rd, is not observed as a holiday by the stores throughout the rest of Canada. However, many of the merchants of St. John, especially considering Patriotic requirements and the War Garden movement, have decided to close their stores on Monday, June the 3rd. The Summer half holidays will not commence until Saturday, June 8th.

WOMAN ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE

Gertrude Thomas, Maid in Local Hotel, Alleged To Have Stolen Linen — Was Remanded in Police Court.

An alleged case of theft, which may have been going on for some time at one of the local hotels was halted on Saturday morning, when a woman, Gertrude Thomas, was handed over to the detectives charged with being associated with the case. The party was employed as a maid, and it is stated carried away a considerable quantity of bedroom linen. The system used at the hotel is for the maids to check up the number of pieces of soiled linen with the number of pieces of clean linen, and to be correct both must correspond. For instance if a girl was given ten sheets and twenty clean towels from the laundry, she must return the same number of soiled pieces. It is alleged that the party involved did not do this, and several pieces were found to be missing. After making inquiries and taking note of the facts arising, the woman was suspected and apprehended.

Owing to the linen, in some cases bearing the label of the hotel, it was a simple matter to remove the label. Where it was marked at the laundry it only required a short time before the mark became effaced.

She was taken before the police magistrate in the police court on Saturday and remanded.

DROWNED IN SIGHT OF HIS SISTER

Oren Greenwood of Wilson's Beach, Campobello, Loses His Life in Jumping From Power Boat To Small Craft.

Special to The Standard.

Campobello, May 26.—In the first drowning accident of the season in the vicinity of Campobello, Oren Greenwood, of Wilson's Beach, lost his life there close to the shore and within sight of his only sister, Mary, and a number of other Islanders on the wharves who were unable to save him. Greenwood had been several miles down Passamaquoddy Bay Thursday with a boatman who was taking a motorboat to Eastport. Nearing the breakwater off Wilson's Beach, where a small row boat was moored, Greenwood concluded to jump off his fast moving craft and missed the smaller boat.

He was carried away by the swift running tides, for which that section has long been noted. He sank and came up once and disappeared.

The body was recovered. Greenwood was 28 years of age and a native of Wilson's Beach. He is survived by a wife, infant child, two brothers and a sister. His parents are dead. Mrs. Greenwood and child were in a Boston hospital last week and arrived home the day after his death. He was a splendid young man and highly respected.

GEORGE P. JONES OF SUNNY BRAE DEAD

Resident of Moncton For Nearly Forty Years—Wife Was St. John Woman.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, May 26.—Geo. P. Jones, an aged and well known citizen of Sunny Brae, died quite suddenly this morning at five o'clock at his home. He had been ill but a few days. Deceased was seventy-eight years old and was born in Yarmouth, N. S. He had resided in Moncton the last thirty eight years. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Joanna Trueman, of St. John, one son, Clarence L. Jones, merchant, Sunny Brae; two daughters, Mrs. Clarence L. Grace, Moncton, and Miss Laura at home. Dr. William M. Jones, of Bathurst, is a grandson.

SEVEN BUILDINGS IN PT. HAWKESBURY GO UP IN SMOKE

Cape Breton Town on Strait of Canso Has Serious Sunday Blaze—Customs House and Western Union Burned.

Port Hawkesbury, N. S., May 26—Seven buildings were destroyed in Port Hawkesbury this morning through a fire which commenced at 11.30 o'clock in the roof of the home of Mrs. Norman McIntyre. Fanned by a strong north wind, the flames spread and were not extinguished until four o'clock in the afternoon. It is stated that an investigation will be held. The buildings destroyed were Mrs. Norman McIntyre's house and store, the Western Union telegraph building, the homes of A. C. Chisholm, John D. McPherson and Andrew Strong, and the customs house. Fire in the Presbyterian church and the home of D. S. Chisholm was extinguished with little difficulty.

When the flames were seen an alarm was sounded by the Leonard Fisheries plant whistle and word was sent to the churches. The fire department turned out in record time, but as they could not combat with the flames alone, the assistance of the ferry steamer Scotia and the steamer Alert was obtained. That the flames apparently jumped over buildings is the opinion of men acquainted with the town. One man was surprised when told that while A. C. Chisholm's house and the Western Union buildings were destroyed, the former's store was apparently uninjured. The store is situated directly across a fifteen foot street from the Western Union building and is in front of the house.

DESERTERS STILL TAKE TO WOODS IN KENT COUNTY

Authorities Find However That Shooting of Week Ago Has Had Salutary Effect on Many Young Men—Twenty-Five Men Coming To St. John.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, May 26—Inspector Rideout, Acting Chief Belliveau and Sergt. Routout paid a visit today to Cocagne, Buctouche and Richibucto, rounding up deserters under the Military Service Act. They found that as a result of the shooting escapade last Sunday in which Lorenzo Sawyer was shot people were less hostile, young men showing more of a disposition to obey the law.

In consequence of the warning sent to deserters during the past week the military police will bring to Moncton from Kent county some twenty or twenty-five men to be forwarded to St. John for military service.

There are still, however, many deserters in hiding, and in some places farming has been neglected as result of parties taking to the woods to evade the military police.

Lorenzo Sawyer, who was shot by military police last Sunday at Buctouche and was brought to Moncton hospital, is recovering.

CASES OF SPINAL MENINGITIS FOUND

Reported Couple of Depot Battalion Men Discovered With The Disease — Every Precaution Being Taken.

It was reported last night that the members of the 1st Depot Battalion who were away from the barracks were not permitted to return to their quarters and those at the barracks were unable to leave the grounds, owing to the discovery of two suspected cases of spinal menengetis in "D" company. On Friday, one case of this disease was discovered among the soldiers and was immediately attended to. Yesterday after a number of men had left the barracks the two suspected cases were learned of and a double guard was placed on the gates to prevent the men entering or leaving the grounds.

The Parks Convalescent Home has been taken over for the housing of patients suffering from this disease and one proficient in looking after such cases will attend to the patients. Just how serious the cases are it is not known but every precaution will be taken to combat as far as posible the spreading of the disease.

MEXICO AND CUBA IN SOME DISAGREEMENT

Diplomatic Relations Said To Have Been Severad, Washington Reports — Havana Denies It.

Washington, May 25.—The state department has received information from its own sources that the Mexican diplomatic representative at Havana has been withdrawn by Mexico, but no explanation was given in the despatches.

Havana, May 25.—The report that Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba could not be confirmed here early today. In official circles it was stated that there was absolutely no foundation for such a report. The Mexican charge d affaires left Havana yesterday for Mexico City, but visited President Menocal before leaving.

MARSHAL VON LUDENDORFF PLANS TREMENDOUS BLOW

On Each Side of Battlefront Prodigious Tasks Being Accomplished and Gigantic Feats Being Hurried To Completion, But Great War Machines Remain Stationary.

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, May 26—Probably because the war has changed our standards the events of the last week seem of minor importance and the developments of a political and military nature arouses little interest. On each side of the battlefront prodigious tasks are being accomplished and gigantic engineering feats are being hurried to completion, but the great war machines remain stationary.

According to most calculations, May promised to be a month of heavy and continuous fighting, but the German militarists hold the initiative and they decided otherwise.

Nothing is certain in war as every general and statesman can testify. Today the leaders in Armageddon qualify every prophesy and much of their time is devoted to defending their actions. Lloyd George spent his week-end building up the morals of the country by his buoying statement about shipbuilding. Incidentally he used the figures he quoted to defend his administration.

Defend Irish Policy.

Today the British press contain a defense of the Government's policy in Ireland. Its statement apparently doesn't satisfy many of the Liberal organs and it is easy to judge from this what will be the attitude in Ireland where the masses have little faith in the British Government whatever their political complexion.

Some of the Conservative papers defend the Government's defense. As the war drags on it becomes more and more of a defensive struggle in which the politicians and soldiers find their tasks constantly increasing.

Though Ludendorff is preparing a fresh slaughter, it is really a defense of the German militarists—a policy of justification which is condemned in allied lands and which is doomed to failure at home unless it completely vindicates itself.

Every bit of the old glamour of war is gone today. It is a struggle for the defense of home, for the defense of freedom for the defense of the world, against future wars. Ludendorff is fighting for the preservation of his profession.

Huns on Defensive.

No body of politicians and soldiers are more on the defensive than those of Germany. Within and without they are subject to constant attack and as their difficulties grow, their desperation increases so that they have abandoned every pretense of recognizing justice and right not only towards their enemies but towards their friends.

In a last desperate effort to find a way out Ludendorff is organizing for a tremendous blow. Daily he calls fresh divisions into line and increases his stock of shells and guns. He waits because he fears failure. He delays because he must succeed now or never will he have another opportunity. Ludendorff would like to get the channel ports for submarine bases. He would like to have the Crown Prince make a triumphant entry into Paris. He would like to march across the northern frontier of Italy and to fall upon the rich country of southeastern France. If he obtained any of these new objectives Prussian militarism would enjoy a new lease of life.

America His Nemesis.

But America is his Nemesis. At every step he takes he finds she offers an obstacle. Ludendorff is getting reinforcements from the east and workers from the Russian provinces. He is driving Austrians into the battle. He is using the mailed fist in Bohemia. All over central Europe he is mobilizing everything for a vindication of militarism.

Lloyd George says that he could give an exhaustive recital of German blunders. The greatest of these was the decision which brought America into the war.

Ludendorff might have won with the submarine. He might have saved hundreds of thousands of German lives and millions of marks had not American destroyers come to the support of the British as U-Boat hunters and convoy protectors and had not American shipyards supplemented the British output. Ludendorff would have advanced farther in March and April had not American engineers constructed miles of roads behind the British lines.

Brigading of Troops.

Ludendorff would have had less to fear today if America had not made the great sacrifice of brigading the American troops with the British and French and her ships with the British and French fleets.

Europe has exhausted her supply of youthful fighting materials. Ludendorff is no fool. He calculates cooly and reasons dispassionately and when Lloyd George says that this is a race between Germany and America, he acknowledges that America will have to settle this war. Because Ludendorff persists in harrassing the British and French troops along the Lys, it is natural to expect that he will try to get to the channel.

For the third time within a week the Bethune area has been drenched with gas but still the German storm troops remain unactive. His artillery works fitfully, becoming intensely violent in a short sector and then dying away. These tactics are intended to unnerve the defenders and give an element of surprise to the coming attack but the allied airmen have enjoyed unusual observation during the week and little goes on behind the enemy's lines of which Foch is unaware and unable to make disposition accordingly.

Though the peoples attention has been turned for the moment towards Ireland that is a minor question. What happens on the field of battle is the only thing that counts now. If Ludendorff is balked, if he falls short of a decision the turning point in the war will have been reached. Because America cannot become exhausted and every European belligerent can. If Germany doesn't win this summer she never will. She has a lot of paper money but she cannot negotiate it.

MAN AND 14-YEAR OLD NIECE UNDER ARREST

Foxcroft Couple Skipped From Foxcroft, Me., To Carleton County.

Woodstock, May 26.—John Frederick Ackerman, aged 33, and Miss Ackerman, his 14 year old niece, who disappeared from Foxcroft, Me., on May 18, are under arrest in Houlton. When they disappeared they came to this county and the police were notified by the Maine authorities.

Chief Kelly learned that they had spent a night in a barn on the Houlton Road, but they got over the Maine boundary before he reached them. He notified the Houlton police and they took the pair into custody, the man on a serious charge.

ONLY SON OF HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM IS DEAD

Capt. W. N. Graham Succumbs To Wounds Received Last Wednesday on Fighting Line.

Brockville, Ont., May 26.—Captain W. N. Graham, only son of the Hon. Geo. P. and Mrs. Graham, has succumbed to wounds received on the 22nd instant on the fighting line in France. Captain Graham enlisted here in the latter port of 1915 in the 156th Leeds and Grenville Battalion. Later, on the breakup of the battalion he went into the trenches with the 31st western battalion.

He was a graduate of the Ontario Law School and practised law in Toronto and Ottawa. He leaves a wife and two children. Captain Graham was the only surviving son of the former minister of railways and canals, the other son, Percy M. Gra-

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GIRL LOST IN THE WOODS IS FOUND BY MILITIA SQUAD

Miss Grace Chase, Daughter of Stanley Chase of North Devon, Had Been Missing From Home Three Days — She Had Been Ill and Condition Quite Serious.

Fredericton, May 26.—After having been lost in the woods for three days Miss Grace Chase, daughter of Mr. Stanley Chase, North Devon, was found by a detachment of the Central Ontario Battalion which went out Saturday to hunt for her. When found she was in a very weak and semi-conscious condition and medical aid was summoned. Her clothes were badly torn from her wanderings about in the dense woods.

Miss Chase disappeared while out in the field back of the old Peabody place at North Devon with her mother and a younger sister. She said that she was going into the woods to gather Mayflowers. She started into the woods and returned for a pair of scissors which she had been using in doing fancy work.

She took the scissors and went into the woods only twenty feet from where her parent was sitting and this was the last seen of her until she was found. As evening approached and the girl did not return home her family became anxious. Search was made and it was thought that her tracks led from the woods to the C. P. R. track and up as far as Nashwaaksis siding, but no person along this road had seen the girl. The Killarney road runs along the back of the woods into which the girl disappeared, and she had not been seen on that road by any person so far as can be learned. Searching parties were out all day Friday and the Ontario draft volunteered for service yesterday.

The girl has been troubled for some days with pains in her head and when these have come on suddenly she has often become semi-conscious. One theory advanced by members of her family is that, after she went into the dense woods, she was seized with one of these attacks while in the woods. She is unable to say what took place and her condition is quite serious.

MRS. JAMES E. TRITES OF MONCTON IS DEAD

Was Mother of C. B. Trites, Secretary of C. G. R. Insurance and Relief Association.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, May 26—After a few weeks illness, Mrs. James E. Trites, wife of a well known C. G. R. machinist, died at her home here Saturday morning, aged 75 years. She had resided in Moncton more than half a century and was one of the original members of the first Presbyterian congregation in this city.

Deceased was born in Charlottetown, being the daughter of the late Lauchlin McKinnon, a native of Scotland.

C. B. Trites, secretary of the C. G. R. Insurance and Relief Association, Moncton, is a son. Another son, Gordon, is with the railway engineers in France. Two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, Chilliwack, B. C., and Miss Kathryn, also survive.

SOLDIERS MIX MATTERS

Two gladiators of the militia locked arms on Charlotte St., yesterday. The former a returned man; the latter, a military police.

The returned man was out for the sole purpose of his health in the open air, and being minus a certain part of his uniform, was upbraided by the M. P. The outcome was that the M. P. found his face a resting place for the burly fist of the Veteran, and suffered some bad knocks. How the returned man will come off in the affair is yet to be told. But order is order, and likely the M. P. was in the right.

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Women who suffer from displacements, irregularities, inflammation, ulceration, backache, sideache, headaches or "the blues" should not rest until they have given this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial. If complications exist, write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special suggestions. The result of its long experience is at your service.

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Any man who appreciates distinctive clothes will find them here at a reasonable price — Good suits as low as $18 and up to $35 for the best.

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MAY—PHASES OF THE MOON.

Last Quarter, 3rd	....	7h. 26m. p.m.
New Moon, 10th	....	10h. 1m. a.m.
First Quarter, 17th	..	5h. 14m. p.m.
Full Moon, 25th	....	7h. 32m. p.m.

Date	D. of W.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	H. Water a.m.	H. Water p.m.	L. Water a.m.	L. Water p.m.
27	Mon	5.48	7.53	1.12	13.37	7.30	19.49
28	Tue	5.47	7.54	1.48	14.16	8.10	20.29
29	Wed	5.46	7.55	2.26	14.57	8.52	21.12
30	Thu	5.45	7.56	3.17	15.42	9.37	22.00
31	Fri	5.45	7.57	4.03	16.34	10.26	22.52

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Light to moderate winds; fair; stationary, or a little higher temperature.

Northern New England—Local showers Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy. Moderate southeast and south winds.

Toronto, May 26—Since Saturday thunderstorms have been almost general in Ontario and a few light scattered showers occurred in the west. Otherwise the weather in Canada has been fair. Very warm conditions prevail in the southwestern counties of Ontario.

Complexion Lotion! Use Fresh Lemons and Strain Juice

Any grocer will sell you two fresh lemons and your drug store will supply you with three ounces of orchard white. Put these in a bottle and shake well. Here you have a whole quarter pint of the most wonderful lemon lotion at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold cream.

Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoother and beautifier.

Used by day this sweetly fragrant lotion protects the skin from the evil effects of the weather and prevents roughness, redness, chafing and smarting. At night it works in the pores while you sleep, and is intended to bring a freshness and peach-like beauty that wins envy and admiration.

Just try it! Make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally helps to whiten, soften, freshen and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin. It works marvelously on rough, red hands. Try it and see for yourself.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT WILLIAM J. CHEYNE, of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, and Province of New Brunswick, and Ernest T. Cheyne, at present of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, doing business under the name and style of "Cheyne & Co.," did on the twenty-second day of May, A. D., 1918, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 1903, respecting Assignments and Preferences by insolvent persons, make an assignment for the benefit of their creditors to the undersigned Kenneth A. Wilson, of said City of Saint John, barrister-at-law, and that a meeting of the creditors of the said William J. Cheyne and Ernest T. Cheyne, will be held at the office of the said Kenneth A. Wilson, Number 45 Canterbury street, in the said City of Saint John on Friday, the thirty-first day of May, A. D., 1918, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, for the appointment of inspectors and the giving directions as to the disposal of the estate and the transaction of such other business as shall lawfully come before the meeting.

And further take notice that all creditors are required to file their claims duly proven with the Assignee within three months of the date of this notice, unless further time be allowed by a Judge of the Supreme Court or County Court, and that all claims not filed within the time limited or such further time, if any, as may be allowed by any such Judge, shall be wholly barred of any right to share in the proceeds of the estate, and that the said Assignee shall be at liberty to distribute the proceeds of the said estate as if any claim not filed as aforesaid did not exist, but without prejudice to the liability of the debtor therefore.

Dated at the said City of Saint John this twenty-third day of May, A. D., 1918.

KENNETH A. WILSON, Assignee.