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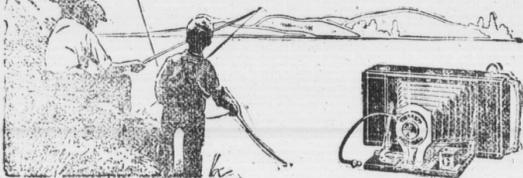
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From the Front

The following letter was received by Mrs. E. M. Fair from her brother, Rev. R. H. Steagy, Senior Chaplain with the first Canadian contingent:—

On Tuesday morning I took a motor car and went out to the 2nd Battalion to celebrate the Holy Communion. We had seventy-six communicants; one officer, Capt. O'Flinn, Belleville, Ont., and another officer, Capt. Currie, Brockville, Ont., were there. It was a lovely service, out in an open field, the sky full of aircraft, a captive balloon over us, and all these brave lads there by their own free will.

Last night I was just going to bed when a fight started, so Canon Almond and I hustled out to see what we could do. It did not last long. We blew up a German trench. The way it is done is very simple: We start away back, dig down deep, then start an underground ditch or tunnel, and work over into their territory and under their trenches, put in powerful explosives, and everything is ready. When we are ready for the attack we set off this mine, blow up the German trench, rush forward, kill what are left and take the trench, dig ourselves in and fight the Germans if they make a counter attack in the hope of regaining the lost ground.

I am not with the Clearing Station now. The war office allowed us more Chaplains so I put three on the Clearing Station and confined my efforts to the Divisional Headquarters and management of the work of the Chaplains. I have such a splendid staff of Chaplains, grand soldiers of God and the King, Barton of B. C., Payne of Moose Jaw, Wells, Woods, Beattie and Whitaker of Manitoba, Gordon of Kingston, Pringle of N. S., Canon Scott of Quebec, McCreer and Canon Almond of Montreal, Warner of N. S., and many others. They are all doing great work and I am proud of them. We all work in peace and harmony. The R. C.'s are fine fellows, and so loyal to me in every way.

Golden Wedding

The fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr and Mrs A. W. Judson was celebrated on Tuesday, Aug. 3rd at the summer home of Mr and Mrs W. F. Earl at Charleston Lake. About thirty friends and relatives gathered to show their respect and esteem to Mr and Mrs Judson and many beautiful gifts were presented to commemorate the fiftieth milestone of a happy married life.

The golden wedding celebrations of Mr and Mrs Judson will long be remembered as a happy event and a feature of it which will not soon be forgotten was the magnificent fish dinner prepared for the guests which in abundance, variety and quality was a revelation of art and reflected great credit on the cleverness of the hostess.

One daughter and two sons blessed this union, Mrs W. F. Earl, Athens, Jas. W. Judson, Brockville and F. A. Judson, Athens.

The many friends and neighbors of the bridegroom joined in wishing them many more happy years of married life.

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Davis—McLellan.

A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage, Smiths Falls, Wednesday evening at five o'clock, when Mabel Luella, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLellan, was united in marriage to Mr. Chas. Davis of Merrickville, the Rev. D. T. Cummings performing the ceremony.

The bride was prettily dressed in a gown of ivory duchess silk crepe de chene, trimmed with a bolero of lace. The young couple were unattended. They will reside in Merrickville and went to their home that day.

W. A. Brown, Lyndhurst, and Others Hurt in Runaway

Thursday morning of last week four men while driving in the stage between Lyndhurst station and the village had an experience they do not care to have repeated very soon. The stage had met the morning C.N.R. train from Brockville and was returning to the hotel in the village. All went well until the top of the steep hill just east of the village was reached when a whiffletree suddenly snapped in two and the horses immediately bolted. In the rig at the time were W. A. Brown, driver, and three travellers, J. A. Traversy, Brockville; Wm. Leadbeater, Lyndhurst, and L. Smith of Seeley's Bay. The horses in making the getaway came in contact with an electric light pole. The force of the impact freed the animals, and the driver, Mr Brown, was thrown from the rig and striking the pole with great violence received several cuts about the head. His side and a knee were also injured. The travellers escaped by jumping and were more or less shaken up. Mr Brown was picked up and conveyed to the hotel, which is conducted by his son-in-law, A. M. Sweet. Dr. Young, of Seeley's Bay was called and attended him. For a time his injuries looked serious, but it is now thought that he will be alright in a few days. The horses once free of the rig, made a furious gallop through the main street of the village, but were captured before any more damage was done. In the wagon at the time was a consignment of roofing.

Letter from Keith McLaughlin

The following letter was received a few days ago by Mrs G. W. Beach of this place:—

July 20, 1915

Dear Aunt and Uncle,—Everything is O. K. and expect to be at the front before this letter arrives but write just the same as it will be forwarded to "Somewhere in France." Ross is still here but expects to go with the artillery as the dental men are all sent to the different battalions to yank out molars for the men. However I am glad that we have been together for a couple of weeks for if this war lasts for any time there is very little chance for the infantry man. We had our photos taken together and I had on my kilt. It is a heathen arrangement for a windy day.

Well I have joined the bomb or grenade throwers, commonly called the suicide squad as their work is extremely dangerous and there are no wounded for should an accident happen the funeral director need not call but a guy with dust pan and brush. But isn't it better to be blown to pieces than come back minus a limb and a nuisance to everyone. The bomb throwers carry anywhere from a dozen bombs upwards when going into action and should there be faulty workmanship or bum fuse his life pays the price. A time bomb cannot be thrown more than 30 or 35 yards so you see it means exposure to fire. We also act as wire cutters. In a charge the bomb throwers go with the infantry men throwing hand grenades and are supposed to go farther than the bayonet men and hold back the enemy until the communication trenches are blocked. But I thought I could do more damage in this than with a rifle and my right arm was always a good wing only you throw a bomb with a stiff arm motion as they weigh about two pounds each. Well if I ever come back I have something to tell, and I'm not dead yet.

The Germans are not painted any worse than the devils are for I have talked with fellows and with the exception of the Saxons they are imps of hell.

Well the boys are marching in so must close as the bugle will soon blow "Come to the cookhouse door boys, come to cookhouse door."

With respects to all, I am,
Your faithful nephew,
Keith

Aged Farmer Falls to His Death.

A fatal accident which happened on Saturday at Forfar has cast a gloom over the residents of that pretty little village, situated on the C. N. R. Jas. Adrian, a respected farmer who resides with his sister, Mrs. Chapman, in the village, was driving a one horse wagon loaded with hay up a steep, rocky hill in the village when the whiffletree broke, causing Mr. Adrian to fall from his elevated position. He alighted on his head on a stone, causing a fracture of the skull from which he died shortly afterward.

Deceased was 78 years of age, and upon coming to Canada, settled in Kent Co. One year ago he removed to Forfar, where he has since resided with his sister.

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