

COMING EVENTS

X. W. C. A. ANNUAL MEETING
open to all members, Friday, May 11th, at 4.30 p.m., in the Association reading room.

NOTICE: Woodman of the World, Brantford Camp, will hold an open meeting on Friday night, May 11, at 8 o'clock. All members and their wives and lady friends are requested to attend. Games will be played and refreshments served. A. B. Lee C. C.

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IN MEMORIAM.

David Willis, passed away Feb. 21, 1916, and his beloved wife, Amanda, May 10th, 1916.

"He gives His beloved sleep."

CARD OF THANKS.

The family of the late Hagia Westbrook wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy extended in their recent sad bereavement.

Death Notice

ALDRICH—In Washington, D.C., Mrs. Allan Aldrich, sister of Mr. W. S. Wisner. Funeral will take place Saturday, at 2.30 from the residence of Mrs. John Ott, Darling St., to Greenwood cemetery.

SMITH—At his home on the McGill tract, on Wednesday morning, May 9th, 1917, John Smith, aged 59 years. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to Mt. Pleasant cemetery. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

FAWCETT—On Sunday, May 6th, Lottie Fawcett, beloved wife of Orlo Fawcett, Newport. Funeral will take place Wednesday, May 9th, at 2 o'clock, at her late residence, Interment at Farningdon cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

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FRANCE TODAY HAS BEEN IN JOAN OF ARC, SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Claire Ferchaud, French Maiden, Believed to Have Received Special Gifts From Heaven and to be the Nation's Heroine in a Modern Re-incarnation

Early in March the coming of a new Joan of Arc was announced. The newspapers for a few days spoke of her, or rather tried to speak of her, for really they knew little about her, none giving her Christian name and all spelling her family name incorrectly, and then silence closed around her. But it was noticed that the religious press notably the great church daily, La Croix, preferred not to mention her. The Bishop of Poitiers in his local diocesan weekly organ printed a few lines to the effect that for some time there has been much talk of a young member of the diocese, Claire Ferchaud, of Rinfilliers (Deux Sevres department).

"A few words," the Bishop continued, "are necessary that the faithful should not be led into error on the matter. It is true that a committee of inquiry has been appointed to question the young girl as to the supernatural favors that have been bestowed on her. The members of the committee are not the Bishop, but as yet have reached no conclusion. Consequently all that has been told or published about the girl should be held as questionable. Nevertheless, in the grave circumstances through which we are passing, prayer remains for French Catholics a very efficient arm to obtain victory for us."

The first (and really only) story printed about the girl's wonderful powers, told how she was summoned by the Bishop of Poitiers and on arriving found herself facing a group of priests. The Bishop had made one of his clerics put on the episcopal robe while he himself wore an ordinary priest's gown and stood among the other clergy present. The girl said at once to the priest clothed in velvet.

"What do you know about it? Have you seen him?" she was asked. "I have never seen him, but I know that you are not the bishop." And she went to the Bishop, kissed his hand, and asked for his blessing. This story, changing the bishop for the King, has been told of the historical Joan of Arc, and is probably only an imitation of the original.

The Sun's correspondent, on inquiring from some one who was acquainted with the country from which the new Joan of Arc comes as to her powers of second sight, was told that she had denounced a certain German and his wife as being a spy. The accusation was laughed at, as the people were widely known and respected, and yet after investigation, they were arrested and in prison, accused of dealing with the enemy. A certain prophecy of the girl was quoted, but the Sun's correspondent was asked not to repeat it. It cast no doubt on the final victory of France and her allies, but it foreshadowed a worse thing than to undergo than has yet been endured, something that the latest news from the front seems to confirm as impossible.

A resident of the district has supplied the following notes on the young girl's history: Loublandes, a small district in Deux Sevres Department, six miles from Cholet, has been excited for some time through certain supernatural facts that have happened. Crowds have come from all parts to try and see a young girl of the place who is believed to have received special gifts from heaven.

In a village of the parish of Loublandes, at a farm known as Rinfilliers, lives a family of farmers, deeply religious, as are all the people of this district. The Ferchauds (not Perchaud as originally given) have six children, one being a girl, Claire, 20 years old, a healthy, agreeable, pleasant girl, who until recently was not especially noticed except perhaps for her lively and equable good temper. She was plump, but not markedly more so than her girl companions.

A little chapel stands on the Rinfilliers farm. It was built by Claire Ferchaud's grandparents in 1856. Typhoid fever there was raging the parish and this family had lost three of its members and two servants. Ferchaud, being taken with the fever, vowed that if he recovered he would spend 500 francs (\$100) in building a chapel to Our Lady of the Guard. He recovered and the little chapel was built, large enough to hold ten persons, with an altar occupying half of its length. On the left on the altar in a box on the ground are hundreds and hundreds of photographs sent by soldiers from the front since the fame of the new Joan of Arc reached them. Ever since the war the report has spread that Claire has received special favors from the Sacred Heart.

Her first vision dates from seven years ago, when the Saviour appeared to her, holding in His left hand his heart bleeding from many wounds, one of great size being, he said, that made by France. Beneath His feet was a field of wheat, the ears of which were almost all

broken. He said that this was an emblem of the vengeance that His crown would draw from those who had offended Him, and added that He had almost resolved to abandon France, but that he was appeased by the expiation of sins, if only the people returned to Him, self as an expiating victim to console the Divine Heart and appease His wrath. From this time Claire's life, and she saw visions during holy mass of which she never spoke, thinking that all present saw the same visions. She used to see the Sacred host spread itself like rain upon the faithful, but not upon their guardian angels, whom she also saw. She was told her confessor, the priest, saw the Precious Blood boiling up in the Chalice as if it was going to spread itself over the altar.

The priest for long could not believe her, until one day she told him that something would happen that would convince him. A few days later, after the consecration of mass, this priest saw a blood stained host in his hands. From this minute he had faith in the girl's powers and reported her history to the Bishop of Poitiers, who made an inquiry, sent for Claire to come and see him, and later sent her to a convent at St. Laurent-sur-Sevres under direct supervision of a missionary.

While at the convent Claire had a sister paint the Sacred Heart as it appeared to her. The sister made ten attempts and at the eleventh she had directed by Claire to a supernatural force, and Claire declared herself satisfied with the result. This picture has been placed in the church at Loublandes, where it is highly venerated and has wrought many conversions.

Claire Ferchaud has been ordered by the Bishop not to speak of her powers, and the faithful are forbidden to question her, but as far as can be gathered from the time before she came to the convent, she may be explained as seeking to obtain from the proper authorities the official consecration of France to the Sacred Heart. She has pleaded the mission formerly given to the blessed Marguerite Mary, to renew the mission of the blessed Joan of Arc, to drive France's enemies from the country. But before reaching this object Claire will have to suffer. She will be sacrificed, and her body returned to the village, she has left when she is to commence her mission.

Such is the testimony borne by one of Claire's fellow parishioners, a poor little girl twelve years old, who knows her, and who is deeply Catholic and has firm belief in Claire as a second Joan of Arc. A few further details may be added from the press. Claire seems to suffer the lot of all prophets. Her fame has spread all through Anjou and Brittany, but at home she has not aroused much enthusiasm. Her father refuses to talk about her, and her mother, while proud of her, is apt to complain of having an idiotic servant to do the work that she did when at home. Claire is quoted as saying:

"The God of pity has chosen me, a poor little girl like me, to defend His pity for France. His love for France, and His promise of victory to France's flag if that flag is adorned with the image of the Sacred Heart."

She does not wish to be regarded as a second Joan of Arc, for in a letter to a relative she writes: "As for saying that I am a Joan of Arc, I would rather say that I am a simple human being. If France is to be saved it is God who will do everything. To those who ask me to say simply that I know nothing, I would rather ask them strongly to believe in God than to show their inquisitiveness."

Claire Ferchaud is still in a convent in Avenue Victor Hugo, Paris, where the sisters permit no one to interview her. Every day, at different hours, she mounts to the top of Mont Morire to pray in the new cathedral there, it being dedicated to the Sacred Heart having a special appeal to her.

One of her miracles has been said to be that although her education is most elementary she has composed a theological work of 600 pages, which is said to have astonished theological experts by its depth of thought. M. Jules Delahaye, the well-known royalist Deputy, member from the district from which Claire Ferchaud comes, has been quoted as having said that he had read the book with astonishment but when asked if that was true he denied knowing anything about it. Claire Ferchaud at the time, much less having read her work. He spoke of the religious mysticism of his Venetian constitution, which would lead him to accept any such story of the supernatural, and added: "Such faith seems all the more worthy of respect as neither the young girl herself nor the Bishop of Poitiers, nor any one else had said or done anything worthy of reproach in the drawing of the Holy of Woodstock, N.B. and other buildings were destroyed by fire."

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BELGIANS LAUGH AT GERMAN ORDERS

Spirit of People One of Incredible and Unbreakable Optimism

Montreal, May 10.—Miss Charlotte Kellogg, who has visited Belgium and made an exhaustive personal enquiry into the methods of the Belgian Relief Commission, has acknowledged herself amazed at the spiritual resistance of the Belgians. She wrote:

"Everyone permitted to be in Belgium for any length of time marvels at the incredible unbreakable spirit of its people. They meet every military order with a laugh, when they have to give up their motor cars they ride on bicycles, when all bicycles are taken away they are requisitioned cheerfully walk, if the city is fined one million marks, the laconic remark is 'It was worth it.' All the news is concerned with their manufacture and circulate cheerful news. Nothing ever breaks through their smiling, defiant solidarity. One thing only in secret I have heard them hint—the acquisition of their complete separation from their loved ones at the front. Mothers and wives of every nation may have messages, they never except by underground. One of the chief things that has buoyed them up is the enveloping impetrating atmosphere of mutual aid, back of which the proud support of the Belgian Relief Commission."

But despite their smiling faces, tragedy lurks in the homes of the Belgian people all the time—not only the tragedy of the wanton, irresponsible acts of military authorities in the occupation of their land, but the ever-present menace of famine through Belgium, the Belgian Relief Commission is saving the whole nation from perishing. Back of the Belgian Relief Commission are individual givers of mercy, without whom the whole work must stop. Help is needed from every kindly soul outside Belgium, in order that the enormous work of saving a nation which is the subject of the world's pity, may be carried on. Canadians, who enjoy the blessings of a war-free country and an abundance of food, are asked to remember that the Belgians are asked to contribute towards their relief, no matter how small the contributions may be. Money may be sent to the Belgian Relief Commission, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal, or to any branch committee.

Pers. Peter Webster of Zion Methodist Church, Preston, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Sauder.

RADICAL MISSING

By Courier Leased Wire
London, May 9.—It is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Stockholm that Niko Len, the Russian radical Socialist leader, has been missing for two days. The despatch, which quotes the Svenska Dagbladet of Stockholm as its authority, says nothing is known as to Len's fate.

Lenine, an expatriate, under the old Russian regime, was permitted by the German Government to return home through Germany from Switzerland after the revolution. He undertook a vigorous campaign at the head of a group of ultra radicals in favor of peace, and was so active in his determination to continue the war. Lately, however, Lenine's influence is said to have been waning.

TEUTON CLAIMS

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, May 9.—via London 4.01 p.m.—German and Bulgarian troops have administered a severe defeat upon Entente forces in Macedonia, army headquarters announced today.

WET ROADS AND TIRES.

When rubber is wet it will cut more easily than when dry. For this reason fast travel over rough road surfaces, such as broken stone, will be more destructive to tires when they are wet.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SUB TOLL LOWER THAN LAST WEEK

Steady Decrease in Loss of British Ships Noted in Report

London, May 10.—Twenty-four British merchant vessels of more than 1,600 tons each were sunk during the last week, it is announced officially. Twenty-two vessels of less than 1,600 tons and 16 fishing vessels also were sunk.

The Admiralty announces the sinking of a British mine-sweeper by a torpedo on May 5 with the loss of two officers and twenty men.

The official statement says: "Vessels of all nationalities, arrivals, 2,374; sailings, 2,499. "British merchantmen over 1,600 tons sunk, including five not reported previously, 24; under 1,600 tons, 22."

"British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including six previously not reported, 34."

"British fishery vessels, including one not previously reported and thirteen sailers, sixteen."

German Navy Coming Out?
Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent, quoting Berlin advices, says:—

"The Reichstag has begun its second reading of the navy budget. Dr. Pfleger, naval reporter of the Budget Committee, declared that the submarine booty for April would not be less than 1,100,000 tons, and added that the Reichstag looked forward to the activity by the German navy with a content hope of a speedy and victorious peace. Vice-Admiral von Capelle, Minister of the Navy, who followed Dr. Pfleger, said: 'This recognition is now stimulus to us to fulfill Germany's expectations regarding the U-boats, which have faced enthusiastically the great task of decisively destroying the enemy's sea power.' The boats will persevere until the end. We have the necessary boats, a trained personnel, fuel and all accessories."

Arming Merchant Vessels Fast.
The submarine menace and the steps which the Admiralty is taking to deal with it were brought before the House of Commons yesterday in a series of questions. In reply Thomas J. Macnamara, Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, said it was not in the public interest to disclose what proportion of vessels sunk had been armed. He said, however, that merchant vessels were being armed as rapidly as possible.

All possible steps were being taken by the Admiralty, Mr. Macnamara continued, to accelerate the entry of food ships into port. He regretted that the resources at the disposal of the navy did not permit of an individual escort for every vessel conveying foodstuffs, but said the Admiralty had done everything which was possible and practicable to protect them.

Captains Too Daring.
Mr. Macnamara said there was no doubt a certain proportion of vessels lost by submarines, but that the alternative of allowing the captains to use their own judgment had been tested and the conclusion reached that the present method was the best.

In addition to the British vessels reported by the Admiralty to have been sunk by submarines, fifteen British ships had been reported overdue since January 1, and no information had been obtained in regard to them. It was impossible to say how many of these were missing casualties and how many represented losses inflicted by the enemy.

Free 90,000 Tons of Ships.
Approximately 90,000 tons of allied shipping, which has been tied up in the Gulf of Bothnia since the beginning of the war, will be released as the result of an agreement between Great Britain and Sweden, which was perfected yesterday. Sweden secures as its part of the bargain the release of the Swedish ships with foodstuffs and other necessities, which have been detained in British harbors.

The official statement of this arrangement says that thereby the country's wheat requirements until the next harvest will be met, providing the present system of rationing is steadfastly adhered to, even if, as there is reason to fear, the harvest is late. Furthermore, it is said, it seems possible to increase rations to some extent in very urgent cases.

The Norwegian steamer Kaperika (1,222 tons gross) has been sunk by a German submarine, the Norwegian Foreign Office announces, says a special news despatch from Christiana yesterday. Two men of the crew were killed.

NORTH AMERICAN ALPS.
A handsome publication with the above caption dealing with the Canadian Rockies, Mount Robson route, has been issued by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The entire publication is a fund of information for those planning a Transcontinental trip. In addition there is interesting and valuable information as to that glorious trip to Alaska. Copy may be had free on application to C. E. MORNING, D. P. A., Toronto, Ont.

Sorgt. Fred Leitch, R.C.R., and wife, of Halifax, were found dead with their throats cut. It has not yet been determined whether the case is one of murder or of suicide.

A most sensational desertion took place in Amherst, when three soldiers of the Ottawa-Amherst Regiment held up the sergeant of the guard with revolvers and made their escape.

Driver E. B. Dryden, whose health was undermined in France, died in Moncton.

Seed Potatoes!

The two carloads of Potatoes purchased by Aids. MacBride and Bragg for distribution to the people of Brantford at cost are now on the way, and as soon as they arrive will be placed on a siding where all can have their requirements filled. Those wishing to secure these potatoes will require to fill in the coupon herewith and mail same to Angus MacAuley, Market Clerk, who will arrange the distribution.

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Owen Sound business men have formed a national resources organization. The Devonshires will not be able to visit Woodstock and Peterboro as planned.

A soldier wanted in Nova Scotia for burglary and desertion was arrested in Carleton.

G. L. White, M. L. A., died at Centerville. He was widely known for his work in promoting public welfare.

SPOR

The talk had turned to signals in baseball and the certain players to catch as the lack of ability of other to keep them hidden from position. Hit and run was under discussion. The shifting of feet and ways were mentioned. spoke Ping Bode with a best hit-and-run seen in the record, but which he admitted work.

"You see," says Ping, of Coast League they always ing to steal my hit and run because they knew I was the One day I suspected that my signal, so when a batter first and I am up, I catch him, see that when I catch hit I will spit over my finger. Well, we cross them sign. I carry out my letter.

"But when I spit over the der a shower of tobacco into the catcher's eye and I am doing it a purpose. was in a way, and he stopped, and wants to fight me. No fight, but this catcher was a and anyhow the umpire was. So I had to explain to him didn't mean to spit in his eye it was just my bit-and-run."

"Of course, that killed a all dead, and we had to trade new one."

"What was the new one somebody asked. I don't know," said Ping. "That's what I don't know. The American League. But she's a good one."

Ray Chapman, Cleveland stop, says this is a true what happened the night the Ruth pitched a game against trip with the Red Sox and allowed to start a game. A team reached Detroit, the before going back to Boston. Ruth worked the final game won it 3 to 2, but a man of the ninth, with a man one of the Tigers put the end of the ball against a and sent the ball a mile in the right field stands for run. The next batter was up and the game was over.

met a friend when he returned into the Back Bay station, friend graced Babe by the marking. "Well, I see you Tigers. Did they say you slammed a ball almost out? I didn't know anybody could so far in this league."

"Oh, I don't know," said they called Sam."

"Of course, it was Sam C. and Ruth had never heard hoo Sam."

MORAN MORALIZES
ing we get the right kind of ing we'll win the game. Rick Moran, manager of the "The Giants are not invincible are the Brooklyn!" the Braves are a good team. But the Phillies are stronger last year, particularly in you'll remember that Al Rixey and Denture were the dependable pitchers I had last yet the Phillies were not by the Brooklyn until two fore the schedule ended in.

"Alexander and Rixey are repeat. In place of Denture, Jim Lavender, who should win better results than the Cubs. Mayer, who is value because of illness, last in rugged health and many games. Oeschger, who after two years of seasoning looks like a winning pitcher showed all kinds of stuff smothered the Braves in the Flittery is a promising left, but needs experience."

"Alexander, Rixey, Mayer and Oeschger are guns. I intend to have them all the pitching and that unless a good batting men will carry us to the first. You probably realize first class pitchers, worked tion, are more valuable than good men and four or five. Consequently, put it in your notebook that the Phil the required number of men and that it is up to hold the other teams down fellows are piling up victories."

"Old Man Cravath is not warm the bench just yet. L ter I reached the grounds Gavy was about through came so slow in 1916 that I was weak in right field. G seemed to know that he was

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