

## COMING EVENTS

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the 215th Auxiliary will be held Wednesday, May 9th, at 3.30 at the residence of Mrs. Harry Cockshutt.

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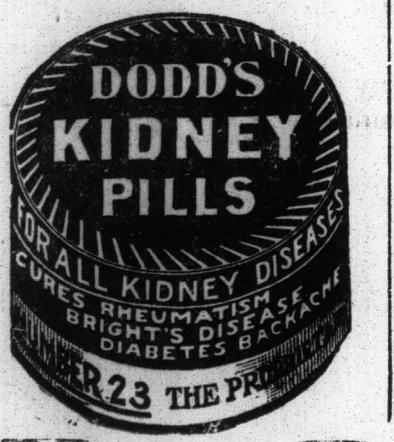
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**FRENCH OFFICIAL.**  
Paris, May 1.—2.07 p.m.—The French are reorganizing the positions captured in the Champagne, and no heavy fighting occurred last night. Following is to-day's official account of military operations:

"South of the Oise are repulsed a German attack on one of our small posts in the region of Barisis. Along the Chemin des Dames the artillery fighting was rather violent. In the sector between Troyon and Hurbise patrol encounters occurred. A German reconnoitering party which attempted to approach our lines east of Hurbise was driven back by our fire."

"In the Champagne the night passed in relative quiet in the sector of our attack, where our troops are organizing the captured positions. The number of prisoners captured by us in the fighting yesterday and actually enumerated is more than 400. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."



## EPWORTH LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of Several Methodist Unions Held Last Night

Last evening Colborne Street Epworth League held their regular meeting with Miss M. Walton in the chair. The election of officers took place in which the following were elected for the coming year: Hon. President—Rev. Baker. President—Mr. J. Cortney. 1st Vice Pres. Devotional—Miss G. Avery. 2nd Vice Pres. Missionary—Miss M. Walton. 3rd Vice Pres. Social and Literary—Miss L. Adams and Mr. W. Yeates. 4th Vice Pres. Citizenship—Mr. F. Thompson. 5th Vice Pres. Intermediate League—Mr. T. Lincoff and Mrs. W. Lincoff. 6th Vice Pres. Junior League—Mrs. C. Walton and Mrs. F. Yeoman. Secretary—Miss Leone Sills. Treasurer—Miss Nellie Bedford. Missionary Treasurer—Miss G. Cowherd. Pianist—Mr. Harold Vansickle. Asst. Pianist—Miss Kathleen Smith. Lookout Committee—Miss A. Markle and Mrs. S. Bray. Reporter—Mr. W. Sills. Flower and Relief—Miss Neva Smith and Miss G. Elvidge. Our president and former president then gave two speeches after which our pastor dismissed us with a short prayer.

**MARLBORO STREET.**  
The annual selection of officers for Marlboro Street Epworth League, took place last evening as follows: Hon. Pres.—Rev. J. E. Peters. Pres.—Mr. E. C. Crawley. Finance—Miss Agnes Mears. Secretary—Miss Dorothy Mears. Second Vice Pres.—Miss Ida Cranford. Third Vice Pres.—Mrs. Anderson. Fourth—Roy Stigart. Secretary—Lloyd McElchison. Treasurer—Miss Dorothy Mears. A very successful and profitable year was shown in the reports submitted, \$50 having been raised for missions as compared to \$20 last year.

**ELM AVENUE.**  
The annual meeting of Elm Ave. Epworth League was held last evening, Rev. W. E. Baker occupying the chair. After the reading of the yearly reports, the following officers were elected: Hon. Pres.—Rev. W. E. Baker. Pres.—H. E. Craddock. First Vice Pres.—Mrs. Douglas. Second Vice Pres.—Miss Ida Cranford. Third Vice Pres.—Miss M. Deagle. Fourth Vice Pres.—Mrs. Mowat. Fifth Vice Pres.—Mr. Ken. Smith. District Representative—Miss Neeland.

**WELLINGTON STREET.**  
The Epworth League of Wellington St. Church held its regular meeting last evening. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Henderson, was in charge and after the reports of the years work had been given by the officers, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President—Mr. Caleb Rose. 1st Vice Pres.—Charles Endeavor. 2nd Vice Pres.—Miss Nellie Young. 3rd Vice Pres.—Missionary—Miss Leatta Taylor. 4th Vice Pres.—Literary and Social—Mr. John Strong. 5th Vice Pres.—Citizenship—Mr. A. Sedgwin. Secretary—Miss Grace Lake. Corresponding Sec.—Miss Reta Baird. Treasurer—Mr. Gordon Brown. Pianist—Miss Clara McIntosh. Assistant Pianist—Miss Phyllis Thomas. District Representative—Mr. W. L. Townsend.

**RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.**  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
Petrograd, May 1, via London.—In the Caucasian front, from the west of Baneh near Armirda, a large party of Kurds made a heavy attack on our guards," says to-day's official announcement. "The situation was restored by our cavalry. Attacks by Kurds and local inhabitants on organizations in the rear of our army are becoming more frequent."

"On the Russo-German front, the usual reconnoitering operations and rifle firing."

**OIL PRODUCTION.**  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
Amsterdam, via London, May 1.—Private advices received in Holland by persons largely interested in Roumanian oil fields, assert that oil production in Roumania is being resumed at the rate of about 40 carloads a day as compared to 120 carloads in 1914. The operating companies, which are run by Austro-German capital, enjoy preferential treatment.

It is reported here that a big underwriters association is forming in Hamburg. It will run on lines similar to those of Lloyds in London. The members will deposit 100,000 marks and will be liable to the extent of their entire fortunes.

**CONCESSIONS WON.**  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, May 1.—As a result of recent strikes among the German workers in the war industries considerable concessions in foodstuffs have been granted, according to a despatch to The Daily News from Amsterdam. The ration has been raised by a half pound weekly, while the potato ration has been increased to five pounds.

The Shriners in Cranbrook and its surrounding districts are forming a club.



THE MINISTER "SMITH"  
Our photo shows the Rev. C. H. Payne, vicar of Gosberton, Lincolnshire, wielding the hammer in a blacksmith's shop where he is to be seen taking the place of the original helper who has gone to war.

## ONE OF BRITAIN'S BEST

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Mr. Balfour has a special reason for remembering the Cleveland affair. The first awkward question with which the Unionist Government of 1895—with Lord Salisbury as Premier, Mr. Balfour as leader in the Commons, and Mr. Chamberlain as Colonial Secretary—fresh from their huge triumph at the polls in July of that year, had to deal, was that they had inherited this question in its attenuated form from their Liberal predecessors, for it was in April, 1895 (two months before the Rosebery Government fell), that a long-standing dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana was brought to a crisis by the arrest of the Venezuelan authorities of two inspectors of the British Guiana police on the ground that these inspectors had been encroaching on Venezuelan territory. President Cleveland took up the cause of Venezuela, and in December 1895, sent a message to Congress, practically stating that any attempt on the part of Great Britain to enforce her claims on Venezuela, as subject of the Monroe doctrine, would be regarded as a cause of war by the United States. After a lot of helter-skelter talk, the common-sense of the two countries prevailed, and the matter was amicably settled. Throughout, the Government in which Mr. Balfour was leader, figure exhibited conspicuous moderation and self-restraint in its attitude, although Mr. Olney, the then American Secretary of State, in his correspondence with Mr. Balfour, gave an extreme interpretation of the Monroe doctrine which went considerably beyond previous statements on the subject.

Mr. Balfour has, indeed, no cause to love the word "Venezuela." For in 1903, the first year of his Premiership, he was forced, very unwillingly, by the wrongs inflicted by President Castro on British subjects, to invest money in Venezuela, to institute a blockade of Venezuelan ports, Castro endeavored to embroil Great Britain and the United States by an appeal (as usual) to the Monroe doctrine. But Mr. Balfour's Government handled the situation tactfully and successfully, and though there was a little row, it was settled in the United States, the attempt to embroil the two countries in a serious dispute happily failed.

It would not be doing Mr. Balfour any injustice to say that his attitude toward the situation was a little more sympathetic than his. And it was in April 1904, in the second year of his Premiership, that the successful Anglo-French agreement, which evoked a vigorous expression of good-will between Great Britain and France, and laid the foundations of the alliance which has lasted to-day, was concluded. And the signature of the offensive and defensive alliance with Japan, in August 1905, was one of the achievements of the last few months of his Government.

Few public men in Great Britain have had a sincerer appreciation of the peculiar difficulties which this war has presented both to the Government and to the people of the United States. None feels toward them both more kindly and more sympathetically than he. And no man could more worthily represent Great Britain at her best in that great country than can the ex-Premier who has long since resigned party leadership, but whose distinction and renown are at once common property and common pride of all his fellow-countrymen.

**RELEASE PROMISED.**  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
Madrid, via Paris, May 1.—King Alfonso has obtained a promise from the German government to release two hundred families who formerly resided in Lille, Douai, Roubaix and Turcoing. They are being held prisoner in the Holzminde, Germany, camp.

## FIGHTING GARDEN FOES

Destroy Them or They May Destroy Your Crop.

## SPRAYING A READY REMEDY

In This Column the Amateur is Introduced to Insects and Fungus So That He May Know Them by Their First Names.  
(By S. C. JOHNSTON, Vegetable Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

**Garden Foes.**  
Unfortunately the backyard vegetable grower has some difficulties to overcome. It will not be all pleasure and profit which he must look forward to because there are innumerable insects and fungus diseases which cause much worry and trouble and necessitate the use of extraordinary methods to prevent or control. Most of these troubles may be overcome by spraying the plants with remedies which can be secured from seed stores and other firms handling them.

The following is a list of the more common vegetables and the insects and plant diseases attacking them with remedies or preventives.  
**ASPARGUS.** Asparagus beetle, black or yellowish colored, about one-half inch long, which appear early in May and feed on the young shoots. Keep the bed closely cut in the spring or allow poultry to run through it. After cutting season is over, spray with arsenate of lead. Encourage the lady bird beetle which destroys many of these insects.

**Anthracnose or Pod Spots.** Brown or reddish spots on the foliage and pods. Found on low damp ground. Plant only seeds which have no signs of the disease. Pull up and burn diseased plants as they appear.  
**CABBAGE, CAULIFLOWER, AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS.** Root Maggot. A small whitish colored maggot one-quarter of an inch long. Looks something like a grain of wheat, found just below the surface of the ground either close to or on the roots. They eat the roots, causing the plant to drop over. Apply a solution of corrosive sublimate one-half ounce dissolved in five gallons of water, at the rate of half a teaspoonful over each plant, once a week for five weeks after they are set out, commencing three or four days after planting.

**Cut Worms and White Grubs.** Greyish white grubs which work at the surface of the soil cutting off the plants. They may be trapped by spreading a mixture of poison bait over the surface of the soil close to the plants. A pail of bran with sufficient paris green to highly color it, should be moistened with molasses until it crumbles readily in the hand. This moisture should be kept on the ground during the early part of the season.  
**Aphis.** A small greenish worm three-quarters of an inch long, which appears quite early in the season. Dust with pyrethrum or hellebore powder when the plants are headed, and with a teaspoonful of paris green mixed with three tablespoonful of flour when young. A piece of burlap may be used for this purpose or an empty wire mesh punched in the bottom.

**Aphis.** Also called louse. Small greyish insects which multiply rapidly. They appear at any time in the season. Spray forcibly with a solution made from steeping one pound of tobacco refuse in one gallon of water. This solution may be used on all plants on which Aphis are found.

**CELEERY.** Blight. Black spots appear on the foliage followed by wilting of the plant and a soft rot on the stock. Spray each week with a mixture of Bordeaux mixture covering the entire plant.

**CUCUMBER.** Striped Beetle. Black and yellow striped beetle which feeds ravenously on the tender leaves of the plant in the very early stage of growth. Dust leaves when wet with ashes or air-slaked lime.  
**Squash Bug.** Dark brown beetle which sucks the juice from the plant. Hand pick and destroy. Found on the leaves.

**MILONS.** Cucumber insects usually attacks and may be destroyed as given above.  
**ONION.** Onion Maggot. A white maggot similar to the cabbage root maggot. No effective means of control. Spread charcoal over the ground or try the corrosive sublimate solution as recommended above.

**Blight.** A violet color, patches appearing on the leaf of the onion. Some advise spraying with Bordeaux mixture from the time the onion plant is three inches high.  
**POTATO.** Colorado Beetle or Potato Bug. Dust with paris green when the dew is still on the plant, or place a teaspoonful in a watering can of water and pour over the plant. If possible have the plant dusted with paris green before the bug appears.

**Scab.** Easily recognized by characteristic roughness of the skin. Immerse the uncut tuber just before planting in a solution of two fluid ounces of formalin with two gallons of water. Dry cut, and plant.

**Blight.** Brown spots distributed over the leafy surface, usually found in July. If they are not prevented from growing, the whole plant will be destroyed. Spray once a week for four or five weeks with Bordeaux mixture from July 1st.

**RADISH.** Root Maggot. Use the same remedies as given for cabbage and onion maggot.

**TOMATO.** Tomato Worm or Horn Blower. A large worm which rapidly defoliate the plant. Hand pick and destroy.

**Blight.** Black spots appearing on the leaves which spread rapidly and cause the whole plant to die. Keep the plants growing vigorously.

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## GERMANS RELY ON HINDENBURG

Increasing Evidence of Manner in Which Leader's Name is Regarded

By Courier Leased Wire.  
British Headquarters in France, April 30.—via London.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—There are increasing evidence daily of how the German higher command is using the name of Field Marshal von Hindenburg in an effort to sustain the morale of the German fighting men, which was lowered by the retreat from the Somme and successful launching of the British and French offensive actions. Prisoners recently taken also tell how von Hindenburg continues to be held up to the German population as a whole as the man in whom it must repose confidence and hope for final victory.

The recent retreat was explained by the desire of the German command to take up a position in the famous Hindenburg line and prisoners now say that when it becomes known in Germany that the British have turned this position and taken possession of several miles of it southeast of Arras, great depression will be caused.

Civilians as well as soldiers placed great faith in this line on which they say millions upon millions of marks have been spent. They had been told the line was so invulnerable that the Germans could sit in it for the remainder of the war. The German class of 1919, it is learned, is being called up, but is still in training.

**SOCIALISTS WASH HANDS.**  
London, May 1.—The Daily Mail's Hague correspondent ascribes to the Koelnische Zeitung the statement that the Social leaders have announced that they are able to take responsibility for the maintenance of peace and order in Germany after May Day.

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## SPORT

**THIS FROM EVERS.**  
Arthur Fletcher tells a funny story about the opening game of the season. Boston, Heinie Zimmerman dressed a few remarks to Tim Lincecum appertaining to a decision rendered by that official. "Glad to be in the field at the end of the inning, we the teams were changing places," Fletcher passed close to Evers, the famous Trojan was crumb something, "Quigley, to you Quig didn't seem to be paying attention."

"What's the trouble, John?" asked Fletcher. "Why," he replied indignantly, "Zimmerman's got to cut out and out at the umpires. That stuff goes around here, and I don't want to report him. I will!" Fletcher was in a daze for the remainder of the afternoon.

**TRIPLE PLAY.**  
The first triple play in the history was made yesterday at Cleveland by St. Louis, but it was the first of the season. At Toledo Saturday in the game with Milwaukee, two former New York Americans overran the home club pulled a trick. With two on bases, the ball hit Hartzell, who pegged Boone at second, the latter touched the sack and also the runner. Evers had been first.

**WELSH-KILBANE.**  
New York, May 1.—Unusual interest is being shown by followers of boxing in the bout to be fought on Monday night between Fred Welsh and Johnny Kilbane, holder of the featherweight title. The prize will meet for a bout of rounds.

Under the state rules no official decision can be rendered by the referee, who will be Charles White, veteran arbiter of many noted championship matches. The winner is likely to be decided by the action of spectators based upon the show made during the contest.

Each man is considered one of the cleverest ring generals and artists in his respective class. Kilbane is credited with being the hardest hitter, but there is little, if any, betting on a knockout.

Welsh will enter the ring at 135 pounds, which will give a lightweight champion an advantage of five or six pounds in weight of his opponent.

**CASEY'S CLAIMANTS.**  
(By Homer Croft)  
Just why the chicken crossed the road, and the exact tenure of year of one Mary Ann seem to be as yet a matter of controversy. The puzzle that has sprung up, wrote "Casey at the Bat?"

A present day poet has not climbed very high on the ladder of fame, less honor of the authorship of the most famous bit of baseball verse has been flung on his shoulder. Everybody from Felicia Hemans, Boomerang Bolivar the Cowboy Poet of the Rockies, has got in on it.

Whereby Tubby Murphy, Miller and Jigger Johnson get together on a corner lot to reveal three-old-cat to the Polo Ground. Manlyth and Green have been struck out are known. Election the world around have filled with evenings with it and The Rave Literary critics from the Atlas Monthly to the long-legged boy gets the magazines for the Post. Appeal have tried to unriddle the authorship of "Casey."

Historically, the poem became famous through two high names. One evening, a score of years ago, when De Wolf Hopper, the well-known actor, was "making up" some slippers through the stage entrance, he slipped through the stage entrance, rattled at Hopper's dressing room door, and thrust in to the actor's crumpled bit of paper. "Say, man," said the man in a hurry, "won't you read that for me?" "Night!" The man was the late Archibald Claverhouse, author of "Mr. Barnes of New York." Hopper ran over the poem a few times, when it came time for an encore, he best into it, with the result that the house stormed. Hopper himself fell in love with it, and recited it ten years up and down the land.

The larger of fame seems to be swinging around to Ernest L. Thayer of Worcester, Mass., having led by a horde of clutching aspirants including J. H. Murray, St. Louis, George W. D. V. S. Valentine, Thompson et al. That is a comfortable woolen merchandise whose literary endeavors are more a by-product, writing only when glorious frenzy lays hold upon him instead of being pent-to to a clock as so many of our magisterial filers are. He was Ivy Orator, Harvard class of 1885, and was prominent in literary and journalistic activities.

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