

From Erin's Green Isle

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

A card rationing system has been suggested as a solution of the coal supply problem in Dublin.

The sales of war savings certificates in Ireland for the month of June amounted to £175,908.

The Hon. John Donohoe Fitzgerald, K.C., who died recently in Dublin, left an estate valued at £121,165.

The death of Lord Wallcourt, of Ardilly Castle, Orammore, County Galway.

Mr. Shortt has stated that the Irish Government will take up the question of re-housing after the war.

Constable McBrien, Royal Irish Constabulary, has been appointed clerk to the station sergeant at Belfast.

Lieut.-Col. P. E. Leahy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leahy, Tralee, was killed by a shell while leading his men into action.

Word has been received of the death in action of Colonel A. C. Pratt, R.I.F., of Enniscope, County Mayo.

It is stated that previous service in the army would be the chief qualification for appointment in the Metropolitan Police Force, Dublin.

Employers who are paying less than the minimum wages have been warned that they will be proceeded against by the government.

Lieut. J. R. Barnett, R.A.F., son of R. Barnett, Leeson Park avenue, Dublin, was accidentally killed while flying.

The Cork Steam Packet Co. has been sold to a large shipping firm, but the name of the firm has not yet been disclosed.

The death is announced of Lieut.-Col. L. Corlan, of Bettyville, Fermoy, a brother of the late General Corlan.

Thomas Murphy, the Fayette, Wexford, has received Lloyd's silver medal and £50 for having saved fifty lives at sea.

The Irish Turk Club has given £1,000 to the Irish Red Cross Society and £500 to the Irish Prisoners of War Fund.

Major J. C. Callaghan, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan, Fernside, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, has been killed in action.

The St. Patrick's Society of Shanghai are giving £75 a year to endow a bed in Galway hospital for Irish soldiers.

Private James Duffy, active of Letterkenny, was decorated with the Victoria Cross by the King at Buckingham Palace.

GERMANY TO GET PAINTINGS. It is said Famous Cassel Collection Will Be Released.

Berlin dispatches say that the agreement between Germany and the Russian Soviet provides for the return to Germany of the valuable paintings carried from Cassel to Paris in 1906 and afterward sold to the Hermitage in Petrograd, says the Chicago Daily News.

Among the pictures are several famous works by Rembrandt.

The group of pictures in the Hermitage galleries at Petrograd known as the Cassel collection have had an interesting history. They were gathered together by the landgrave of Hesse and Cassel, Germany.

In 1806 Napoleon seized them and transported them to France and turned them over to the Empress Josephine. They then became a part of the so-called Malmaison collection of thirty-eight pictures.

After the fall of Napoleon the Hermitage secured the collection for \$40,000 francs (about \$235,000), a price that to-day would be paid for one of the pictures alone.

The Hermitage also purchased paintings from the collections of Queen Hortense of Holland, and of Marshal Soult, one of Napoleon's generals, many of which were collected by the spoliation of other galleries.

It is believed that some of the Cassel pictures are in these collections also. The Hermitage collection is among the finest in the world. It includes forty-one Rembrandts, six Velasquezes, sixty-one Rubenses, thirty-four Van Dycks, forty Teniers, nine Potters, forty Ruysdaels, twenty Murillos, fifty Wouvermans and many others.

The Germans have been agitating for the return of the pictures of the Cassel collection for several years. As the Germans have removed many famous works of art from St. Quentin, Laon, Brussels and other occupied cities it remains to be seen whether or not they will make good their boast that they do this to place them in security, or whether they will have to be forced to disgorge them at the end of the war.

The Banner.

A man who has taken much interest in the woman suffrage movement was persuaded to carry a banner in a parade.

His wife observed him marching with a dejected air and carrying his banner so that it hung limply on its standard, and later she reproved him for not making a better appearance.

"Why didn't you march like somebody, and let the people see your banner?" she asked.

"Dearie," sighed the husband, "did you see what was on that banner? It read 'Any man can vote. Why can't I!'"

WHY NOT BE A MECHANIC IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE?

Have You Mechanical Ability? Can You Drive a Car? Can You Handle Horses? Are You a Good Clerk? Do You Understand Gasoline Engines?

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY is here offered for men in Medical Category "B" who are under the M.S.A. and for men who are not under the M.S.A. to work in the flying fields, workshops and offices of the Royal Air Force in Canada.

No other branch of the Service offers the possibilities for improvement that is obtained by ambitious endeavor in Royal Air Force work. It is a big opportunity to serve the Allied cause, in congenial and healthy surroundings, and in instructive and interesting work.

SKILLED AND UNSKILLED MEN NEEDED If you are skilled in a R.A.F. trade, you will be given the opportunity to work at it. If you are unskilled, you will have the chance to make yourself proficient in some branch of work that will be of benefit to you when you return to civilian life.

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ST. BERNARD DOGS ECONOMY VICTIMS

ALL BUT SIX AT FAMOUS MONASTERY KILLED TO SAVE FOOD.

Bread Shortage Affects the French Nation More Seriously Than Any Other.

All but six of the famous St. Bernard dogs kept by the monks of that ancient monastery in the Alps have been killed. Shortage of meat caused by the war led to this massacre.

The St. Bernard Pass is of historical renown. It connects the valleys of the Rhone and the Dora Baltea. It was traversed by Roman legions thousands of years ago. In mediaeval times the pass served the armies of conquerors and the hands of mercenaries.

Napoleon crossed the Alps at this point in 1800.

The great monastery was built in the middle of the sixteenth century. It was maintained for the relief of travellers who were surprised by snowstorms while crossing the pass.

The St. Bernard dogs were used to find the victims of the storms in the snowdrifts. They were specially trained for this work of relief and carried the first aid to the injured in a little basket attached to their collars.

These dogs rescued thousands of human beings, many of whom were of historical prominence. And for the first time in the history of this famous monastery the dogs had to be slaughtered for want of food.

Human Food First Interest.

At other times a report of this sort would create profound interest in Paris, but at present the human race is thinking of its own necessities and cares less about dog heroes living more than 8,100 feet above the surface of the sea.

To-day the people of France are restricted in the consumption of meat, bread or any other article of food in the making of which dough or flour is used and sugar.

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FRENCH WAR DOGS.

Faithful Servants Are Cared For By Blue Cross Society.

Not every one realizes the important place which dogs are taking in this war. Of course, the Germans began training dogs for war uses many years ago, but the French did nothing in that line for two years after war had begun.

They now have 18,000 dogs trained or in training. These are cared for by the Blue Cross, which, at the request of the French Government, has attached a dog hospital to all the Blue Cross base hospitals in France where war horses are treated.

All dogs named by the French army are received at these bases, disinfected and quarantined. They are then assigned for duty or training.

Terriers are used to free the trenches of rats, and the larger dogs are used for patrol work, to police prisoners, as first aids to ambulances to carry appliances and water, to seek out the wounded men in shell holes and out-of-the-way places. It is said that Samoyede dogs have actually saved the guns to which they were harnessed; they carry shells, and even draw sleighs and light transport. Perhaps most important of all are the messenger dogs, which can travel where men cannot go, and exceed any other messenger except the pigeon in speed.

They travel through the barrage, making 23 or 24 miles an hour, and, literally, "faithful unto death," striving even when wounded to perform their allotted task. No one would question for an instant the fine appreciation which has caused the French Government to "mention" its dogs in despatches.

So far, over 1,000 dogs have been treated at the hospitals. All operations on dogs and horses are performed under anaesthetics by trained veterinarians. The town of Mossley, lately presented to Lady Smith-Dorrien, president of the Blue Cross fund, a cheque for £1,050, which is the first instalment of its subscription towards this fine work. Mossley is a town of only 8,000 inhabitants.

Thistle Down.

Thistle down, thistle down, Blowing from the west, Sail across the surging seas To the boy that I love best.

Kiss his rosy lips for me And nestle in his ear, And whisper "Mother waits for you, Son-Boy, over here."

To-day the birds are singing In their choir of maple trees, And the goldenrod is courted By the hum of myriad bees;

The squirrels with heaven-sent vision Add to their winter store; And the streamlet ripples laughingly To join the ocean's roar.

But what is that sails into view And wakes me from my trance? An airship blots out the blue And speaks of war and France!

The wild flowers wilt, the song birds cease; All beauty fades away! Dear God send peace My son's in France to-day!

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Quick Excavation.

When Sir Harry Lauder, the Scottish comedian, who now spends most of his time singing to the boys at the front, gave one such entertainment to the Canadians up near Ypres, he took his place at the bottom of a sort of natural amphitheatre, on the sides of which the soldiers grouped themselves. After he was through he stood talking to one of the officers, and asked him how often the German shells landed fair inside the concentration camp.

"Oh, I don't know," said the officer slowly. He looked around. "You know that hole you were singing in just now?"

I nodded, says the comedian. I had guessed that it had been made by a shell.

"Well, that's the result of a Boche shell," he said. "If you'd come yesterday we've had had to find another place for your concert!"

"Oh! Is that so," said I.

"Ay," he said, and grinned. "We didn't tell you before, Harry, because we didn't want you to feel nervous or anything like that while you were singing. But it was obliging of Fritz now, wasn't it? Think of his taking the trouble to dig out a fine theatre for us that way!"

"It was obliging of him, to be sure," I said, rather dryly.

"That's what we said," said the officer. "Why, as soon as I saw the hole that shell had made, I said to Campbell, 'By Jove, there's the very place for Harry Lauder's concert to-morrow!' And he agreed with me!"

Strong On the Count.

"The way the Germans count their prisoners," said the office boy, "reminds me of the circus barker who stood in front of the tent and barked:

"Walk up, ladies and gents. Walk up and see the remarkable African hyena. Measures 16 feet from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail, and the same distance back again, making 32 feet in all. Walk right up, ladies and gents."

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The Little Drum.

I was brave when they told me he was gone; I shed no tear on that awful day. Though the only light that had ever shone On my lonely life had passed away.

I was calm when I touched his empty bed, When I gathered up his clothes and hat; I was firm when I saw his little shed. But his drum—I could not look at that.

It seemed somehow to speak—that little drum, That lies neglected, silent now; To me more eloquent, though dumb, Than any voice on earth, I vow.

How strange that out of all his things— His skates, his wagon, ball and mitt— His drum most poignant memories brings— And still I cannot look at it.

LEMONS MAKE SKIN WHITE, SOFT, CLEAR

Make this beauty lotion for a few cents and see for yourself.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to whiten the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quart of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When applied daily to the face, neck, arms and hands it should help to bleach, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

Impossible.

A good story appears in one of Ian Hay's books which should stand repeating. The scene is a Y.M.C.A. hut "over there." A Cockney soldier, thinking to be smart, says that a German spy got into the lines. "You see," said the Cockney, "the spy was disguised as a joke, and the sentry, being a Scotty, didn't see him." After the laughter had subsided a brawny "Jock" turned to the Cockney and said, "I suppose you think ye're uno clever, but look here, my mannie, did it ever occur to you what had happen tae England if Scotland was tae sign a separate peace?"

What Lime Does.

Besides being a plant food itself, lime helps most soils by improving the structure of the grains; it sweetens the soil, thereby aiding the little living germs called bacteria, by setting free the potash that is locked up in the soil.

MONEY ORDERS.

Buy your out-of-town supplies with Dominion Express Money Orders. Five Dollars costs three cents.

West Needs More Reserves.

Further extensions of the areas set apart in Western Canada as forest reserves are much to be desired. No such reserves have been made since 1918, though very considerable areas have been found upon examination to be chiefly valuable for forest purposes.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, Etc.

After the present harvest is gathered French farms are to be almost stripped of horses suitable for military purposes.

Rafts hinged to the sides of a lifeboat and which spread out when it is afloat to give additional buoyancy form a recently invented device for safety at sea.

The orange was originally a pear-shaped fruit, not much larger than a cherry, and it is said that its evolution is due to twelve centuries of cultivation.

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Almost any man will tell you that Sloan's Liniment means relief

For practically every man has used it who has suffered from rheumatic aches, soreness of muscles, stiffness of joints, the results of weather exposure.

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