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Pulford's letter will do them good. The habit of serving one's country as a volunteer speaks in all circles. Dean Keppel of Columbia College, New York, a man of great administrative experience, was appointed Assistant Secretary of War at Washington the other day at a salary of \$1 per month. Some pernicious parasite over there may object even to that dollar and ask the Dean if he is of any real value. It is as easy to ask foolish questions in war time as at any other time. Occasionally the Pulford way of answering them becomes necessary.—Toronto Globe, April 22-1918.

We can hardly believe it possible that from the "Hub of Nova Scotia" this boasted Athens of the Maritime Provinces—a reply post-card such as mentioned above, was sent out; O Temporal! O Mores!

MR. B. MCKITTRICK PRINCIPAL OF ACADEMY AT LUNENBURG, N. S., RESIGNED TWENTY EIGHT YEARS IN SERVIS.

Mr. B. McKittrick, B. A., the veteran teacher, who for the past twenty eight years has held the position of Principal of the Lunenburg Academy and the Public Schools of the town of Lunenburg, N. S., has tendered his resignation which will take effect at the end of the present school year in July next.

Mr. McKittrick was skilful and very efficient teacher and Academy Principal. His good work in his profession in Lunenburg Schools was highly appreciated by the School Board and Citizens generally of Lunenburg.

When accepting Mr. McKittrick's resignation recently, the School Board unanimously voted him a retiring annuity of \$200.00 in view of his long and faithful servis.

For six months in 1888 Mr. McKittrick was Principal of Colchester County Academy.

A Rare Old Bird.

It is a bird, but of what species? W. J. Lupton, greenkeeper of the golf links, Dan Martin and a number of amateur authorities on birds have been unable to propound the problem and since they have been unable to do so it remains with some other man interested in birds and their markings to throw light on the subject. The bird was described by Mr. Lupton, during a visit to the Post, as being of a size between that of a duck and a goose, web-footed, with a dark brown bill carrying pretty lines of coloring, and dark tail feathers. The beak is shaped like that of a gull and there is a ring of gold around the neck. It cannot fly, as it is believed to have been shot, but it can run. The bird is now on exhibition in the barn of Mr. Martin, near McLean's Crossing.—Sydney Post, April 23.

Will some of our ornithologists tell the News what manner of bird this is? Is it an auk?

PARCELS FOR U. S. TROOPS IN EUROPE.

Ottawa, April 24—The following memorandum has been issued by the deputy postmaster general:—

"Under an order issued by the United States war department, parcels for members and individuals connected with the United States expeditionary forces in Europe, must contain such articles only as are being sent by the request of the addressee, approved by his regimental or higher commander, or an executive officer of the organization with which he is connected.

"The public is, therefore, cautioned to furnish the postmaster with an assurance that all the articles contained in the parcel are sent at the addressee's approved written request, and that such a request is enclosed in the parcel."

DASH ON HUN SUBMARINE BASES.

A fleet of light cruisers, with torpedo boats, monitors and on the 23rd raided the Hun submarine bases at Ostend and Zebrugge. The object was to block the entrances to these ports so that submarines could not leave or enter.

A thrilling battle was fought in the darkness and great damage was done to these enemy bases, and old ships filled with concrete were sunk so as to block the channel.

It was a daring and dangerous experiment and a raid that was full of heroism from first to last; and were encountered considerable loss. The brave officer in charge of this raid was killed unfortunately.

In this "extremely gallant and hazardous raid" French destroyers operated with British forces.

The cruiser Vindictive carried storming parties and landed them on the

Mole at Zebrugge. The volunteers for this expedition were from different vessels in the Grand Fleet.

The casualties were heavy, considering the number engaged, but of the approaches to them submarine boats have been effectively destroyed, we have gained enormously.

PREPARING FOR ANOTHER DRIVE.

The Germans, who have been held in different places on the western battle front are now getting ready for another big drive in their present offensive.

They are massing new Divisions with more heavy guns for another drive. This assault will likely be made this week. The point of the attack is known only to the enemy, but from present artillery activity it looks as if the positions, immediately north of Arras, where our Canadian troops are stationed, may be the next objective of the enemy.

On Tuesday the enemy raids were repulsed in several places by the British north west of Fethubert the Hun captured one of our advanced posts.

Further south in the region of Mondidier and Noyon there has been an increase of artillery activity, and so mark, that the enemy may perhaps be considering another drive in the direction of Amiens.

The enemy cannot afford to stop and "dig in" where he is; he must advance; or the Germans at home will be inquiring why they are not, as promised, "on to Calais," on to Paris.

MINISTERS, DON'T SWEAR

(Literary Digest.)

At first blush it seems an extravagant idea to caution ministers and religious leaders against encouraging swearing, but in a world where so many things have come about that one-half the people, at least universally damn, it is not strange that profanity creeps into the pulpit, too. The Watchman-Examiner (Boston) finds it "disgusting, not to say horrifying, to every right-minded person to note the increasing use in common speech of words, and phrases that come under the category of the profane." This, of course, applies to the non-clerical part of society, but when we brand profanity as "an offence against common decency and good manners as well as a sin against God," the Baptist journal wonders if this "any less true when the offender is a minister and the place pulpit and the occasion or the excuse the heat of passion against an iniquitous nation and an upright war."

We read:

"Years ago Dr. Joseph Parker, of the London City Temple, started and shocked the world by exclaiming in the midst of an impassioned denunciation of Turkish atrocities, "God, damn the Turks! Such an invective, and others of a similar character, with another application and objective, have become so common nowadays that they neither startle nor shock us as the original utterance did. But ought we not to be startled and shocked? Are such expressions in the pulpit or in supposedly religious speech in accord with the spirit and temper of the gospel for which the pulpit stands? Would it not be well to leave the matter of dealing with the eternal destinies of those responsible for this wicked war entirely in the hands of a God who is almighty, merciful, and just? There is no excuse in these days for smooth sayings and mincing words; no excuse for a man in whose soul is not seething hot and furious hatred for the iniquitous war, and fierce determination against those whose cruel ambitions and lustful passions have thrust it upon us. But there is no excuse for the minister who in his endeavor to declare that hatred allows himself to use words and phrase that in any other connection and directed toward any other objective he would the first to condemn as profane."

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OBITUARY.

Miss Marion McCulloch.

On April 4th, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam McCulloch, Noel Road, after but two weeks illness there passed away Miss Marion McCulloch; aged nineteen years and two months.

Her presence will be much missed and her loss keenly felt; she was thoughtful and generous. Her memory will be held ever dear in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Many friends and relatives gathered at her father's residence on April 8th to pay their last respects to the departed. The funeral service conducted by Rev. C. A. M. Earle, was most impressive.

The casket, covered with flowers, was followed by a long cortege to Kennetcook where the body was laid to rest.

The pall bearers were, Messrs. Henry White, Norman Neil, Harry McCulloch, William McCulloch, Braden White, and W. W. Ettinger.

There are left to mourn in the immediate family a father and mother; two older sisters, Cassia and Ruby, who both returned from Halifax to be home with their sister during her illness, one younger sister, Lena, and three brothers, Graham, Norris, and Rossiland.

Much sympathy is extended to a bereaved ones

THANKS TO I. O. D. E.

The Truro Citizen's Returned Soldiers Reception and Welfare Committee acknowledge with many thanks the generous donation of \$50.00 from "The Scotia Chapter" I.O.D.E., part of proceeds from the Allies Fair.

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HERE'S A NASTY ONE.

The Canada Food Board appointed as Chairman of the Commercial Travellers' Section Mr. Harvey Pulford. He is a volunteer worker doing what he can, like many thousands of good citizens, to help win the war. Some time ago, with the object of interesting his fellow-commercial travellers in food conservation and production, Mr. Pulford sent out a circular letter to them together with a reply postcard for those who were interested and desired to co-operate. One of the postcards came back to him from a citizen of Truro, Nova Scotia, with the following written upon it.

"None of your vaunted information is wanted. I usually size up a situation without outside help.

"Query—How much are you costing the country per diem?

"Query—What intrinsic service do you render?

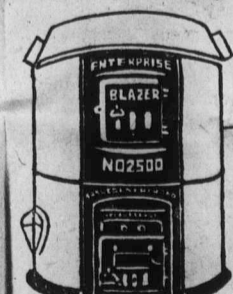
"Query—Are you of any real value to it?"

Mr. Pulford, upon receipt of this took pen in hand and told the Truro

man some things. "If you think," said he, "I've taken up this work amongst my fellow-commercial travellers because I get paid for it you are wrong. The office is a purely voluntary one.

I get nothing out of it—but a lot of work, which of course I don't mind, because it places me in a class with several other business men who are attached to the Canada Food Board in a similar honorary capacity; and although I am dealing with the 32,000 commercial travellers of Canada, and so far have over 6,000 reply postcards from them to handle, these men have a far bigger propositions. I wouldn't bother to answer your note, but 'tis possible that you, like some pernicious parasite afflicted with a pestilent disease, may impose your views on others and so prevent them doing their best in the important work of food conservation and production."

Whereupon, from Truro, silence deep and enduring. There are still a lot of people in Canada who cannot conceive the possibility of any man giving his services to his country without a salary or hope of reward. Mr.



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