

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Toronto News advocates the enfranchisement of all female relatives of soldiers in the fighting line in the coming election. We know how they would vote.

The United States expects to spend ten billions of dollars for war purposes during 1917. Money power is next to man power, and our southern neighbor is not disposed to spare either in helping to win the war.

Hundreds of farmers from this section took a day off and attended the mammoth Irishmen's picnic at Port Stanley. This would seem to indicate that there is no real labor shortage to care for the splendid crops. No class of people are more deserving of a holiday at this season than the farmers, and the Express is glad to see that their work is sufficiently advanced to make a little recreation possible.

If, as it would appear, the alien population dominates the political situation in Western Canada, and the Liberal party goes solid for an anti-war policy, and Quebec goes solid for anti-conscription, with Laurier as leader, nothing but shame and humiliation awaits our beloved country. Honor calls for the support of our men at the front, whom foreigners and slackers would abandon, and we cannot believe that Western Canada will persist in deserting her brave boys at the front.

Dispatches to Washington say that Austria is planning to betray Bulgaria in the peace negotiations. The suggestion that this takes place doubtless comes from Germany, as the Kaiser is peeved because Bulgaria refuses to break off negotiations with the United States. Should Serbia be restored, Austria is fearful of losing Bosnia-Herzegovina also to Serbia, and is planning to concede a part of Macedonia to the latter, which in the event of a victory or draw was according to the terms of the alliance to go to Bulgaria.

The following quotation is from the Toronto Globe, which, as it says, stands frankly, unreservedly, unabashed for conscription: "For itself the Globe stands for the immediate formation of a cabinet representing the very strongest, straightest, and most aggressive elements in Canadian life, men whose capacity for the service to which they are called has been tested, and in whose moral honesty and political sagacity the people of Canada have confidence. For such a Cabinet party names and party shibboleths matter very little. What matters supremely is character and capacity and will to serve Canada, and to promote the cause of human right at the war fronts of the world."

The British Labor Party at their conference, held in Westminster last week, by a large majority voted to send delegates to the peace conference at Stockholm. It is quite possible, however, that the delegates will not get there, as the Seamen's Union announce that they will positively refuse to man ships carrying delegates to visit Russia and Stockholm. Arthur Henderson, the Labor member of the British War Council, advocated the sending of delegates, which it is said influenced the vote to go as it did. Mr. Henderson's action was so unpopular that his resignation has since been tendered and promptly accepted. Since the above was written, the British Government has refused to grant passports to the Stockholm conference.

An offender against the Temperance Act was recently assessed \$25.00 and costs, or a term in the county jail. The money was not forthcoming, and it looked as though the lawbreaker would have to accept the confinement. Our worthy Police Magistrate Summers, however, resourcefully found a way out. He gave the prisoner, who by the way is a mar-

ried man, an opportunity to work on his farm and earn the money to pay the fine. It was accepted, the offender escaped the stigma of having spent a term in jail, the farmer secured much-needed assistance to garner his crops, the county was saved the expense of keeping a prisoner, and everybody is well satisfied with the outcome. This example might be followed with profit, and it would not be out of place to give magistrates the power to sentence offenders to work on a farm instead of in jail, in these times when farm help is so scarce.

Compare the utterances of Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in the United States with those in Canada. Here are a couple of examples. Cardinal Gibbons, aged 83 years, most eminent in the States, recently sent out the following message to young men: "Be Americans always. Remember that you owe all to America, and be prepared, if your country demands it, to give all in return." Cardinal Begin, of Quebec, said on July 28, last: "The conscription law is a menace which causes the Canadian clergy the worst apprehensions. This military service as it is proposed, or at least as we are enabled to judge from the speeches and statements its discussion has provoked, is not only a serious blow to the rights of the Church of Christ, independent in its domain, and whose laws and practice exempt the clergy and that class of society which that name designates from the service under arms, but also it (the conscription law) constitutes a fatal obstacle in the recruiting of ministers of God, shepherds of souls as well as that to the staff of clerical teachers, and through the very fact, it creates, in our society, an evil much worse than that which it is alleged to attempt to remedy."

Despite the win-the-war resolutions passed at the Western Liberal Convention at Winnipeg, the outstanding fact remains that the convention declared for Sir Wilfrid Laurier as party leader, and Sir Wilfrid is an avowed anti-conscriptionist. It would seem from this distance that notwithstanding the great and noble part Western Canada has taken in the war, and that her gallant sons have suffered, bled and died for their country, and that the ranks are being sadly depleted, politics is really to be placed before patriotism. The large delegation from Saskatchewan, backed by the Alberta delegates, dominated the convention. In these two provinces are to be found the bulk of voters of alien or enemy origin, who with the slackers are naturally opposed to conscription. The stand taken by the convention is the greatest stigma ever placed upon the Western provinces. An exchange says that the resolutions of the convention are strongly condemned by every newspaper in Winnipeg, and that the Manitoba patriotic Liberals are disgusted. They are strong for a union government and a win-the-war policy, and are planning a mass meeting to discuss the situation. The action of Quebec, and this province will be encouraged in its unpatriotic stand. It should not be forgotten that the real win-the-war party is now in the fighting lines in France and Flanders. They ask for reinforcements without delay, and surely their demand is not only reasonable, but imperative. It is most creditable that practically every Liberal newspaper of any importance is outspoken in its denunciation of the Winnipeg Convention.

We have in Aylmer a branch of the Great War Veterans Association, composed of men who have done their "Bit" on the Allied battle fields in the terrific struggle with the Hun. They have been put out of the fight and are no longer physically fit for the trenches. Many of them will carry the marks of the struggle the rest of their days. They offered their very lives to their country's defense, and what we owe them for their sacrifice can never be repaid. Hundreds of the fellows who so bravely left their comfortable homes here will never return, but those who do must receive a helping hand, and nothing

is too good for them. There are yet very few branches of the G. W. V. A. in Ontario, and Aylmer is honored by being among the first. The object of the Association is primarily to cooperate and protect the interests of the returned men and see that they receive fair play at the hands of the authorities, and to band together along the lines of lodges in a social way. The Aylmer boys are trying to establish quarters here, and to do this must ask Aylmer citizens and those of the surrounding country for assistance. On Monday and Tuesday evenings a benefit show was given at the Star Theatre when a nice little sum was realized for a start. Much more is needed, however, and any donations of money, furniture, carpet, tables, etc., will be thankfully received, and may be left at either of the Aylmer newspaper offices. St. Thomas has done great things for her returned men. Aylmer can do equally as well. Warm up to it and give the boys a rousing start with their rooms. They have sacrificed for you. It is your turn to sacrifice for them.

AYLMER WOMAN KNITS 20 PAIRS SOCKS A MONTH

Has nearly averaged this record for 2 years. Has this record been beaten anywhere in Canada?

A pile of socks in the Express office window is attracting considerable attention this week, showing as it does, the results of patient, steady work, by a frail, but devoted woman, doing her best for the needs of the defenders of our country. The 20 pairs of socks shown, every stitch hand-knitted, represents the work of Mrs. S. Wisner, Clarence street, for one month. Nearly a pair a day is surely a record hard to equal in all of Canada, even in these days of heroic achievement by our patriotic women. Mrs. Wisner having completed 50 pairs of socks in three months, is now eligible for the V. W. badge, issued by the Imperial War office for voluntary workers, through the C.F.C.C., and application for same on her behalf, has been made by the President of the Travel Club, under whose auspices the work was accomplished. It speaks well for the women of our town that three of these badges are already held by Aylmer ladies, and two others have qualified for them.

AUTO EXCURSION TO WEST ELGIN EVERYBODY INVITED

The Annual Board of Agriculture Automobile excursion and Picnic will be held at Port Talbot Grounds on Thursday, August 23rd, 1917. Bring your auto, your friends and your basket and have lunch with the farmers of West Elgin. Everyone is invited. Visits will be made to several farms in West Elgin. A gasoline tractor demonstration is being arranged for. Addresses will be given by prominent men. Hot water and a local refreshment booth on the ground. Procession leaves Aylmer at 8 a.m. and Union 9 a.m. via Union road to Robt. Ferguson's 10 a.m. Port Talbot 11.30 for lunch.

SOUTH DORCHESTER

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Legg, Miss Pearl Legg and Mrs. Caughell motored to Lawrence station on Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Murray. Mrs. Clarence Winkworth and little daughter of Springfield, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sinden. Mr. Cecil Bateman, of Ingersoll, is spending his vacation with Mr. Wm. Legg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cline, of Adrian, and Miss Alta Cline, of London, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cline. Mrs. Fred Sinden, and Miss Mattie Tarper spent Saturday in St. Thomas. Mrs. Henry Fishback is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doan and sons, spent Sunday at Dorchester Station. Mr. and Mrs. Handford Shaw, of New Sarum and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bustin and son, motored to C. V. Cline's on Sunday and spent the day.

MT. SALEM

Miss Florence Buck and Mr. Gordon Buck spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Buck, St. Thomas. A large crowd from here attended the Irish picnic at Pt. Stanley on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, Jaffa.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Irish, of Mount Vernon, were callers at Mr. B. Irish's on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Boyd spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. F. Boyd, of Union.

Advertisement for The G. R. Christie Co. featuring a man in a suit and various clothing items like neckties, white footwear, and raincoats. Text includes: 'How Many Times Have You Considered Buying A Suit?', 'Clearing out Straw Hats At Half Price and less', 'Cotton Work Socks About 50 pair left at 10 cents a pair', 'Overalls Are advancing in price, but we have a line that we are making a special of at \$1.00', 'Some Real Bargains in Raincoats THE G. R. CHRISTIE CO.'

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hawley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Buck and family, of Galt, spent a couple of days calling on friends and relatives in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, of Detroit, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. Maginnis. Miss Mable Boyd, of Union, is visiting her cousin, Luella Boyd.

Mr. J. Johnson and daughter, Hilda, of London, have returned to their home after a pleasant visit with Mrs. A. Ellsworth.

Misses Luella and Mildred Boyd have returned from a visit with Mrs. W. Buck, St. Thomas.

RICHMOND

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Godwin visited Port Rowan last Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Proctor was quite poorly last week, suffering from acute inflammation of the bowels.

Mrs. Ida Carson and children, of Glen Myer, visited at C. McConkey's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Laing motored to Port Rowan on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook, of Aylmer, have been Richmond visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Facey, of Harriestown, were recent visitors at Dr. Riddell's.

Miss Drena Deacon, who has been the guest of Mrs. T. Benner, returned home last week.

Quite a number from here attended the Irish picnic at Port Stanley last week.

LAKEVIEW

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McConnell, of Delhi, spent the week end with relatives here.

Geo. McConnell has sold the Lakeview store to Haines Saxton, possession to be given in October. Mr. Saxton has sold his house in Aylmer to Mr. McConnell, who will reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moore, Miss Crawford, of Strathroy, and Messrs. Wilson and Dunning, of Kerwood, motored down to spend the week end with Mr. H. and Miss N. Moore.

Next Tuesday evening, August 21st, Mrs. Clark Timpany will be present at the Lakeview church with a collection of very interesting curios from India. She will give an address on Work in India. A silver collection in aid of W. M. S. C. will be taken.

Last week the P. L. met at Mrs. O. Moore's. The ladies report lack of sufficient funds to carry on the work. Here's a chance to do your "bit."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Advertisement for The Royal Bank of Canada Prizes for Farm Boys and Girls. Text includes: 'The Canadian Banker's Association in co-operation with the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, offers liberal cash prizes to boys and girls who will feed and exhibit calves or pigs at their local fair.', 'Ask the Manager of the Bank for full information'

Advertisement for C. H. Clark Shoes. Text includes: 'SHOES We specialize in the Latest and Newest Effects in Men's, Boys and Children's Footwear. Also Rubbers and Raincoats for Fall. Call and see our lines, our goods are guaranteed and our prices are reasonable.', 'C. H. CLARK Nairn Block, Aylmer'

Advertisement for Food Controller Hanna's Food Savings. Text includes: 'Food Controller Hanna Insists on FOOD SAVINGS You can assist by using Our Ice Service Special rates for balance of season or by the month Let us rent you a Refrigerator.', 'The H. M. Hambidge Co. Don't forget we put ice in your Refrigerator without extra charge.'

ADDITIONAL LC

Call and see our fine line of goods at Lambert's Fair. Miss Alice Matthews, of the guest of Mrs. F. Mrs. Leavitt and daughter, have been the guests of Mrs. F. Mr. Earl Browning, of the guest of Mrs. F. Mrs. Albert Chambers, of the guest of Mrs. F. Mrs. A. F. Demster, of the guest of Mrs. F. Mr. Wm. Powell, manager of the East Elgin, spent Thursday last in town. We are glad to report that Taylor is now able to gain after being laid up for weeks from the effects of a stroke. Harley White spent the week with Mrs. F. Mr. Carl White, who is making a tour of the Northwest to assist with the work. It looks as if Aylmer market. Better late than never. Men with a team and busy last week leveling across from the post of understand, will be Aylmer. The Calton Conrade, of the guest of Mrs. F. A mammoth Patriotic picnic was held in the park on the evening of September 1st. The auspices of the Junior Paul's church. This was the first of the season, as nothing has ever been held in Aylmer before. About fifty members of the Aylmer district, including a picnic on Tuesday of last week. The net proceeds of the picnic were \$100.00. A re-union of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Leeson, of Branford, who have been spending the week at Springfield. Mr. Leeson and Mrs. Leeson celebrated their sixtieth anniversary. Their daughter, Mrs. Willson, and Mr. Willson, were present. They were so busy spending the week that they will return to Aylmer this month. Aylmer recently sent to the convention of the C. F. C. C. called by the Organized Sources Committee, in an outcome a meeting of all the Workers and lady school Aylmer district is on Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock in the room of the Town Hall here. and lady teacher shall discuss future work with the conservation factor in helping to w. Mr. Emery K. Stansfield, of his education Public Schools, and choir leader in the Aylmer Baptist church, next Sunday will also render a concert of his own composition in the day evening, August 1st. sell comes highly recommended, and the patriots are new, will be offered to the young ladies at a booth in the park, at the proceeds will be patriotic purposes. The death of Miss occurred at her home in the Aylmer, on Sunday, August 11th. Deceased was a highly respected woman, and was a highly respected woman. Some time ago she was an infection of the throat, the best of medical she passed away or was of a retiring disposition many warm friends residence in this section was born in Truro, and when a child her parents, the late Wm. Copeland, together with her brothers, Edward and Peter, all of whom she loved dearly. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at the home of the deceased. Word has been received that the death of Pte. Arthur of Fred Roberts, was action in France, in only five days.