

Cainsville News

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Missionary sermons were preached last Sabbath morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Cowers preached in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Pyley conducted the evening service.

The Sabbath School of the Methodist Church, assisted by the choir, are preparing an excellent Christmas cantata entitled "The King of the World," which will be given in the auditorium of the church next Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd. A rare musical treat is in store for those who attend.

The Missionary committee had charge of the League on Monday evening. Miss Ferguson occupied the chair and papers were read by Miss Hawley and Miss Dalton.

Mr. E. B. Rose, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. George Thomson, Mr. John Adams and Mr. Robert Robinson were among those who took in the Fat Stock Show at Guelph last week.

Mrs. Ford Papple left last Saturday morning for Napawee where she will spend a month with her parents. Miss Edna Fair, of the Brantford Hospital staff of nurses, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. Devereux last Sunday.

Mrs. File and her daughter, Miss Pearl File, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Devereux on Friday evening.

Mrs. J. Dutton spent last Friday at Burtch, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wheeler.

Master Frank Thomson and Master Robbie Robertson spent the week-end in Hamilton, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson.

Mrs. E. Stewart, of Buffalo, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Devereux, on Monday.

The Baptist Sabbath School are

giving their Christmas concert on Thursday evening, Dec. 17th. Miss Clara Montgomery, of Brantford, was the guest of Miss Edna Devereux on Thursday evening.

ONONDAGA COUNCIL

ONONDAGA, Dec. 14.—The council met in the town hall for the final meeting of the year. All the members present, the Reeve in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, a communication from the Canadian Suffrage Association was read and ordered filed.

The chairman of the Board of Health presented the annual report of the board.

To the Reeve and Councillors of the Township of Onondaga:

Gentlemen.—The annual report of the board of health this year is brief and therefore very satisfactory. The township has been exempt from any serious contagious diseases, there being only one case of diphtheria and two mild cases of small pox, which were traced to surrounding municipalities.

Great credit is due to our vigilant medical health officer and his active co-laborers, the health inspectors, in limiting the contagions. Signed, Thos. Howden, chairman.

Mr. George Simpson made application for damages, having one sheep worried by dogs. He having made the necessary affidavit, valuing the sheep at \$12, his claim was allowed.

Appeals were heard from Samuel Brett, Jane Davis, Fred Osborn, Joseph Vickers and Henry Preiss.

With regard to assessors notices being less than the roll called for. The council allowed a refund for the difference between the notices and the roll.

A car load of crushed stone was ordered for beat number 2, Blossom Avenue, the farmers along the beat to draw

the stone free of charge. Mr. Asford, manager of the Children's Shelter, of the county and city of Brantford, addressed the council and asked for a liberal contribution. The council responded by granting \$15, which was thankfully received.

The following accounts were ordered paid, namely: W. J. Knox, teaming timber \$5; Geo. Simpson, 2-3 value of sheep worried by dogs, \$8; Wm. Ludlow, repairs on Howell's bridge and work on Hunter's Hill, \$30; A. E. Watt, 3rd quarterly payment House of Refuge, 1914, \$35.55; John Miller, repairing road machine, \$4.50; N. McPhedran, account, \$2.04; Fob. Jackson, repairs on grader blade, \$4.75; H. Preiss, eight days, \$10.00; \$1.24; James Mulligan, rent of road \$10; George Patterson, selection of jurors \$6; R. Dougherty, postage and stationery \$1.30; A. Burdill, postage, etc. \$4.55; Mrs. Miller, caretaking and hall supplies, \$15.85; A. Mitchell, hall rent, \$5; W. H. Johnston, 83 loads of gravel, \$166.60. The receipts received from hall for Mrs. Miller for 1914 was \$21.

A By-law was passed for holding the nominations at Mitchell's Hall, Middleport, on Monday, Dec. 8th at 1 o'clock, and also appointing A. A. Batson D.R.O. and Geo. Wood clerk for division one and Arthur Mitchell D.R.O. and Cras. Deagle clerk for sub-division two in case a poll is demanded.

The council and officers were now ordered to be paid their salaries, viz: Richard Dougherty, treasurer, \$60; R. W. Hamilton, collector, \$60; A. Burdill, balance of salary, \$87.50; reporting \$10; Quintan McBaine, salary as councillor, \$20 each, \$100; Thos. Walker, for councillor in committee \$25 each, \$25.

The council then adjourned, and stands adjourned sine die.

NURSES IN BATTLE

Most people know the story of the late Miss Florence Nightingale's acceptance of probably the most responsible mission ever undertaken by a member of the gentler sex during modern times, when she set out with a small body of nurses to bring about order and comfort in the chaos of the fever-stricken military hospitals of the Crimea.

"The Lady of the Lamp's" work has never been equaled by any other woman, but several women have distinguished themselves in war, although not on so large a scale.

When war broke out between Italy and Turkey, the Duchess of Argyll, who is a personal friend of Queen Alexandra, underwent a course of training at the Naples Hospital of Jesus and Mary, where there is a special school for nurses. In a short time she was passed as proficient, and was made head nurse of the Italian Red Cross hospital ship Memphis.

One cannot over-estimate the value of the work done by Florence Nightingale and her successors.

NEUTRAL OBSERVER MAKES BOLD PROTEST

Resigns His Commission in United States Army in Order to Speak Freely of German Barbarism

Major Louis Livingston Seaman is not only a military man, and a medical man, but a traveller and journalist of international repute. His work in the Balkans and elsewhere in connection with the Red Cross movement has made his name familiar all over the world. He went to the front as special correspondent of the "Independent," New York, one of the liveliest weekly papers in that great city. In view of the statements written by him concerning German atrocities in Belgium, the publication of which the pro-Germans in the United States considered as virtual breach of neutrality, Major Seaman was requested by the authorities to explain his action, as it is contrary to regulations for an officer of a neutral country to express himself definitely as a partisan in favor of either combatant.

On the day of the Zeppelin massacre at Antwerp, Major Seaman sent the following letter to President Wilson:

"My Dear Mr. President:—
"Preferring liberty of speech to military or other service where it is denied, especially when silence would be a crime against humanity, I herewith tender my resignation as a member of the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army."

The following correspondence, within the limits imposed by the censorship, hints at the pitiful sufferings of which Major Seaman has been a witness, and which impelled him to take this action:

"I am writing from the Hotel de la Paix in Ghent. I believe no city on earth has contributed more to the development of civilization than Ghent. Here it was the purpose of representatives of Great Britain and the United States to celebrate in the old Convent des Chartreux the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Peace between England and America. A short time ago in the Royal Casino and Palais de Fete the international exhibition of flowers was held and in the Palais de Danse, the French Opera Company made gay music."

"But what a change, the Palais de Fete is now a Palais de Misere, transformed in a night. Fourteen thousand desolate peasant women and little children, refugees from the country near Louvain, Malines and Tervuren, whose husbands or fathers or brothers had been butchered or driven to parts unknown, their homes pillaged and burnt, their crops destroyed, their only possessions the clothing on their backs, have been, or are now, being sheltered here."

"I have participated as an officer or observer, in eight campaigns, in almost every country in the world. But in none have I ever witnessed such exhibitions of atrocious barbarism as this war is furnishing."

DOGS IN PEACE AND WAR

Widely Used in Europe as Draught Animals—Splendid Workers

Tourists who have visited gallant little Belgium—or Holland or Germany, for that matter—during the piping times of peace have remarked on the dogs used for drawing little carts. Sometimes visitors' sympathies have gone out to them, but as a general rule they are well treated, and do not mind their work.

They draw milk carts, parcel delivery vans, and such light vehicles, and in war they drag machine guns. Curious as this may seem to us, it is not so very long ago that dogs were used for draught purposes in England.

Gertrude Jekyll has told us some of the uses to which dogs were put in Surrey. Small carriers' carts were drawn by dogs, and she remembers one that used to play regularly between Guildford and Dorking.

Fish was also carried in similar carts—a team of four finding three or four hundredweight and a driver not too much. These dog-teams travelled very quickly, and they relied on the coaches, as the latter had to stop to change horses, whereas the former made it unnecessary.

At the Bar of History

Into the Kaiser's motives for trying to grind further into the dust the little nation whom he has so deeply wronged, we need not stop to inquire. It has cost him ten of thousands of German lives and the German Government's condemnation for all time before the bar of history, and he can never finally retain the soil which he has sullied one square inch.—London Chronicle.

That St. Andrew is the patron saint of Russia as well as of Scotland,

BOWLING

The following scores were made in the Y. M. C. A. Bowling League last evening. H. Preston was high man for the Expositor with 506, while Phillips led for the Dormitory Night Owls with 476. The Night Owls won two, while the Expositor won the other game.

SCORES.

Night Owls:—
Riley 132 133 130—464
Beattie 167 122 170—459
Phillips 158 136 176—470
Gould 166 144 145—455
Fleming 160 187 117—464

Expositor:—
H. B. Preston 167 201 188—506
Pittman 175 144 180—449
E. B. Preston 138 127 114—389
Kirkpatrick 156 138 137—433
Hope 160 140 175—475

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Real German Work is This!

(The Special Wire to the Courier)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A majority of the victims at Hartlepool were women and children. Fifteen school boys were killed by a single shell, only one boy in a group escaping. Ten persons were killed by the collapse of a building in which they had taken shelter.

One shell damaged a building five miles from shore.

NEWPORT

(From our own Correspondent)
Rev. A. Bowers occupied the pulpit on Sunday evening and gave an excellent talk on missions.

Miss Carrie Emmott spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Annie Bilger is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Courtland.

The young people have decided not to have a Christmas tree at their concert on the 23rd, and are going to send the money to the suffering Belgians.

Miss Hamilton spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kirby.

Mr. Fielding Emmott spent over the week-end visiting friends at Lynden.

Mr. Harry Bilger spent a few days with his brother Mr. M. Bilger.

Music and Drama

"THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER"

Most of the later works of Oscar Straus have indicated him as musical caterer to the scholarly few, but the extraordinarily popular appeal made by "The Chocolate Soldier," still a paramount success ever after several seasons of public favor, mark him as master musician creating melodies for the rabishment of the millions who can only be reached through their emotions.

The coming of the Whitney Opera Company to this city at the Grand Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 23, is already reckoned as one of the leading events of the season's performance.

"Arms and the Man," Bernard Shaw's brilliant satire on human pomp and conceit, founded upon incidents of imaginary war between Bulgaria and Serbia, is the source of the libretto of The Chocolate Soldier.

Around the scenes of this libretto of The Chocolate Soldier, which is in itself almost an independent drama, Strauss has written music that clothes and lights up the significance of each character, now vivacious and gay, now satirical, now angry and peevish, now dreamy and sentimental, according to the predominating spirit of each scene. The echoes of such superb melodies as "My Hero," the prevailing theme of the opera, will still be heard when a hundred that have come after it have been forgotten.

The entire production is one of elegance and beauty. The quaint costumes, the gorgeous military trappings, the profusion of rich ornament and the wildness of the Bulgarian landscape intensify the glamor and romance that is suggested by the bewitching music.

Realizing that no ordinary orchestra is capable of coping with the difficulties of the score, which is full of subtleties of orchestration, Mr. Whitney has originated a special orchestra for the purpose, under the

leadership of Sig. A. De Novellis, and is one of the largest and most expert ever associated with a production of this kind. A cast of exceptional ability includes Lella Hughes, Charles H. Bowers, Lottie Collins, Lucille Saunders, Francis J. Boyle, George Tallman and Sylvan Langlois.

That Madame Vandervelde, who is to make her first public address in New York next week, has already collected \$900,000 for the Belgians, after a tour of New England, Canada and the Middle Western States.

That some of the waistless gowns are rendered all the more waistless by extra drapery, which seems added on purpose to enlarge the figure.

That a veil has been brought out which is supposed to improve the complexion in a pronounced degree—a chaf white tulle veil, worked with blue threads, the spots far apart and irregular.

That the New Century Club of Oakland, Cal., has trained 100 wage earning girls to cook and sew and has given lessons in carpentry and physical training to boys.

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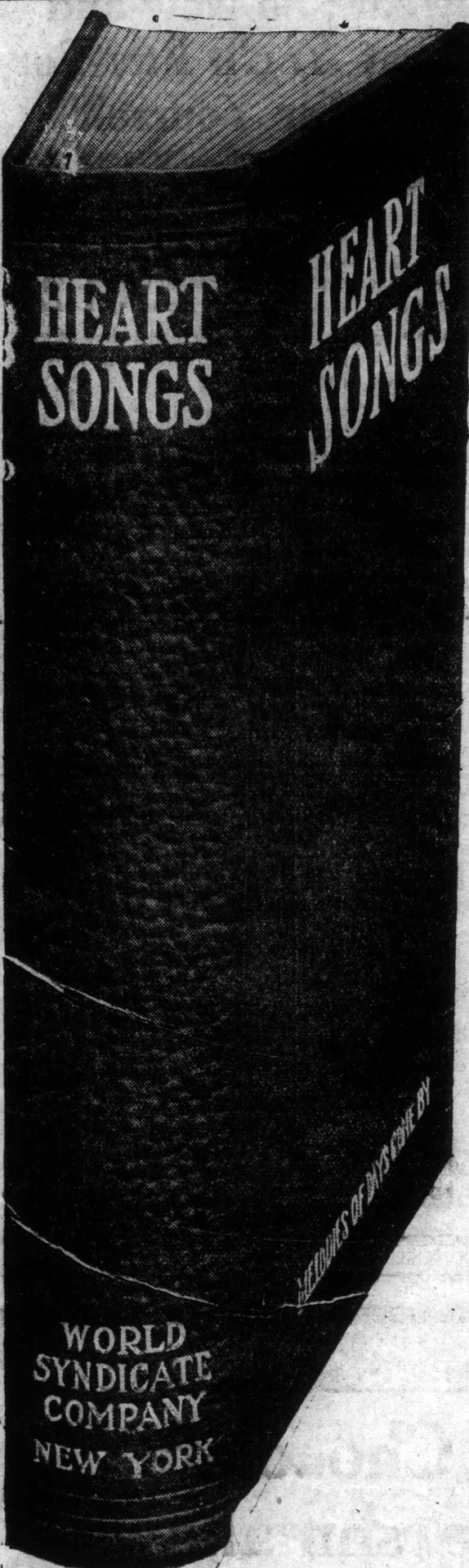
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