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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

NEW PROGRAMME AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

Tonight is the night for the regular weekly change of vaudeville programme at the Opera House and the new bill promises a good entertainment with plenty of comedy and novelty. It includes Dinkins, McCarty and Everett, three merry minstrel men, in a comedy minstrel first part rehearsal; with songs, jokes and dances; Gracie Emmett, "The Girl from Erin," singing comedienne; the Broadway Duo——in a novel instrumental feature; Frawley and West, advanced comedy gymnasts; Emet's Comedy Canine Circus, a troupe of lighly trained dogs and doggies; and chapter three of the new Universal serial drama of thrill and adventure, "The Mystery Ship." Two complete shows tonight at 7.30 and 9. Usual two shows tomorrow afternoon and evening. Same popular prices.

YOU'LL LIKE IT AT GEM

Come tonight at 7.15 or 8.45. A good picture story of the Kentucky Moonshiners; a dandy comedian and good double team of comedy song and dance performers. Rich feature picture tomorrow. See page 11.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip.

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVES signature is on box. 30c.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning Lee McKiel, constable, was accused of making false returns. H. W. Robertson appeared for the defense and the case proceeded before Magistrate Ritchie, it being the first case before the court this morning. The only testimony taken was that of James Sears. According to his testimony McKiel had come to his house to serve a writ on him. A woman came to the door and, upon McKiel's statement that he had a writ for Sears, she said she would take it to him. There was a man in the next room at the time. Sears claimed he was not served personally, McKiel having sworn that he had, in making his return. When this evidence had been concluded the magistrate allowed the witness to go and proceeded to go on with other cases on the sheet. "Is that all the testimony in this case?" asked Mr. Robertson. "I didn't say that," replied the magistrate. "I brought this man here because his wife was ill and he wanted to come immediately. We'll go on now with the regular police sheet."

"Then this is all the testimony in the case just now, your honor?"

"I didn't say that; you're trying to put words in my mouth. I just took this testimony because of the witness' position. Now we'll hear the police sheet, which should have been heard first."

"Then is this the end of the case at present, or not?"

"I didn't say so. Now I'll make it very plain so that you can understand. Listen to me. This witness' wife was ill and I heard his testimony first so that he could go. Now we'll take up the other cases and that will do from you."

"I just wanted to find out if my case was finished or if I would have to stay."

Magistrate—"Go on with the court, clerk, we won't be interrupted by Mr. Robertson or anyone else. Mr. Robertson, if you don't look out you'll find yourself in jail for seven days. You want to be careful."

Robertson and McKiel then left the court. No sooner were they out of the door than the magistrate was informed of McKiel's departure. "Sergt. O'Neill," he said, "go out and bring him back." This was quickly done and McKiel brought before the court again. "Have you anything to say?" asked Police Magistrate Ritchie." "Not now when my counsel is not here," replied McKiel. "Then you're suspended for thirty days," said the magistrate and went on with the court.

W. T. Reynolds, charged with evading the military service act, was before the police court again this morning, Roy A. Davidson appearing for the crown. Before coming to the court the prisoner had informed Chief Rideout that he wished to enlist and on learning this the military authorities rested their case for a conviction, the burden of proof being on the defendant, who had as yet shown no case. Magistrate Ritchie did not convict the man, however, but said that he "turned hom over to the military authorities." Major Pincombe took charge of the man and he will have sentence suspended provided he enlists immediately. Reynolds is a native of St. Stephen, N.B.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

DEATHS

ROGAN—In this city on 22nd inst., Mary, beloved wife of James Rogan, leaving her husband, three sons and two daughters, one brother and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral Monday morning at 8.45 from her late residence, 77 Elm street, to St. Peter's church for requiem high mass. Friends invited.

HEFFERON—In this city on February 21, Bridget, widow of Thomas Hefferon, leaving one sister to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday morning at 8.45 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Edward Lowney, 86 Sheriff street, to St. Peter's church for requiem high mass. Friends invited.

KNOX—In this city on 20th inst., John Walker, son of the late James and Annie Knox.

Funeral on Saturday from his late residence, 160 Sydney street. Funeral 2.30, service at 2 o'clock.

KELLY—At the 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, England, J. Vincent Kelly, leaving, besides his wife and four children, his mother, four sisters and four brothers to mourn.

(Boston papers please copy.)

CARROLL—In this city, on the 21st inst., Agnes, beloved wife of Miles Carroll and daughter of the late Peter and Mary Toomney, leaving her husband, one child and one sister to mourn.

Funeral Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p. m. from her late residence, 43 Garden street. Friends invited.

(Boston and New York papers please copy.)

HART—At Hackensack, N. J., on the 20th inst., R. M. Hart, Esq., father of Mrs. W. J. Ambrose, of this city.

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of the late Henry Hector wish to thank the missionary of St. Philip's church and also the Soldiers' Wives League for their kindness to them in their sad bereavement.

CANADA SHOULD TAX THE TITLES

(Toronto Globe.)

His Worship Mayor Church of Toronto makes a suggestion. Municipalities are wrestling with problems of income. New methods of taxation are necessary. Civic representatives are at their wits' end to devise means to make ends meet. Toronto's mayor rises to the emergency. He would place a tax upon titles. He submits that each Baronet and Knight should be required to pay $10,000 for the privilege of parading his decorations.

The mayor's suggestion is sound, but his schedule is slack. If we are to be "honored" with titles, by all means tax them. But an attempt should be made to realize adequately upon this most valuable of national assets. No cheeseparing policy should be adopted. Moreover, care should be taken to avoid unnecessary petty jealousies. If a paltry $10,000 is the price of an ordinary, everyday K. B., the K. C. M. G's, the G. C. M. G's, the baronets, the barons and all the rest of the bigger birds of plumage should be given the opportunity to demonstrate how much more valuable their feathers are. Any other taxation policy would endanger the sacred rites of precedence, and cause all kinds of confusion and commotion. The mayor's blanket toll proposal stamps him as hopelessly plebeian. He has been associating too much with the proletariat.

This whole title business, if it is to be perpetuated, should be put on a practical basis. A really efficient method of marketing the goods ought to result in substantial returns to the public exchequer. The existing wasteful methods would disgust a pawnbroker. Not only is much disposed of altogether too cheaply, but realization seems lacking that a wholesale dumping on the market depreciates any line of wares and knocks the bottom out of prices. The country is not getting value received. It is unable to determine exactly what the trade will bear. A skillful appraiser is needed to ascertain the toll which can advantageously be set upon the various grades of decoration.

If titles are to be continued in Canada they should be sold. There is money in it, properly handled. There is no reason why a first class trade could not be developed among those eager for the indulgence of social fancies. The freest competition among buyers should be encouraged, and the market should be made as wide as possible. The Nation is already advocating this policy in Britain. It vigorously protests against the notion of using "some incompetent cadet to cadge among his limited circle of nouveaux riches for likely customers, who approach the government through the fumbling indirectness of some middleman, who commonly extracts a huge commission for his own purse." It wants the government to come out into the open, exposing its wares honestly with the starting price ticketed upon them. It believes that, in nine cases out of ten, the bidding will yield a large increase on existing prices.

By all means let titles be taxed. Canada has already enough to insure her a comfortable annual revenue. And, having thus placed the whole thing on a business basis, it should be maintained—if maintained at all—on that sound commercial status.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. James A. McGaw took place this afternoon from her late residence, 169 Victoria street. Services were conducted by the Plymouth Brethren. Interment was made in Cedar Hill. The floral offerings were numerous and included a wreath from the employes of Josiah Fowler Co., Ltd., and from the Alexandra Temple of Honor.

The funeral of Miss Alice Maud Close took place this afternoon from her parent's residence, 58 Kennedy street. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Green. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of William Scott took place this afternoon from his late residence, 6 Cranston avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. H. C. Fraser. Interment was made in Fernhill.

LIQUOR SEIZURES IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Feb. 22—Two seizures of liquor were made yesterday and today by Chief Finley, sub-inspector for the city. Both were made at the Dominion Express Office. The cause of seizure was improper marking of the packages containing the liquor.

Much pilfering of liquor consigned for personal use has been reported in this section. The stealing is done while the goods are in transit and is usually confined to liquor in wooden containers. Water usually is added to make up the proper bulk.

The C. P. R. station in this city had no definite word from Nerepis at an early hour this afternoon, but it was thought probable that a train would arrive with passengers from St. John at about four o'clock.

The members of the Carleton Curling Club who were playing the Fredericton Club here yesterday afternoon and last night, were held up by the wreck and remained here today.

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Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.

SIR R. A. FALCONER GIVEN HONORARY DEGREE.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22—The degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Sir Robert A. Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, by the University of Pennsylvania, at the annual university day exercises of the institution today. Fifty students received degrees in courses. Sir Robert was the principal speaker at the exercises. His subject was "a distinctive feature of the English university suggested by George Washington."

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

Peabody, Mass., Feb. 22—Five persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a house and barn in West Peabody early today. The house was occupied by a family named Miller. Police and firemen sent from here found the buildings in flames and with no water supply available. They recovered the bodies of Miller, his wife and three children.

Private sale of household furniture at 34 Elliott Row, Saturday and Monday, from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. Includes kitchen range, three bedroom sets, dining-room set, parlor furniture, etc. 73495-2-26.

HALIFAX DISASTER HEARING RESUMED

Halifax, N. S.,—Feb. 22—The preliminary examination into the manslaughter charges against Captain Aime Lemedec, master of the French steamer Mont Blanc; Frank MacKay, pilot of that steamer, and Commander Wyatt, R.N., former chief naval examination officer here, was resumed this morning before Stipendiary McLeod at the court house. Second Mate Bjonnes, of the Imo, told W. O'Hearn, K.C., counsel for Pilot MacKay, that he knew Albert Iversen on board this ship. Iversen was a Norwegian, he said.

"Did you ever see that book with him?" asked Mr. O'Hearn, producing a Bible and prayer book.

"Yes, a Norwegian church book, that is," said the witness.

Ralph Smith, engineer of a motor-boat which was on the harbor the morning of the explosion, said that men leaving the Mont Blanc gave warning of a possible explosion; one of the men in relief boats was standing up, waving his hands and shouting out the word "explosion."

Captain D. McLean of the tug Douglas H. Thomas, an eye-witness of the collision, reviewed a testimony which he had given before the commission of inquiry into the collision.

PERSONALS

A. B. Copp, M. P., of Sackville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Captain A. L. Demers, dominion wreck commissioner, of Ottawa, is in the city.

Frank A. Murchie, a prominent lumberman of Milltown (N. B.), was in the city yesterday.

Hon. A. R. Slipp, of Fredericton, was in the city yesterday.

James G. Harrison, of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., is in New York attending the national convention of new Edison distributors.

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2 lbs., 20c.	5 lbs., 49c.
10 lbs., 97c.	20 lbs., $1.93
2 lbs. Pulverized	23c.
1-2 lb. baker's Chocolate	19c.
15c. P. G. Pudding	12 1-2c.
4 lbs. Rolled Oats	27c.
20c. bottle Mixed Pickles	15c.
20c. bottle Chow Pickles	15c.
3 pkgs. Imp. Jelly	25c.
15c. pkge. Aunt Jemima Pancake or Buckwheat Flour	13c.
45c. bottle Maple Syrup	38c.
1 lb. tin R. B. Powder	47c.
1 lb. block Pure Lard	33c.
1 lb. tin Crisco	31c.
1 1-2 lb. tin Crisco	47c.
1 qt. Soya (imported) Beans,	22c.
25c. bottle Eager's Rennett	21c.
1 lb. pkge. Cod Bits	15c.
1 lb. pkge. Starr Cod	19c.
1 pkge. Shredded Cod	12 1-2c.
1 tin Shrimps	Only 17c.
1 lb. tin Salmon	22c.
22c. tin Grated Pineapple	19c.
45c. tin Sliced Pineapple	35c.
1 lb. pkge. Oleomargarine	37c.
Canadian Cheese	27c. lb.
Canada Cream Cheese	9c. pkge.
Pimento Cheese	9c. pkge.

MARMALADE

20c. jar Betty's Orange	17c.
25c. jar Sheriff's Orange	21c.
30c. jar Stuart's Orange	25c.
18c. jar Grapefruit	15c.

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Special value,	67c. and 79c.
2 only (5c.) Nail Brushes	7c.
2 tins Babbitt's Cleanser	9c.
1776 Washing Powder	5c.
2 rolls Toilet Paper	22c.
6c. box Matches for	5c.
25c. tin Chloride of Lime	21c.
35c. tin Saniflush	29c.
Royal Metal Paste	9c. tin
25c. tin Gilt Edge Polish	21c.

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60c. quality, special	43c. lb.
80c. C. Jordan Almonds	59c.
40c. St. Croix Mixture	29c.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla surely and effectively removes scrofula, boils and other blood diseases because it drives out of the blood all the humors that cause these diseases. They cannot be successfully treated in any other way. External applications for their removal have proven almost useless, because they cannot drive out the impurities that are in the blood.

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LOCAL NEWS

INJURED IN COLLISION

Joseph Ritchie, aged forty-five, a Syrian, of 24 Brunswick street, was injured while driving a team for L. Ring & Son this morning when a car struck him. He was taken to the General Public Hospital and, after he recovered from the shock, was found little the worse for the accident. He had a bad cut over the left eye and on the back of the head.

THE STRIKING PLUMBERS.

A master plumber, who was present at a recent meeting of the Master Plumbers' Association, says that a communication was received from the journeymen plumbers asking for a conference with a view to settling the dispute and that the secretary was instructed to answer the communication and express a willingness to treat with them with a view of coming to some settlement.

BLUE GEESE COMING.

A. H. Vallance, Most Loyal Gander, and James D. Cherry, W. D. Davies and W. J. Davidson, members of the Quebec Pond of the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, are expected in the city this afternoon to officiate at the coming installation of officers of the local pond. H. H. McLellan is Most Loyal Gander of the maritime provinces.

MRS. JAMES ROGAN.

Mrs. James Rogan, a well known resident of the North End, passed away at her home, 77 Elm street, at an early hour this morning after a lingering illness. She was a native of this city and has a wide circle of friends who will regret to learn of her death. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, James and John of Augusta, Me., and Cornelius of this city, also two daughters, Mrs. Richard Payne and Mrs. John Hillas of St. John; one brother, Thomas Ellis, of Brantford, Ont., and two sisters, Mrs. John McCann of Maine and Miss Fannie Ellis of Hartford, Conn. Her funeral will take place Monday morning.

CONDENSED NEWS

The Winnipeg trades and labor council last night appointed committees to draft a resolution to the Dominion government favoring the taking over of the flour mills and bakeries of the dominion by the federal authorities.

The city of Sherbrooke is again without gas. During the night an explosion destroyed the main building and the whole eastern wall and roof of the gas house. Two men, James Muir and Jos. Dunn, on duty at the time, were seriously burned.

The management of the Ottawa and Canadien hockey clubs are corresponding on the suggestion that the last Montreal N. H. L. game between these two teams next Wednesday be transferred to Quebec.

The wife of Gabriel Hamel, farmer at St. Gerard, Que county, was instantly killed yesterday evening with her seven-year-old boy, by a C. N. R. train. The woman and boy were crossing the track.

Meatless days in the United States have saved 140,000,000 pounds of beef in four months, the food administration announced today. During this period 165,000,000 pounds of beef were exported to the Allies together with 400,000,000 pounds of pork products.

Arthur Dubois, of a Montreal battalion, pleaded guilty to stealing ninety-five cents from the poor box in St. Francois D'Assize church at Hintonburg on Wednesday last and was sent to Kingston penitentiary for two years, less one day.

Chief Groulx exploded a regular bomb in Hull last night, when he raided every store, hotel and pool room in the city where slot machines were operated, seizing them and carted them off to the police station. Information had reached the chief that the machines were being used for gambling purposes.

All the crew of the British tramp steamer Etruria, a total loss aground off the Atlantic coast, were landed today by a United States coast guard ship. There were forty-seven in all.

Nine persons, all members of the family of Morris Miller, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Miller home near Peabody, Mass., early today.

Five more absentees under the military service act have been rounded up in Halifax. The men all belonged to points outside the city. Many city men eligible for the first call are reporting voluntarily.

A maximum price of 90 cents a bushel on oats was set by the council of the grain exchange in Winnipeg this morning.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

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LOCAL NEWS

Kindergarten Tag Day Feb. 26.

"Old Maid Convention" and concert tonight, Thorne Lodge Hall; admission 10c.

Private instructions in modern dancing. Miss Alice M. Green, Main 2880-11. 2—26

"The Lost Express" on its way for the Nickel, Queen square.

Are you saving the coupons? Begin now.—LouisGreen ,89 Charlotte street.

Big programme for today and Saturday at the Nickel, Queen square.

PANTRY SALE

Home-cooking, candy aprons, Saturday afternoon, 168 King street, west, under the auspices of Help a Little Society of the Carleton Methodist church.

Kindergarten Tag Day Feb. 26.

Experienced stenographer and Bookkeeper. Apply Mr. Cameron, The Maritime Retailer, Dearborn building, Prince William street.

Our discounts will save many a shoe dollar these days when shoes are up in price.—Wiezel's Cash Stores, 243-247 Union street.

We want you to expect more shoe value for your money here than you get elsewhere.—Wiezel's Cash Stores, 243-247 Union street.

Carnival on Carleton Rink tonight; band in attendance. Admission 15 cts.

NEW EDISON AT LYRIC

Anna Case, the miracle girl of the Metropolitan Opera Company; Marie Rappold, who filled Emma Destin's place in the same company; Albert Spalding, America's leading violinist, and other well-known artists are supplying the musical parts in "Civilization," at the Lyric Theatre tonight and tomorrow, through the new Edison Re-Creation. It is a treat well worth hearing.

VAUDEVILLE ARTIST ARRESTED AS ALIEN ENEMY, BUT RELEASED

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 22—William Lockan, member of a vaudeville company playing in a local theatre, who was arrested in Moncton charged with being of enemy origin, was allowed his freedom today. He was placed in custody last night at the close of the performance. Today the police examined Lockan's valise but found nothing on which to hold him. He had documents showing that he had registered in New York.

Two men, belonging to West Bathurst, were taken into custody by the Moncton police today. One showed papers of exemption as a farmer. He was allowed to go. The other man's exemption was disallowed. He will be sent home. Both were en route to work in Halifax.

HAS ASSIGNED.

Notice of the assignment of Hugh Macdougall of Sackville to I. Newton Killam, sheriff of Westmorland, for the benefit of his creditors is given in the Royal Gazette. At a meeting of the creditors in Sheriff Killam's office this afternoon inspectors are to be appointed.

USE THE WANT AD. WAY

GERMAN-AUSTRIAN TROOPS CONTINUE MARCH INTO RUSSIA ALMOST UNOPPOSED

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Navy Disorganized.

London, Feb. 22—Disorganization in the Russian navy has reached an extreme point and there is no likelihood of any order being obeyed, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd. The naval authorities at Reval report that in order to save the Russian navy from the hands of the Germans it will be necessary to remove the ships at Reval and Helsingfors to Kronstadt.

This, however, is believed to be impossible, owing to their disuse. Up to this time only submarines have been removed from these ports. The question has arisen whether to destroy the ships at Helsingfors. It is also suggested to intern them in Finland as a free and neutral state, acknowledgement of Finnish neutrality having been made by the Bolsheviki. The Bolsheviki are willing to withdraw the Russian Red Guards from Finland and to stop the supply of munitions to the revolutionists.

The marine detachment at Abo, Finland, and the Aland Islands demand their immediate discharge, the despatch adds, and the majority of the crews at Helsingfors oppose any active defence.

Allies Stand Fast.

London, Feb. 22—The Allied embassies in Petrograd, according to a despatch from the Russian capital to the Morning Post dated Monday, have been besieged by anxious inquirers who have been assured that as far as is known at present the embassies will quit the city if the Germans come, but not otherwise. The Allies, it is added, have no intention of abandoning their once greatest ally.

Defense to the Death.

London, Feb. 22—"Defence to the death," against Germany is ordered in the proclamation of the Russian commissioners, Reuters Petrograd correspondent telegraphs. The commissioners appeal to the soldiers to destroy railways and provisions, and compel the Bourgeoisie to dig trenches under penalty of death.

The commissioners' appeal to the country also intimates that the Germans plan the capture of Petrograd.

"The German generals," it says, "desire to establish their own order in Petrograd and Kiev. The republic is in the gravest danger. The duty of Russian workmen and peasants is defence to the death of the republic against the masses of Bourgeoisie and imperialists of Germany."

An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd says the evacuation of Finland has been ordered by the commissioners.

Peace Overtures.

London, Feb. 22—Although the delegates sent by the Russian commissioners to inform the Germans officially of Russia's capitulation departed for Dvinsk on Wednesday, no news has been received from them, says an announcement made by the commissioners, as forwarded in a Reuter despatch from Pretrograd. The announcement adds:—

"It seems that the Gereman government is putting off its reply and evidently is refusing peace and carrying out the wishes of the capitalists of all countries."

A Berlin despatch received via Amsterdam last night said the Russian written confirmation of the acceptance of the German peace terms had passed the German lines

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WAITING FOR HUNS TO BEGIN THEIR ATTACK

(Cotninued from page 1.)

London, Feb. 22—"Early last night a large party of the enemy raided two of our posts in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway, and a few of our men are missing," says today's war office statement.

"On the remainder of the British front there is nothing special to report.

"A raid attempted by the enemy early yesterday morning against posts held by Belgian troops in the Merckem sector was repulsed by artillery and machine gun fire."

Keeping U. S. Troops Busy.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 21—(By the Associated Press)—The artillery duel continues night and day. The enemy is firing an ever-greater number of shells, but only insignificant damage has been done to the American lines. American shells, on the other hand, appear to be hitting important enemy positions with regularity except when a ground haze obscures observation.

Activity in the air has not diminished and numbers of German machines continue to cross the American lines. To-day a German machine flew so low that it emptied its machine gun into a group of American soldiers gathered around a camp kitchen. The enemy airmen in the airplane were clearly seen. No casualties were reported today.

A large number of German guns are now opposite the American sector. Among them are some 88's, probably from the Russian front.

London, Feb. 21—The great assistance which the air services, naval and military, now being combined under the air council, have rendered to armies in the field was described in the House of Commons today by Major J. L. Baird, parliamentary secretary to the air board, when he introduced the estimates for that department. In September last 139 enemy machines were definitely ascertained to have been destroyed by British airmen, thirteen were brought down by anti-aircraft guns, and 122 were driven down out of control. Through the direction of airmen in one day 127 hostile batteries, said Major Baird, were successfully "engaged to destruction," meaning that the airmen reported that the batteries were silenced; 28 gun pits were destroyed, 80 more were damaged and 60 explosions of munition dumps were reported. On the same day 34 hostile batteries were "engaged for destruction," as a result of balloon observations.

In Sept. 15, 837 photographs were taken and 7,886 bombs were dropped on various military points on the Germa lines. There had been eleven raids into Germany in the past two months, while the Germans succeeded in carrying out only eight into Great Britain, despite the fact that London was more easily reached than anything Germany could offer.

Paris, Feb. 22—Heavy artillery fighting on the whole front is reported in today's official announcement.

"Heavy artillery fighting occurred along the whole front, especially in the regions of the Forest of Pinon, Chevreux, and the Californie Plateau (Aisne front); Butte Du Mesnil (Champagne front), and Hartmannsweilerkopf (Alsace.) There was no infantry action."