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NOTE AND COMMENT

The East African colony which the British have now wholly wrested from the Germans had a total area of 384,180 square miles, or about that of Texas and New Mexico combined. At the beginning of the war German colonial possessions embraced a total area more than a third the size of the United States. All are lost to Germany now and never will be restored.

London Morning Post: Frugality is a virtue which is not only not practised, but hardly known, in the households of this country. Contrivance and selection have not been incultured. Neither the skill nor the will to make the most of available supplies have been exercised, with the results that unpardonable wastefulness has become a national characteristic. If only the habit of frugality had been acquired, as in France, the food problem today would be infinitely less anxious. The difficulty now is to shake the people out of their deeply-settled extravagance in consuming, and still more in not consuming, but throwing away, the food that is becoming so dangerously scarce.

Photos of Overseas Soldiers Wanted

The Officer in charge of the Canadian War Records has asked us to make known that it is desired to compile a complete history in photograph of the Canadians' share in the War, in the same way that all other belligerent countries are compiling similar records.

It is particularly desired to obtain photographs of all officers, N.C.O.'s and men who have served or are now serving in the Overseas Military Forces of Canada, and it is requested that an appeal should be made to this end, through these columns.

All officers and other ranks serving overseas may find it difficult to send in their photographs and their relatives are therefore especially appealed to, to send in their photographs for them.

By preference the photographs should be unmounted and printed on bromide paper in order to ensure permanence. Each photograph should be accompanied by a concise record not exceeding two or three hundred words, of the subject's military career including date of enlistment, promotions, distinctions and so on, as this will greatly assist in obtaining a full and accurate record of all concerned.

In addition it is desired to collect all photographs dealing with the Mobilisation, Training and Departure of Troops together with pictures illustrating reviews, sports, presentations, etc. Any photograph of this nature is regarded as a document of historical importance, and it is hoped that the possessors of all such photographs will deem it their duty to send either the originals or copies, which will ultimately be placed in the Permanent Public Archives of the Dominion.

All photographs, which will be acknowledged, should be addressed to the Officer in charge of Canadian War Records, 14 Clifford St., Bond St., London, W. I. England.

Some men believe themselves great because they blunder greatly.

After a girl has broken a man's heart some other girl comes along and mends it.

Potatoes in Plenty

Nova Scotia has an estimated surplus of 2,000,000 bushels of potatoes. New Brunswick's surplus is about 2,600,000 bushels. Prince Edward Island will have a surplus of perhaps, 559,000 bushels. It is not expected that there will be any surplus of potatoes in Ontario this year though the crop has been a large one, amounting to about 18,000,000 bushels. In Quebec the yield is placed at 15,750,000 bushels. It is expected that the supply in Quebec will fall about 2,000,000 bushels below the consumption. Some of the western provinces will have considerable surpluses. The total potato crop for 1917 in this country is expected to be 7,600,000 bushels in excess of the normal consumption. Then why the high prices?

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and this is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

From the Trenches.

The following verses gain their chief interest from the fact that they were written by a French-Canadian soldier, Signaller O. Lavoie, No. 145163, of the 87th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. They were composed in captured German dugouts in which Signaller Lavoie was on duty. Signaller Lavoie's mother, Mrs. F. Lavoie, lives at 92 Wellington street, Hull. The author's own title is "Why I, a French-Canadian, Enlisted." Having learned through the columns of The Soldiers' Gazette of the keen solicitude felt by its publishers, the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, in all matters pertaining to the lads at the front, Signaller Lavoie forwarded the verses to the Guild's headquarters in Montreal, with the suggestion that they might be published in pamphlet form and sold for the benefit of the Red Cross or some other patriotic object. The verses follow:

You ask me why I enlisted, And why did I go to war? Just listen, I'll tell a story Perhaps you have heard before. I ain't no blooming hero— A corporal or a lance; I'm just a paltry signaller Doing my bit in France. I was just an operator night, And had to work the same. It made me want to fight, For it's up to us Canadians And the horrible deeds they'd done; My blood ran cold with horror At what they called "great fun."

The way they treated the mothers, And the little children, too. It made me join the colors, Determined to see it through. For it's up to us Canadians Who came from over the sea To stand up shoulder to shoulder Till little Belgium is free.

What would they do in Canada If the coal could cross the sea? You know, it is Bill's ambition Lord of the world to be. They would treat us like Nurse Cavell, Our homes they'd come and claim. If I stood and let them do it I'd feel I were to blame.

There are lads who've crossed the sea And slackers who've stayed at home. I am a French-Canadian And fought upon the Somme; So we can't all be cowards (No doubt, there are a few), For I am a French-Canadian And I've been on Vimy, too.

You can see that the Canadians Have won a glorious name; Wherever they may go to fight They win undying fame. And many are French-Canadians Keeping the flag unfurled, Till the Kaiser learns he's beaten And cannot rule the world.

Then I will take off the khaki And return home over the sea; I'll know my duty accomplished And feel my conscience free. But should I fall in battle And never more cross the foam; Thank God, I wasn't a slacker, But helped to save my home. —O. Lavoie.

Reviving the Jet Industry.

Since the Norman conquest considerable quantities of jet—a very hard kind of coal—have been mined and made into various kinds of ornaments at Whitby, but in the last decade or two the industry has waned, because of the competition of German imitations made out of glass.

Lately a marked revival, due to the cutting off of the German imitations and to the great demand for jet articles for mourning purposes, is noted. Most of the workers engaged are old men who learned the art of carving and finishing jet when the industry was at its zenith.—The Pathfinder.

Many a man's failure is due to his being afraid to try.

AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

Historic City Has Lost Importance in Recent Years.

Aix-la-Chapelle is, in many ways, one of the most historic cities in Europe. It figures prominently in history, not only as the coronation place of German kings and emperors, but as the scene of several notable congresses; whilst it has given its name to three important treaties. It was famous in the time of the Romans, to whom it was known as Aquisgranum, and, centuries later, in the time of the Carolingian kings, it was a place of no little importance. As early as A. D. 765, King Pippin the Short, the father of Charlemagne, had a palace there; whilst it was there, in all probability, that Charlemagne himself was born. It was to Charlemagne that Aix-la-Chapelle owed its rise to greatness. Between the years 777 and 786, he pulled down the palace which his father had built there, and built another far more magnificent, whilst he raised the town to the rank of the second city in the Empire.

Charlemagne was, of course, a patron of music and learning, welcoming such scholars as Eginhard, Alcuin, and Warnefried to his court, and Aix-la-Chapelle quickly became a center of western culture. His son, Louis the Pious, was crowned there, and thence onwards, until the time of Ferdinand I. in 1521, the coronation of Frankish and German kings always took place at Aix-la-Chapelle, no fewer than thirty-two emperors and kings being crowned within the city. Notwithstanding its importance, especially from a political point of view, it was not until the twelfth century that Aix-la-Chapelle was surrounded, after the manner of the times, with walls. It had been ravaged by Northmen in their raids up the Rhine, in 851, and again in 882, but it was apparently allowed to take its chance with other open towns, until about 1166, when the Emperor Frederick I. granted its first important civic rights, and ordered that the city should be surrounded with walls. Later on, it became a free city of the Holy Roman Empire, and, having grown strong in power and influence, took a conspicuous part in the great happenings of the fourteenth century, being a prominent factor in the league which, at that time, kept the peace between the Meuse and the Rhine.

The next notable event in its history was the inevitable insurrection of the guilds, which here, as in Cologne, some forty miles away, had steadily grown stronger and better able to secure rights and privileges from a reluctant, not to say wholly antagonistic, authority. The revolt broke out in 1450, and ultimately resulted in the admission of the guilds to a share in the municipal government. It was at about this time that Aix-la-Chapelle reached the zenith of its power. In the following century it began to decline in importance and prosperity. For some time past, the German kings had been looking at it rather askance. It lay perilously near to the French frontier, altogether too near, in fact, to be safe; whilst it was too far away from the center of Germany to be convenient as a capital. So it came about that Maximilian I. had the courage of his convictions, and broke with seven centuries of tradition by having himself crowned at Frankfurt-on-Main, a precedent which was followed till the extinction of the Empire, in 1806.

Aix-la-Chapelle lost much in dignity by the change, and then the Reformation dealt hardly with the city. In 1580 it accepted Protestantism, and, as a consequence, there fell upon it the ban of the Empire, a ban which was carried out by Ernest of Bavaria, the Archbishop-Elector of Cologne, in 1588. The Archbishop brought back the city "into the fold of the church," but, within a few years, it had forsaken the fold again, only, however, to be once more brought back by Spinola's Spanish troops. The Treaty of Luneville, in 1801, provided for the incorporation of Aix-la-Chapelle with France, as chief town of the Department of the Roer, but the Congress of Vienna, in 1814, assigned it to Prussia.

Caterpillars' Strong Jaws.

The damage done by caterpillars in certain parts of England draws attention to the fact that they go about in regular armies, congregating in such numbers that they have been known to stop railway trains by making the line too slippery for the wheels of the locomotives to grip. They can strip the pasture from hundreds of acres, and all the leaves from the trees of big forests.

Both butterflies and moths always lay their eggs on the particular plant on which the caterpillars like to feed when first hatched. Some lay them on the ground among the grasses, others on the tips of the leaves of certain trees, whilst others fasten them in little rings round the tree twigs. The caterpillar's powerful jaws enable it to eat the leaves upon which it finds itself when hatched out at an alarming rate.

When large numbers of caterpillars are occupied in feeding, the munching noise they make with their jaws can be heard as distinctly as the rustling of paper.

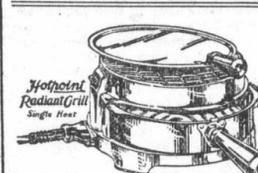
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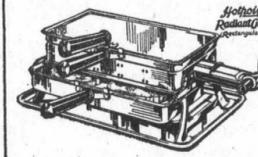
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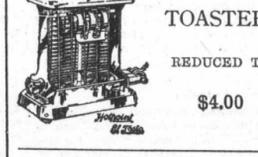
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Then give three cheers, three rousing cheers, For the Wives and Mothers true Who to help the War, both near and far Are sacrificing too. While Sweethearts live, and Sisters give, At home they will prove their worth, To the Lads who go to face the Foe For the Best Old Flag on Earth.

With Britain's Men bravely standing, And her splendid Allies true, They have met the Hun, and their duty done, 'Neath the Old "Red White and Blue"; Each borne his part, with a brave, true heart. All the World has heard of their worth. Of their Women as well, and their courage they tell, For the Best Old Flag on Earth.

When Heroes brave are returning, And rewards are passed around; Mongst our Women brave, who their lov'd ones gave, True Heroines will be found. For they gave their best, from East to West. Till of good men there was a dearth: And their share they have done in defeating the Hun.

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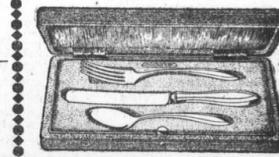
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School Reports

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Report of S. S. No. 1 and 13, Brooke and Warwick, for November. Class IV Sr.—Jessie Cran, Joe Ruth, Donna Cameron, Jr.—R. V. Davidson. Class III Sr.—Clare Ruth, John Clothier, Vera Davidson, Frank Gilliland, Jr.—Clare Cran, Phoebe McNeil, Class II Sr.—Christina Ruth, Earl Davidson. Class I.—Earl Gilliland. Primer—Sr.—Vera Edgar, Mary Gilliland, John Cran, Gerard Cowan, Jr.—Gordon Gilliland, John McNeil. GLADYS M. CRAIG, Teacher.

ASTHMA DOESN'T WEAR OFF ALONE. Do not make the mistake of waiting for asthma to wear away by itself. While you are waiting the disease is surely gathering a stronger foothold and you live in danger of stronger and yet stronger attacks. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy taken early, will prevent incipient condition from becoming chronic and saves hours of awful suffering. m To the owner of a glue factory the odor is not offensive.

Coins placed in front of a new toy bank disappear inside of it when a person whistles, the device being operated by a microphone and electro-magnet. By heating naphthalene under pressure in the presence of aluminum chloride German scientists have produced an oil that can be used for illuminating purposes.

S m se ca ca tel ab ab me the wh pro T B HIS is pract Econou because on that bake yo Cakes. must ha you kn wood an So Save Buy y LC NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS MATHIAS, Gentleman, deceased. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Thomas Mathias, who died May A. D. 1917, at the County of Lambton, the first day of January next prepaid or deliv for John Hase Executors of the la said Thomas Mathias and full pa claims and a strict nature of the said estate of the said deceased, Executors will pro of the said decesse thereto having re which they shall ti or any part thereof whose claim pios at the time of such