Take Notice

The annual meeting of the members of the County of Brant Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, will be held in the County Council room, Court House, in the City of Brantford, on Thursday, Feb. 15th, 1917, at two o'clock, p.m., to receive and dispose of the financial statement and Auditor's report, to elect directors and Auditors and transact such other business as may be considered for the welfare of the company.

The retiring Directors are Chas. McIntyre, Hugh Allan and Edward Knight, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

DUNCAN MILLER,
President
JOHN H. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICE

Friday, the twenty-third day of February next, will be the last day for presenting Petitions for Private Bi

Friday, the second day of March next, will be the last day for introducing Private Bills.

Thursday, the fifteenth day of March next, will be the last day for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills.

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S. P. Pitcher will sell by public auction at 18 Terrace Hill St. on Tuesday February 6th at 1:30 the following: Hall: Brussels carpet, walnut hallrack, heater, walnut tables. Parlor:—Carpet curtains and blinds, hand-carved walnut sofa, walnut parlor chairs, beautiful oval walnut table, hand-carved walnut box seat, melodeon, oil paintings. Dining-room: Carpet, very fine dining table handsome oak sideboard, beautiful old walnut framed sofa, walnut dining-room chairs, leather covered easy chair, rocker, old pictures, very fine Old Crown Derby salad dish, china, glass, cutlery, etc. Kitchen and summer kitchen:—Peninsular range, fine inlaid linoleum, eight-day clock, walnut extension table walnut fall-leaf table, walnut chest of drawers, Jewel gas range only used a few months, iron pots, and kitchen utensils. Bedrooms:—The contents of three bedrooms including carpets, curtains, blinds, fine oak bedroom suite, walnut suite, very fine old walnut chest of drawers, springs and mattresses. The above are only some of the principal articles it being impossible to enumerate everything, but the entire contents of a well furnished home are to be sold without reserve. At the same time there will be offered for sale the property consisting of a well-built brick cottage and a story and a half brick house. There are some very fine pieces of walnut and admirers of same should attend this sale. Goods on view day previous to sale from three until five. Household furniture, cash. Terms of real estate made known at the time of sale. J. W. Watkins, Executor of the Estate of the late Mary Scrimger, S. P. Pitcher, Auctioneer.

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GREATEST CRISIS OF THE WAR

New York, Feb. 1.—An Associated Press despatch from Washington this morning says:

Ruthless submarine warfare inaugurated today by Germany brings the United States face to face with what President Wilson has solemnly declared to be the only alternative to recognition of American rights on the high seas—a break in diplomatic relations, with its accompanying grim possibilities.

Washington awoke this morning with a shiver to a realization of this stiuation. It had come so suddenly in midst of lingering hopes for an early peace in Europe and speculation over what might be the President's next move toward that end that there had been little time for deliberation. In fact even members of the foreign relations committee of the Senate read for the first time this morning in the newspapers the text of the warning handed to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin and delivered to the State Department by Count von Bernstorff.

President Wilson upon whom lies the burden of determining the nation's course was alone in his study at the White House until late in the night with a copy of the German note. He saw no callers, but is understood to have held several telephone conferences with members of the cabinet and to have sent a summons to Col. E. M. House, his close friend and constant adviser in foreign affairs. Col. House, leaving his home at last midnight, reached here early this morning. There is every indication that whatever the American Government does will be done quickly. Apparently it is agreed that there are but three courses open—handing Count von Bernstorff his passports without further ado, sending at once a warning to Germany that she will violate American rights at her peril, or awaiting the development of the new starvation campaign against England, announced to begin to-day.

Wilson Surprised.

The President has given no intimation of the trend of his thoughts since he expressed incredulous amazement yesterday when informed of what was coming through the despatches from Berlin. So far as could be learned early to-day no arrangement had been made for him to appear before Congress as he did last year to announce the despatch of the Sussex note informing Germany that unless the Imperial Government abandoned the conduct of submarine warfare without regard to the principles of humanity and the rights of neutrals, the United States would be obliged to break off diplomatic relations.

Back At Start

The new German warning carries the situation back practically to where it was upon the original proclamation by Germany two years ago of a war zone around the British Isles. That proclamation called for the famous "strict accountability" note from the United States. It was followed by the sinking of the Lusitania and the virtual ultimatum from the United States which resulted in the German pledge not to sink "liners" without warning and provision for the safety of those on board. Then came the long series of alleged violations of this pledge, culminating in the attack upon the channel passenger steamer Sussex.

The Sussex Case

In her final note in the Sussex case, Germany extended her pledges to cover all peaceful merchant craft, but gave notice that if what she termed Great Britain's illegal blockade was maintained, a new situation would be created in which she would reserve full liberty of action.

The exchange closed with the United States accepting the new assurances in a terse note which informed the Berlin Government that it was taken for granted that observance of American rights was not contingent upon the outcome of negotiations between the United States and another nation.

German Theats

The new situation has arisen and the reserved liberty of action is to be used. According to information from Teutonic sources here, Germany has ready from 300 to 500 submarines ready to wage relentless war upon shipping in the proscribed area, stretching three or four hundred a great section of the high seas miles from the coasts of the British Isles and almost the whole of the Mediterranean Sea.

Picardy Invaded by Omnibusses From London

Foe Was Caught Off Guard in Latest British Offensive and Fell an Easy Prey

(By Philip Gibbs)

With the British Armies in the Field, Sunday, Jan. 28—The "show" as our men call it, near Le Transloy yesterday was more than a raid. It was an attack for the definite purpose of gaining an important bit of ground on the slope which goes down to the ruined village, and of driving the enemy out of some strong points of interest. It involved the capture of six officers and 352 men of picked regiments. This is the way in which we caught the enemy utterly by surprise and the rapid, easy way in which the whole operation was done. A touch which seems fantastic came at the end of the adventure, when these young Germans, still breathless with amazement of their capture, were bundled into omnibusses which used to go "all the way to Bank, Bank," in the old days before the world began to crack, and were taken to their camp on our side of the battlefields.

It was a grim, cold morning, piercingly cold, with the wind cutting like a knife across the snowfields. It was a morning when the German officers and men of the 119th and 121st Regiments, the Wurtemburgers of Konigen Olga, were glad to stay down in the warmth of the dugouts, cooking coffee on their little stoves, with which each man of these favored troops is provided.

German Troops Suffer.

They had some good dugouts in and near the sunken road which runs up from Morvel to Le Transloy and struck through a little salient in front of our lines. Till yesterday morning the trenches on either side of the sunken road were not happy places for the Wurtemburgers. For months past our guns have been pounding them, so they were mostly battered down and only held here and there by little groups of men, who dug themselves in. There was no wire in front of them, and here, during wet weather and now during the great frost, the German troops, as we know from prisoners to-day, suffered badly from trench feet and stomach troubles.

The Boches' Mistake

Yesterday morning one or two shivering wretches stood sentry in the German line, trying to gain shelter from the knife-blade of wind. All the others were below the ground They believed the British were just as quiet in the good work of keeping warm. That was their mistake.

In our trenches the men were quiet but busy. They were waiting for the signal from the guns, and had their bayonets fixed, their bombs slung about them, and their rations slung to their belts. A rum ration was served around, and the men drank it and felt the glow of it, so that the white waste of "No Man's Land" did not look so cold and menacing. They were North British and Irish troops, less stolid than English troops and quickly fired, perhaps, in the spirit of an attack.

Guns Start Suddenly

Suddenly about half-past five there was a terrificv crash of guns and at the same moment the men scrambled up into the open and with bayonets low, went out into No Man's Land. I think it took about four minutes for that passage of lonely ground which a hundred yards or so between the lines is all pock-marked with shell holes, and is as hard as iron. Often during the freezing of the quagmire there is no preliminary bombardment. As soon as the guns went off the men went with the line of shells not very far in front of them. They found no men above the ground when they pierced the German line. It was curious and uncanny—the utter lifelessness of the place they came to capture. Not a single machine gun spat at them. They knew quickly they had surprised the enemy utterly. They found dugouts and called down their challenge and heard it answered. The Wurtembergers came up dazed with the effect of capture, hardly believing it, as men in a dream. One of the officers explained; "We thought it just a morning strafe and kept down in the dugout till it was over. We had no idea of an attack; how did you get here so quickly?"

Teutons Ashamed of Themselves

They were abashed. They said they would have put up a fight if they had had any kind of a chance, but they were trapped so could do nothing but surrender with the best grace possible. On the right from two isolated bits of trench there came a burst of rifle fire. A few Germans there had time to recover from the stunning blow of the first surprise and fought pluckily till overpowered. Our men went on further than the objective given to them to a point 500 yards away from the German first line and established themselves there. From the neighboring ground through the white haze of the snowfields the red lights went up with "S.O.S." signals, and presently the German gunners got busy but the prisoners were bundled back to the omnibuses and the men took posession of the dugouts proper. Organization is very difficult above ground. It is too hard to dig. From the furtherest point later in the day the men were withdrawn to the ground given to them for their objectives and the German attempts to organize counter-attacks were smashed by our artillery because we have an absolute observation of their movements from higher ground won by the great fighting in the Somme battles.

The Wurtembergers were unlucky They were first due to get relief from the Bavarians, whose morale seems to be much lower than theirs. All Bavarian prisoners yearn for peace with more anguish and hope, though Wurtembergers say peace will only come by victory.

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MARKETS

FRUITS—		
Apples, Basket, small. ...	0 00 to	50
Apples, Basket, large . .	to	70
Pears, Basket.....		50
MEATS—		
Bacon, side	$0 31 to	$0 33
Bacon, back	0 33 to	0 35
Beef, per lb.....	0 15 to	0 20
Beef, hinds	0 14 to	0 16
Turkeys, lb...	35 to	40
Geese.....	1 75 to	3 00
Chickens, each.....	75 to	1 00
Chickens, lb.....	16 to	17
Ducks	0 80 to	1 00
Dry salt pork	0 18 to	0 20
Dressed Pork	0 20 to	0 25
Kidneys	0 10 to	0 12
Lamb	0 25 to	0 30
Live Hogs	10 40 to	0 00
Smoked shoulder	0 18 to	0 00
VEGETABLES—		
Beans, quart	0 08 to	0 10
Beets, 3 bunches	0 10 to	0 00
Celery...	8 for	10 cents
Carrots, basket	0 25 to	0 50
Cauliflower	0 10 to	0 25
Horseradish, bottle	0 15 to	0 00
Cabbage, each	0 10 to	0 25
Cabbage, doz.	2 00 to	0 00
Onions, pk.	0 50 to	0 00
Potatoes, basket	0 50 to	0 60
Potatoes, bushel..	1 25 to	1 35
Botatoes, bag...		2 00
Parsnips, basket	0 25 to	0 50
Turnips, bushel...	0 00 to	0 50
FISH—		
Halibut steak, lb.	0 20 to	0 00
Kippered herring	0 13 to	0 15
Pickerel	0 12 to	0 18
Perch	0 12 to	0 00
Salmon trout, lb.	0 17 to	0 00
Whitefish, lb.	0 18 to	0 18
DAIRY PRODUCTS—		
Butter, creamery, per lb...	0 48 to	0 50
Butter, dairy, per lb... ..	0 45 to	0 46
Eggs, per doz.....	0 55 to	0 60
Honey, comb, clover	0 25 to	0 00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Cattle, receipts. 65,000; market, weak; native beef cattle, $7.75 to $11.95; western steers $7.75 to $10.50; stockers and feeders $6.00 to $9.10; cows and heifers, $5.00 to $10.25; calves, $10.50 to $14.25; hogs, receipts. 35,000; market, 15c to 20c higher; light, $11.40 to $12.00; mixed, $11.55 to $12.15; heavy, $11.60 to $12.20; rough, $11.60 to $11.75; pigs, $9.75 to $11.00; bulk of sales $11.75 to $12.00; sheep, receipts, $10.00; market strong, to 10c higher; wethers $10.25 to $13.50; lambs native $11.85 to $14.50.

EAST BUFFALO

By Courier Leased Wire.

East Buffalo, Feb. 1—Cattle, receipts 125, steady; veals, receipts 250 active and steady, $5.00 to $15.00; hogs, receipts 7,200, active, heavy and mixed, $12.40 to $12.50; yorkers, $12.35 to $12.50; light yorkers $11.25to $11.75; pigs $10.75 to $11.00; rough, $11.35 to $11.50; stags, $9.00 to $10.00; sheep and lambs, receipts 3,000, lambs $11.00 to $14.65; yearlings $9.50 to $13.50; wethers, $11.50 to $12.00; ewes $6.00 to $11.00; mixed sheep, $11.00 to $11.25.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Receipts of live stock were very light at the Union Stock Yards to-day and everything was cleaned up at unchanged prices. Receipts, 265 cattle, 100 calves, 1,723 hogs, 71 sheep. Export cattle choice $10.25 to $10.75; butcher cattle, choice $9.50 to $10.25; medium $7.75 to $9.00; common $6.75 to $7.50; butcher cows choice $7.75 to $8.50; medium $6.00 to $7.25; canners $4.25 to $4.50; bulls $5.00 to $9.00; feeding steers $6.75 to $7.60; stockers, choice $6.25 to $6.60; light $5.50 to $6.00; milkers choice, each $50.00 to $100.00; springers $50.00 to $100.00; sheep ewes $9.50 to $10.25; bucks and culls $7.00 to $9.00; lambs $7.50 to $14.50; hogs, fed and watered, $13.75; calves, $5.00 to $14.00.

The Dominion Government, last year, appropriated and expended $100,000 for the relief of sufferers by forest fires in Northern Ontario last summer, and $400,000 for the purchase of seed grain for farmers in distress in the west.

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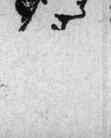
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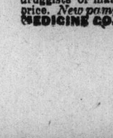
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