

Troop Horses' Burdens.

Cavalry are playing an unexpected part in the war, and the weight carried by cavalry horses in the various armies is of interest. The British cavalry is armed with the short Lee-Enfield rifle, the magazine of which holds ten rounds; the sword, which is carried by all ranks except signallers; and the revolver, carried by warrant officers, staff-sergeants, sergeants, trumpeters, and drivers. Each trooper carries one hundred rounds of ammunition in a bandolier over the left shoulder. Lancer regiments carry the lance. Altogether the British troop horse carries 280 pounds.

The Cossack pony carries about 238 pounds. The average weight carried by the Indian troop horse when ready for war is about 266 pounds. The Austrian "troopers" carry a weight of between 294 and 308 pounds, and the average in the French and German armies is about the same.

A Warm Welcome.

A bibulous old Scot, a golf caddy, who was as sharp and sarcastic as he was convivial, had a wife who was much troubled by her husband's loose way of life. He could never have a good day on the links but he must end it with a wet night at the tavern. So to cure him the woman lay in wait on the road one evening, dressed in a white sheet.

When her husband appeared she rose from behind a hedge, an awful white figure, with outspread arms. "Who the de'il are you?" asked the intemperate caddy as he gazed unsteadily at the supposed ghost.

"I'm Auld Nickie," said the figure in a hollow voice.

"Gie's a shake o' yer hand, then," said the tipsy caddy. "I'm married tae a sister o' yours. She'll be waitin' for us up at the house, an' nae doot she'll mak' ye welcome."

Quite a Spell.

"Spell your name!" said the court clerk sharply.

"The witness began: 'O, double T, I, double U, E, double L, double U, double O'—"

"Wait!" ordered the clerk; "begin again!"

The witness repeated: "O, double T, I, double U, E, double L, double U, double O"—

"Your honor!" roared the clerk, "I beg that this man be committed for contempt of court!"

"What is your name?" asked the judge.

"My name, your honor, is Ottwell Wood, and I spell it O, double T, I, double U, E, double L, double U, double O, D."

Showing Her Up.

"Here comes Nerissa. Let's kiss her complexion off. Who'll kiss her first?"

"I will," volunteered Vanessa.

"No, let me do it," urged Jocasta.

"I know where her freckles are," said Nerissa.

FIREPROOFING SHINGLES.

The Use of Paint Greatly Reduces Their Danger.

Building conditions in Canada are such as to make the use of shingles for roofing houses, stables, etc., almost universal. Their general use, in an unprotected condition, adds considerably to the ordinary fire risk, as well as to the conflagration hazard, and, consequently, increases the insurance rate on the buildings concerned. To overcome this disadvantage, numerous investigations and experiments have been and are still being made with the object of discovering a material the application of which will render the shingle roof fireproof, or, failing this, to secure a process of treatment of shingles whereby they may be included in the category of slow-burning structural material. Thus, it has been demonstrated that the use of a good quality of linseed oil carrying a suitable pigment will materially reduce the hazard. By the application of paint, the shingles are protected from the weather, thus preventing warping and the formation of pockets in which hot cinders may lodge; irregularities in the surface are also filled up by the paint.

Experiments have demonstrated that, under a one-minute exposure to flame, painted shingles are badly attacked. Under a three-minute test, the unpainted shingles were severely burned while the effect upon the painted ones was such that the actual burning was limited to the portion directly exposed to the flame, the paint retarding the spread of the fire and the charring of the wood. In the absence of any positive fireproofing material, the results obtained from the use of paint upon exposed shingles may be considered one of the best means of reducing the fire risk on shingle-roofed buildings.

Modern Fiction.

A young lady in Chicago wrote to a friend in a Canadian public library recently for a list of ten of the best works of fiction she had read during the last year. The recipient of the letter, a young lady well known for her ready wit, sent the following list: "The Truth About Germany," by Hermann Hesse; "The Secrets of the German War Office," a fine piece of imaginative writing by Dr. Karl Graves; "England as Germany's Vassal," a fairy tale by Von Bernhardi; "The Trenchant Tale," by Von Kluge; "The Mailed Fist, or Returned by Better Direction," by William Hohensollern; "The Uneaten Paris Dinner or The Wrong Goose Cooked," by Franz von Sood; "Everything Normal in Berlin," by Sir Roger Casement.

SEPARATED BY FLOODS

Part of German Army Is Cut Off by Floods.

Russians Are Pressing Forward at Northern Extreme of Line—Christians Called In to Protect Memel—Garrison of Przemysl Attempts Sortie and Suffers Heavily—Solsos Cathedral Under Fire.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—The Russians have succeeded in delivering the first blow of the spring campaign inside German territory. The lower Niemen is now flooding wide stretches of her marshy banks. This separates the northern column of the German left wing from its base at Koenigsberg, from which it is now impossible to send reinforcements overland. A week ago the Russians began pressing the Germans through Tauraggen towards Tilsit and further north across the frontier upon Memel. Some German horsemen were drowned in the Niemen river. The main body had to struggle northward and westward towards the coast of Kurinscho Haff, a shallow sea separated from the Baltic by a long, narrow sandbank, beginning a dozen miles above Koenigsberg, and ending at Memel. The Russian advance ended in a complete victory Thursday evening. The German column, which had been driven eastward across the frontier, scattered along the waterside.

Eight thousand infantry from the fortress placed in the trenches outside of Memel were driven back into the town. The commandant had armed the civilian population with rifles from the armory, and a confused mob of soldiers and civilians opened fire from the houses and barricades upon the leading Russian detachments. The only method of attempting the relief of Memel seems to be to bring ships from Danzig. These will have to shell their own town and expose themselves to an obvious challenge from the sea.

At Przemysl the garrison poured out 20,000 strong during Thursday night, forming to the north and south. Then half the garrison made a sortie eastward and attempted to drive off the besiegers. The effort was a complete failure, and the Austrians lost heavily in dead. Over 6,000 prisoners, many miserably undressed, accepted capture with infinite relief.

Hard Battle in Vosges.

PARIS, March 22.—Massing an immense number of troops on Saturday, the Germans delivered a strong attack on the French positions in the Great and Little Reich Ackerkopf of the Vosges Range, and after desperate fighting, in which both sides were exhausted, carried both sides were. The losses by both sides were heavy. The French commander at once hurried up reinforcements and succeeded in regaining the Little Reich Ackerkopf, and by nightfall the French troops were regaining the French position on the Great Ackerkopf.

The cathedral of Soissons was again bombarded by the Germans and seriously damaged. Twenty-seven shells were discharged at the edifice. The French War Office takes occasion to contradict German assertions that observation posts were ever established on the structure, or that the Red Cross flag was hoisted upon it. A counter-attack of the enemy was made on French position west of Perthes, in Champagne region, but did not succeed. The French in turn made a slight advance to the east of the ridges near Meuse. This was followed by a bombardment of the position by each side. French progress at Les Eparges was continued by the repulsing of two strong German attacks and the carrying of the greater part of a German position for which a two days' struggle had been raging. Three attacks in succession were made to regain this position, with the result that the Germans left many dead on the field and the post in the hands of the French soldiers. Further attacks on the French trenches in the Bouchoy wood were repulsed. A hot rifle fire was kept up in this region over Sunday, and two violent counter-attacks of the enemy were repulsed. A German blockhouse in the Montmarc wood in the Voivre region was destroyed by French artillery fire, which also blew up several ammunition wagons with stores.

MORE RESERVES CALLED.

Italy Is Rapidly Completing Preparations For War.

ROME, March 22.—The official military journal publishes an order recalling under the colors, until Dec. 31, all reserve officers born between the years 1882 and 1887. German and Austrian subjects who reside in Italy have been advised by their respective consuls to leave the country as quickly as possible.

It is reported here that so many German military spies have entered Italy that the General Staff has been obliged to change its mobilization plans because there is reason to believe that some of the secrets connected with them have been revealed. Paris of the Italian police force have been detailed to keep under surveillance Germans who recently entered Italy under what are considered suspicious circumstances. The Italian military authorities have caused to be distributed to Italy's soldiers the identification cards or badges which are worn by them during an active campaign.

Report Is False. At the British Embassy Saturday a statement was issued:

"The British embassy learns there is no truth in a report circulating from Peking that the British and Russian ambassadors at Tokio have made joint representations to Japan on the subject of China, or that the British and United States Governments are in consultation with a similar object."

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18 BUELL STREET, BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO

AUDITORS' REPORT

Statement for the Village of Athens for 1914 of the Receipts and Disbursements as per Treasurer's books.

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand.....	\$ 1649 49
Resident taxes collected.....	6619 95
Government grant.....	53 00
Licenses.....	6 50
Fines.....	84 25
Repts from hall.....	278 00
Tp. share P.S. Deb.....	29 80
Tp. share H.S. Deb.....	243 11
Transfer from L.I. acct.....	521 17
Pol. tax.....	9 00
Reed for shovelling snow.....	7 48
Interest.....	90
Fees for hay-scales.....	15 50
Fumigating.....	4 20
Arrears of taxes for 1913.....	1011 10
	\$ 10533 45

EXPENDITURES	
Salaries and allowances.....	592 92
Printing, postage, etc.....	70 94
Interest.....	18 30
Law cost.....	27 48
Roads and bridges.....	165 17
Charity.....	167 10
Public School.....	2012 50
High School.....	1190 00
L.I. Deb. series H. No. 1.....	87 49
T.H. Deb. No. 10.....	367 90
P. S. Deb. No. 9.....	220 75
L.I. Deb. No. 5.....	688 08
L.I. Deb. series C, No. 1.....	87 49
L.I. Deb. series F, No. 1.....	87 49
T.H. Deb. No. 12.....	441 50
H. S. Deb. No. 1.....	368 35
H. S. Deb. series G, No. 2.....	87 49
Fire protection.....	25 40
County levy.....	581 31
For town hall.....	48 16
Miss Howe, rebate on asst.....	2 40
Municipal World.....	7 78
Scarlet fever quarantines.....	201 40
Treasurer's bonds.....	10 00
A. Taylor & Son for tile.....	7 50
F. Blancher, lumber and repair on hay scales.....	42 41
W. G. Parish, lumber for sidewalks.....	91 16
E. J. Purcell, refund dog tax.....	1 00
E. J. Purcell, hardware.....	6 64
C. H. Willson, refund.....	2 10
Mrs. L. Alguin, ref. tax.....	4 20
J. H. Ackland, ref. tax.....	2 40
G. W. Beach, ref. tax.....	8 40
Mun. Election exp.....	25 40
Paid for shovelling snow.....	10 46
Shortage on payment of.....	
H. S. Deb.....	388 93
Cash on hand.....	2269 92
	\$ 10533 45

ASSETS	
Cash on hand.....	2269 92
Uncollected taxes.....	1325 19
Rear Yonge & Escott, share of P.S.....	29 80
Town hall & furnishings.....	14000 00
Fire equipment.....	600 00
Road making appliances.....	100 00
Village share of P.S.....	6150 00
Village share of H. S.....	7000 00
	\$ 34718 02

LIABILITIES	
T. H. Deb. (\$6000).....	2972 32
T. H. Deb. (\$5000).....	2983 98
P. S. Deb. (\$3000).....	1933 79
L. I. Deb. issue 1908 (\$8575.72).....	7142 30
	\$ 11119 00

L. I. Deb. issue 1913 (\$8722.40).....	8458 56
H. S. Deb. (\$6000).....	5901 65
Unpaid order in favor of Dr. Moore, M.H.O.....	30 00
Balance to High School.....	408 60
	\$ 29831 20

HIGH SCHOOL

Statement of High School Treasurer for 1914.

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand.....	2545 00
Interest allowed by bank.....	37 60
Cash for two stoves sold.....	14 00
Cash for Dept. exams.....	426 00
Cash from non-res. pupils.....	50 00
Cash from fees for county pupils.....	558 50
Government grant.....	917 70
H. S. district levy.....	3160 00
County grant.....	3256 10
County special grant.....	400 00
Old lumber sold.....	5 50
	\$ 11368 40

EXPENDITURE	
J. H. Sexton, salary.....	1020 00
S. A. Hitsman, salary.....	1300 00
Miss P. Payne, salary.....	660 00
Miss M. Mackie, salary.....	1040 00
Miss Ney, salary.....	820 00
T. H. Follick, salary.....	730 00
Miss Davidson, salary.....	360 00
H. H. Arnold, salary as treasurer.....	100 00
John Biglow, salary as janitor.....	187 50
Geo. Robinson, salary as janitor.....	160 00
Earl Construction Co., Supplies.....	148 90
Dept. exams.....	286 35
Entrance exams.....	221 36
Fuel.....	128 89
Repairs.....	370 90
Rent.....	11 98
Buffing.....	55 00
Painting.....	165 00
Limber.....	35 13
Legal advice.....	7 52
Postage.....	5 72
Printing.....	11 13
Express.....	6 35
Telephone & Phone.....	4 70
Telegraph frontage tax.....	14 31
Cash on hand.....	3253 96
	\$ 14368 40

High School Building Acct.

As per Treasurer Athens High School for 1914.

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand.....	119 00
Tp. Rear Yonge & Escott.....	660 00
Village of Athens.....	340 00
	\$ 1119 00

EXPENDITURES	
The Globe Furniture Co. for science tables, etc.....	793 40
Geo. Ross, heating apparatus.....	195 00
W. H. Hawkins, work on pump-house.....	6 30
Eber Pierce, work on pump house.....	9 80
J. H. Mulvena, work on house.....	38 00
Geo. Gifford, supplies for pump-house.....	5 00
Geo. Robinson, supplies for pump-house.....	53 60
Cash on hand.....	22 90
	\$ 1119 00

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Statement of Public School Treasurer for 1914.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand from 1913.....	2311 02
Cash for fees from income pupil (2 months).....	1 00
Special grant urban school 1914.....	55 90
Village Treas. gov. grant.....	53 00
Cheque from Vil. Treas.....	1989 50
Cheque from Tp. Treas.....	311 80
	\$ 4722 22

EXPENDITURES

W. E. Smyth, salary.....	800 00
Miss G. Johnston, salary.....	550 00
Mrs. Ada Fisher, salary.....	550 00
C. Wiltse, salary, janitor.....	155 25
Fuel.....	191 80
Labor.....	74 35
Supplies.....	28 65
Treasurer's bonds.....	40 00
Lumber.....	147 91
Paints and oil.....	13 55
Freight.....	7 30
Insurance.....	42 50
Advertising.....	1 20
Sidewalk frontage for 1914.....	15 55
Cash on hand.....	2136 16
	\$ 4722 22

Statement for 1914

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

As per Statement of Treasurer of Athens High School.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand from 1913.....	1114 93
Gov. grant for half year ending Oct. 31st, 1914.....	650 00
Gov. grant for half year ending Apr. 30th, 1915.....	700 00
	\$ 2464 93

EXPENDITURES

W. H. Smith, salary.....	1316 64
Supplies.....	41 37
Equipment.....	119 45
Tent.....	200 00
Printing.....	30 00
Disbursements.....	56 61
Cash on hand.....	700 86
	\$ 2464 93

To the Council of the Village of Athens:

We, the undersigned Auditors, have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurers of the Village of Athens: Public School No. 6 Rear Yonge & Escott and Athens High School, and having found those correct, beg to tender the detailed statement appended.

Athens, Ont., March 6th, 1915.

Auditors: [Irwin Wiltse]

[S. J. Dillabough]

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When You're a Long, Long Way From Home..... 85

Arrival of British Troops in France..... 85