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#### W. F. NICKLE DECLINES TO SEK RE-ELECTION

KINGSTON, Ont., Sept. 24.—Quite a sensation was caused in local political circles this afternoon when W. F. Nickel, Conservative, who has represented Kingston in the house of commons for the past six years, announced that he would not be a ter to the newspapers. In his statement, he said:

"I urge on you that the differences of the past be of gotten that we count as nothing the opinions that may have made us members of this party or that but that as Canadians we of this loyal election division unite in selecting from among us our representative a man who commands the support of all, in whose judgment and impartiality we have confidence; a man who will place rst the promotion of the war and the securing by the Military service Act of the necessary reinforcements for the said:

older, but good sellers still, are Maupassant's works, Baudelaire, Verlaine, Maeterlinck, Oscar Wilde, Ibsen, Shaw, the Jameses, and, by way of showing the open-mindedness of the age, Schopenhauer and Conan Doyle side by side. The omnipresent English student who hopes to get some "practice" from you is fond of Schopenhauer and Doyle, he probably understands Sherlock the better of the two. itary service Act of the necessary reinforcements for those who have so nobly fought for us in France and Belgium. Le us ignore insignificant differences and unitedly stand for reinforcements for our men at the front and the vigorous prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion and abiding peace.

"An election becomes inevitable due to the refusal of a sub-

"An election becomes inevitable due to the refusal of a sub-stantial number of the Canadian members of parliament to concur in further extension being granted. To me it is a matter of regret that at a critical time in our history like the present, there should be discord and difference in place of harmony and co-operation.

"The questions before the Canadian people for consideration and determination are vital. Canada in this election will or three canons in their surplices, then the decision on the domestic problems that have in not reach her decision on the domestic problems that have in George. We quote Frith's story, as times past interested and influenced us. The necessity for related in Blathwayt's "Through reinforcements and the vigorous determination of the war take ly published in London."

priority."

Prior to going to the Ottawa house, Mr. Nickle served a term in the Ontario Legislature for Kingston. He is a leading lawyer here, a member of the rm of Nickle, Farrell and Day, and previous to entering politics was active in municipal affairs, serving many years as alderman. He has long taken a prominent part in the welfare of this city.

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"They all walked up to a grave which had just been opened, and, after a moment or so, the dean against time for the mother ship was in a sense a familiar experience and moustache and with the eyes and everything complete and be handed it very reverently to the king, who took it and looked at it, and as he looked it all seemed to crumble into

GLEN ROSS

Foreman on the town line was burnl and Mrs. R. Pyear motored out to ed to the ground on Monday night Marmora on Monday last, returning about 8 o'clock, along with nearly in the evening. all the season's crop, two set of har- Mr. Jessie Carr of Frankford, pass ness and a good buggy, which he ed through here on Tuesday. longed to Mr. Chas. Johnson, who had been working the farm this year. It seems Mr. Johnson had hung the lantern on a nail and proceeded to Mr. P. McLearn has erected a new finish the chores, when on looking silo.

posed from a spark from the chimney. The men seeing the smoke from the field, hurried to the house and found the women already dashing water on the roof. They succeeded, however, in preventing what no doubt, would have been a big fire, 39th battalion, arived in Halifax, had they discovered it a moment or yesterday, on leave of absence.

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small hole burned in the roof. A barn belonging to Mr. John Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pyear, Arthur

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THE YOUNG JAPANESE. Omnivorous Reading Tendency Dis

played on Every Hand. To those who know something of feudal Japan, a very real fact in the lives of the grandmothers and grandfathers of the younger generation of to-day, the present omnivorous tendency in reading is a remarkable development. Until half a century ago literature was the exclusive vocation of the few. Merchants were uneducated and found no need for book knowledge. Two well-known classics, "Dalgaku", and "Rongo," setting forth Confucian precepts, were considered sufficient intellectual food for the average samurai child, taught by tutors at home or in the temple schools under the guid-

ance of priests.

To-day ricksha coolies, waiting for "fares," laboriously spell out the kana of the daily newspaper, and parents are not ashamed to learn reading from their own children in reading from their own children in the second or third year of the primary school. Reading in Japan, it must be remembered, is not a simple matter of learning one's A. B. C.'s. The written language is a combination of a syllabary system based on Chinese characters and Chinese characters themselves. A student being graduated from elementary school has supposedly mastered the two syllabaries of forty-seven characters each, and some thousand or more Chinese ideographs. This gives him a working reading vocabulary; as he advances in his studies he must learn advances in his studies he must learn many thousand more. No wonder a Japanese student who knows English can read it just as fast upside down as he can right side up, and much faster than a foreigner. The twenty-six letters of the alphabet are mere child's play after the mastery of his

own written language.
One reason is that the Japanese are faddists in literature, and new books have to be fed to the public almost before the ink has dried on the old ones. Vast quantities of books in very small editions, rather than large issues of fewer works, are the rule. Editions of only 300 copies are quite usual; one of 1,000 copies are quite usual; one of Recause means phenomenal success. Because of this voracious reading, new magasines and newspapers are thrown on the market in constantly increasing numbers. Counting weeklies, there are more than twenty woman's magazines, with circulations ranging from 50,000, 30,000, 20,000 to a few hundred. Magazine publishers say that women are the best readers of

What one does find is a flood of the current publications of Europe, Russia, and America. Gordon Craig's "The Art of the Theater," books on the impressionists and futurists and

Graveyard Curiosity.

It is said that the Swedish Govtomb. George IV. had the curiosity to look at Charles I. W. P. Frith, the painter, told Raymond Blathwayt that he, as a boy walking through the cloisters at windsor one night in the twenties, caught sight of a pro-cession composed of the sexton of St. George's Chapel with a lantern, two or three canons in their surplices,

looked it all seemed to crumble into dust and nothingness, and that was dust and nothingness, and that was the very last of the Martyr King."
But was it? Did not an old verger in St. George's Chapel carry a fragment of one of the shattered royal vertebrae in a locket on his watch chain? A singular taste one might say; yet preferable perhaps to that shown by the inconsolable German widower who wore a huge ring on his thumb with one of his wife's eyes under glass and richl; mounted.

Birds that live to a great age are comparatively few. Gulls have been known to reach forty years, parrots

**ESCAPED FROM FOKKER** 

GERMAN AEROPLANE ATTACKED BRITISH SHIP AT SEA.

French Lieutenant Describes Excit ing Experience in the Mediterranean-He Tells of a Striking Example of the Unique Character of Fighting Under Modern Condi-

VIVID picture of a bombing attack upon a ship at sea has been given by Lieut. Francois-Bernou, who was aboard the seaplane carrier Ben-Ma-Chree in the Salonica campaign. The exact position of the ship has been deleted by the censor for obvious reasons, and a number of photographs taken aboard were skilfully mangled in fear of many valuable details reaching the enemy. Life

aboard the mother ship would seem a very novel and thrilling experience to the layman, but familiarity soon breeds, not contempt, but indiffer-ence to the extraordinary activities

which form its daily routine. The fascinating spectacle of the aeroplanes rising from the mother ship for their perilous flights of re-connaissance or attack, or their arrival from long aero cruises and the work of swinging them inboard or outboard by powerful cranes, soon became a commonplace. As Lieut. Francois-Bernou remarks, these sights, which have never before been witnessed in any war on land or sea seemed no more unusual than the cranking of an automobile.

The French officer, being a new-comer, was alive to the extraordinary dramatic interest of these stirring days. Many of the flights were made for long distances above the Holy Land, and Lieut Francois-Bernou was impressed by the curious coincidence that the land of miraeles should witness this twentieth-century miracle of flight. Day after day the sea-planes ventured forth from the shelter of the mother ship on many daring flights to spy the enemy's positions or direct the deadly fire from the sky upon troops or fortifications far inland, and after raids would return like homing pigeons, bringing in valuable reports.

One of the most dramatic incidents of the life aboard the seaplane carrier Ben-Ma-Chree came one day most unexpectedly. An aeroplane which had been out on a scouting trip was suddenly sighted, approach-ing at top speed, pursued by a Ger-man Fokker. The aeroplanes were flying at a high altitude. The French aircraft had managed to elude the enemy, and by a daring volplane landed safely on the water beside the mother ship. Everything was in readiness to retrieve the aeroplane, which was quickly hoisted on board The German Fekker was not content The German Fokker was not content to give up the chase, and continued to fly above the Ben-Ma-Chree at a comparatively low altitude, dropping deadly bombs. Such an attack from the sky is extremely dunting. Any one of the bombs, which described black vertical lin a against the sky, might bring instant disaster.

might bring instant disaster. manfully at their posts. The only hope of escaping lay in driving the ship full speed ahead in a series of mad zigzags, a course which the aerothe cloisters at Windsor one night in plane could not follow. The anti-

kind, the French officer remarks, the men were almost overcome with sleep, so exhausting had the experi-ence been both on mind and body. by the Turks.

He Looked at World

Few men, I am sure, would conless to so strange an immediate cause for joining the aviation service as that related to me by Drew, as we sat over our coffee and cigarettes, on sat over our coffee and cigarettes, on the evening of our first meeting. He had come to France, he said, with the intention of joining the Legion Etrangere as an infantyman. But he changed his mind, a few days after his arrival in Paris, upon meet-ing Jackson of the American Aviafinish the chores, when on looking sile.

back, found the lantern had failen off the nail and perhaps exploded, diler attended the organization of igniting the hay around it. He tried the Women's Missionary Society at osmother it, but the flames spread and succeeded in saving three horses and his pigs. In apparently no time the whole barn was enveloped in flames and nothing more was saved, and fling silos.

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PLAY IN SHELL HOLES.

Horrors.

rily. The weather is beautiful and every one is fit and well. . . Man's work goes to pieces, but even the most intense shelling is but a mere scratch on the surface of the earth. other devilish inventions. remember some while ago sitting or shell-hole; it was the place I had

during which the earth seemed little more than a chaos of flame and bursting shelfs, was over—that is to mittent booming. I was resting. . . Presently I heard a small sound, and saw a little spot of earth being pushed up from beneath. I watched, and a little field mouse ap-

Gypsies Haled to War-

vans, horses, and other

In consequence of these regulations all Hungarian gypsies will henceforth be expected to fulfill the obligations of ordinary citizens, and their men-folk will be subject to conscription, while their children will have to be sent to school in accordance with existing regulations.

A Mexican Election

People who read about Mexico know by name that bright star of Mexican politics, General Candido Aguilar, I was in Puerto Mexico on election day when Aguilar was run ning for governor of Vera Cruz against General Gavira. You would have thought he had at least a good running start by being the Primero Jete's (Carranza's candidate and en-Jefe's (Carranza's candidate and engaged to his daughter, but Candido never takes any chances. He had two freight trains of decanted Constitutionalist soldiers, armed beyond the teeth, in that town bivouacked around the polls and the telegraph and cable offices. You had to cross yourself and step over sleeping arsenals to send a telegram. The simple job of that soldiery was to insure a constitutional and orderly election by keeping the Cavirists. election by keeping the Caviristas from exercising a suffrage called by the new constitution universal. I the new constitution universal, don't know first-hand just how m don't know first-hand just how mat-ters stood in the other towns of the state of Vera Cruz, but on reaching Mexico City several days later I read in the capital papers that General Aguilar had been elected governor by substantial majorities after a very "orderly" election.—Gin The World's Work. -George Marvin,

In Hondura

In the Republic of Honduras the silver currency was for years minted from Socorro bullion. This nearly always contains a certain proportion of gold, which used not to be separated before it went to the mint; so that Honduras silver coins prior to 1911 generally contain a certain pro-

Birds and Field Mice Survive War

The London Times quotes the folowing extract from a letter written . 'I am writing this in a dugout where I have been for a few days. I believe there are birds' nests on the top of this humble dwelling; anyhow, often hear the birds twittering away, and every morning a lark gets up just outside and sings away mer-

The birds live their life just the same and field mice and other small creatures make their homes and play about in shell-holes. Swallows are flying overhead, magpies hop about on trees and ruined shanties as cheekily as possible. The other day I was startled by a whir of wings, and a couple of partridges got up from some hiding place and whissed across the broken-up ground. Everywhere the green grass is shooting up through the earth; even trees which seem to have been stripped to mere bare poles are now sending out twigs and leaves. Mine-craters and huge shell-holes are full of tiny plant life; over buildings, now mere heaps of stone, one can see the try and other creeps sprouting fresh and gradually covering the ruined heap. So the normal life of natural things goes on, practically normally, in spite of high explosive and poisonous gas and

chosen for my work, and I was some days and nights there. The 'show, say, the straing had become no more than the usual continuous but inter-

peared, his tiny, beady eyes looking at me alertly. I kept still, and he hopped out and played about, and presently the little beggar was frisking about at the bottom of the shellhole, doubtless intent on stealing my rations. When he found that he was not interfered with he grew quite tame, helped himself to odds and ends of food, and crawled round the collar of a man who was asleep, much to the amusement of the others who were with me. I blessed that little field mouse: I think he made every one feel cheerful, playing about in the early morning after our hard night's work."

Some time ago, under the pressure economic conditions and the call for men, the flat went forth that nemad gypsy life was to be suppressed in Hungary, and now a matter-offact official scheme has been worked out for the complete suppression of an existence around which has been weaved so much of the glamor of romance. Travelling caravans are to be held up by the authorities wherever they are encountered, and their members distributed among the communities to which they belong, sup-posing such identification is possible. Otherwise they are to be incorporated in the community among which their last halt was made. The caraproperty is to be sold by the State, and the sums realized are to be administered by the authorities on their behalf, the money being used in the first place for the building of permanent dwellings, the purchase of agricultural implements, and so on. If a gypsy family is found to be with-out means, the cost of the dwelling provided for it will be borne by the State, and at the end of ten years the property will be formally transferred to the settlers. Similarly, at the end of that time, the trusteeship assumed by the State in connection with all the gypsy settlements will cease, and the gypsy origin of the settlers will

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BATTLE NEAR RIGA FAVORS RUSSIANS

PETROGRAD, Sept. 25. (British Admiralty per Wireless Press)—German attacks against the new Russian positions south of the Pskoff-Riga highroad were repulsed yesterday by the Russians according to the official statement from the war office today. Except for a raid southeast of Kimpolung, there was little other activity on the Russian front to the Black Sea.

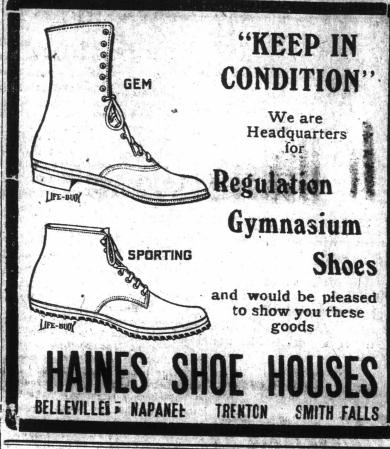
ITALIAN AIRCRAFT DO MUCH DAMAGE

ROME, Sept. 25 .- The official statement form the war office today reads: "From the Stelvio to Monte Rombon there was profitable activity by our reconnoitring parties and moderate artillery activity. In the Monte Nero region the enemy exploded a powerful mine under our position, upon which he then concentrated violent artillery fire. Our prompt and effective barrage fire, hindering the advance of the enemy, prevented the enemy from gaining any advantage. The damage was slight.

"On the Bainsizza Plateau local enemy attacks were repulsed with hand grenades. On the Carso we captured some

"Four tons of bombes were dropped by our airmen doing much damage on the Carso."

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