

NOTES AND COMMENTS

War loan subscriptions exceeded \$100,000,000. This does not indicate a money stringency in Canada.

Henry Ford may be, and doubtless is, sincere in his peace propaganda, but everyone seems to take it as a joke. Henry's latest move is to inaugurate a strike among the men in uniform.

The Canadian Army Transport Service so far has made a splendid record. 104,600 troops have been carried overseas without the loss of a single man, and without a single hitch in the commissariat arrangements for the troops en route.

Newfoundland has gone "dry." The latest returns we have seen in regard to the recent prohibition election show 1,069 voted for the measure and 437 against, a majority of 404 votes in favor of prohibition for the whole island.

"Recent German efforts but the convulsions of a beast at bay," is the way General Gallieni, minister of war, expresses his opinion of the latest struggles of the Central Powers. And he appears to have stated correctly.

Canadian soldiers have no kick coming as to the amount they are paid. They receive \$1.10 a day, while Britains receive 25 cents, Italians 20 cents, French 34 cents, Japanese 24 cents, Russians 1 cent, Germans 104 cents, Austrians 24 cents, and Turks 3 and 5-8 cents.

Apparently Canadians and Australians in England are not in favor of any peace proposals at the present time. A large contingent of these colonists entered a hall in old London, where a peace meeting was being held, threw the speakers out of doors, and turned the gathering into a recruiting meeting. The boys are ready to fight on until the Kaiser comes to his knees.

When the White Star Liner Baltic was ready to leave Liverpool it was found that no less than three hundred and fifty able-bodied men of military age had taken passage for New York, their object apparently being to escape the possibility of enforced military service. Although they had paid for their passage, they were not allowed to depart. This steamship arrived at New York on Friday, and had on board ten million dollars in gold, consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co. Fortunately this cargo was not held up.

"Printers' Devil," has long been a familiar term with not only the craft, but with the public in general. His Satanic Majesty has been stalking triumphant among the print shops in East Elgin this week. A very essential and important part of the Express Linotype machine gave way, and delayed this week's issue for hours, waiting for a new part from the factory. Our contemporary's type setting machine has been limping along slowly on one leg, owing to a similar misfortune, and the Springfield Echo's paper press went bust, and put them temporarily out of business. It's all in the game, however. Everything is not always lovely even in a printing office.

Notwithstanding the great need of funds for necessary comforts for the boys who are fighting our battles at the front, the city of Toronto is squandering large amounts in the entertaining of guests. For example the hotel bill of Lord and Lady Aberdeen while in the city reached \$175, and worse yet \$23 was paid for a bouquet for Lady Aberdeen. This seems to be a sad waste of funds. Several dinners at the city's expense have also been given, it is said to the officers of the units garrisoned there, while the rank and file are receiving no attention whatever. Mayor Church is named as the man responsible for such extravagance, and the Board of Control are enquiring where he got his authority.

During the past few weeks the various Presbyterian congregations in Canada have been taking a final vote on organic union with the Methodist and Congregational churches. Appearances indicate that the total vote will be favorable to the union, although some localities, principally in Ontario, show a strong sentiment against it. Hamilton Presbyterians said no by some 600 majority, while Toronto voted favorably by an overwhelming majority. The Eastern provinces are all quite favorable, and it has long been understood that Western Canada would unite, no matter what the general verdict would be. The Aylmer congregation on Sunday last declared in favor of it by a majority of two to one, the vote being 67 for and 34 against. Pastor Beecroft is a strong advocate for union. Since the above was written, later reports indicate a large adverse vote in Ontario.



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Notwithstanding any claim to the contrary, The Aylmer Express is the first newspaper in East Elgin to issue an all-home-print number. We inaugurated this new departure without any blare of trumpets last week, and will continue to send out an all-home issue from week to week. We recognize the fact that what the people want is a strictly local paper, with its various departments, and from the favorable comments already received, we find the people of East Elgin are not slow to appreciate this innovation. From time to time we intend to give our readers more, and still more, improvements. The Express has always enjoyed the reputation of giving its readers the best that money and labor could secure in the way of a home paper, and we intend to fully keep up this enviable reputation. If our paper is modern, our job department is just as much so, and we hope to continue to enjoy the confidence of our many patrons.

The action of the Dominion government in commandeering some twenty million bushels of wheat stored in the huge elevators at Fort William, Port Arthur and points east of there, did not cause the excitement one would have expected, the market being scarcely affected. Britain's need of wheat, owing to wartime conditions, could not be overlooked, and the action of the Canadian government is considered justifiable, especially as the price to be paid for the grain is to be Saturday's quotations. While the quantity may seem large to some of us, it will not make much of a hole in Canada's crop for this year, which is estimated at some 350,000,000 bushels. In all probability more wheat will be taken over along the same lines. When a government attempts to buy in the open market, prices are inflated at once to the advantage of speculators, as occurred a year ago, the prices reaching an abnormal altitude. Under the commanding system if the prices do go up, it will be to the advantage largely of the farmers themselves. For the sake of consumers, who are at present paying high for everything eatable, it is to be hoped there will be no noticeable increase in the price of wheat.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS
Best shelled almonds and walnuts 50c. lb at Filby's.
Mrs. Martin Kidd is visiting her mother, Mrs. Travis, at Eden.

Dr. W. J. Fear and Mr. E. A. Richards were in London on Wednesday, attending a meeting of the Shriners.
No. 1 Salted Spanish Peanuts for 15c. per lb. H. L. Charlton.
Mr. Cecil Burch, of Norwich, visited Aylmer friends for a couple of days this week.
St. Thomas Times—Dr. C. W. Marlatt, Mrs. Marlatt, Miss Marlatt and Mrs. Leonard leave on Thursday to spend the winter in California.
Are you satisfied with ordinary coffee? or have you discovered that delicious coffee at Gillett's. It costs no more.
At the St. Thomas District Meeting of the Methodist church a missionary campaign of the District was decided upon, to take place Jan. 9th and 10th. There will be an exchange of pulpits on the 9th, and each pastor will take his own work on the 10th.
For the December shipment the Travel Club sent the following articles and knitted comforts for the men at the front: Socks, 26 pairs; helmets, 12; scarves, 7; wristlets, 5 pairs; fruit and jams, 19 pints; Mrs. Hambridge, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Emmett, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Robt. Jenkins; old cotton, 1 large bale chiefly collected by Mrs. Ervin Smale, Pt. Bruce; old leather, 7 lbs., per Miss Cutten, for lining waistcoats; box of gum, value \$1, given by Mrs. Ray Lemon; 216 machine rolled bandages; 5 hot water bags, old; soap; razor, etc.; Mrs. Stratton, 4 sheets; cash donations, Mrs. Walter J. Brown, \$1; High School Patriotic fund \$1.36. With this shipment went the magnificent work of Lakeview Patriotic Club and that of Copenhagen Society, both excellent as to quality and quantity. The call of socks is most insistent and more knitters would be appreciated. The Club has yarn of high grade, and it is hoped the comfort and health of the men in the cold, wet trenches will be given consideration not only because it is humane, but in the best interests of the Empire.
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bates received a letter yesterday from their son, Will, who is now with his Battalion in Belgium and is well and uninjured. In the trenches a few days before writing Will had met with "Tony" Wood, who went with the first contingent. The boys were not known to each other in Aylmer, but we can imagine the satisfaction and joy they received in discussing the old home town and the people both know so well.

Our meats are sliced to your exact taste by our sanitary slicer. Gillett's. Seeded and Bulk Raisins, 2 lbs. for 25c. H. L. Charlton.
New novels by Wright, Porter, Wiggins, Cody, Hope, Leacock, Etc., and all the popular reprints, at Caughell's.
Miss Bertha Bridgman, nurse-in-training at the Hamilton General Hospital, Hamilton, is spending a few days' vacation at her home here.
Maraschino Cherries, 1 pound boxes 25c. at Filby's.
AYLMER'S HONOR ROLL
Lieut. Clarke Doing Good Work 28 Men are Recruited Here
Men who have been enlisted in Aylmer, by Lieut. L. F. Clarke, to date, for the 91st Batt. C. E. F. More men are needed and if anybody can get them it will be Lieut. Clarke.
1. John Edward Scriver, Aylmer, married, mason, 30th Battery, C. F. A.
2. Edwin Thomas Turner, Aylmer, single, horseman.
3. Edward William Frank Baker, Aylmer, single, farmer, 30th Battery, C. F. A.
4. Leman Guy Hawley, Aylmer, married, farmer.
5. Louis Arthur Mann, Aylmer, single, farmer, 30th Battery C. F. A.
6. Herbert Clayton Smale, Pt. Burwell, married, fisherman.
7. William George Burtenshall, Pt. Burwell, single, farmer.
8. Percy Goodman Capern, Aylmer, married, farmer.
9. Fred Tomkinson, Aylmer, single farmer.
10. John Page, Belmont, single, farmer.
11. Harry Warner, Belmont, single farmer.
12. John Byrne, Belmont, single, engineers, army service corps.
13. Harold Archer, Belmont, single farmer.
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15. Percy William Robert Freeman, Aylmer, single, farmer, 30th Battery, C. F. A.
16. Oscar Ira Smith Williams, Dunboyne, single, fisherman.
17. Chas. Henry Picknell, Aylmer, married, house decorator, 30th Battery, C. F. A.
18. John Hanson, Aylmer, single, clerk.
19. William James O'Neill, Aylmer, married, egg-tester.
20. Claude Elmer Orton, Bayham, married, blacksmith, 30th Battery, C. F. A.
21. Gilbert Chute, Aylmer, single, 39th Reg.
22. Arthur Edward Jennings, St. Thomas, married, laborer.
23. John Johnson, Springfield, single, farmer.
24. William Cameron Armstrong, Pt. Burwell, single, farmer.
25. Elston Bambrick, Aylmer, single, farmer.
26. James Thomas Taylor, Springfield, single, farmer.
27. Gordon, Earl Moore, Springfield, single, clerk.
28. William Arthur Thomson, Springfield, single, farmer.
29. George Harold Parkiss, Aylmer, single, farmer.
CRITICS ARE CRITICIZED
To the Editor of the Express:—
Dear Sir:—
Will you allow me space in your valuable journal to give expression to a few thoughts regarding the unjust criticisms that have been extended to some of the young men of our town, because they are not wearing the King's uniform at the present time.
Aylmer has, and will continue to do her duty to the Empire which she holds most dear, and it will become any of us to speak ill of our fellow townsmen unless we are sure of all the facts in case.
Several young men in Aylmer have been called "Shirkers" by some arm-chair critics, because they are not in Khaki at the present time. The fact of the matter is that these young men were among the first to offer their services for their country, and the only reason they are not in uniform now, is the fact that the examining physician would not pass them.
To our mind they are as much heroes and true Canadians as though they were in the service to-day. They saw the need at once, and required no urging to volunteer. Here's to them, and if some of their critics had half the nerve and patriotism they

would be in uniform to-day.
The war is not over; one year from to-day we will need men as badly as we do now, and some who are given to find fault with their fellow men will be given a chance to offer themselves for service. We hope they prove true.
The leaders of the 30th Battery have been called to question, but they are doing a duty that is just as important as though they were at the front, and from what we can learn, a great many of our 30th Battery men will be at the front by early spring. "Judge not, that ye be not judged," is just as true to-day as it was hundreds of years ago, and who are we that it becomes us to cast reflections upon those who are doing no more than we are doing ourselves.
God bless you, Aylmer recruits. We know you will not fail when the great time comes; and our prayer is that you may one and all be brought back to the dear ones who are waiting for you in the "little old town of Aylmer."
Most sincerely yours,
A LOVER OF FAIR PLAY.
To Whom it May Concern
Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any accounts or debts contracted in my name by any person, without my written order, after this date.
Dated at Aylmer, November 29th, 1915.
FREEMAN LIGHT
Liberal Conservatives to Meet
The Annual Meeting of the Liberal Conservative party for the Township of Malahide, will be held in the Conservative Club Rooms, Marshall Block, on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 2 o'clock, for the election of officers and other important business. A large attendance is especially requested.
W. BOUGHNER, Secretary.
W. H. ASHTON, President.
FOR SALE BY TENDER
The undersigned will receive sealed tenders for the purchase of the south part of Lots "A" and "B" in the twelfth concession of the township of South Dorchester, owned by the late Zachariah J. Pettman, deceased, until six o'clock on Friday, the tenth day of December, A.D. 1915.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
WM. WARNOCK, Administrator.

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