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FAIR AND MILD

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TEUTONS REPULSED IN ATTACK ON BRITISH FRONT ON EVE OF DRIVE

VERDICT IN KIERSTEAD CASE TODAY

Hereditary Insanity Theory Advanced By Counsel For The Defence.

EVIDENCE COMPLETED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Attorney General and Hon. Mr. Slipp Address Jury in the Evening.

MURDER INSTRUMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED

Young Daughter of Defendant Breaks Down on the Witness Stand.

Special to the Standard. Gagetown, May 22.—It is expected that some time around noon tomorrow Robert Kierstead of Salmon Creek, who is on trial in the Circuit court here before Mr. Justice Barry and a jury on a charge of murdering his wife, Elsie, at their home on the night of Dec. 23 last will know his fate. The evidence and the address of Attorney-General Byrne and Hon. A. R. Slipp of counsel for the defendant were completed today and tonight, the judge's charge remaining to be delivered tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. The features of the session today was evidence revealing that an uncle of the defendant had died in the Fairville hospital and that another relative, a cousin, is a inmate of that institution at the present time.

Today's session was an exciting one and of much interest throughout. The sticks and rifle, with Mrs. Kierstead is believed to have been beaten to death were exhibited in court and identified by several witnesses.

Myrtle resumes stand. When court resumed, Myrtle, the fourteen year old daughter of Kierstead continued her evidence. Hon. Mr. Slipp brought out that Kierstead had cut trees occasionally out of his orchard, quite a good one, for firewood. She also told how her father had been in the habit of writing notes. He did not seem to mail the notes any one, but placed them in his pocket. On Friday, Dec. 21, Kierstead asked for some lard in the pantry which he melted on the stove and drank to offset poison, which he said had been given him by his wife. He drank from one half to one pound of the lard.

The little girl said that her father was afraid to go to the barn alone after dark and that he usually took her along while he did his work. She had also gone to work with him in the daytime. She first noticed his strange acts in the summer. They continued in the fall and early winter. To Attorney-General Byrne she stated that her father awakened her on the night of Dec. 21 and told her her mother had poisoned him. He asked her to go to Thomas Boyd's. The mother was crying at the time. Kierstead told the same story to Boyd.

Threatened Woman. Later when they returned home Kierstead threatened his wife with a chain and when witness intervened, her father said: "Oh Myrtle, don't do that." On another occasion he upbraided her mother. He threatened to murder her one morning because she did not rise early enough to suit him.

The Kiersteads had two farms, one belonging to her father and one to her mother. Last summer she heard her parents quarrelling. Kierstead averring his wife wanted to get his property away from him. He claimed she desired to kill him to get the property.

Ten Year Old Witness. The next witness was Lizzie Kierstead, the ten year old daughter of the defendant. She did not seem to (Continued on page 3)

BERLIN REPORTS HEAVY GUNFIRE NEAR KEMMEL

Berlin, May 22, via London.—Heavy artillery fighting is reported in the official communication from general headquarters today. The chief zones under gunfire were the Kemmel district, both sides of the Lys and between Arras and Albert.

The text of the statement reads: "In the Kemmel region lively artillery activity continued. North of Kemmel Village and south of Loos strong enemy local attacks delivered in the evening failed.

"On both sides of the Lys and at La Bassee Canal our rear districts again were subjected to a heavy fire. Between Arras and Albert the enemy artillery was very lively in the evening.

"Between the Somme and the Oise fighting activity revived only temporarily.

"Monday night one of our bombing squadrons destroyed extensive French munitions depots near Blargies."

THIRTEEN MORE MEN LOST ON CYCLOPS

Washington, May 22.—An additional list of thirteen men, probably lost with the naval minesweeper Cyclops, was received today by the navy department. The announcement said they had been transferred from other ships to the Cyclops as passengers and were presumably aboard the vessel when she left on her last voyage.

Three men were lost in the sinking of the American oil tanker Wm. Rockefeller, of 7,157 tons, torpedoed in European waters. Eleven officers and 61 men were landed uninjured. One engineer and two men of the engineer force were killed.

CARDINAL BOURNE OPENS ARMY CLUB

Sir George Perley and Gen. Turner Speak at Ceremony.

London, May 22.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency) Cardinal Bourne opened the Catholic army club at 24 Grosvenor Place, supplied by Canadian Roman Catholics for the use generally of Imperial and Allied forces. He paid a tribute to the energy of Father Workman and his colleagues in the club's foundation and said that the club was meant to form a bond of union among those sharing the Roman Catholic faith. Sir George Perley and General Sir Robert Turner also spoke.

A TIMBER AND MILL DEAL AT SPENCER'S I.

A. O. Seaman Developing Shipbuilding Industry Further.

Special to the Standard. Parrsboro, May 22.—A. O. Seaman, of Parrsboro, has purchased the timber lands and sawmill of Capt. Burias Spicer at Mahony's Brook, near Spencer's Island. Mr. Seaman will at once commence working this property, which has not been operated for more than thirty years, and which is said to contain the largest and best ship timber on the Parrsboro shore. He is now building at Cape D'or a four hundred ton stern schooner which will be launched this summer and will be followed immediately by another of about the same size.

SUBJECTS OF ENTENTE ABANDONING RUSSIA

Distribution of Bread in Petrograd Ceases.

Moscow, Monday, May 13, (By The Associated Press)—There is under way a marked exodus of Entente Allied subjects from Russia. The distribution of bread in Petrograd will cease tomorrow. It will be replaced by half a Russian pound of potatoes. Flour is unobtainable, even with doctors' prescriptions. Sugar costs fifty rubles a pound.

THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS COMING SOON

Word That Big Drive Has Started May Be Expected At Any Hour.

INTENSIVE FIGHTING BY THE AIR FORCES

British Alone Have Destroyed One Hundred and Fifty Machines.

RUINS OF BETHUNE ARE STILL AFIRE

Enemy Drenches West Front With Gas Shells, Forerunner of Attack.

(By Arthur S. Draper.) Special Cable to the N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

London, May 22.—Word that the German offensive has started may be expected at any hour. Air fighting during the last five days in which the British alone claim to have destroyed 160 enemy machines, is indicative of the fierceness with which the coming great battle will be waged.

On both sides of the lines the troops are being harassed by aviators using bombs, and intrailhouses having set fire to the ruins at Bethune, the Germans are shelling the British positions heavily with occasional reconnoitering raids. Southeast the Bethune region the famous Hill 70, the enemy's artillery is reported active while the bombardment grows violent east of Arras and at Albert.

Huns Free With Shells.

General Haig's communique shows that the Germans are using shells lavishly along the 50 mile front stretching from Meteren on the southwest of Kemmel to Albert on the Somme. The British and French continue their sniping tactics, wresting a position here and there, and strengthening their line of defence. Judging by the artillery fire, the enemy plans his first move north of the Somme with the hope of engaging the major part of the British forces. Though the Ypres sector is comparatively quiet, it does not follow that the enemy abandoned his hopes of taking this point. Major Endris, military critic of the Munich Neuste Nachrichten suggests that the next attack will come to the south of Ypres, and force the Anglo-French troops behind the Yser, Comines canal and possible as far back as the Newport-Furnes-Steenvorde-Hazebrotk line which runs a mile west of Poperinghe.

There have been some lively gun duels southeast of Arras, but the same relative stagnation on the northern front exists on the southern battlefield. Despite Lidendorff's hesitations no long there are already some skeptics, who doubt whether he intends to hit at all, just as there was skeptics before the March drive. But then there have been people who prophesied stagnation in Germany monthly since the winter of 1916.

CENTRAL POWERS HAVE 3,575,000 PRISONERS

"Our Growing Labor Army" Is What German Papers Term Captives.

Amsterdam, May 11.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—"Our growing labor army" is the description applied by the German newspapers to their prisoners of war. In an official statement the German people is notified that Germany and her allies states now hold 3,575,000 prisoners. The statement lays stress on the "supreme value" of these prisoners as man-power for industry and agriculture.

HUN WARSHIPS TAKE STEAMER FROM HOLLAND

(By George F. Steward.) Special to the Standard.

Amsterdam, May 22.—News was received here today that German warships had seized and taken in to Swinemunde the Dutch ship Mezz, bound from Rotterdam for Sweden, under charter of the Dutch government to fetch a cargo of wood. The reason given was that the vessel had no safe conduct from the Germans for passage through the so-called safe zone.

As a sequel to this action the Dutch government today ordered that no Dutch ships except coasting and fishing vessels should leave the harbor.

The German government has refused further safe conducts to Dutch ships as a means to force an economic agreement.

UNION GOVERNMENT REFUSES ENQUIRY ON COPP CHARGES!

Hon. C. J. Doherty in Commons at Early Hour This Morning Declares That the Accusations Not Sufficiently Supported—Will Investigate Archambault's Charge.

Ottawa, May 23.—Speaking shortly before one o'clock this morning Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, said that into charges of so general, in the government could not be expected to grant an inquiry definite and unsupported a character as those brought forward by Mr. Copp.

He promised, however, that there would be judicial investigation of a charge by Joseph Archambault, Laurierite member for Chambly-Vercheres, that 700 soldiers and seventeen officers stationed in the barracks at St. Johns, Quebec, had perjured themselves in order to fraudulently cast their votes in his constituency.

The Copp motion was defeated 92 to 61, a majority for the government of 31.

FORTY-FOUR KILLED IN SUNDAY AIR RAID

Total of 179 Injured—In London Thirty-seven Were Killed and 161 Hurt.

London, May 22.—The casualties in Sunday night's air raid are given in a supplementary statement issued today as 44 killed and 179 injured. An official statement issued in London Monday gave the casualties as 37 killed and 161 injured.

STEAMER ON FIRE

A Canadian Pacific Port, May 22.—The Japanese freighter Burma Maru of the Otski-Shosen Kaisha line is on fire off the north Pacific coast, according to naval wireless messages received here late today. The crew had been transferred to the Canadian Maru of the same line, the messages said.

Ottawa, May 21.—A great increase in the export of agricultural products over April, 1917, was shown today in the monthly statement of the customs department. Last month domestic agricultural products to the amount of \$30,216,948 were exported, while a year ago, these only totalled \$11,448,161 during April. There was a marked decrease, however, in the exports of manufactured articles last month compared with the same month last year, the figures being \$23,693,925 and \$40,859,648 respectively.

NOTORIOUS W. PRESTON USES COPP

Westmorland Wind-jammer's Election Charges Merely a Political Move.

'HUG THE MACHINE' MAN BACK OF WHOLE GAME

Copp Would Indict Heroes Overseas as Conspirators and Crooks.

CHARGES ARE NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Preston's Unsavory Political Record Sufficient To Kill Copp's Case.

Special to the Standard.

Ottawa, May 23.—Before empty galleries and a bored and listless house, Mr. A. B. Copp of Westmorland, today recited the much-heralded opposition scandal charges in connection with the overseas soldiers' vote. Largely discarded in advance, owing to the fact that it was common knowledge that their author was Mr. W. T. R. Preston, of "Hug the Machine" fame in the era of electioneering corruption in Ontario, the accusations created hardly a ripple of interest. The general feeling of the house was that the charges were more or less in the nature of an electioneering ploy, a sort of labor and belated bait for Mr. Preston's humiliating failure to secure for Sir Wilfrid the soldiers' vote, and long before Mr. Copp had waded through five hours of a dreary procession of statements, affidavits and other pretentious documents most of even his own colleagues had sought refuge outside the house.

Whining Recrimination.

In an effort to turn the jumble of bald assertion, innuendo, suspicion and whining recrimination which he brought into the house in an appearance of dignified, well-founded accusation, Mr. Copp divided his so-called charges into thirty-two separate paragraphs, but, briefly summarized their burden was that a conspiracy had been entered into in England to bring about the defeat of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that, in pursuit of this object there had been "grievous irregularities and frauds" committed in Britain in recording and allocating the soldier vote. In concluding Mr. Copp made the usual request for a judicial committee to enter upon a fishing expedition for material to substantiate his claims.

There is not the slightest possibility of his demand for an inquiry being granted. There is no such possibility, because not even responsible members of the opposition themselves are willing to see the case carried further.

A Political Move

Prominent Laurierites spoken to in the corridors tonight frankly confessed that an inquiry was out of the question, adding that their only object in bringing the matter forward at all was to get it upon record and before the country as a good political move. So far as the government and its supporters are concerned the charges of Mr. Copp leave them absolutely unmoved. There is some resentment over Mr. Preston using the member for Westmorland to indict Canadian heroes overseas as a lot of "conspirators and crooks" but, in the main, few of the Unionists take the matter seriously.

Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State who spoke for the Government, took less than an hour to completely demolish the fabric of mingled rumor, insinuation and suspicion which in five laborious hours Mr. Copp had built. Mr. Burrell recalled Mr. Preston's unsavory political record and asked the House what faith it could place in the charges of such a man.

Laurier and Conscription He fairly brought down the house when he produced an advertisement which Preston had placed in an Eng- (Continued on page 3)

BRITISH REPULSE GERMAN ARMY NEAR MESNIL

London, May 22.—The Germans made another attempt today to raid the British positions near Mesnil, but were repulsed, according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonight from British headquarters in France. The British carried out a raid on the German positions around Hebuterne, with heavy casualties to the Germans. The report says: "Early this morning the enemy made a second attempt to raid our positions southeast of Mesnil, (north of Albert), but was repulsed.

"Another successful raid, in addition to those reported this morning was carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of Hebuterne. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy in these encounters, and we captured a few prisoners.

"On the remainder of the front there was nothing beyond artillery activity on both sides in the different sectors."

CAPT. D. W. HOLMES OF PARRSBORO DEAD

Was Well Known To Traveling Public For More Than Thirty Years.

Special to the Standard.

Parrsboro, N. S., May 22.—The body of the late Capt. Daniel W. Holmes, who died yesterday afternoon, after a long painful illness, was taken to Hantsport today on the tug Diamond for burial. Capt. Holmes was well and favorably known to the travelling public for more than thirty seasons. He has commanded passenger steamers crossing Minas Basin, being especially master of the steamers Acadia, Evangeline and Prince Albert. Before entering the passenger service he was engaged several years in the Caracas trade.

MARTIAL LAW ORDERED IN BOHEMIAN CITIES

Independence Movement Menaced The Power of Austria.

Washington, May 22.—An official Austrian note cabled to Washington from Bern throws light on the motives which impelled the Austrian government to declare martial law in Bohemia. The note says: "Certain events, which were a danger to the safety of the state and presented even a character of high treason took place during the first days of the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the national Bohemian Theatre and led the authorities to take repressive measures."

The Swiss point out that all these events prove the formidable character of the Jugo-Slav independence movement and show the feelings of the Czechs as well.

BIG SHIP LAUNCHING DAY JULY FOURTH

Every Yard Requested By Washington Government To Speed Up Production.

Washington, May 22.—Every shipyard in the United States was asked by telegram tonight to speed up production and make July fourth the greatest ship launching day in the history of the world. Commissioner Colby and Charles M. Schwab, director general of the emergency fleet corporation, will be in San Francisco for the launching of nine ships in yards there.

DR. VON SEYDLER SEES PEACE LOOMING UP

Declares Efforts To Stop War Not So Hopeless as Many Suppose.

London, May 22.—The Breslau newspaper Volkswacht, as quoted in a Copenhagen despatch to the Daily Mail says Dr. Von Seydler made a visit to Prague and northern Bohemia, and in addressing striking miners asserted that the effort for general peace which he said Emperor Charles was carrying forward incessantly was not so hopeless as many persons thought.

WILSON MAY DECIDE THE SLAV ISSUE

London Papers Suggest He Deal With Allies' Russian Policy Soon.

ALLIES' PLANS IN RUSSIA BEATEN

Japan Hesitates To Interfere Without Being Asked By the U. S.

BOLSHEVIKI WIN ON JAP ISSUE

United States Apparently Pledged To Stand By the Russians.

By Arthur S. Draper. (Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard.)

London, May 22.—A Conservative evening paper, The Globe, takes up the suggestion of this morning's Chronicle that the allies' policy toward Russia be left in President Wilson's hands. Neither paper pledges its unqualified support to whatever policy President Wilson adopts. Both hold the opinion that the Japanese should intervene and they appeal that Wilson take the initiative.

Japan is meanwhile marking time and has possibly intimated that it would like any invitation to intervene to come from the United States. The Russian problem requires the immediate attention of the allies, for the latest news from Moscow is that the Bolshevik convention has "triumphed over" the extreme right wing of supporters of the policy of the Japanese orientation.

Allies Fail. Definite rejection of the idea consenting to Japanese help means the failure of the present allied policy and the whole Russian question again in the melting pot.

Until now the allies' policy has been compromise, England, France and Italy wanted immediate and unqualified intervention while Wilson advocated leaving Russia to find its feet alone. Finally a compromise was agreed to, that if the allies were able to obtain the Russian consent in some form to intervention, President Wilson would no longer oppose.

The Bolsheviks have now shown themselves unlikely to invite intervention by Japan and feeling seems to run so high on this subject in Bolshevik circles that several members of the right faction of the revolutionary executive were arrested for favoring this. In view of this situation and Wilson's pledge to Russia that the United States would stand by her the allies may decide to leave the whole Russian policy in the hands of the United States, as the papers suggest. President Wilson's Metropolitan Opera House speech is recognized as a pledge to Russia such as no other nation has made in such a formal way publicly and will have a great effect on people in the allied countries who tended to envisage possible peace by allowing Germany a certain amount of freedom eastward.

QUEBEC MEN RUSHING TO JOIN THE ARMY

Lt.-Col. Piuzze Greatly Elated Over the Results of the Draft Call.

Quebec, May 22.—Seen today by The Canadian Press, Lt.-Col. P. A. Piuzze, officer in charge of the reception of the draftees enlisted under the latest order-in-council, said he was greatly elated over the results of the call.

"The recruits," he said, "are simply pouring into headquarters. Since the fifteenth of May, the date on which the first calls were sent out, I have received from military district No. 5, (Quebec), 325 draftees, and, mind you, this does not comprise the five hundred odd men that voluntarily enlisted in the Laval corps or in the Royal Flying Corps."

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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1918.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until the purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE RIGHT MAN.

The first session of the Dominion Parliament following the return of Union Government has abundantly demonstrated that Sir Robert Borden is the one and only man for Prime Minister. No other Canadian has his wonderful grasp of the questions now agitating the country, the mighty problems to be solved, the difficulties to be surmounted; no other Canadian possesses a clearer mind or higher courage with which to meet the situation, admittedly a complex one.

When the session opened there were reports that Sir Robert might be succeeded by another, and in that connection the names of several Liberal-Unionists received passing mention. But Parliament had not been long at work before the premier manifested his capacity in such striking fashion that his supporters from both the old parties were convinced at once that he was the only possible man for leader and it is safe to say that the end of the session finds the whole party, as well as the country, solidly and unflinchingly behind him.

On two occasions during the past ten days Sir Robert showed his courage in a manner to win the approval even of those opposed to him. First, he faced the largest delegation ever gathered in the capital, representing the greatest Canadian industry, a delegation, if not openly hostile to him and his administration, at least very determined in its opposition to the amendments to the Military Service Act.

That delegation, composed of 8,000 farmers and representing possibly one-fifth of the population of Canada, demanded that farmers' sons should be exempt from military service, and endeavored to impress the Premier that legislation to the contrary was all wrong. It was a situation that might well have caused the leader of a government, or of a political party, to pause, more particularly when he knew that refusal to grant the delegation's request would be manufactured into political capital by the men and newspapers of the opposition party.

But Sir Robert Borden proved himself of different kidney. At once, and plainly, he told the farmers that while he recognized the importance to the country and the Empire of the great agricultural industry, he felt the country's pledge to the men in the trenches must be kept before consideration could be given to anything else. The effect of his honest, courageous statement was electrical and many who came to jeer remained to cheer.

It is true there were some who departed feeling that the Government and the Premier had been unfair but the great majority of that delegation left the capital fully willing to accept the situation and patriotically determined to continue to give to the Empire the best possible measure of service with the means at their disposal.

Another, though minor occasion, came on Tuesday, when, scenting an opposition effort to jam through the House, what was practically a want of confidence vote against his own amendment to the resolution concerning the abolition of titles, the Premier frankly stated that if his amendment were beaten he would feel called upon to ask the Governor General to relieve him from the duties of government. Needless to say, the amendment was adopted with a majority so large as to leave no doubt of the position occupied by the Premier and his administration. Not only has Union Government shown itself to be impregnable in the session just closing, but the Premier has established himself as the recognized best man in the most remarkable and most fearless government Canada has ever known.

AN ANXIOUS TIME

Word from London, Paris and Washington is to the effect that the start of the second German drive is hourly expected. A New York stock market report, received early last evening, stated that it is already underway and that an army of 2,000,000 Germans is engaged in a furious attempt to break the lines of the Allies in the direction of the Channel ports with the object of dominating the Channel if those ports can be captured, and retained. Even discounting this report, as stock market rumors in the past have usually proven premature, it is evident that, at the latest, the next few days will see the greatest conflict to date raging in all its horror. Then will come the time of anxiety, of weary waiting for news from the battle lines, coupled with the hope that the Allied troops will prove equal to the herculean task imposed upon them, and that

the one, two or three particular soldiers in whom the individual is most intimately interested may have the fortune to endure the perils of conflict unharmed.

While it is natural there should always be anxiety as to the fate of loved ones doing their bit "over there," there is no special reason to worry over the outcome of the present operation. As far as can be gathered from the reports of correspondents and reviewers the Allied troops are stronger now than when the last offensive was launched while the enemy has not yet replaced the men lost in that fruitless attempt to advance on Paris. Americans, in far greater number than before, are side by side with the British and French in the fighting lines while the premier of Italy is authority for the statement that 250,000 of the best fighting men of the Italian army have also been placed on the Western front. The Americans or Italians did not figure to any large extent in the struggle that resulted in checking the March drive, so their presence in our lines on this occasion is a distinct advantage we did not formerly possess. The French armies have been maintained at their former effectiveness while the British line has been considerably strengthened by the addition of new units. The indication therefore is that Hindenburg and Ludendorff will find themselves opposed by an army superior in numbers, and in equipment and possessed of the confident belief that victory will crown their efforts.

Germany is not undertaking this second drive because she feels she possesses the strength to win through it; with her there is no choice, for every week the attempt is delayed additions to the American forces will make the odds against her that much heavier. Consequently it is now or never. She must win decisively this summer or give up the struggle, hence her generals are taking the plunge now because the alternative of further delay is not to be considered.

But, while encouraging, these facts should not be allowed to give us false confidence or cause us to forget that the situation is still serious, that there still is, more than at any time since war commenced, a need on the firing line for every man who can shoulder a rifle. The result of the war is no longer in doubt but it rests with the people of the Empire whether that result shall be attained this year or whether there will be two or three more years of slaughter.

HAVE A HEART!

Mr. A. B. Copp, Laurierite member for the County of Westmorland, must be a hard hearted man. He must know that Ottawa in the summer months is not the pleasantest spot in Canada and yet, yesterday, he deliberately added to the discomfort of hardworking members of Parliament and some 100,000 overheated Ottawans by injecting into the usually uncomfortable summer weather of the Ottawa Valley a new supply of hot air direct from the Tantramar. And his blast did not even have the merit of originality, usually found in the oratorical efforts of members from the Maritime Provinces. His charges of scandal in connection with the soldiers' votes were not new. They had been launched before by Mr. "Hug the Machine" Preston, who attained more than a little odororous notoriety in connection with Ontario scandals of some years ago. Mr. Copp merely acted as a repeater and the second telling of the story was not as good as the first. Comparison of the mental equipment of the windy member for Westmorland and the notorious gentleman, whose mouthpiece he has become, renders it unnecessary to explain why.

Mr. Copp did not convince the House and he will not convince the country; that his charges have the slightest foundation. The only effect of his outburst will be to earn for him in Ottawa the same sort of reputation he enjoyed in Fredericton—a man pliant with words, but sadly lacking in ideas.

This is wartime, also summer is approaching. There are sultry days ahead, when the ingenuity of most Canadians will be taxed to continue the war and keep cool at the same time. In such an extremely hot time, the people of Westmorland can be of considerable service. They can provide Mr. Copp with transportation to Mexico or Uganda, or any other spot on the map, where his outpouring of superheated atmosphere will not add to the general discomfort. To ask Canadians to suffer the productions of two such gentlemen as Mr. Copp and "Burr" Hawks of the Moncton Transcript, at one and the same time is

ing it on altogether too thick. Westmorland County should be more charitable.

MERCHANTMEN BEATING THE GERMAN U-BOATS

The other day a sailing ship was proceeding leisurely on her course, when the look-out sighted a submarine. She waited until the U-boat came within range, and then opened fire. The gun crew knew their business, for they soon found the target, and out of 13 shots eight direct hits were scored. Suddenly the U-boat, which had been vainly twisting and turning to get out of range, went down by the bows, and her stern stood clear of the water for nearly half a minute. Then she dived perpendicularly, and came up again to the surface stern upwards at an angle of 30 degrees above the water. For a short space of time she remained in this position, and then she disappeared like a stone, to be seen no more. There was no doubt as to her fate. The U-boat was a "tramp" sighted a German submarine three miles away to port hurrying in her direction. Suddenly the enemy opened fire, but without any effect on the effective zigzagging of the steamer.

As the fire became hotter the steamer was brought round until the enemy was well astern, and then the British gun crew took a hand, their shots falling all around the submarine. The master then ordered a smoke-screen to be thrown up, and after the exchange of a few more shots the German dived. Within a very few minutes a second submarine broke the surface of the starboard quarter—a large boat than the first, and at least 300 feet in length, with guns fore and aft the conning tower. The state of the wind rendered the smoke-screen of no avail against the new comer, so the steamer opened fire, and a brisk duel ensued. "Shrapnel fell on the steamer's decks. For half an hour the fight continued, and then a British shell covered the German with spray. The submarine dived, but only just in time, for, at that moment the British patrol boats put in an appearance. The master and crew have received special commendation for their plucky fight, for they beat off two submarines without sustaining any damage to their own ship.

FARMERS AND THE DRAFT.

(Peterboro, Ont., Review.) The Bobcaygeon Independent speaks of some farmers in that vicinity whose sons have been drafted and who now declare that they will not grow on their land any more than what is absolutely necessary to feed themselves. Some of them are said to have declared that they will not grow anything but their boys were not to be left at home they would not have planted a single seed.

There may be such farmers, but their number is few. It will be found too, that the new anti-drafting law can meet these cases. It is easier to believe that the majority of the farmers are of the same mind as the delegation that waited on the government recently. When assured by Premier Borden that there was no hope of further exemption, they declared that they would go back home and do the best they could with the limited means left them. There are other essential war industries besides that of production. The railways of the country must be kept running and the munition plants in operation. The draft has intensified the labor problem in these lines just as it has on the farms, yet the railways have not stopped running and the munition plants have not closed down.

Hundreds of girls who have patriotically volunteered for farm work have been unable to find places. The boys of the county have answered the call for grain in sufficient numbers to meet the present requirements. The year's grain crop has been planted unusually early and the number of acres under cultivation makes a new record. When the berries and fruit begin to ripen, the hundreds of girls still unattached will be available. The crops will be harvested just as they have been sown. There is really no cause to be pessimistic. At all events, brooding over possible misfortunes will not save the situation.

THE KAISER IN THE BIBLE.

(Toronto News.) "These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." This indictment, in the sixth chapter of Proverbs, is complete.

DEMAND FOR WORKERS

(Calgary Daily Herald.) According to reports from all parts of the Dominion there is a shortage of experienced men in many lines of industrial and commercial life. It is a condition that was to be expected and one that employers will have to adjust themselves to. Where there is a lack of experienced men it will be necessary to train others who are now inexperienced. It is one of the unpleasant but necessary effects of the war. And where men cannot be found women will have to be brought in.

WHAT IS LUXURY?

(New York Tribune.) What is a luxury, anyway, but the thing a little more luxurious and expensive than you yourself can afford? It is a beautiful, endless chain, the pursuit of luxuries. What you yourself use is always a necessity, and not a luxury. You can prove the point by any amount of excellent argument. If a "movie" is more than that, it is a "movie."

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE. Me and pop was taking a walk after supper, and we met Mr. Lewis, and him and pop had a argument about how long the war was going to keep on lasting, pop saying, Well I'll jest tell you wat I'll do, I'll bet you 10 dollars that the war will be over in less than 4 months.

Which Mr. Lewis betted him, and me and pop kept on wawking, pop saying, 10 dollars would be a lot to lose, with the cost of living the way it is and everything, but then on the other hand 10 dollars would be a lot to win. And pritty soon we met Mr. Simkins, and him and pop started to talk about the war, and Mr. Simkins sed, Do you know, Poits, it woodent surprise me in the least if the war wood last for 5 more years, 10 dollars, I meen 5 years? sed pop, wy, thata nonsense, thata ab-solutely silly. Well, you'll never win an arguement by growing abusive, sed Mr. Simkins looking mad. And he kept on going, and pritty soon we met Mr. Parkins on his way to see my sister Gladis, and him and pop started to talk about the war, and Mr. Parkins sed, If you want my opinion, Mr. Poits, my opinion is that it will be at least 10 years before the war is over. Well, I'm ashamed of you, you talk like a Germen, sed pop. I must say I resent the comparison, sed Mr. Parkins. And he kept on going, looking mad, and pritty soon we met Mr. Russel, and him and pop started to talk about the war, and Mr. Russel saying, And the ends not in site, Poits, not in site. Wat do you meen, not in site? sed pop, I suppose you meen something less than 4 months. 4 months, ha ha ha, sed Mr. Russel, wy, it woodent surprise me if it wood last long enuff for Little Benny, horr, to take part in it. Good fells, thata the limit, I expect a man to talk as if he was sane, sed pop, and Mr. Russel sed, Well then you better talk that way yourself. And he kept on going, looking mad, and pop sed, Benny, some lunatic asylum seems to be declared a holiday, lets go home before we are mistaken for inmates. Which we did.

You can't be expected to give up "movies," war or no war. If your limit is a parlor car seat. It is a necessity, not a luxury. If it is a limousine, how can anybody expect you to give up a limousine just to win a war? If you have always traveled in private cars, nothing seems more unreasonable than that a mere war should cut off this simple, inexpensive way of proceeding from spot to spot. Let's stop talking of luxuries and begin to cut hit ourselves instead of safely jeering at the other fellow.

A BIT OF FUN

Dramatic Criticism. "How'd you get into the show the other evening?" "Passed a counterfeit quarter at the door."

"How was the show?" "Well, I got my money's worth."

Cause for Fear. Peggy was a pupil in a school where an epidemic of measles was raging and she finally succumbed to the disease.

All went well, however, and at the end of a fortnight she was quite able to return to school. But the mere suggestion of going back to school was received with consternation. Peggy didn't want to return; in fact, she was panicky over the thought.

"Why is it, Peggy, that you don't want to go back to school?" questioned her mother. Peggy answered: "Because the teacher is going to burn me up in the furnace."

"What do you mean, Peggy dear? Tell me," demanded the puzzled parent. And Peggy said: "Well, she said that after any one had been absent three days she would drop them from the register."

OUT THERE.

Out There, the salt spray whips The blood from frozen faces and dumb lips. Young eyes grow old with watching, hair turns white, In the long vigils of the North Sea night. And the white crest of every curling wave Is the grim headstone of a sailor's grave.

For those who sweep the Seven Seas, Lord of the Deep, we pray; If theirs be the sum of Sacrifice, Grant us the right to Pay.

Out There, grim fragments lie In awful heaps beneath the laden sky And Noise unceasing stuns the reeling brain: Colder than Death, the bullet's sharper Unheeded passes, and with scarce a moan Young lives go out into the Dark, alone.

For those who suffer Death in Life Lord God of Hosts, we pray; If theirs be the sum of Sacrifice, Grant us the Right to Pay.

Out There, where'er they be— Wasting with fever by some Southern sea— Braving the heights where mind and senses reel, Death's icy fingers clutching at the wheel, At last, unsought, the Great Reward, They lay their manhood on Thine Altar, Lord.

For those who suffer, starve and die, That Honor and Truth may live, Shatter our self complacence, Let it be said, And teach us How to Give, —Elsbeth Honeyman.

TOO OLD AT FORTY.

(London Daily Telegraph.) And, whatever the truth is about the past, the future, so far as you and I will live to see it, cannot be dominated by the young. When the war ends "too old at forty" will sound like bitter irony. So many of the young men, of the best of them, will have done their work and gone to their rest. From all the great nations

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CHICAGO PRODUCE.

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Table of Chicago produce prices for items like corn, wheat, and other grains.

CATTLE AND HOGS TAKE A DROP IN MONTREAL YARDS

Cattle Fifty to Seventy Cents Lower and Select Hogs Down to \$21 - Calves Strong and Lambs Out of Market.

Montreal, May 22.—The feature of the trade at the Canadian Pacific Stock Yards has been the decline in cattle and hogs' prices, there being declines of from fifty cents to seventy cents in cattle lines, while choice select hogs off cars sold at \$21 to \$21.25, while a few odd lots fetched as high as \$21.50.

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United States Militia Authorities Look For Most Unsettling Push of War.

BUT HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE FINAL RESULT Waiting Attitude Wise One For Investors in View of Situation.

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New York, May 22.—The market continued to back and fill in digesting the advanced level in accordance with the usual procedure which comprises reactions and irregularities after sharp improvement. The process thus far seems natural. Elevations from the present level ought to be more of a specialist character by groups or individual stocks, so long as the foreign situation has come to the fore again.

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Heavy Selling of United States Steel Marks Early Afternoon Trading.

TREMENDOUS SALES IN FINAL HOUR Investment Bankers Predict An Active Market For New Securities.

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New York, May 22.—Heavy selling of U. S. Steel marked the early afternoon. The stock lost all of its forenoon gain, then rallied to the extent of nearly a point and turned weak in the last hour. The extreme decline went about a point below the previous close, but there was some recovery in the last few minutes of trading. There were a few outstanding features of strength like W. & A. Reading and N. Y. Airbrake.

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LIBERTY BONDS DECLINE TO NEW LOW QUOTATION

Bonds of All Descriptions Low in Wall Street, Liberty 4 1-2's Weakest.

New York, May 22.—Disregarding the removal of the railroad presidents and fresh complications in the international situation, the stocks market proceeded today to resume its advance, but fell back sharply later.

OTTAWA POWER ADVANCES FIVE

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In Sectors East of Arras German Trenches Entered at Two Points—Enemy Big Guns Unusually Active Southeast of Amiens and in Neighborhood of Piedmont, West of Noyon—Americans Shell Boches.

Paris, May 22.—Artillery fighting of the most violent character occurred last night on the front southeast of Amiens, the war office announces. Heavy artillery fighting took place along on the southern part of the battlefield, in the neighborhood of Piedmont, west of Noyon.

British Successful.

London, May 22.—In the sector east of Arras German trenches were entered at two points last night by British raiding parties, says today's official statement. Fourteen prisoners and a machine gun were captured on the Flandera front the Germans carried out a heavy gas bombardment of the sector to the northeast of Bethune.

"North of the Ypres-Comines Canal sixteen prisoners were captured by a hostile raiding party approached our lines last night north of Albert. It was reported.

"The enemy's artillery showed some activity during the night in the neighborhood of Dernancourt, and considerable activity east of the Forest of Steppe. The sector northeast of Bethune was heavily bombarded with gas shells."

American Attack.

With the American Army in France May 21.—(By The Associated Press)

ALL CONDITIONS FAVOR SEEDING

Large Acreage Except in Potatoes Being Planted in New Brunswick—More Wheat Goes in Ground Than For Years.

Fredricton, May 22.—Reports from all sections are to the effect that the conditions for seeding have been more favorable than in any spring in years. With a summer only fairly good crops in this province should be expected. In some lines there has been decreased acreage, but weather conditions may counteract that by giving a high average of production.

In many sections the farmers were able to meet its own requirements in wheat four the acreage not being great enough.

SOME OF THE HEROIC OFFICERS OF THE VINDICTIVE.



THE RED AND WHITE FLAG

(By A Mesopotamian.)

It is a dusty road that stretches from the Base Camp to the red-and-white flag floating over a low building on the riverbank next to the old British Consulate at Basra; one that is trodden by every shirt-sleeved Tommy newly arrived in Mesopotamia and eager for news from home. Tramping his way down through the muddy crowd that for ever frequents Bridge street since the British occupation, past rows of native booths tenanted by Baghdad-merchants, parzes and dhuruzes (tailors) from India, he crosses Witley drawbridge over the tidal waters of Ashar Creek.

Hot and dusty he is easily seduced by the prospects of a laze in a bellum for the remainder of the journey, while swardly bellumists pole the gondola of Lower Mesopot into the broad waters of the Shatt-al-Arab. For the "canny" there is a labyrinth of more dusty footpaths over oil-sprayed mud-dats croaking with frogs and dotted with date-palms. Higher way, the red-and-white flag marks the spot and there will be many pilgrims.

Here at the down-river Base Office obliging Babas dole out stamps for postage to other countries than the British Empire (postage home is free, from France) and docket every casualty, ear-marking mails for hospitals, while rows of clerks take sundry glances through outward mail, or handle week-end cablegrams at quarter rates to anxious friends in the homelands.

Pat steamers from Bombay and Karachi and sometimes from distant Suez, plied from the light-ship over the mingled waters of the Tigris and Euphrates, find anchorage in the deep channel opposite this one-storied building. They, too, carry a red-and-white flag. Before the up-and-down-stream anchors have gripped the river-bed and the ship's nose is into the tide or stronger wind, half a dozen mihallas (the Tigris equivalent of the Nile dahabiah) cling to its sides like leeches, and out from the ship the derricks rattle shill-lads of mail for the army in Mesopotamia.

Officials who have joined the Army Postal Service, return from boarding the steamer opposite the Isolation Hospital while she is still under way. They have come ashore to telegraph a news upriver. A British mail arrived today. Outside every post office, Baghdad and Kut, Amara and Nasiriyah, or little shacks and tents pitched on the burning desert sands but still flaunting the red-and-white flag of the post office, in the field, and in battalion orders posted on notice boards outside tents which do duty for orderly rooms, the tidings will be displayed: "a mail arrived at the base today."

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TURN HAIR DARK WITH SAGE TEA

Grandma kept her locks dark, glossy and youthful with a simple mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandma's recipe, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

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KERENSKY MAY BE AT A PORT IN CANADA

Rumor That He Arrived Yesterday—Cable Week Ago Stated He Was on Way to United States.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, May 22.—A mission from Denmark to the United States, headed by J. Cian, chief of the Danish foreign trade department, arrived here today on board a steamship from Copenhagen. It is rumored here that among the other passengers on board is A. E. Kerensky, former premier of Russia.

Port authorities when asked by the Canadian Press to confirm this report replied that they had no information about it.

A visitor to the steamer told the Canadian Press that when he asked an officer of the ship whether or not Kerensky was on board, the non-committal reply was: "We have nobody on board by that name."

A special cable to The Standard was about to visit the United States.

THREE KILLED IN AN AIR RAID ON PARIS

German Aviators Make Ineffective Attempt to Damage City, Enemy Airplane Falling in Flames.

Paris, May 22.—German aviators made an ineffective attempt last night to raid Paris. Three persons were killed and several wounded in the outskirts of the city, but none of the raiders reached Paris itself. A German plane was hit by an anti-aircraft gun and fell in flames. The enemy dropped bombs in various suburban localities. Some material damage is reported.

The signal that all was clear was sounded at 1 o'clock this morning. The raid demonstrated the high state of efficiency to which the aerial defences of the city have been brought. The raiders sought vainly for two hours to find a gap in the wall of fire with which the city was encompassed.

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MONCTON

Miss Mollie Ray.

Moncton, May 22.—Miss Mollie Ray, R. N., of Lowell, Mass., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray, of this city.

Mr. J. Magee, Canadian Press operator of Sydney, N. S., is spending the week in this city.

Mr. L. B. McMurdo has returned from a business trip to Bathurst, Campbellton and Gaspé.

Dr. L. S. Doyle, has returned from professional trip to Richibucto and Summerside, P. E. I.

Nursing Sister Anna Stammers, of St. John, accompanied by Nursing Sister Floyd, recently returned from England, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Killam on Thursday.

Mr. Ivan Rand, of Medicine Hat, is visiting in the city, the guest of his mother, Mrs. N. L. Rand.

Mr. J. McDonald, manager of the Atlantic U. C. Co., returned this week from a business trip to Toronto.

Miss Myrtle Wilcox returned this week from Montreal, where she spent a few weeks with relatives.

Mr. Arthur Smith has returned to St. John after spending a few days in this city.

Mrs. Woodman, of Boston, Mass., is spending a few weeks in this city the guest of Mrs. Wm. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Young Smith, left this week for New York to visit their daughter, Mrs. Donald Cowd.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Thompson, of St. John, are guests of Mrs. Geo. C. Peters, Alma street.

Mrs. B. W. Kay, of this city, is visiting relatives in Hantsport, N. S., for a few weeks.

Gunner C. H. Phinney, of the 65th Battery, Woodstock, is spending a few days in this city before leaving Petawawa.

Mr. J. Fred Edgett has returned from two weeks' business trip to New York.

NINE BOILS

Kept Coming on Neck One After the Other

Anyone who has ever suffered from boils, knows how sick and miserable they make you feel.

When you think you are about cured of one, another seems ready to take its place and prolong your wretchedness. All the poulticing and lancing you may do will not cure them and stop more coming.

Boils are simply bad blood oozing out, and the bad blood must be made pure before the boils disappear. Burdock Blood Bitters is the greatest blood purifier known. It cleanses the system and removes every particle of foul material from the blood, then never another boil comes and the cure is permanent.

Mr. Geo. Ayers, 302 Gloucester St., Ottawa, Ont., writes: "I wish to tell you what I know about your wonderful Burdock Blood Bitters. In the spring I suppose my system needed cleaning out, for I had nine boils come on my neck one after the other. I quickly got a bottle of B. B. B., and before it was half finished I felt a great change, and it certainly put an end to my boils, otherwise I might have had a lot more. I recommend B. B. B. to all I can, for I know it to be a great remedy."

RETAIL VENDORS

A partial list of the retail vendors who will be licensed to sell liquor under the prohibition law during the current year has been authorized. There will be a supplementary list to complete the number but it is understood that some licenses issued last year will not be renewed. Those whose names are given herewith all held licenses for last year and they are renewed. They are as follows: George A. Cameron and Charles R. Wason, St. John; Thomas Wran, Campbellton; Sylvester Vinneau, Bathurst; J. D. B. Mackenzie and Clifford P. Hickey, Chatham; John H. Troy, Newcastle; W. J. Scott, Loggieville; Neil Ross, Buctouche; Miss E. Clarke, St. Stephen; R. T. Mack and J. M. Wiley, Fredericton; Lawrence M. White, McAdam Junction; Elida B. Fisher, Woodstock; Charles L. Olmstead, Perth; Fred I. Cyr, St. Leonard; Joseph L. Berube, Edmundston.

NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA

Accompanied by Exhausted Condition of the Nervous System—Health Restored and Aged Mother Greatly Benefited by the Food Cure.

Lequille, N. S., Mar. 21.—Nervous trouble is not confined to any age, and often people who look well are miserable on account of a feeble condition of the nerves.

When Mr. Morse had been cured of Nervous Dyspepsia by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food he prevailed upon his aged mother to try out this great restorative treatment. Her experience was equally happy, and so the good word is passed along to others to put this food cure to the test.

Mr. Judson H. Morse, Lequille, N. S., writes: "I am glad to be able to say a few words in recommendation of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, because I have found it so very good for me and others. I came by my nervous trouble much by inheritance and through my work. In '86 I was a nervous wreck, but the doctor and time put me on my feet again, so I got along quite well until two years ago when I got the grippe and put through an awful winter and summer, but a friend offered me some of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food Pills to try, and I found them to help me at once, so I have taken a number of boxes since that time and still find them good. Mother is in her 90th year and has suffered a lot with neuralgia of the stomach and bowels, and was in a very bad state last summer, but I prevailed upon her to try the Nerve Food and it helped her even in her advanced years. The doctor called my trouble Nervous Dyspepsia. I know of many who have taken the Nerve Food with good results. Mother thinks your Ointment excellent also."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, a full treatment of 6 boxes for \$2.75, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates and Co., Limited, Toronto. Do not be talked into accepting a substitute. Imitations only disappoint.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday a boy who escaped from the Industrial School was remanded.

Two men arrested for drunkenness were remanded. Three traffic reports were heard and fines were allowed to stand.

A colored man named Babous was fined \$13 for keeping a ferocious dog, and for not having a license for it.

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BRANCHES IN ALL CITIES

NEW PERFECTION OIL COOK STOVE

It is still New Perfection Week. Don't delay longer. Buy your New Perfection Oil Cook Stove now. There's a size for every household and a style for every need.

The economical New Perfection brings real cooking comfort the whole year-round. In summer, no cooking on the hot old-fashioned range. In winter, no waiting for the fire to come up. No more drudgery with coal, ashes and kindling.

The Long Blue Chimney makes oil the ideal fuel—gives a clean, intense heat—because its long draft burns up all the fuel. Saves time, worry—saves coal and money.

The New Perfection Oven is an unusually good baker.

The Cabinet adds to the appearance of the stove and is very convenient in many ways.

Convince yourself. Visit your dealer and let him show you, while he has them on display—the stove used in 3,000,000 homes.

Royalite Coal Oil gives best results

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OIL COOK STOVE

THE RED AND WHITE FLAG

(By A Mesopotamian.)

It is a dusty road that stretches from the Base Camp to the red-and-white flag floating over a low building on the riverbank next to the old British Consulate at Basra; one that is trodden by every shirt-sleeved Tommy newly arrived in Mesopotamia and eager for news from home. Tramping his way down through the muddy crowd that for ever frequents Bridge street since the British occupation, past rows of native booths tenanted by Baghdad-merchants, parzes and dhuruzes (tailors) from India, he crosses Witley drawbridge over the tidal waters of Ashar Creek.

Hot and dusty he is easily seduced by the prospects of a laze in a bellum for the remainder of the journey, while swardly bellumists pole the gondola of Lower Mesopot into the broad waters of the Shatt-al-Arab. For the "canny" there is a labyrinth of more dusty footpaths over oil-sprayed mud-dats croaking with frogs and dotted with date-palms. Higher way, the red-and-white flag marks the spot and there will be many pilgrims.

Here at the down-river Base Office obliging Babas dole out stamps for postage to other countries than the British Empire (postage home is free, from France) and docket every casualty, ear-marking mails for hospitals, while rows of clerks take sundry glances through outward mail, or handle week-end cablegrams at quarter rates to anxious friends in the homelands.

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50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

BATHURST MAN KILLED.

London, May 22.—Lieut. W. M. Kent, Royal Air Force, formerly of Bathurst, N. B., previously reported missing, is posted as killed.

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

COALING PLANTS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside, "Tender for Coaling Plants," will be received at this office up to and including twelve o'clock, noon, Thursday, June 6, 1918, for the construction of Mechanical Coaling Plants at the following points:—

Sydney, N.S., Chipman, N.B., Stellarton, N.S., Lonsley, P.Q., Springhill, Jct., N.S. Estcourt, P.B., St. John, N.B., Armagh, P.Q., Campbellton, N.B. Monk, P.Q. (altera- tions).

Plans, specifications and blank form of contract may be seen at the following offices: Chief Engineer, Dept. of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont.; Chief Engineer, Canadian Government Railways, Moncton, N. B.; Resident Engineers at Moncton, N.B., Edmundston, N.B., New Glasgow, N.S., and the Terminal Agent, Montreal, P. Q.

All the conditions of the specifications and contract forms must be complied with.

Tenders must be put in on the blank form of tender, which may be obtained from any of the officers at which plans are on exhibition.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque payable to the Honorable the Minister of Railways and Canals for an amount equal to ten per cent. (10%) of the tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order, J. W. PUGSLEY, Secretary.

THE HOME THE WORLD

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

Here are Related Facts and Fancies Concerning the Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

"All for My Soldier Boys"



MARY PICKFORD, STAR IN ARTGRAFT PICTURES.

"Don't only do your bit; do your all. After you have bought all the Liberty Bonds you can afford, and have given liberally to the Red Cross, save a little to give the boys some cigarettes, send them books, and don't forget that they like to go to the camp theaters and they need 'smileage books.'" This was the message Mary Pickford sent forth to the people when she left the studio the other afternoon with her arms filled with "smileage books" ready to distribute them to the boys who had called upon her from Camp Kearny.

Clark Plays "Little Eva" and "Topsy"



MARGUERITE CLARK, PARAMOUNT STAR, AS "LITTLE EVA," J. SEARLE DAWLEY, HER DIRECTOR, AND FRANK LOSEY AS "UNCLE TOM."

"Uncle Tom's Cabin," one of the greatest epoch making pieces of literature, will be the next big spectacular Paramount picture in which Marguerite Clark will appear. In this production, under the direction of J. Searle Dawley, Miss Clark will play a dual role, portraying the parts of Little Eva and Topsy. Frank Losey will play Uncle Tom. On the speaking stage this play has probably been the most successful attraction in the history of the American drama and the screen version will be made on a most elaborate plan, befitting its great dramatic value, the magnitude of the star and the theme.

Bringing Up Father



MISS BAYARD'S PUPILS HEARD AT RECITAL

Teacher and Pupils Congratulated Upon Progress Made—Recital Held Yesterday Afternoon in Orange Hall.

A very delightful recital was given yesterday afternoon by the piano pupils of Miss Dorothy Bayard in her studio, Orange Hall. A number of invited guests were present and Miss Bayard was warmly congratulated upon the splendid progress made by the pupils. Many of the children are young but they played their selections very correctly and in many cases with sympathy and feeling. The performers showed not only good training but they must be given credit for the long hours of practice the results of which were shown yesterday in their playing.

While all did well special mention must be made of Miss Josephine Morrison, Miss Jean Bishop, Miss Frances Gilbert and Miss Phyllis Barker who play remarkably well. Harold Orchard, who is just seven years old, played his selection excellently.

During the programme Miss Valde Fenton sang two numbers and Miss Barker played two violin solos which were greatly enjoyed.

Miss Bayard was presented with two bouquets of flowers from her pupils. After the recital Miss Bayard entertained the children at tea at the Sign of the Lantern.

The following took part in the programme: Harold Orchard, Peggy Jones, Isabel Christie, Constance Teed, Mary Murray, Florence Christie, Frances to Elkin, Blaise Gilbert, Agnes Hanington, Phyllis Barker, Eleanor Angus, Ethel Powell, Margaret Tilley, Jean Angus, Audrey Rankine, Elinor Matthews, Lillian Christie, Jean Bishop, Frances Gilbert, Aileen Morrison, Josephine Morrison.

ENGAGEMENTS. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Allen, 9 South Adelaide street, Amherst, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Grace, to Percy Edwin Odell, of St. Andrews. The wedding will take place June 19 in Christ Church.

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Quebec, May 22—A new chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, which will be exclusively for French-Canadians, has been formed here under the regency of Madame Adjuar Amyot. It will be called the Courcellette Chapter.

IT OPENS MAY 24th "THE HIDDEN HAND" Pathe's 4-Star Serial at the STAR See the Opening Chapter

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES STRIKE BREAKERS IN WINNIPEG

Unusual Action By Female Organizations, Which Attempt to Fill Places of Striking Telephone Operators—Efforts Made To Make Strike General.

Winnipeg, May 22—With the telephone system giving only a limited service, operated by women's societies of Winnipeg, and no street cars in operation today the strike is beginning to press heavily on Winnipeg's citizens. Employers rose to the occasion this morning with every conveyance they could press into the service and workers were taken to work in large numbers in free taxis. One or two firms issued tickets overnight to the employees for passage in the free cars this morning, but to a large extent the automobiles supplied by the business men's committee gathered in all and hundreds who were going down town. The strike committee has announced its intention of extending the strike still further in defence of the right of labor to strike, which is given as the sole issue in the newspapers which the strikers are publishing devoted to strike news.

A TIE GAME. On account of a changed schedule the Warriors did not play last evening as was expected. Instead the Victors made their initial game on the Y. M. C. A. grounds. The Rovers and Victors played a loose game on account of the poor pitching and only the good fielding on both sides saved the game from being a 20 to 20. As it was the game ended in a tie, a four to four score after the entire length of nine innings were played. The only interesting plays in the game were the hand stealing of Dougherty and Belding playing right field made an excellent catch when he had run the length of the field after a deep fly. The Victors expect to play the Acadias on the twenty-fourth of May and they have high hopes of defeating them. The batteries of last evening's game were as follows: Ward and Philip Jenkins for the Rovers, while Creary and De Forest were the opposing batteries.

The line-up for the twenty-fourth will probably be as follows: Dougherty, catcher; Redmond, pitcher; Sullivan, left base; De Forest, right base; Harlewood, 3rd base; Belding, shortstop; McKinnon, left field; Jones, centre field; Noddin, right field.

ST. ANDREWS WON. St. David's and St. Andrew's junior teams of the Sunday School Basketball League played a good game at the Y. M. C. A. last evening which was lively and interesting clear through.

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FAIR AND MILD

JOINED FLYING CORPS.
William F. James, of the North End, left for Toronto on Monday, having signed up with the Aviation Corps.

EMPLOYEES VACCINATED.
A doctor and nurse made a call on the Atlantic Sugar Refineries yesterday and the majority of the employees were vaccinated.

A FALSE ALARM.
At 12.30 o'clock this morning some person who only wished to see the wheels go round, sent in a false alarm from box 63 on Erin street near the Peters' tannery.

BOSTON CAMPERS.
B. W. Walker, of Boston, arrived in the city a few days ago. He and family have taken a camp out at Red Head and will reside there during the summer months.

ON KING SQUARE.
The city gardeners are preparing the plots in King square, and the blossoms will soon appear. Some plants in bloom are now placed round the Young monument.

AN EXCELLENT ARRAY.
The two large windows of Wm. E. Ward's store on King street are filled with a large assortment of prizes for the War Veterans' sports to be held on Moosepath Friday.

ALARM OF FIRE.
An alarm from box 313 about 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon brought out the fire department for a slight blaze some straw alongside a barn on Moore street. No damage resulted.

BEEN RECALLED.
S. Mason of Gloucester Co., is in the city, in undergo medical examination. He was formerly in uniform but turned down, but now recalled to undergo further examination.

CONVEYED TO HOSPITAL.
Marjorie Ryan, aged 13 years, who resides at 24 Horfield street, was conveyed to the General Public Hospital last evening about 9.45 suffering from mastoiditis, which necessitated an immediate operation on her head.

ON MILITARY BUSINESS.
Lieut. Robert, Montreal, arrived in the city yesterday on military business, and stated he might be stationed in the city in the future, but this was not definite at the present time.

PLAYING TENNIS.
Tennis is now the favorite pastime at the Y. M. C. A. The courts are in excellent condition and the members of the club are taking full advantage of the fine weather to indulge in this popular summer sport.

JUMPED FROM WINDOW.
While coming from Campbellton to St. John recently under military escort a defaulter escaped from the train by jumping through the window when about a mile from Bathurst. Ten defaulters were in the party.

ENTERTAINMENT REPEATED.
The entertainment and musical staged by the St. John Baptist Dramatic Club, was repeated in the Sunday school on Broad street last evening. The programme again delighted a packed house. The proceeds are for the church fund.

A NEAR COLLISION.
Two automobiles nearly had a collision at corner of Sydney and Leinster streets last evening. A Ford car came out Leinster, and a larger car was going up Sydney street. The chauffeurs in each car quickly applied the brakes and thus averted an accident.

VISITING A BROTHER.
Frank Hazel, of Coates' Mills, N. B., is in the city visiting his brother, Depot Battalion man, who lies very low with pneumonia in the St. James street military hospital. Mr. Hazel left his aged father very ill at home and his friends hope for recovery of both father and son.

SHIPMENTS OF WOOD.
Large quantities of hard cordwood continues to be shipped here on schooner from the Canadian ports. Most of it is marketed in St. John for two figures a cord. The wood is of best yellow birch and beech. A cargo of mill ends and drift wood was among the arrivals at the Market slip yesterday.

RECEPTION TO SOLDIERS.
The New Brunswick soldiers who arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon were tendered a reception in the Discharge Depot yesterday morning by the mayor and returned soldiers reception committee. The heroes listened to addresses and were given bags containing candy and smokes.

SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.
Pte. H. Panjor, of the Depot Battalion, and Gunner J. Boyd, of the Artillery, who were admitted to the St. James street military hospital Tuesday evening, are reported to be progressing as favorable as can be expected. Gunner Wm. F. Boyle, who is a patient in the same hospital, is rapidly recovering and will be out in a few days.

SGT. NEVERS IN ENGLAND.
George R. Nevers, of Lower Jernigan, Queens county, received a cable on Tuesday evening from Mrs. Rivers Bulkeley, of the prisoners of war department of the Red Cross in England stating that his son, Sergt. R. K. Nevers is now in England. Sergt. Nevers left Canada with the 6th Mounted Rifles. He was wounded and taken captive on June 2, 1916, and for nearly two years has been a prisoner of war in Germany.

TANK MEN SATISFIED.
Young men of the city, now in Ottawa, with the Canadian Tank Unit, writing to friends in the city, voice strong sentiments regarding this branch of the service. They have an excellent party of officers, and the men in the unit are also fine chaps. They refer to the camp, to the drill and "exits" as good. All seem satisfied indeed; and care not—when the time comes to have a whack at the Hun.

MAJOR PINCOMBE RETURNS FROM AROOSTOOK COUNTY

Addressed Four Meetings in Aid of the Red Cross Drive Now Progressing in the United States — A Large Increase in the Membership.

Major C. G. Pincombe returned from Aroostook county last evening after addressing four meetings in aid of the Red Cross drive now progressing in the United States. From most of the houses in the district the national flag flies, and almost every residence has Red Cross signs or war savings or stars on bunting denoting how many members of the family are serving in this critical time.

On Saturday evening, accompanied by the Hon. Leonard Pearce, he addressed two mass meetings, one at Houlton in the afternoon, and the other at Monte Cello in the evening. At Monte Cello the Hon. Chas. Barnes also made a splendid speech. On Monday evening he addressed a mass meeting at the rink, Port Fairfield, the town band being in attendance commenced the meeting with the British National Anthem, also a selection during the evening and finishing up with the Star Spangled Banner. This was a most enthusiastic meeting. On Monday morning Major Pincombe met the whole of the clergy of the district in a conference for over an hour.

As a sign of the tremendous strides the Red Cross is making in the United States, and the preparation for war now being made, it may be noted that last year the United States had only 455,000 members of the Red Cross Society, today it has over 22,000,000. Then it had 500 chapters only, today it has 5,000. Last year they had but a few who were workers, today there are over 10,000,000 actively engaged in Red Cross work in the States.

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VACCINATION IS GOING FORWARD AS WELL AS POSSIBLE

Board of Health Order Being Carried Out By Thirty-Three Physicians — 18,000 Points of Vaccine Already Used.

There are thirty-three physicians carrying out the recent regulation passed by the Board of Health, making vaccination compulsory in the City of St. John and in the Parishes of Simonds and Musquash. Already the board has supplied about 18,000 points of vaccine and have an order, due to arrive at any time, for 16,000 points. It is estimated that fully 18,000 points have already been used. With the exception of 1901, when the city experienced the last epidemic, medical men have never been so busy. Their offices are crowded during the entire day and even up until late in the evening persons drop in to undergo the necessary operation.

The house-to-house canvass is being carried on without interruption and although it is not possible to obtain a report from the chief medical officer as to the number of people who have been vaccinated, the activities of the medical men indicate that the work will be completed within a very short period of time. The following is a list of the physicians engaged and the respective wards they are covering:

- Queens—Drs. Walker, Legie and McAlpine.
- Dukes—Drs. Macaulay and McVey.
- Lorne—Dr. E. Baxter.
- Sydney—Drs. Neve and Rowley.
- Kings—Drs. Stovenson and Mary McLeod.
- Dufferin—Drs. Broderick and Clarke.
- Landdowne—Dr. Dalton.
- Lorne—Drs. Roberts and Mahoney.
- Stanley—Dr. Stovenson.
- Brooks, Guys, Prince and Wellington wards have already been under way.

FISH HATCHERIES BEING INSPECTED

S. J. Walker of Marine and Fisheries Department Here — Hatcheries Are Working Overtime — The St. John Hatchery Results.

S. J. Walker of the Marine and Fisheries Department arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the next couple of weeks in the Maritime Provinces on an inspection trip to the various fish hatcheries located here.

When seen last night at the Royal Mr. Walker said all the hatcheries were working overtime just now, the staffs being busy distributing the fry hatched this spring and placing them in the various rivers tributary to the Bay of Fundy.

The work at the St. John hatchery, which is located at Silver Falls, had been most successful the past season and from there have been sent 100,000 trout fry and about 3,000,000 salmon fry. These had been placed in the St. John, Kennebecasis, Belleisle, Jernigan and St. Croix rivers and in Washademoak Lake, where it was hoped the greater portion of them would reach maturity. No fingerlings had been distributed at all this year from this hatchery.

Mr. Walker said a number of men were now engaged under the direction of P. B. Britain in preparing the ponds at Little River to receive the female fish as they were brought in by the fishermen and they would be impounded there until fall when the spawn would be taken to the hatchery at Silver Falls.

He referred to the fact that the hatchery was open to the public at all times and said it was well worth a visit. In fact a person could not take a better Windsor, Nova Scotia, visit to this place and spend a few hours seeing just what was being done to keep up the supply of trout and salmon in the streams of New Brunswick.

HOUSE-BREAKER MAY BE HERE

Windsor Chief of Police Requests Man Named Carson Be Apprehended — One Who Broke Into Sam Slick House.

It is stated that the police have received word to apprehend a young man who left Windsor, Nova Scotia, a few days ago, and who it is alleged was one of a party of six, who broke into the Sam Slick house at Windsor. The chief of police of that town succeeded in rounding up the other members of the party but, Carson left in time to avoid arrest. The party not only gained an entrance by force, but they destroyed considerable property in their illegal efforts.

Chief of police for the town of Windsor, strongly believes that the young man is in St. John, and caused a wire to be sent here to the chief of police to apprehend the man. It may be that Carson is wearing a khaki suit. He is very bow-legged, and his face is covered with freckles.

The house of Judge Halliburton's, commonly known as the Sam Slick house, is situated near the college grounds and is reached from the town by trees. Up until last night no arrests had been made.

AN EASTPORT SOLDIER.

Stretcher bearer John Pritchard is being welcomed at his home in Eastport, Maine, having recently arrived there from this city where he was being given a medical examination. He was born in England and enlisted in St. John in March, 1915. He served 18 months in France with the 14th Battalion and returned from the front recently.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL OBSERVE EMPIRE DAY

Special Exercises Dealing With Empire Matters Will Be Held in the Schools Today — Some of the Programmes.

Today will be observed in the schools an Empire Day, and all the city schools will have special exercises dealing with empire matters. In some there will be programmes in the assembly halls open to the public while in others patriotic programmes will be carried out in the individual rooms.

Following are a few of the programmes for the day:
High School.
Chorus—Girls of Grade IX.
Recitation—The Call of the Blood.
Alice Vanwart, Grade IX.

Essay—Wartime Economy.
Irene Chapman, Grade XI.
Violin solo—Arthur Cunningham, XI.
Essay—"Camouflage".
Arthur Holman, XI.

Chorus—Girls of Grade IX.
Recitation—British Merchant Service.
Ralph Seard, Grade IX.
Address—Rev. G. A. Kuhring.
Cello solo—McGregor Grant, X.

Addresses—Premier Foster, Mayor Flag Salutation. God Save the King.
Alexandra School.
Chorus—"Lord of the Lands Make Canada Thine Own".
School Patriotic drill—Grades 1, 2, 3.
Patriotic exercise—"Story of the Flag".
Grades 4, 5, 6.

Chorus—"For the Glory of the Grand Old Flag".
School Address—Rev. I. W. Williamson.
Patriotic Play—"War on the Western Front".
Grades 6, 7, 8.
God Save the King.
St. Vincent's.

At St. Vincent's each room will carry out a patriotic programme. The primary room has been decorated with shells and flags and patriotic songs. In the higher grades there will be essays on the Empire and Canada, interspersed with music and songs.

King Edward.
At the King Edward owing to the assembly hall being in use there will not be a formal programme, but in each room there will be talks on the Empire, and the lessons for the day will all be along that line. There will also be lessons on the flag.

St. Joseph's.
At St. Joseph's the lessons will bear on the Empire, and in the several rooms there will be flag drills, recitations, patriotic songs, etc., in honor of the day.

Albert School.
The Albert school will hold their programme in Carleton City Hall, and the children will stage a play "Canada's Treasure House". The children have put in a lot of time in preparing this play and promise a treat to those attending.

BARRACK SQUARE IS A TENTED CITY

About 2,500 Men Are Now With the Depot Battalion — Officers Are Kept Busy and Men Show Good Results of Training.

The barrack square now presents the scene of a tented city, and every available space in the tents and buildings is filled with the soldiers of the 1st Depot Battalion. It is said that there is at present under the command of Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity, no less than 2,500 men, and that the general Colonel and his staff of officers have their work cut out for them as only putting it mildly.

Next week the Battalion will be moved to Camp Sussex where this large body of men will have a better chance of training before they are drafted overseas.

Recruits are arriving from all over the Province daily and a very large number of men now in barracks have not yet been fitted out with uniforms. The South End of the city is certainly a busy place and numerous visitors are arriving every day to spend a short time with their relatives who have been drafted. The draftees are taking well to the army life, and are doing remarkably well when they like it. Their training is given by officers and non-coms who have seen service and know the game, so the advancement being made by raw recruits in a short space of time is indeed remarkable. The Depot boys are an orderly lot of soldiers, and will be greatly missed when they leave for Sussex.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED.

An impromptu programme was given last evening by local young ladies to the boys now convalescing in the Armories. Motion pictures opened the programme, and a musical programme, along with several recitations, solos, etc., gave the boys a good time.

The following young ladies participated:—
Solo—Miss M. deSoyres.
Reading—Miss Gladys Gibby.
Solo—Miss Fenton.
Solo—Miss Creighton.
Solo—Miss Anderson.
Miss Bayard acted as accompanist.

After the programme a delightful lunch was given the boys. The National Anthem brought the evening's entertainment to a close.

DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.

The friends of Signaler C. W. Henderson will be glad to know that he has been officially reported discharged from a hospital in France where he was suffering from a slight attack of rheumatism. Previous to his enlistment Henderson was employed in T. McAvity & Sons Brass Works in July 1916, he crossed to France with the 104th Battalion where he took a special course in signalling and passed as a qualified signaller. In January 1918 he was transferred to the 26th Battalion, where he now is. Sig. Henderson was only seventeen when he enlisted with Col. Fowler's Batt.



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