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GERMANS SURROUND FRENCH AT REGUEVILLE; HUNS MAKE EFFORTS TO BRIDGE MEUSE; TURKS ABANDON BLACK SEA COAST TOWNS

FRENCH MAY HAVE TO EVACUATE REGNEVILLE.

PARIS, March 8.—The French official statement says that heavy artillery fighting continued throughout last night on both banks of the Meuse. The French troops holding Regueville seven miles northwest of Verdun are two-thirds surrounded by Germans and may be forced to evacuate. South of Regueville under cover of heavy artillery fire the Germans are making repeated efforts to bridge the river. It is known that one hundred thousand more men have been added to the German forces and the climax of the Verdun offensive is expected tomorrow or Friday. In the Champagne, the French have recaptured a portion of the trenches lost on Monday.

TURKS ABANDON COAST TOWNS.

PETROGRAD, March 8.—The Russian Black Sea fleet continues to force the Turks to abandon coast towns. The Russian land force is now close to Elpa, thirty miles east of Trebizond.

AUSTRALIANS DISFRANCHISE ALL GERMAN ELECTORS.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., March 8.—The cabinet has decided to disfranchise all German-born electors for the duration of the war.

SWEDISH PROTEST AGAINST MINE LAYING.

STOCKHOLM, March 8.—The Swedish minister at Berlin has been instructed to protest against the German government against the laying of mines within four miles of the Swedish coast.

LONDON EDITORS DISAPPROVE OF CHURCHILL'S SPEECH.

LONDON, March 8.—Winston Churchill's speech in the House of Commons yesterday is the subject of many columns of comment in the London morning papers. It arouses many diverging questions and opens up old wounds. The attitude of most of the editors is that of outspoken disapproval.

TURKISH DEMONSTRATIONS AT STRAITS FALLS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 8.—An official statement issued by the Turkish war office says demonstrations of enemy war vessels against the coast and Straits of the Dardanelles assisted by aeroplanes were rendered ineffective by our artillery. Two enemy cruisers were hit. The activity of our airmen prevented an enemy reconnaissance of the Dardanelles.

SHORTAGE OF COAL IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 8.—A serious shortage of coal for domestic purposes is being experienced in some sections of England owing primarily to the demands of the war and partially to severe weather having interfered with mining. The government is making every effort to improve the situation.

ITALIAN CHAMBER AGAINST SOCIALIST PROPOSITIONS.

ROME, via Paris, March 8.—The Chamber of Deputies upheld the ministry in its refusal of the demand by socialist groups for an investigation into the conduct of the war by a vote of 251 against 25.

LEUT. CODERE WILL SERVE A LIFE TERM.

LONDON, March 8.—The sentence of death imposed upon Lieut. Georges Codere of the Canadian Expeditionary Force has been commuted to life imprisonment.

ON FEB. 5, LEUT. CODERE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH AT WINCHESTER ON THE CHARGE OF HAVING MURDERED SERGEANT OSANNE OF HIS REGIMENT.

FOUR GERMAN VESSELS SEIZED BY PORTUGUESE.

LISBON, March 8.—Four German steamers, which has taken refuge in the port of Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, have been seized and the Portuguese flag hoisted on them. The crews of the vessels were interned.

TWENTY DREADNOUGHTS VENTURE FROM KIEL.

ROME, March 8, via London, March 5.—(Delayed in transmission).—Twenty German dreadnoughts have left Kiel, according to information received here today. The foregoing despatch was held up by the British censor. Another despatch filed in London at 3.25 o'clock this morning said that a fleet of 25 German warships was observed Monday cruising in the North Sea. This message was received in London from Vlieland, North Holland. It was added that the vessels approached from the northeast and later disappeared northward. The latest summaries say Germany has only 17 dreadnoughts altogether (as well as 20 pre-dreadnoughts), but more may have been built secretly.

WILSON POLICY CARRIES IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Presidential Wilson has won his long and sensational fight to compel congress to acknowledge that it stands behind him in the submarine negotiations with Germany.

TO THE RALLYING CRIES OF "STAND BY PRESIDENT" AND "HE IS LASTING AND WILSON OF VON BERNSTORFF AND THE KAISER" A BIG DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY AND NEARLY HALF OF THE REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE THREW THEIR VOTES AGAINST THE MOVEMENT TO WARN AMERICANS OF THE ARMED SHIPS OF THE HUNGARIAN BELLIGERENTS.

The celebrated McLemore resolution, around which anti-administration forces centred their fight, was tabled in other words killed—just as was the Gore resolution in the Senate last week. On the first vote, which was a parliamentary proposition to prevent opening the McLemore resolution to amendment and unlimited debate, the administration forces carried the day, 256 to 190. On that 192 Democrats, 68 Republicans and one Progressive voted to support the administration. Twenty-one Democrats, 132 Republicans, 5 Progressives, one Independent and Representative London, the lone socialist of the house, voted against it.

THIS WAS THE CRUCIAL VOTE OF THE FIGHT, THE ONE POINT ON WHICH ADMINISTRATION LEADERS WERE UNCERTAIN. WITH VICTORY IN HAND THEY MOVED ON TO THE NEXT PROPOSITION, THE ADOPTION OF A SPECIAL RULE FOR FOUR HOURS' DISCUSSION OF THE McLEMORE RESOLUTION, AND AGAIN THEY CARRIED THE DAY.

GERMANS TRY TO CUT VERDUN-CHALONS LINE.

PARIS, March 8.—The immediate object of the German attacks to the northwest of Verdun, resulting in the occupation of the French advanced posts of the small village of Forges, appears to be to take the railway between Verdun and Chalons. From the Cote de L'Ole to the Chalons-Verdun Railway there is eight miles of territory reported easy to defend. One great difficulty for the Germans to overcome, it is pointed out, would be the heights of the Bois Dourru, a Charny, on which the French have the aid of all the defensive organizations of the fortress. The Germans now hold in that territory the interior of the loop of the Meuse. French military critics continue to search for a reason that could impel the German effort against so difficult a position as Verdun and its adjacent defensive lines on the right and left. The Temps concludes that the events in Turkey are sufficient explanation. "Kerem, Mush, and Bitlis," it says, "mark rapid steps in the Russian advance toward the road to Bagdad. The Russians have opened in Persia, Kermanshah, the door of Mesopotamia. Saloniki will soon be reinforced by the Serbian army and become a threat more and more formidable for the Bulgarians. "It was to counteract the impressions caused by events in the east and against discontent which is echoing in the Prussian Diet and the German Parliament that decided the Germans to begin their offensive against Verdun in this season, unfavorable for operations and transport."

WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE FARMERS WHEN THE BREWERS AND DISTILLERS NO LONGER BUY THEIR GRAIN AND THEIR GRAPES, THEIR APPLES AND THEIR CHERRIES? ONE WOULD THINK THAT NOBODY LIKES GRAPES AND APPLES AND CHERRIES UNLESS THEY COME IN THE FORM OF BOOZE. THE FACT IS, THE FARMERS' ABILITY TO SUPPLY THE AMERICAN MARKET WITH PRODUCE IS RAPIDLY DECREASING.

From 1899 to 1909 the acreage in the United States used for raising cereals—corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, etc., increased only 3.5 per cent. The amount actually produced increased only 1.7 per cent, but the population of our country during this period increased 31 per cent. That is, the population increased about twelve times as fast as the increase in the amount of cereals raised. Meanwhile the value of these cereals increased 78.3 per cent. The percentage of all agricultural exports during the past forty years has decreased 30 per cent, because of the increased demand in our country for the farmers' products.

In round numbers there are 10,000,000 farmers in the United States. The value of their annual products is about \$10,000,000,000, that is, about \$1,000 for each farmer. The liquor industry purchases each year about \$100,000,000 worth of produce from the farmers. Therefore the liquor industry consumes just about 1 per cent of all the farmers' produce, or about \$10 for each farmer in the United States.

The question is, what will the "poor farmer" do with his \$10 worth of produce which the liquor industry cannot purchase when it is put out of business? He may have to feed some of it to his horses or cows or pigs, but even in this case it would not be a loss to him. It is absolutely certain that he will not be compelled to throw away this \$10 worth of material which is troubling the liquor men so grievously. The chances are that somebody else besides the liquor men will find use for it.

There are over 20,000,000 families in the United States which would purchase the stuff now sold to the liquor men. According to a study made by the Department of Labor of the United States, the average workingman's family spends annually about \$500 for food. This would make a total of at least \$10,000,000,000 per year for the 20,000,000 families.

If the 20,000,000 families were each to increase their purchasing power 1 per cent of \$5 per year it would amount to exactly \$100,000,000—the sum of the liquor men's purchases from the farmer. But let us assume that the retail figure at which the average family would be compelled to buy is twice as high as the liquor men pay. This would increase the amount necessary to be purchased to \$10 per year for each family, or about 20 cents per week. There can be no doubt that, with the increased earning power and spending ability of the average workingman's family—due to the abolition of the liquor traffic—an average family will easily wish to spend at least 20 cents more per week for cherries, peaches, apples, berries and the various forms of grain, to say nothing about flour and bread and other materials which come primarily from the farm.

There is no need to worry about the farmers. Anyway, the farmers are voting out the saloon every time they get a chance, fully realizing the force of whatever there may be in the argument of the liquor men, so far as they are concerned.—Charles Stelzle in The Railway Conductor.

GERMANY'S HOPELESS FIGHT.

Some days ago The Post referred to an article in the Review of Reviews, written by a Frank H. Symonds, who took as his text: "Sea Power and the War." The writer views the war from the standpoint of a neutral critic and his conclusions are conclusive and impressive.

In referring to the spring campaign Mr. Symonds expects that Germany, if she still has men enough, "will make one more great bid for a decision in the East and seek to resume a complete her march to Moscow and Petrograd." He looks for a great Anglo-French offensive in the West,

the success of which will depend upon how many men Germany is forced to take from her western line for her new offensive eastward. He does not believe the French and British will reach the German frontiers this spring, or clear Belgium, though they may recapture that part of France now held by the Germans. He considers what the situation would be if Germany should be able by next autumn to better its way to Moscow or Petrograd. Assuming that such a German success is possible, saying for the sake of argument that Russia should be beaten to it knees before next winter, Mr. Symonds asks if Germany would then be able to throw enough weight against the French and British lines on the western front to break them. It seems to him utterly improbable.

He marks the steady increase of the British army and what he regards as more important still, the stiffening of British national determination. He predicts that by next autumn Great Britain will have as many soldiers as Germany and that they will be physically far better men than Germany's whose best are dead or wounded already.

"The British," he says, "have waked up as never before since the war began. They have appreciated the value of their weapon of sea power, and they have now prepared to make good all that Admiral Mahan has written of the possibilities of sea power, and to repeat against Wilhelm II. the absolute success won against Napoleon."

The much-advertised drive at Beirut does not impress Mr. Symonds. This he says, is only another German dream; it is characteristic of the German genius that it builds for itself one colossal dream after another, and the collapse of one only inspires greater faith in the next. "He does not believe the Germans or Turks can take Egypt or, if they could, that the advantage gained would be worth the price. Sea power, in short, will win. It is only a matter of time.—Lindsay Post.

Wreck at Ernestown.

A small wreck occurred on the Grand Trunk Railway three miles east of Ernestown, about eighteen miles from Kingston, on Sunday morning at 3.30 o'clock, and as a result traffic was held up for one and one half hours. At this point there was a heavy freight going east when one of the trucks beneath the third car from the caboose broke down, derailing the car.

The wrecking crew from Belleville was immediately summoned. A new truck was brought along and placed under the derailed car, which was put back on the track, and the entire train proceeded to its destination. Some of the passenger trains were delayed.

It was the prompt act of the engineer in applying the brakes as soon as he felt the train jerk that prevented a more serious accident.

Another Minister Dons the Khaki.

Rev. J. R. Routledge, pastor of Colborne and Wicklow Baptist churches is another minister from Northumberland county who has donned the khaki. Mr. Routledge has signed up with the 139th. He will train with the platoon quartered at Colborne, and continue the work of his pastorate until the battalion leaves here.

Cobourg's Name.

Since Cobourg has become so agitated over the fact that their town bears a German name, we take the liberty of suggesting a few suitable names for a change. One of our citizens asked us the other day, how Cobourg would like our good name, but of course that is out of the question. Being known far and wide as a quiet, almost deceased hamlet, one of our readers suggests the name Snoozeville. Of course, that is getting away considerably from the original name "Cobourg" and as the citizens of the eastern town appear very partial to their present name, we would suggest the addition of one letter to that name and instead of "Cobourg" have it read "Cobwourg" in a place to pasture. Any other suggestions to help our eastern friends out of the difficulty will be gladly received.—Port Hope Guide.

The military canvass is about completed in East Belleville. Lieut. Bombette of the 80th has been transferred to O. Co. Napoleon

BELLEVILLE NEARS THE CHAMPIONSHIP BY DEFEAT OF SARNIA 14 TO 5 LAST NIGHT

Final Game at Arena Was Fast Exhibition—Visitors Had Few Chances to Break Finer Hockey

Belleville intermediates will be the 1916 O. H. A. champions unless the greatest turnover, entirely unexpected happens, as a result of last night's tremendous victory over Sarnia at the Arena. Fourteen to five was the score, which resembled somewhat that in the defeat handed out to Midland on Friday night last. Just what could happen to let Sarnia tear down this lead of nine goals at the Tunnel Town on Friday night cannot be seen or foretold. Unless all signs fail Sarnia will have great difficulty in keeping the outsiders level in the closing game of the finals. Such a victory as Belleville won is rather unique in the annals of finals, but with our scoring team nothing seems impossible. Twelve hundred people were at the arena for the last O.H.A. match of the season. This year has been a winter sport but Belleville fans were of a good thing, especially when wins are scored at every game. They have never seen their intermediates defeated on home ice. This has been the greatest year in local hockey since Belleville linked up with the O.H.A. and the crowds have followed the numerous games pulled off here. Enthusiasm was at its height.

Sarnia's defeat was due to their inferiority to Belleville. The Tunnel Town boys are speedy, fine stick-handlers and looked as if they would be good combats if they had not been back checked too heavily. Individually they are very clever ice artists and hard workers. Their goal keeper was a marvel. For he had to hold back a series of aggressive attacks, many times without adequate support of his defence. Sarnia in abandoning on goal found difficulty in getting close enough to be effective as the Quinte watch dogs on defence went out to meet them and spoiled much close work.

Belleville's back checking was strenuous to the extreme. The whole forward line worked to a man with heroic endeavor to give no opportunity to the visiting seven to break away. Few opportunities were afforded the Sarnians for rushes as compared with the opportunities Belleville took. The reason being that the home team would not let the strangers out. The defence was perfect and were admirable in their support of the forwards.

The goal keepers were at times inclined to rush at an assailant and this accounted for some goals. Conley made some of the most brilliant saves. Several times the net was left open by reason of Conley rushing to the attack. The reason Sarnia could not score in these moments was that Conley's attack was so aggressive and the defence so persistent that rarely did the westerners have a chance to shoot dead on goal. Pat, stick or Conley's body, all the same, served to knock off the flies from Belleville net.

The first period saw the home team not work in combination as usual. Sarnia threw its whole strength into the game on the start and the opinion of the crowd at the close was that with Sarnia leading three to two, the local boys had met their match. The Sarnians were very aggressive, checked back and skated well. Belleville made a number of miss passes in combination play. Two alleged goals were not allowed Belleville because the goal referee claimed that the rubber had not entered the net. From the face off the puck stayed in center ice for some minutes, forwards being well matched to all appearances. Finkle, Whelan and Mitchell in turn scored the puck and fired long shots without effect. Sarnia net guardians played several sensational turns in warding off the rubber. Bill Symons then rushed down the ice twice. Granary skid and sick handled his way forward to the right of Belleville net but not scoring, the puck roamed to Sarnia net territory. Dore missed a beauty shot on Conley. Symons rushed down. "Big Jim" Granary the left defence was banished to penalty.

Whitby rushed, his work being duplicated by Symons, Mitchell and Whelan.

"Silent Bob" Finch, the fast skating left wing of Sarnia rushed and scored the opening goal. A scrap between players sent them to penalty. Sarnia's lead was not long maintained for Sammy Symons rushed, passed to Mitchell. Whelan caught the tap and scored after about six minutes' play. Sam again got through right and passed to Whelan, who could not score as the goal keeper came out and shot away the puck. S. Symons came up again, but over-acted the puck. Finkle raised a shot on Dwyer without avail. The two disputed shots occurred at this point. W. Symons and Mitchell together attacked Sarnia net but the puck flew up. Finkle tried to score but the goal picked off. Whitby and W. Symons combined but failed. Finkle was penalized. The second goal for Belleville was scored by W. Symons' rush. He worked with Mitchell. First the post was struck but then W. Symons knocked the puck in after 15 minutes' play. Sarnia missed the open net, but Dore scored a few seconds later, followed by B. Finch, Sarnia 3; Belleville 2.

The next twenty minutes saw a struggle. Sarnia could not score. Mitchell and Finkle appeared in an unopposed show at Sarnia's goal. Mitchell scored a goal, but Sarnia's defence was so good that they could not score. The next twenty minutes saw a struggle. Sarnia could not score. Mitchell and Finkle appeared in an unopposed show at Sarnia's goal. Mitchell scored a goal, but Sarnia's defence was so good that they could not score.

The tenth goal and last of the second season was scored by Whelan. Dwyer lay in the net but could not keep out the puck. The game lagged a minute or so and the bell rang, Belleville 10; Sarnia 3.

Sarnia came out under a terrible handicap in the third. The lead of 7 goals by Belleville seemed to depress them somewhat. Still they readjusted the line, throwing Granary into rover's place and Hillman to defence. Conley stopped with his body a number of shots. W. Symons warmed up and with one arm steered off the rushing forwards. Sarnia goal keeper was put off for falling to his knees. To stop W. Symons singled down the ice. Sarnia made some poor shooting. After seven minutes' play, Whelan doing the work. Thirty seconds later Finkle scored the fourteenth goal for Belleville. Sarnia strengthened a little. Conley was kept busy a few minutes. Finch scored the fifth and last goal for Sarnia, as Conley ran out at him. Mitchell ran up and battled against the goal without result. The game was over Belleville 14, Sarnia 5.

Goal Sarnia
Conley Left Defence Dwyer
W. Symons Right Defence Granary
Whitby Rover McCart
Finkle Centre Hillman
Whelan Right Wing Halpin
S. Symons Left Wing Dore
Mitchell Referee—O. Bernhardt, of Bradford

The playing was a little less at the first period but Bernhardt became more strict and the game went on without difficulty. The gate was \$530. Belleville leaves tomorrow for Sarnia to play on Friday night. They are confident of victory and on their return they will be welcomed as champions.

Cyril McBride Was Accidentally Wounded

Cyril McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McBride, Osheshe street was accidentally wounded in France in a peculiar manner on Feb. 17th. Word yesterday reached his parents from Ottawa that he was at No. 2 Clearing Station suffering from a gunshot wound about the eye. This morning a letter was received from Cyril himself, stating the manner of his wounding. He was quartered upstairs in a convent and was writing at a table, when the rifle of the guard downstairs was discharged. The bullet penetrated the floor and struck Mr. McBride in the fleshy part of the brow over the right eye. Fortunately at the moment of the firing, his attention was arrested by some one entering the room and he had turned his head to see who it was, otherwise he would have received the shot in the back of the head. The guard was put under arrest. Cyril's eye is not injured. He states that he is well. He enlisted in June last in the Army Service Corps and arrived in France in January.

Robley Mills Outfit in Runaway

Last evening a horse attached to a car was stopped in the city by a runaway and taken to aivery. The runaway was so fast that Mr. J. J. Brown of Robley Mills the driver was thrown out of the car while driving along the road. The horse became unmanageable when the sleigh got into a ditch-hole. No damage was done.

PLANT AT FALLS BLOWN UP.

At Least Five Lives are Lost.

NIAGARA FALLS Ont., March 8.—The Castner Electrolytic Alkali Co.'s large work situated on Buffalo Ave. and 24th street at Niagara Falls, N.Y., were completely blown up about 10.30 last night. The explosion completely demolished the plant, killing five men and injuring more than a dozen other persons so far as known. There were some seven or eight distinct explosions following closely one after the other. The plant manufactured caustic soda and material for high explosives, employing a number of men working day and night shifts.

A general fire alarm was given calling out the entire city fire and police departments. An attempt was made some six weeks ago to blow up the same plant with dynamite, a part of which only went off, causing slight damage to a part of the building, but the work last evening was successful.

It is feared twelve or more lives may be lost.

The greatest excitement prevails at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and is expected the state militia will be ordered out.

The noise of the explosions was heard on the Canadian side and guards were rushed to the various bridges and other points to forestall any possible pro-German demonstration, the rumor having spread that the plant was blown up by pro-German agents.

Three weeks ago one of the walls of Castner Alkali Co.'s plant was wrecked by an explosion, and the police subsequently found several sticks of dynamite with fuses attached in other parts of the building. Both firms make bleaching powders. At that time it was said that the electrochemical companies were making a high explosive from by-products which was being sold in Europe, but this was subsequently denied by officials of the Castner Co.

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Splendid Record of Belleville's Teams

The citizens of Belleville should be proud of the boys who have represented them in hockey this winter. The town has been represented in the Ontario Hockey Association for several years. They became members in the season of 1899-1900, and made a splendid start by reaching the final of the intermediate series, losing out for the championship in a game played at Toronto, to London by 2-1. The Belleville team of that year was as follows: goal, Winchester; point, Wallace; cover point, Dubois; forwards, Marks, Lang, Emory, and Maguire. The marks mentioned in Jack Marks who is now a member of the Quebec team, of the N.H.A. That is the closest until this season that a Belleville team has come to winning honors in the O.H.A. The intermediates will fight it out with Sarnia for the championship in home-and-home games, the first at Belleville to-night, with the return at Sarnia on Friday. The intermediate team, however, do not hold all the limelight. The junior team reached the semi-finals and were eliminated by Aura Lee of Toronto. For a number of years the Belleville management

thought it was to have a paid coach but none of them had success. This year they dropped the idea, although Bill Symons, who captains the intermediate team, has acted in the capacity of coach for both the junior and intermediate teams—Toronto Globe.

Settlement in Italian Case

In police court this morning the two Italians, Joseph Simonetto and Antonio Silvestro were given their liberty, a settlement having been effected between them and Michael Manolotto who had them arrested in Toronto on the charge of theft. The two smaller gold coins and expenses amounting to about \$70.00. The affairs of the three were quieted.

All Night with Asthma. Everyone knows how attacks of asthma often keep their victim awake the whole night long. Mornings finds him wholly unfit for a day of business, and yet, business must still be carried through. All this night suffering and lack of rest can be avoided by the prompt use of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, which positively does away the attacks.

UP IN PRICE

As everyone knows, all classes of Woolen Goods are up in price, and they will be higher. We are advising all our customers to stock up. Up until now we have maintained practically old prices on everything, and right now in Underwear, Sweaters and Hosiery we are able to give you the low price, but not for long.

OVERCOATS

We still have some splendid bargains in Men's and Boy's Overcoats. Even if you do not need your coat until next winter it will pay you to buy now.

Oak Hall

Boxes Sent to Soldier Boys

The Argyle Chapter I.O.O.F. held their monthly meeting last Friday afternoon March 3rd in the armouries. The hand-made yoke, that was so kindly donated to the chapter by Mrs. Gandy, was drawn for. Mrs. E. Gues Foster having the lucky number, over \$300 being realized on the yoke. The chapter has also packed and mailed more seven pound boxes to the boys in the trenches, the contents being the same as those sent previously, the names of the boys to whom the boxes were sent are:

Pte G. B. McCann
Pte A. C. Fagner
Pte J. J. Smith
Pte T. Thompson
Driver McKenna
Lance Corp. Jenkinson
Lance Corp. A. C. McWade
Sergeant E. W. Terry
Gunner C. Cousins
Gunner H. E. Dozese
Gunner B. Yesteman
Gunner H. Mossman
Gunner H. Thomas
Gunner C. Saunders
Gunner C. Kiser
Gunner Alex. Nicholson
Gunner W. C. Burgess
Gunner Robert Simpson
Gunner H. W. Dillnut
Gunner Wm. R. Service
Signaller Riggs
Signaller H. E. Yeomans
Signaller T. L. Yeomans

Allowed to Go

Mr. James Lafferty was charged in court this morning with taking a chain and ring belonging to his daughter-in-law. In view of the circumstances and the fact that the defendant claimed to have no knowledge as to how the articles came, the first into his covert pocket and the ring into his hand, he was allowed to go on payment of the costs.

Storm and Flood

Last night's storm caused many fears, as to the effect upon the Moira River situation. The water rose this morning but by noon had again subsided. It is still occupying portions of buildings on Front street. Many predict however that the effect of the storm and the consequent soft weather will be a heavy flood sooner or later.

Travel by Canadian Pacific to Toronto while attending Prohibition Campaign. See advertisement for particulars. Get tickets at S. Burrows.

YOUR CHANCE.

The West is Calling. Home-seekers! Excursions to Western Canada at low fares via Canadian Pacific each Tuesday, March 7th to October 31st inclusive. Particulars from any Canadian Pacific Agent, or W. B. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

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Social and Personal

Mrs. S. M. Gilbert has returned home after spending over two months visiting friends in Detroit and Windsor.

The last of a series of socials will be given by the ladies of St. Michael's in their academy on Tuesday, March 7th, admission 25c.

Mr. John Weir was able to be out today for a walk, for the first time in about eight weeks. He has been ill with typhoid and pneumonia.

Mr. Theo. East of the Ontario staff is able to be out again after several days' illness.

Concert at Bridge Street Church to-night. Elaborate vocal numbers. Choir will be assisted by Mrs. Williams, soprano; Miss Joy Higgs, violinist; Miss LaVole, contralto. Silver Collection. Come at eight. Everyone welcome.

Rev. Bishop Willard Browning of Toronto will lecture in Emmanuel Church, Thursday evening, March 9 at 8. "Men we Meet." "Serious and humorous." Strong meat served with sauce. Admission 25c.

Mr. Ritchie's Generous Offer

Mr. Thomas Ritchie, whose deepest interest has always been the welfare of children, has made a most generous offer to the Children's Aid Society with reference to the new shelter which now it is hoped will soon be a realization. Mr. Ritchie's offer has practically been accepted, the executive meeting yesterday afternoon. A committee was appointed to work along with Mr. Ritchie in carrying out the latter's proposal. Further details will be announced later.

Captain Herbert Wrightmyer of the 155th Battalion yesterday tendered his resignation to take effect on April 1st. Capt. Wrightmyer has been a most efficient Children's Aid officer. Recently he joined the colors. His son Eric Wrightmyer taking his place temporarily, but the latter having enlisted last week. Capt. Wrightmyer resigned as officer of the society. The resignation was accepted and a committee appointed to look into the matter of a successor.

Intermediate Finals Tonight

No bigger crowd ever entered the Arena than will be spectators in the first of the home-and-home games of the Belleville-Sarnia intermediate finals staged for tonight in Belleville. The home team will be at its best, in something like the condition they showed on Friday night last when they put Midland out. They are confident of winning here.

Sarnia is a strong team. They arrived late last night and hope to tear down at Sarnia any lead the locals secure here tonight.

Both teams have about the same scoring capacity and the same defensive strength is shown in the goals they have given to the teams which have opposed them.

Oscar Bernhardt of Bradford will referee.

Worms in children work havoc of the intestines and, if left to pursue their ravages undisturbed, will ultimately perforate the wall, because these worms are of the hook variety that cling to and feed upon interior surfaces. Miller's Worm Powders will not only exterminate these worms, of whatever variety, but will serve to repair the injury.

No one need endure the agony of worms with Holloway's Corn Cure at hand to remove them.

BEAKING IN MOTHER-IN-LAW



THE deputy-assistant Society Editor learned he had tired little golden head against the window sash started across at Levis, where a circus sign caught the last sun on a cross-up. She was so done out she couldn't remember her own name except in pictures. But she was triumphant past at ceiling, for she was pulled out of the stunt of her career!

Mrs. S. M. Gilbert has returned home after spending over two months visiting friends in Detroit and Windsor. The last of a series of socials will be given by the ladies of St. Michael's in their academy on Tuesday, March 7th, admission 25c.

Mr. John Weir was able to be out today for a walk, for the first time in about eight weeks. He has been ill with typhoid and pneumonia.

Mr. Theo. East of the Ontario staff is able to be out again after several days' illness.

Concert at Bridge Street Church to-night. Elaborate vocal numbers. Choir will be assisted by Mrs. Williams, soprano; Miss Joy Higgs, violinist; Miss LaVole, contralto. Silver Collection. Come at eight. Everyone welcome.

Rev. Bishop Willard Browning of Toronto will lecture in Emmanuel Church, Thursday evening, March 9 at 8. "Men we Meet." "Serious and humorous." Strong meat served with sauce. Admission 25c.

Mr. Ritchie's Generous Offer

Mr. Thomas Ritchie, whose deepest interest has always been the welfare of children, has made a most generous offer to the Children's Aid Society with reference to the new shelter which now it is hoped will soon be a realization. Mr. Ritchie's offer has practically been accepted, the executive meeting yesterday afternoon. A committee was appointed to work along with Mr. Ritchie in carrying out the latter's proposal. Further details will be announced later.

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She didn't go to dinner. Her head ached. Her heart pounded. That night she dreamed fitfully. The City Ed. was on one side of her in his shirt-tails, his pipe gripped in a menacing mouth. On the other side stood Mrs. Updike, Senior, with a look that would glaucate a volcano.

At the entrance to the dining room next morning a man stepped forward, a dapper little man with a smile. "Miss Nevelson?" he breathed. "Just a word with you, if you don't mind. Let me show you the view from the west window here in the writing room." Mary didn't need the card he passed under her startled eyes. In fact she didn't even read the name and address, though she took in subconsciously that it said Chicago. The one word standing out like a nightmare was that menacing horror, "Detective!"

"Now," he said evenly, when he had led her to the farthest window, "no one will disturb us here. You are covering the Updike honeymoon. Not to waste time, I have the honor to represent Mrs. Updike, Senior. You will return to Chicago by this morning's train."

Mary opened her mouth and shut it again. She could fairly hear the click of handcuffs.

"If you go without making any trouble no one need know," he went on, "if not—"

"Pardon me," said a voice at his elbow. It was so cold, so incisive and withal so unexpected that the little man jumped as much as Mary did.

"Pardon me," the Major repeated, "but I fear you are annoying my cousin. If you have any business to discuss you can do it with me. She leaves everything of the sort in my hands."

The man looked at the Major. The Major looked back. It was the sort of look that went with the D. S. O. that he had won and the newcomer knew it. There would be no treachery abandoned in this war.

Mary looked at them both and her number brain fell into action with a click. He couldn't prove anything since all her stuff had been posted not wired. But if she could only slip up to this heaven-sent Major—

"Come, Mary," said the latter imperterbably, "if this—or gentleman wishes to speak to me he can do it later."

The short full white skirt, which came several inches shorter than you'd ever have thought it could. It's owner's laugh shrilled from the King's Bastion of the Citadel straight across Dufferin Terrace. And nobody who heard it could have blamed Dickie a bit.

"N.B.—He told her after the third trip that her cheeks were American Beauties—therefore dutiable—and her lips also must be collected for. Done, Recovered! And despatched to Chicago.) They teared at the Chateau de course, met the Shillingtons from New York, who introduced—Mary caught her breath at her quiet little corner table column of two to begin with. Don't say if they'll get on to you. We'll be taking till your first snuff comes through.

Yep, tonight. Eleven-thirty from the Central Station. Here's your check and some expense money. Your route is covered by wire.

The deputy-assistant caught her breath as she remembered it. Jacqueminot! The three or more wadded stage beauty whom she'd seen in the night train, but the City Ed. in the movies times without number, and via the Sunday Supplement pretty nearly every week, had just capped her successful divorce by annexing Dickie Updike, whose mother lives on Michigan Boulevard whenever she's designed to come home and run social Chicago. Jacqueminot's little toes had kicked holes in many a man's bag before now, but not even the dancer's heaviest buckles would have thought her capable of reaching Mrs. Updike's tentacle.

The deputy-assistant—whose name was Lucille Larose on the staff and Mary Inogor at home—picked her suitcase with more grins and groans than gauds and gowns. How she was to remain a week at the Chateau Frontenac with one navy blue serge suit, half a dozen bouquets and a black evening gown she didn't know, but the City Ed. was inexorable and besides, twenty-two and blonde—is never young.

The train—a perilous glimpse into the Updike private car—a long, thrillsome, talkative story ended off in the lower berth between twelve and two and posted by an obliging porter—the Canadian boundary—Montreal and a spanking drive across town in a gorgeously bedecked sleigh—train again—and at last the sunshine of Quebec and the quick cries of "Voiture, voiture, M'selle?" which reminded her that she and her prey had reached a foreign speaking and most picturesque different land.

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Capt. Richardson's Generous Bequests Amongst Them \$30,000 in Trust For Children of Men in his Own Company

Kingston, March 7.—Capt. George T. Richardson, the well-known hockey player and footballer, killed in France, has left \$15,000 to Queen's for art and athletics, \$5,000 for bathing facilities for Kingston, \$30,000 to city charities, and \$30,000 as trust for the education of the children of married men of his company in the 2nd Battalion who are killed or disabled. The bequest covers citizens of Kingston and Frontenac and Hastings counties.

Railway Men Are Well Paid

(Special to The Ontario) Montreal, Que., March 7.—An interesting statement has been issued by the Western Association Railways as to the rates of wages paid in 1915. For typical months the authentic payrolls of western roads show that all the engineers, 28,446 earned \$1,255,666 or \$149.61 per month; each firm averaged \$84.34 the average fitterman worked 22.2 day 10 1/2 hours per month for 64 cents per hour. The average fireman worked 19.8 days of 10 1/2 hours, per month for 41 cents an hour; passenger engineers, excluding those not available for duty and extra men earned an average of \$7.08 per day of 7 1/2 hours and \$180.75 per month for 2 1/2 days; engineers in through or irregular freight service averaged \$7.37 per day, of 11.1 hours and \$164.93 per month for 22.4 days. Those in local or way-freight service averaged \$7.15 per day of 12 hours and \$181.11 per month for 23 1/2 days. Engineers in yard service averaged \$4.93 a day of 11.4 hours and \$107.64 per month for 26.7 days. Passenger firemen averaged \$4.88 per day for 23.3 days; firemen in through or irregular freight service made \$4.80 a day of 11 hours and \$105.59 a month for 22 days, in local or way freight service \$4.55 a day of 11.7 hours and \$106.77 a month of 23 1/2 days, in yard service \$3.01 a day of 11 1/2 hours and \$81.43 a month for 27.1 days; averages per engineer and fireman would have been higher if many had not voluntarily laid off when they could have worked.

Joined the colors And Received Gifts

J. Clarence Horie, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Horie, No. 139 Ann street, recently student of Belleville High School, two months ago accepted a good position as inspector at the Frost and Wood manition works at Smiths Falls, has also felt the call. Clarence was always popular with the boys here, and while we are all proud of his genuine exhibition of loyalty in feeling the call to "do his bit" we regret very much having to lose such a young man from our country, even if it be, only for a short time. We wish him success and the prosperity in the new venture he has always enjoyed in the past.

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Try Our Fresh Home Made Candies BOSTON CANDY STORE 245 Front Street

Mr. H. Kemp, Trenton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Spencer a few days. Messrs. Eckert and Chase drove to Trenton on Saturday. Rev. R. Edwards and his grandson, Mr. B. Stewart, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Parliament recently. Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Redner are in Bloomfield for a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. Pearsall. Douglas Redner was home this week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Townsend spent Sunday with Mrs. Townsend's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Giles and family visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Cahoon of Picton for a few days. Nelson Parliament M.P.P. spent the week-end at home. T. Dodd called at D. T. Stafford's on Friday. Cyrus Giles spent Wednesday in Picton.

Employees of the Shell Dept., The Frost & Wood Co., Ltd., Smith's Falls, March 1st, 1916. The Rideau Record

HOW PNEUMONIA STARTS AND HOW OFTEN PREVENTED You catch a little cold today, and by tomorrow it has reached the throat, next day the lungs are affected and you wish you had used "Carrhazone" which kills colds in five minutes. In the first place Carrhazone soothes throatirritated membranes and relieves congestion, then it cuts out the phlegm and destroys germs. It enables the blood to retain a natural supply of oxygen, lung-tissue, and vitality. In any cough, bronchitis or catarrh it's guaranteed to positively cure. Beware of dangerous substitutes offered under misleading names for genuine Carrhazone which is sold everywhere, large size containing two months treatment costs \$1.00, small size 50c, trial size 25c.

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Thurlow Red Cross
The Council of Thurlow invites all Citizens to Attend a PUBLIC MEETING to be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH At 1 p.m. Sharp at TOWN HALL CANNITON

Confectionery Alteration Sale
For ten days beginning Thursday, March 9th, we are selling our whole stock of Confectionery at greatly reduced prices.

Lecture in John Street Church
There was a splendid audience present in John Street Church last evening when Major Rev. T. J. Thompson of Ottawa delivered his lecture on "Active Service." Mr. Thompson has recently returned from Cairo to which he went as chaplain of the Second Divisional Engineers.

Press Box Great Improvement
The press box at the local arena, fenced off from the gallery, is an innovation for which the local scribes are very grateful.

Mr. Hewitt Watched Game
Secretary Hewitt of the O.H.A. and sporting editor of the Toronto Star was an interested spectator of the intermediate game at the Arena last night.

Sacred Concert At Bridge Street
Last evening in spite of counter attractions there was a fair sized audience at Bridge Street Methodist Church for the sacred concert given by the choir, assisted by Mrs. A. Wilton and Miss Joy Higgs.

Belleville Boy Killed by Bomb
Harold Ashton, Former Employee of Gas Works, Slain Somewhere in France
Harold Ashton, 21st Battalion, a well known employee of the Belleville Gas Works until after was broken out has been killed in action by the explosion of a bomb.

The Campbells Are Coming
Some idea of the stupendous nature of the Universal Multiple Reel photo drama of the massacre of Kaw-pore, India, in 1857, and the relief of Lucknow in the same year may be obtained from the fact that the masons' and carpenters' bills for the erection of sets in the play at Universal City, California, totalled \$117,000.

Wedding Bells
The marriage took place at 1:30 this afternoon of Mr. Oscar Fargy, son of Mr. Scott Fargy of Roslin and Miss Carrie J. Morton, daughter of Mr. Robert Morton of Thomsburg.

Both Mills Will Reopen
Instructions from the head office of the Steel Company of Canada have been received by the management of the mills at Belleville to get the plant in readiness to resume manufacturing.

Grateful Letter
Mrs. Bennett, Murney Street has received a grateful letter of acknowledgement from Pte Marshall that he had received in France the pair of socks she had knitted.

HUSBAND SAVED HIS WIFE
A Woman Who Proved Her Worth When the Test Came.
By RICHARD BAKER SHELTON.
The rain came down in sheets. The wet pavements glistened as if with a recent and thorough polishing.

Conductors Charged With Defrauding C.P.R. Railway
(Montreal, Quebec, March 8)—Great importance is attached in railway circles to the case coming on at Ottawa tomorrow in which seven conductors and three alleged conspirators undergo their preliminary trial for defrauding the C.P.R. by duplicate sale of tickets.

Rifle Association
Last night's scores were as follows: H. Hall 100, A. R. Symons 99, J. Douch 99, A. Harrison 98, J. C. Willis 98, W. J. Andrews 97, H. S. Peck 96, H. Day 96, G. D. Gratton 95, G. B. Smith 94, C. J. Willis 94, J. Woodley 93.

Bellevillians in Toronto
Belleville is represented in the monster parade of 25,000 prohibitionists this afternoon by a large delegation of citizens, among them the welfare and leaders in the Civic Welfare League's operations.

Social and Personal
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Sprague announce the engagement of their daughter Adalene Eugenia to Mr. Ben. J. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mountain View, Ont. The marriage will take place the latter part of March.

PURE METAL.
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British Orders for Women
There are several British Orders and decorations which though not exclusive to women, may yet be won by them upon occasion. For example, the greatly-coveted Order of Merit has been conferred upon one woman.

Those Nails!
When you cut your nails, in all probability you attach no importance to the particular day on which you do so.

Painter and Pawnbroker.
Mr. Frank Brangwyn, A.R.A., who recently received such a notable gift at the hands of the French Ministry of Fine Arts, in the shape of a beautiful Sevres vase, once had an amusing experience when he was less affluent than to-day.

Hydro Will Build Line.
As a direct outcome of the opposition that is being made at Ottawa to the granting of an extension of the charter to the Mackenzie & Mann interests to build an electric line from Niagara Falls to Toronto is the proposition of a Hydro-Electric-publicly-owned line.

From Half-Farthings.
Sixty million iron half-farthings are now being coined in Germany to replace copper coins, which are being withdrawn from circulation.

THE "JOLLIES."
Branch of the Royal Marine

Canada Has Recruited 263,114 Men Thus Far, Says Sir Sam Hughes
FACTS showing the magnitude of the operations of the Department of Militia and Defence since the beginning of the war were given by Major-General Sir Sam Hughes a few days ago, when the House of Commons went into Committee of Supply upon his estimates for the coming year.

Worked the Collector.
M. Chaudard, the great French picture collector, was always adding to his pictures, and the higher the price the more anxious he was to secure the painting.

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SIR SAM HUGHES.

Advertisement for 'The Jollies' featuring a portrait of Sir Sam Hughes and text about the Royal Marine branch and recruitment statistics.

Great Values For Big Business on Saturday

Regular \$12.00 97 piece Dinner Set for \$10.00
Regular \$3.50 10 piece Toilet Set for \$2.50
Regular \$2.00 12 Knives [Steel blade] \$1.50
Regular \$1.00 12 Forks [Steel handles] \$1.50
Regular 75c Hardwood Butter B. Wis. 60c
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Every Tuesday, March to October
Every Wednesday During Season Navigation
'Great Lakes Route'
Somewhere out on the prairies where last year Canada's Greatest Wheat Crop was produced there is a home waiting for you.

CARMEL.
The regular meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. B. Fairman on Wednesday last.
Mrs. W. C. Reid is spending a few days in Belleville.

Beecham's Pills
offer you the needed help. They are mild in action, but quickly strengthen the stomach, gently stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels.
A Beecham's Pills is worth a Guinea a box

STIRLING.

Miss Cook has returned to work as the milliner at Cook and Fox's.
Private R. Coulter was visiting here the week-end.
Miss Knight of Meaford, Ont., arrived here on Tuesday evening to assist Miss D. Caldwell.

LUCKENHILL.

We are having winter weather now for sure and the farmers are taking advantage of the good sleighing.
We are glad to hear Mrs. Henry Mullett is progressing favorably.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Miss Elizabeth Armstrong has been ill for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Motley have hired to Mr. John Lattimer for the ensuing year.

MOIRA.

The ladies of the Women's Institute of this place were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. George Gray on Thursday.

WALLBRIDGE.

The church services will be in the evening next Sunday, our pastor Rev. L. M. Sharpe will preach and a song service will be rendered during the service assisted by Prof. Rodd of Stirling.

FOXBORO.

Mrs. Walter Wickett and son Alfred spent a few days with Mrs. Geo. Wootton at Belleville last week.

BETHANY.

We are having our winter in March instead of January. The roads are very heavy since the recent snow falls.

IVANHOE.

The farmers in this locality are busy making use of the good sleighing.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Benjamin A. Stewart late of the Village of Shannonville in the County of Hastings farmer, deceased.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, Chap. 121 that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Benjamin A. Stewart who died on or about the seventeenth day of January 1916, are required, on or before the 2nd day of April 1916 to send by post paid or delivered to O'Flynn Diamond & O'Flynn, Solicitors for Eliza Jane Stewart the administratrix of the said deceased, their Christian and Surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the security, if any held by them.

STOCKDALE.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. S. Fox took dinner at Mr. S. Oshroff's on Sunday.

WEST HUNTINGDON.

Mr. R. Hoggarty's entertained a number of friends on Monday evening.

FRANKFORD.

Mr. Webster Hyde of Trenton spent Tuesday evening and night with Mrs. and Miss Bowen.

OROFTON.

After a lingering illness of some three or four years, Mrs. William Almsworth died at her home on Christian street on Friday evening last.

BURRIS.

A load from here attended the C.O. of sugar social at Allisonville on Tuesday night.

ZION.

A number from here attended the meetings at Foxboro on Sunday evening.

DUPEL VALLEY.

Mr. Clayton Harmon is spending a few days with friends in Prince Edward.

INVENTOR OF FAMOUS FOKKER AEROPLANE IS DUTCHMAN BY BIRTH

MISSHEER FOKKER, the inventor of the monoplane which has created havoc and consternation in Great Britain and France, is a native of Holland and is said to be not more than twenty-three or twenty-four years old. He has spent the greater part of his life in Germany, but would appear to be thoroughly familiar with the French flying machines.

The appearance of the Fokker is almost identical with that of the French Morane monoplane, which was often used by Gustave Hamel and which was used by Brock in England in the early part of 1914 in winning the race from Hendon to Manchester and back, while the rotary engines of the Fokker are declared to be German copies of the French Gnome, though claimed to be the Mercedes engine of 200 horsepower.

The bullet proof deviators attached to the blades of the Fokker, rendering the machine almost immune from the fire of the enemy, are said to be the work of a Frenchman.

At her uncle's Mr. Wm Bush Miss Fanny Heasman spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Mary McFaul.

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FRANKFORD.

Mr. Roy Mabee who has been in the west for some time is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Newton Mabee at Riversdale.

FOUND FROZEN IN BED.

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BLUE UNIFORMS BARRED.

Among other steps taken by the Canadian hospital authorities towards bringing back to health men who have been invalided home from the front is the abolition of the blue hospital uniform, which is declared to have a harmful effect on convalescences.

70,000 CONSCIENCE MONEY.

The Chancellor of the British Exchequer has just received \$615 in one amount as conscience money. That is nothing compared with the \$70,000 which the Chancellor received in 1841 from a person who stated that he had made that much in several years' smuggling.

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STRAYED

Came into my premises one yearling heifer, black with some white under body and two rings in ear and dehorned. The owner is requested to prove property and pay charges.—David L. Heagle, Lot 6, Con 7, Rawdon, Harold, R.R.1

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The last of a series of pools given by the ladies of St. Michael's before the Lenten season was held in their Academy last evening and as usual was a great success, realizing in all a goodly sum towards the organ fund, the object for which these evenings have been given.

There is some talk of a camp being held at Cobourg this summer, with very slight, if any chances, in its favor. The great shortage in instructors will make it necessary for the military authorities to concentrate camps. The administrative staff as well as the instructional staff will be hard to find, as the Expeditionary Force has consumed pretty nearly everything military worth anything to an active service camp.

Mr. Bruin who was presented to Marmora platoon of the 158th Battalion by A. T. Neal of the Royal Hotel is doing famously. Sergt. Wright is training him to growl in German and declares he will lead Mr. Bear right into Berlin.

Military Notes

There is a well defined rumor in military circles, that within the next few weeks, there will be a change in the military situation which will affect the 38th battalion, now in Bermuda, the 77th, now in Ottawa, and the 80th battalion, now in Belleville. Rumor says that the 38th battalion has received orders to be ready to proceed to England, and that the place of the 38th in Bermuda will be taken by the 77th of Ottawa, and the place of the 77th in Ottawa will be taken by the 80th battalion. There may be some truth in a part of the rumor, at least to the extent that it affects the 38th and 77th battalions, but it may be the intention of the military authorities to permit the 80th battalion to be held for a short time at the capital, so as to give the capital the benefit of the presence of a good unit, and at the same time make it possible for the 80th to be in a position to do more battalion work than its scattered condition now permits. The 80th was not included in the list of the 14 battalions selected some time ago for overseas with the next contingent and this may be the reason. The 80th with its fine lot of men and excellent band would be an acquisition to Ottawa for a few months before it is permitted to go overseas.

With the present course of the Kravitski School of Infantry the name will be discontinued, and in future the institution will be known as the Kingston Infantry School of Instruction.

Lieut. Birkett of the 80th battalion, who was operated on the first of the week by Major Gardner, following a very severe attack of pneumonia, is improving nicely, and will soon be around again, and back on duty with his battalion in Belleville. The operation took place in the General Hospital.

It is understood that there will be no change in the staff of the new school of infantry. Lt. Col. Barragar will remain as commandant of the school, and Captain Wetherston will retain the position of adjutant.

The new school expects to be able to open its first session with at least 100 attendants. The quarters of the P.S.I. will be used, and about the only change will be in name and curriculum, and in the dress of the attendants. All attending the new school will be known as cadets, and will wear the scarlet tunic and blue trousers so familiar before the war. The dress will add a touch of color to (so-called) military conditions, and will make it possible to pick out prospective officers.

The change of uniform and standing of men attending the school of infantry will have one particular effect, which will be appreciated by every soldier in the city. With 150 men attending the P.S.I. in the uniform of officers, and these men on the street, a great deal, compelled a soldier to be a sort of an automatic semaphore, signaling every few steps, which became annoying as well as trying on the average soldier. The change in standing of an attendant at a school of infantry will change this condition.

No instructions have yet been received from Ottawa as to whether or not the same changes will be made in the Royal School of Artillery, as have been made in the P.S.I., although it looks as though the Department of Militia had no thought of making the same sweeping changes in artillery circles.

The 52nd Battery is filling up well, although Belleville youths are somewhat slow in taking to this branch.

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just at present. Pte. Frank Collyer a former Belleville boy with the 24th Battery who left here with the 39th was killed early in February according to information received here as he was going into the trenches for the first time. A stray bullet struck him in the side.

Pressing Tax Delinquents Hard

Belleville city council was compelled last evening to hold its session in the city clerk's office, as the only heat in the building is provided by stoves, the furnaces in the basement being out of commission as a result of the flood. It was with great difficulty that a bare quorum was assembled—Ald. Woodley, St. Charles, Earle, Platt Smith and Duckworth. Mayor Ketcheson being confined to his home, with illness, Ald. Woodley acted as mayor.

The accounts as recommended by the committees were passed. Ald. Woodley read a report of tax collections since Feb. 7th by Mr. Wm. L. Doyle.

1913 ACCOUNT	
Amount due Feb 7th	\$16,513.87
Amount collected since	3,130.08
Balance still due	7,383.79
1914 ACCOUNTS	
Feb. 7th due	29,685.41
Collected since Feb 7th	1,129.34
Balance still due	28,556.07
1915 ACCOUNT	
Due on Feb 7th	52,545.85
Collected since Feb 7th	1,577.54
Balance	50,968.31

The collection in the four weeks totals \$5,635.55. This amount has been raised in Foster ward with a few exceptions and those in Benson ward. Tax Collector is getting after delinquents as he says—

WARNING FOR TAX DELINQUENTS

"I am issuing ten day notices to all persons in arrears and as fast as they come due and remain unpaid, I am issuing tax warrants to the bailiff, who immediately makes a seizure for 1913, 1914 and 1915 taxes with costs of distress. I will continue to do this until all these arrears are collected. Since last report I have issued nineteen tax warrants."

The council expressed itself in sympathy with the rigid collection of taxes.

EXPENSES IN NEW YEAR

The expenditures in 1916 on the various accounts were read by Ald. Woodley: Public Works 274.27 Printing and Stationery 36.75 Fire Committee 1855.39 Police 1150.42 Parks 9.13 Market and City property 250.75 Board of Health 13.20 Light 1263.24 Victoria Ave pavement and gutter account with interest 8283.55 The silent city clock is getting on people's nerves. They want to hear the hours strike day and night.

Ald. Duckworth reported on a tour of inspection of the strikeless clock and said that a portion of the chain needed fixing. He suggested that Mr. John Robin be authorized to repair the chain and to get the striking part working.

He moved seconded by Ald. St. Charles that the chairman of market be authorized to have the chain and striking part fixed as permanent repairs seemed out of the question.

Ald. Platt asked for details of the expenditure and suggested that the work be permanent repairs. He moved in amendment seconded by Ald. Earle that tenders be called for repairs to the clock.

Mr. Robin stated that he could give no estimate on the repairs necessary and on the expense they would entail.

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MR. BAXTER'S ROBBER

By EDMUND COMPTON.

Mr. Benjamin Baxter never forgot that in college he had been the right (football) tackle of his time and had pulled stroke oar in the first university race in which his college had beaten after a long series of defeats. When, as a middle aged man with a bald head and somewhat purry stomach, he visited Europe he maintained that if any sneak thief, robber or bandit could get away with him he was well come to do so. This did not satisfy Mrs. Baxter, who dreaded that, in Italy especially, her husband might be kidnapped and held for a ransom.

Mr. Baxter had heard that one of the principal sights of Rome was a visit to the Coliseum by moonlight. One evening while in the Eternal City, when the queen of night was at the full, he proposed to his wife that they go and view the ruin thus illuminated. Mrs. Baxter refused. But he persisted.

Leaving his hotel on the Esquiline hill, he strolled down a broad thoroughfare and soon stood on a height overlooking the eastern end of the enormous theater of the Caesars. He was surprised to note how immense it looked under the different light. The great pile, or the remaining two-thirds of it, built by slaves 1900 years ago, who gladiators had fought, and Christians had been torn to pieces by wild beasts, rose against the sky like the dark silhouette of a mountain. Going around to the entrance, Mr. Baxter went within the walls and saw another sight—the moonlight throwing the upper portions of the interior into contrast with the shadowy lower parts. Many visitors were there, but as the hour was late they gradually departed.

Suddenly Mr. Baxter found himself alone. To go out through the main entrance was to increase the distance to his hotel. There were openings all around the oval, but not lighted. Nevertheless the fearless American concluded to make his exit by one of them. It was very dark under the archway through which he passed, especially since that at that moment a cloud rolled over the moon. Suddenly he felt some one brush by him and a cloth fly against his face. He had heard that the members of the International League of Pickpockets were then working Rome and were used to covering their victims' faces with a newspaper when robbing them, and it flashed upon Mr. Baxter that he was suffering robbery. Clapping his hand to his pocket, he missed the portemonnaie he usually carried there.

Throwing his arms around the person who had passed him, he dragged him back into the arena. There he found that he held a priest.

"Ah, ha!" he cried. "So you thieves resort to the priestly dress to commit your depredations. But you can't fool an American. I'll get my money back or I'll break your back over one of these stone walls."

They came a volley of words like an explosion of a Gatling gun, but since Mr. Baxter knew only two Italian words, "dore sta" (where is), they produced no effect upon him. He felt all over the man's body to find his portemonnaie, but found only 10 centesimi, or 2 cents. Then, after giving the fellow his opinion of him (in English), telling him that he had been very dexterous in passing his plunder to a dark figure whose footsteps were to be heard running away, Mr. Baxter remembered that, after all, there were only a few lire bills in the portemonnaie. So he gave the thief a sound drubbing and a final kick and started out of the ruin quite pleased that he had lost none of his youthful strength or courage. The only fear he felt was at a possibility of having to appear in court against the robber. On arriving at his hotel he told his adventure to his wife.

"Why, my dear," said that lady. "I have your pocketbook locked in the trunk."

Thereupon Mrs. Baxter unlocked the trunk and took out the pocketbook. "Well," said Baxter meditatively, "I don't know how it happened, but I have a sharp rap at the door. Opening it, there stood two of the national police in swallowtail coats, white cord aiguillettes, cocked (Napoleonic) hats and swords. Any one could see by the serious expression of their countenances that the dignity of the Italian realm had been offended. Behind them stood a delicate, intellectual looking priest, wiping scratches on his face and forehead with a bloody handkerchief.

Mr. Baxter, marching between the officers of the law, was taken to the police office, where, summoning his Italian vocabulary, he kept repeating: "Dove sta il mio portemonnaie?" His plea was finally heard, and he was permitted to write a line to the consul, who came, but whose influence availed nothing but to secure for the American who had maltreated an inoffensive priest a fair trial. Baxter was locked up.

The next morning before the time arrived for calling the case the consul visited the priest who had been assaulted, and who proved to be a man of influence. The matter was explained to the ecclesiastic, who listened attentively. When the consul had finished, the injured party said: "Signore Baxter comes from a land where there are a great many devoted sons of the church. Whether your explanation is correct or not I do not know, but if the matter was a mistake I excuse it; if it was a wanton attack I forgive it."

A cab containing the consul and the priest soon after drove up to the law courts, and Mr. Baxter was released.



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Dear Friends—On hearing of your intended removal from our midst, we as your friends and neighbors have assembled in your home tonight to spend a farewell evening with you and to convey to you our heartfelt and sincere sentiment of good will and to assure you carry with you the esteem, respect and good wishes of the neighborhood. You have lived in our midst for several years and in that time we have learned to know your worth and to esteem you most highly. We have always found you to be kind and true neighbors, ever ready and willing to aid and accommodate in every way those around and we assure you that we regret very much the removal from among us of such useful and liberal minded citizens as you have proved yourselves to be. And now we wish you, Mr. and Mrs. Gay to accept this hall rack and jardiniere stand as a slight token of kindly feeling entertained for you by your many friends. And we hope you may long be spared to enjoy life in your new home at Rossmore. We trust though you are leaving our neighborhood, the ties of friendship broken and when meeting and parting are ended here we may all meet in that blessed home beyond.

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GERMANS CAPTURE HILL 265.

PARIS, March 7.—The French war office announces that the right wing of the German force which yesterday occupied Forges advancing under cover of an intense bombardment, stormed and captured Hill 265 near Regdeville.

AUSTRALIANS ENGAGED AT VERDUN.

MELBOURNE, March 7.—The Minister of Defence announces that an Australian siege brigade is fighting with the French at Verdun.

BRITISH SIEGE GUNS AT VERDUN.

LONDON, March 7.—British headquarters reports indicate that some British heavy guns have been moved to Verdun.

FRENCH SEIZE GERMAN AMMUNITION TRAINS.

LONDON, March 7.—A despatch from The Hague reports that French air squadrons have bombed the Metz forts and have also caught some German ammunition trains bound for Verdun.

SAILORS STRIKE TIES UP STREAM-SHIPS.

BELFAST, March 7.—Steamship services between this port and Fleetwood and Heysham in England have been suspended because of the strike of the sailors for increased wages.

GERMAN-AMERICANS BUSY IN CONGRESS.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The World today published an extended copyright story and copies of letters from various sources alleging that the Goe and McLemore resolutions in congress were backed by the national German-American alliance.

BULGAR-AUSTRIAN MARRIAGE ARRANGED.

BERLIN, March 7.—A marriage is being arranged between Prince Boris, eldest son of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and heir to the throne and a princess of the house of Hapsburg, according to the Journal des Balkans.

LORD FITZGERALD KILLED EXPERIMENTING.

PARIS, March 7.—Major Lord Desmond Fitzgerald, 1st battalion Irish Guards and heir to the Duke of Leinster and heir-presumptive to that title was killed while experimenting with a new kind of bomb.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR ILL.

PETROGRAD, March 7.—M. Malerzky, Russian ambassador to Japan has been recalled owing to ill health.

BACKBONE OF OTTOMAN RESISTANCE BROKEN.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Definite and trustworthy information that the backbone of the Ottoman campaign against the Russians has been broken has reached Washington, coupled with the assertion that startling developments may be expected soon in the near eastern situation.

FORGES TAKEN BY GERMANS IN HEAVY ATTACK.

LONDON, March 7.—Forges on the western bank of the Meuse, nine miles northwest of Verdun, was captured yesterday by the Germans in a violent attack, the French war office announces. Before launching their offensive, the enemy heavily shelled the four miles of front between Bethincourt and the Meuse, and then attacked Forges, which was included by the French advanced line. A lively struggle ensued, with the result that the enemy took possession of the village. He then made several attempts to debouch on Goose Hill, but French counter-attacks checked his advance and drove him back into the village.

ON THE EASTERN BANK OF THE MEUSE AN INTENSIFIED ARTILLERY ACTION PREVAILED ALL DAY.

No German infantry attacks were launched in the past 48 hours. The enemy is reported to be bringing up more fresh divisions to replace those who were thrown into the fighting as reinforcements several

days ago. The French continued to bombard the roads in the rear of the Germans.

The German official statement of this afternoon, which deals with the fighting till a little after midnight, reported that the night passed quietly on the front north of Verdun, as compared with previous nights and days. It is claimed that the Germans captured in minor engagements 14 officers and 834 men.

BIG NORTH SEA FIGHT BELIEVED TO BE NEAR.

LONDON, March 7.—Certain somewhat vague but persistent rumors which have been circulated here for several days by word of mouth regarding the North Sea war zone have created a state of expectancy among Londoners. This expectancy has been heightened by receipt of despatches from Scandinavia today predicting that a battle between British and Russian and German warships is not far distant.

Russian torpedo boats are reported to have been seen near the Island of Oland, Sweden, in the Baltic Sea and half a dozen German submarines have been observed off Oresund, on the Baltic to the south of Stockholm.

The general opinion in Scandinavia is said to be that Great Britain and Russia will intercept German sailings to Sweden as soon as the ice has melted. The ice already has partly broken up and thus rendered it easy for forcing. Naval experts have expressed the opinion privately for several days that the Germans are preparing to venture out and that important events are pending. As to whether the British officials believe this, obviously nothing is known.

COLLAPSE OF TURKEY BELIEVED TO BE NEAR.

LONDON, March 7.—The morning newspapers today continue to devote a large amount of space to consideration of the situation in Turkey, where the English correspondents believe a movement for a separate peace is rapidly gaining impetus with the sanction of the Mohammedan priests and other influential personages.

Most of the despatches printed today are based on the testimony of refugees, and there is little direct evidence produced in them to sustain the sensational stories sent from Athens, Cairo, Saloniki and other near eastern cities. The Daily Express publishes under the heading "The Break Up of Turkey," a symposium of despatches dealing with the alleged growth of a revolutionary movement in various parts of Turkey.

The Daily News has a similar group of despatches, headed "The Turkish Crisis," dealing particularly with a scarcity of food, rioting and anti-German feeling in Turkish cities.

BLACK SEA TURK TOWNS CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS.

PETROGRAD, March 7.—Trebzond, on the Black Sea, the most important Turkish port in Asia Minor, is in peril of almost immediate occupation by the Russians. Following the semi-official announcement that the Russian fleet had bombarded points as far as the Terma River, 210 miles west of Trebizond, came the official announcement last night that the towns of Atina and Maprava, east of and between 40 and 50 miles from Trebizond, had been taken. The report says:

"Caucasian front. Our troops alined under the cover of an intense supporting fire from the fleet and occupied on the night of March 4, the town of Atina, on the Black Sea coast to the east of Trebizond. Deploying rapidly southward, they forced the Turks to evacuate their positions.

"In the course of the action we took as prisoners two officers and 280 men and captured two guns and a quantity of artillery ammunition, cartridges and rifles.

"Detachments of our troops, continuing the pursuit, occupied the village of Maprava, midway between Atina and Riza, the morning of the 5th."

Many Turkish supply ships have been destroyed by a Russian fleet in the Black Sea during the past few days.

REVOLUTION IN TURKEY.

LONDON, March 7.—The Daily News has received the following from its correspondent at Rome:

"The revolutionary movement is assuming alarming proportions throughout Turkey. Sensational developments, not excluding separate peace in a comparatively short time,

are thought quite possible.

"The merciless repressive methods adopted by the Germans are increasing instead of quelling serious rioting, both in Constantinople and the provinces.

"A mob has set fire to different quarters of the city of Constantinople. Houses were pillaged and shops ransacked. Barricades were erected with the object of preventing the intervention of the troops, who, commanded by German officers, freely used firearms.

"In Armenia the Turkish troops, it is said, are demoralized and are not resisting the Russian advance. A majority of the Turkish officers sympathize with the revolutionary movement, and refuse to obey the Germans.

"It is feared they may persuade their men to lay down their arms or attack the German detachments, who, in view of the danger of mutiny, have been placed in control of the artillery.

"The Athens correspondent of The Daily News says that after the funeral of a Turkish soldier at Constantinople the people and Turkish troops held an anti-war demonstration. The government sets cavalry to disperse the mob, but they joined the demonstrators.

"The procession marched to the government ministries, shouting 'Down with war!' The crowd dispersed quietly. Many arrests were made next day. Soldiers who looted the shops slew civilians.

Snowball Dance At Johnstone's

Johnstone's Academy of Dancing was last evening the scene of a pleasant and unique "at home," the feature of which was the snow ball dance at midnight. There was a good-sized crowd of young people at the affair who enjoyed the novelties to the full.

At eleven o'clock the guests partook of refreshments. At twelve o'clock the event of the evening occurred when the young people dispersed themselves throwing dainty "snowballs" at one another. The scene was indescribably effective. At one thirty the last strains of music bade farewell to a happy crowd.

Suffered from Shock

Mr. John Hoskins the aged farmer, residing in the seventh of Thurlow, who was injured in a runaway accident on Saturday evening on S. Front street, when he was thrown out of his vehicle, is suffering only from shock. He is not so badly injured as was first thought.

MILITARY NOTES.

Six recruits joined the 156th yesterday, including Joseph Hayes, Howard Graham, Chas. Bartlett and Henry Lennox.

Lieut. H. L. Ingram and Lieut. Pratt who have been attending the P.S.I. Kingston, are in the city.

The military canvass of Belleville is about half completed. Foster ward, Sarnson and Ketcheson have been interrogated. Front street has been thoroughly sifted. In West Belleville, Colquhoun street has been canvassed.

The 156th band played in Picton last night to a good crowd. The 224th Overseas Forestry Battalion has opened up a recruiting office at 40 Bridge street.

CURLING

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Parliament May Pass Prohibition Measure

OTTAWA, March 7.—It looks as if Parliament will pass some strongly prohibitive measure at its present session. That seemed to be the feeling at midnight when the House rose after an all-day debate on the resolution of Mr. H. H. Stevens and Hon. Charles Maclellan calling for the Dominion-wide total prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of all intoxicating beverages until the end of the war. The temper of the huge majority of the members was made manifest time and again. Backed by strong sentiment from all the Provinces, the Parliamentary benches—back benches and front benches—have, then it in their mouth and appeared last night determined to carry through the proposal in its entirety.

The Cabinet, like the membership, is evidently divided. Sir George Foster frequently led the applause which time and again greeted the pleadings of Messrs. Stevens and Maclellan in their telling speeches. Equally pronounced was the manner in which Hon. T. W. Crothers repeatedly encouraged and applauded Mr. W. G. Weichel, who stungingly attacked the proposal. But the vast majority of the membership on both sides left room for no doubt as to its position. The cheers which greeted advocacy of war-time prohibition overwhelmed the moderate applause which was accorded its opponent.

Parliament adjourned at midnight, on the understanding secured by Chief Liberal Whip Fardee that the debate should be resumed and brought to a vote on a day to be fixed probably next Monday.

In the meantime, it is probable that Mr. R. B. Bennett will submit an amendment embodying the view of the majority of the cabinet. This amendment, it is understood will have government backing, and make a bid for support to those members who seem strongly inclined to support the full text of the sweeping Stevens-Maclellan measure. It will provide that where any Province has adopted prohibition to the full extent of its constitutional power and asks that it be supplemented by the Federal authority, the Dominion shall take such steps as are necessary to make that prohibition absolute. In other words, prohibit the importation into and possibly the manufacture of liquor in the Province.

Whether the government will be able to muster sufficient support to carry this amendment, is at present problematical. Nevertheless, although the issue is not a party one, party lines are tightly drawn, and the party whip is very effective. Considerable opposition was expressed during the day by men on both sides to the idea of avoiding the issue by referring it to the Provinces on the ground that they would be handicapped in enforcement while the manufacture and importation was permitted, and objection will probably be taken to the proposed amendment, on the ground that it will leave open the importation from Province to Province, and also possibly the whole question of manufacture.

Do not Cover Hydrants

Fire Chief W. J. Brown requests that in shovelling snow off the walks, that citizens do not cover the hydrants. There is sometimes difficulty in finding a hydrant if it is hidden in a snow bank.

MR. HARDY'S SPLENDID GIFT

Brockville Recorder:—The 156th Battalion are in receipt of a magnificent gift and one that is greatly appreciated by the soldiers of the Leeds and Grenville overseas corps. The gift in question consists of a set of 25 band instruments, the full complement of an overseas force. They were given to the home organization by the generosity of Mr. A. C. Hardy, of Brockville. It is needless to say that they are a fine product of the band instrument makers' skill. The instruments are the regulation size for martial music and the work of organization of a band will proceed vigorously. Bandmaster Coughlin was on duty at the armoury this morning and will at once take up the work so essential to military exercise. Good music is an inspiration to a soldier, and the splendid donation of Mr. Hardy places the 156th in a position to provide such a tonic in the future.

The Campbells Are Coming

Because of its patriotic appeal to all those of British blood "The Campbells Are Coming," a four reel photoplay made by Francis Ford and Grace Cunard, the Universal stars, is causing an immense furore abroad. The play centers around the Sepoy rebellion in India, the massacre at Cawnpore in 1857, and the relief of Lucknow, and when first shown to the soldiers now fighting in Gallipoli aroused intense enthusiasm. The British Government believes that the film will materially assist in recruiting, and copies of the

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Children's Rompers

Some time ago a representative of a large manufacturing firm called on us and offered us their entire stock of Rompers and Creepers at a very attractive price. Needless to say we placed the order—they are now here and we have marked them at these two prices which represent only a portion of their real worth. Here they are in detail—

At 39c

A collection of Rompers, Creepers and Play Suits, etc., made up of Chambrays and Lancaster Gingham in Blue, Pink, Tan and White, etc. They come with short sleeves or no sleeves and with pocket, for ages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years. Worth up to 60c for 39c.

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STORE NEWS Of Great Interest Just Now. We have just received a large consignment of purses and hand bags from New York, all the newest shapes and all handsomely trimmed. Prices \$1 to \$5.

Practically old prices on new Rugs is the attraction we offer to prospective buyers of Rugs. That's saying a lot in face of the decided increases on Rugs of all descriptions but advance buying did it. Let us show you. Third floor.

Mr. Poste, who has charge of the special order Drapery Department has just returned from New York where he spent a week studying the latest art of modern drapery. If you have an arch or window that you want done up in the latest style interview Mr. Poste.

Scores of pretty Neckwear pieces are shown at the neckwear counter and in the windows. All New York styles very moderately priced. Be sure you get your copy of "Good Dressing." It is free, also the "Home Book of Fashions" at 25c copy including a 15c pattern free.

original print are now being shown in more than forty theaters in London and the Liverpool district. Seven thousand soldiers, part of them from Canadian regiments now at the front, took part in the picture. The Scotch Highlanders' band of

Vancouver, B.C., leads the soldiers to battle. The gate at Lucknow was faithfully reproduced on a massive scale and the resulting scenes in which natives are thrown a hundred feet to the ground in hand-to-hand fighting are said to be the most realistic war pictures ever staged.

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News From Our Correspondents

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GRAVEL ROAD. Miss Maggie Cassidy spent a few days with the Misses McCartin's, Nap-... Mr. J. F. Meagher left for his home at Edmonton, Sask., on Thursday last.

HALSTON. The snow storm on Friday and Saturday has made sleighing again. This W. M. S. had a missionary tea at Mrs. E. Gibson's on Tuesday night.

TOLEDO. We have plenty of good sleighing now, and we are all glad to see it. Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Faulkner returned home from Toronto one day last week.

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By BOOTH TARKINGTON

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Before herself Mrs. Roderick, Magworth Blitts saw her—her crimson-wearing a moustache and sideburns of blue, and perched upon a box flanked by Sherman and Verman, the Michigan rats, the Indian dog Duke, Herman, and the dog part alligator.

Roddy also saw something before himself. It needed no prophet to read the countenance of the dread apparition in the entryway. His mouth opened—remained open—then filled to capacity with a calamitous sound of grief not unmingled with apprehension.

Penrod's reason staggered under the effort. For a horrible moment he saw Mrs. Roderick Magworth enter approaching like some fatal mountain in avalanche. She seemed to grow larger and redder; lightnings played about her head. He had a vague consciousness of the audience spraying out in flight, of the squealings, tramping and dispersals of a stricken field. The mountain was close upon him—

He stood by the open mouth of the bay chute which went through the floor to the manger below. Penrod also went through the floor. He propelled himself into the chute and shot down, but not quite to the manger, for Mr. Samuel Williams had thoughtfully stepped into the chute a moment in advance of his partner. Penrod hit upon Sam.

Catastrophic noises resounded in the left; volcansoes seemed to romp upon the stairway.

There ensued a period when only a shrill keening marked the passing of Roderick as he was borne to the tumble. Then all was silence.

Sunset striking through a western window rouged the walls of the Schofield's library, where gathered a joint family council and court martial of four—Mrs. Schofield, Mr. Schofield and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, parents of Samuel of that ilk. Mr. Williams read aloud a conspicuous passage from the first edition of the evening paper.

"Prominent people here believed close relations of woman sentenced to hang. Angry denial by Mrs. R. Magworth Blitts. Relationship admitted by younger member of family. His statement confirmed by boy friends."

"Don't!" said Mrs. Williams, addressing her husband vehemently. "We've all read it a dozen times. We've got plenty of trouble on our hands without hearing that again!"

Singularly enough, Mrs. Williams did not look troubled; she looked as if she were trying to look troubled. Mrs. Schofield wore a similar expression. So did Mr. Schofield. So did Mr. Williams.

"What did she say when she called you up?" Mrs. Schofield inquired breathlessly of Mrs. Williams.

"She could hardly speak at first, and then when she did talk she talked so fast I couldn't understand most of it, and"

"It was just the same when she tried to talk to me," said Mrs. Schofield, nodding.

"I never did hear any one in such a state before," continued Mrs. Williams. "So furious."

"Quite justly, of course," said Mrs. Schofield.

"Of course. And she said Penrod and Sam had enticed Roderick away from home—usually he's not allowed to go outside the yard except with his tutor or a servant—and had told him to say that horrible creature was his aunt!"

"How in the world do you suppose Sam and Penrod ever thought of such a thing as that?" exclaimed Mrs. Schofield. "It must have been made up just for their 'show.' Della says there were fast streams going in and out all day. Of course it wouldn't have happened, but this was the day Margaret and I spend every month in the country with Aunt Sarah, and I didn't dream!"

"She said one thing I thought rather curious," interrupted Mrs. Williams. "Of course we must allow for her being dreadfully excited and wrought-up, but I do think it wasn't quite delicate as yet, she says usually the Roderick had never been allowed to associate with—"

"Meaning Sam and Penrod," said Mrs. Schofield. "Yes, she said that to me too."

"She said that the most awful thing about it," Mrs. Williams went on, "was that, though she's going to prosecute the newspapers, many people would always believe the story, and"

"Yes, I imagine they will," said Mrs. Schofield musingly. "Of course you and I and everybody who really knows the Blitts and Magworth families understand the perfect absurdity of it, but I suppose there are ever so many who'll believe it, no matter what the Blitts and Magworths say."

"Hundreds and hundreds," said Mrs. Williams. "I'm afraid it will be a great comedown for them."

"I'm afraid so," said Mrs. Schofield sadly. "A very great one—yes, a very, very great one."

observed Mrs. Williams after a thoughtful pause, "there's only one thing to be done, and I suppose it had better be done right away."

She glanced toward the two gentlemen.

"Certainly," Mr. Schofield agreed. "But where are they?"

"Have you looked in the stable?" asked his wife.

"I searched it. They've probably started for the far west."

"Did you look in the sawdust box?"

"No, I didn't."

"Then that's where they are."

Thus in the early twilight the now historic stable was approached by two fathers charged to do the only thing to be done. They entered the store-room.

"Penrod!" said Mr. Schofield.

"Sam!" said Mr. Williams.

Nothing disturbed the twilight dusk. But by means of a ladder brought from the carriage house Mr. Schofield mounted to the top of the sawdust box. He looked within and discovered the dim outlines of three quiet figures, the third being that of a small dog.

The two boys rose upon command, descended the ladder after Mr. Schofield, bringing Duke with them, and stood before the authors of their being, who bent upon them sinister and threatening brows. With hanging heads and despondent countenances, each still ornamented with a moustache and an Imperial, Penrod and Sam awaited sentence.

The boy's lot: Anything he does, anything whatever, may afterwards turn out to have been a crime—no never knows.

And punishment and clemency are alike inexplicable.

Mr. Williams took his son by the ear. "You march home!" he commanded.

Sam marched, not looking back, and his father followed the small figure implacably.

"You go in to whip me?" quavered Penrod, alone with justice.

"Wash your face at that hydrant," said his father sternly.

About fifteen minutes later Penrod, hurriedly entering the corner drug store, two blocks distant, was astonished to perceive a familiar form at the soda counter.

"Hey, Penrod!" said Sam Williams. "Was some body? Come on. He didn't lick me. He didn't do anything to me at all. He gave me a quarter."

"So's mine," said Penrod.

put into practice a newly acquired phrase, "You better learn to be more considerate of other people's comfort." Slowly and grievously, he withdrew, passed to the sunny side of the house, reclined in the warm grass beside his wistful Duke and presently sang again.

"She's sweeter far than the flower I named her after. And the memory of her smile 't haunts me."

When in after years the moon is so my beam? And at eve I smell the small of mignonette.

I will re-call that—"Pen-rod!"

Mr. Schofield appeared at an open window upstairs, a book in his hand.

"Stop it!" he commanded. "Can't I stay home with a headache one morning from the office without having to listen to it never did hear such squawking!" He retired from the window, having too impulsively called upon his maker. Penrod, stocked and injured, entered the house, but presently his voice was again audible as far as the front porch. He was holding converse with his mother, somewhere in the interior.

"Well, what of it? Sam Williams told me his mother said if Bob ever did think of getting married to Margaret, his mother said she'd like to know what in the name of goodness they expect to—"

"Bang!" Margaret thought it better to close the front door.

The next minute Penrod opened it. "I suppose you want the whole family to get a sunstroke," he said reportingly. "Keepin' every breath of air out of the house on a day like this!"

And he set down implacably in the doorway.

The serious poetry of all languages has omitted the little brother, and yet he is one of the great trials of love—the immortal burden of courtship. Tragedy should have found place for him, but he has been left to the hap-hazard vignettist of Grub street. He is the grave and real menace of lovers. His head is sacred and terrible, his power illimitable. There is one way—only one—to deal with him, but Robert Williams, having a brother of Penrod's age, understood that way.

Robert had \$1 in the world. He gave it to Penrod immediately.

Enslaved forever, the new Rockefeller rose and went forth upon the highway, an overflowing heart bursting the floodgates of song:

"In her eyes the light of love was softly gleaming,
So sweetly,
So sweetly,
On the banks the moon's soft light was brightly streaming,
Words of love I then spoke to her,
She was sweet of the poetry,
'Till sweetheart, do not sigh,
Do not weep and do not cry,
I will build a little cottage just for you—
Ever and—"

In fairness it must be said to mind that boys older than Penrod have these wellings of pent melody. A wife can never tell when she is to undergo a musical morning, and even the golden wedding brings her no security; a man of ninety is liable to bust loose in song any time.

Invalids murmured pitifully as Penrod came within hearing, and people trying to think cursed the day that they were born when he went shrilling by. His hands in his pockets, his shining face uplifted to the sky of June, he passed down the street, singing his way into the heart's deepest hatred of all who heard him.

"One evening I was strow-ing
Under the city of the Dead,
I viewed where all around me
Their pace-full graves was spread,
But that which touched me most
He had reached his journey's end,
A junk dealer's shop, wherein lay
A long desired treasure of his soul—an accordion which might have possessed a high quality of interest for an antiquarian, being unquestionably a ruin, beautiful in decay and quite beyond the sacrilegious reach of the restorer. But it was still able to discharge sounds, which could be heard for a remarkable distance in all directions, and it had one rich callit tone that had gone to Penrod's heart. He obtained the instrument for 22 cents, a price long since agreed upon with the junk dealer, who falsely claimed a loss of profit, Shylock that he was! He had found the wreck in an alley.

With this purchase suspended from his shoulder by a faded green cord, Penrod set out in a somewhat homeward direction, but not by the route he had just traveled, though his motive for the change was not humanitarian. It was his desire to display himself thus troubadouring to the gaze of Marjorie Jones. Heralding his advance by continuous experiments in the music of the future, he pranced upon his blithesome way, the faithful Duke at his heels. (It was easier for Duke than it would have been for a younger dog, because with advancing age he had begun to grow a little deaf.)

Turning the corner nearest to the gloriamon mansion of the Joneses, the boy jangler came suddenly face to face with Marjorie and, in a delicious surprise of the encounter, ceased to play, his hands, in agitation, falling from the instrument.

Bareheaded, the sunshine glorious upon her amber curls, Marjorie was strolling hand in hand with her baby brother, Mitchell, four years old. She wore pink that day—unforgettable pink, with a broad, black patent leather belt, shimmering reflections dancing upon its surface. How beautiful she was! How sacred the sweet little baby brother, whose privilege it was to cling to that small hand delicately powdered with freckles.

"Hello, Marjorie!" said Penrod, affecting carelessness.

"Hello!" said Marjorie, with unexpected cordiality. She bent over her baby brother with motherly attentions. "Say 'howdy' to the genty-miss Mitch-Mitch," she urged sweetly.

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New York City, March 5.—Pastor Russell delivered a very pointed, practical address this evening, at the New York City Temple, W. 63rd St., near Broadway, from the text: "See, then, time alike to the busy and to the idle, as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5: 15, 16.) He said in part:

"This text, like all the injunctions of the Scriptures, is addressed to the Church of God, not to the world; for the Lord is not dealing with the world at present. It is an important time to recognize this fact. Many, losing sight of it, are in confusion when they come to the study of the Bible. In His Word the Lord is not telling the world what they should do, but is telling His servants what steps they should take from the time they become His people. Many think of the Bible as being addressed to the entire world; and these are surprised that the world cannot understand it. But we who know that our Lord said to His disciples, 'To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven,' are not surprised that before any can understand God's Word they must take the step of full consecration to Him.

It is to Christians, then, that the Lord gives this message of our text. God's children should walk circumspectly, wisely, carefully, redeeming the time. Our time is redeemed, and children are very like grown people sometimes."

ly, turning him to face Penrod.

"Won't!" said Mitch-Mitch, and to emphasize his refusal kicked the gentleness upon the shin.

Penrod's feelings underwent instant change, and in the sole occupation of disliking Mitch-Mitch he wasted precious seconds which might have been better employed in philosophic consideration of the starting ex-ample case afforded of how a given law operates throughout the universe in precisely the same manner perpetually. Robert Williams would have understood this easily.

"Oh, oh!" Marjorie cried and put Mitch-Mitch behind her with too much sweetness. "Maurice Levy's gone to Atlantic City with his mamma," she remarked conversationally as if the kicking incident were quite closed.

"That's nothing," returned Penrod, keeping his eye uneasily upon Mitch-Mitch. "I know plenty people been better places than that—Chicago and everywhere."

There was unconscious ingratitude in his low rating of Atlantic City, for it was largely to the attractions of that resort he owed Miss Jones's present attitude of friendliness. Of course, too, she was curious about the accordion. It would be difficult to find that she had noticed a paper bag which bulged the pocket of Penrod's coat, and yet this bag was undeniably conspicuous—"and children are very like grown people sometimes."

(To be Continued)

Are Worth Their Weight in Gold

What Mrs. Brown Says of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

New Brunswick, Lady Feels it Her Duty to Tell Women That Dodd's Kidney Pills Are the Best Remedy She Ever Used.

Mission Harbor, Gloucester Co., N.B., March 6th—Special.—"I think Dodd's Kidney Pills are worth their weight in gold." This is the statement of Mrs. James Brown, well known and highly respected here.

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PAY-DAY FOR PENSIONERS

Saturday was pay day for American pensioners at Belleville. There are hereabouts a very considerable number of veterans of the American Civil war and widows of veterans. Every three months they receive from the American government a cheque for the amount of their pension. On Saturday night of the 4th inst. the pensioners took the declaration and received their allowance from Lt.-Col. Ponton, Acting American Consul at Belleville.

Interesting Services.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The services at West Belleville Methodist church were last night both interesting and profitable. The pastor, Rev. J. N. O'Leary, E.A., preached from the subject, "God's Abiding Presence and Providence," basing his remarks on Exodus 40-45. "And the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle." He emphasized the necessity for closer communion with God as the source of inspiration. The work of the choir also shows great improvement. A difficult anthem was very pleasingly rendered. Mr. Haines leading in the baritone solo. The quartet, "Sun of My Soul," was especially given by Dr. Duprau, Mr. Fimlott and Misses Lobb and Wooton.

of Christ another period; from the First Coming of Christ to His Second Coming another period; then the Millennium; and lastly the ages of glory to follow. This helps to straighten matters out.

"When we read the Bible we should ask ourselves: 'With what does this part of the Scriptures deal?' The Bible is full of problems to solve, like an arithmetic. We do not merely read through an arithmetic; if we did we would learn little. We are to study the Bible according to dispensations, and according to what God outlines as His great Plan of the Ages. No body can comprehend the Divine Plan of the Ages (Ephesians 3:11, Diaboli) without studying it. This Plan of God is all outlined in the Bible. We must examine each Scripture in relation to its context. So we need considerable time to understand properly the Word of God.

Milk for Babies; Meat for Adults

The older we grow as Christians, the more time we find is necessary for these spiritual things. Natural food is to make one strong, bright, intelligent, quick, as a natural man; and spiritual food makes the New Creature intelligent, quick, well established, apt to teach, able to 'rightly divide the Word of Truth.' As we mature we need stronger food. It was sufficient that we had milk to start with. But milk will not suffice for adults.

While we are growing to appreciate more the Word of God, the whole world is becoming filled with attractions. But as we see the Day of Christ drawing on, we, that it is even now upon us, the Lord's children must be more and more attentive to our Heavenly Calling. Why did not the Lord arrange things some other way, that we might have more time? He wishes to see whether we appreciate the spiritual things or not. Whoever is not hungry for spiritual food has no desire to go to the spiritual table, is not using his talents along spiritual lines. We should give a good share of our time to the study of the Word of God in Jesus. We should have a hunger for righteousness, for Bible Truth. The Lord is testing us. He knows that whoever is really hungry and thirsty for righteousness will redeem the time. And the seal with which we receive the Word of God is the seal of the Holy Spirit. He will not let us be deceived in respect to our character.

If you take time for a picture show, but do not take time for the study of God's Word, this is abundant cause of sorrow. For either you do not understand the matter, or else you are not living up to your covenant. Give less attention to worldly comforts. Give more time for spiritual food, to service for the Lord, the Truth, and the brethren. This is God's arrangement for us as New Creatures. We are happy to learn His will. He is not expecting anything unreasonable of us. But He does expect us to be careful of our time, of our conduct, of how we live our lives.

"We know that God loves all His children, and desires to see them beautiful. Then why does the Apostle advise the Lord's people not to adorn themselves with 'gold or pearls or costly array' (1 Timothy 2:8, 10). In the present time there are various reasons why God would advise us not to wear jewelry and expensive clothing.

In the first place, in our present fallen condition of mind, when we put on gold and costly array, our hearts are in our ears, in the bosoms of our shirts, etc. It indicates a certain amount of pride, a factor that would not be advantageous to us. We are, naturally, like the rest of mankind, in a way less susceptible to pride, although we are a better class of which to be proud. Moreover, it might have a bad effect upon others. Some might see a Christian elegantly apparelled and say, 'Look how that lady or that gentleman is decked out! And that ring must have cost \$400 or \$500!' They feel inferior. 'What right has he, or what right has she, to have these things when I cannot have them?' Is it not better that Christians who have money should not wear such things and thus excite the envy and covetousness of those who cannot afford them?

There are a great many people in the world who have a very hard time to make a living, and never get enough to have the reasonable comforts of life. Why should a child of God put on diamonds or rich clothing to show himself or herself off as a picture, while many others lack food or clothing or medicine? Rather than wear such things, would he not prefer to give its value to somebody who needs it? The Bible says (Matthew 23: 1-14). What a sad condition for New Creatures in Christ!

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Redeeming the Moments.

Many of the Lord's people do not see the force of the Apostolic injunction that they should redeem the time; and therefore they are living at a disadvantage. They do not notice the many minutes that pass in the twenty-four hours. Let us then as consecrated children of God see that we do not squander time. Let us see what we can lay off, how we can get the minutes under our control. If one can get sixty of them, the man will have an hour. By pinching and economizing here and there one may very easily save this hour for the service of the Lord or for Bible study.

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tures." This is particularly true of our own day. With all the enlightenment of to-day there are many blessings of an earthly kind coming in, preparatory to the New Age. The nearer we get to the establishment of God's Kingdom on the earth, the more pressure on every side from the world.

As we see that the Day of Christ is right upon us, this should be all the more an incentive to draw us to gethite as children of God (Hebrews 10:25). We shall have spiritual need of the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, and all the Christian's armor. (Ephesians 6: 12-13.) We have come down to the time when there is trouble all about us. It is the time of the 'great Day of the Lord.' This fire 'shall try every man's work.' Some who have built their faith structure on traditions of men will find that they have built with wood, hay, and stubble. Others who have built their faith with gold, silver, and precious stones, God's revelations. All who have built with combustible material will find that their structures will be consumed. Only those structures will stand that have been built with God's Truth.—1 Corinthians 3: 12-15.

Mortify the Natural Cravings.

If we wish to make our 'calling and election' sure, we must have special assistance, but we show ourselves to correspond. People to-day have many more trials than our grandfathers had. On Sundays they had little else to do but attend worship. They were quiet in which to think about God and His will. We do not find it so. But God has so provided that His people of to-day have abundant supplies of grace to carry them through if they will make use of the helps which He has furnished and will curb and restrain unnecessary things. But in order to make use of God's provisions we must deny ourselves these things that the flesh is craving. As the Apostle says, 'Mortify your members which are upon the earth.'—Colossians 3: 5-10.

There is a beauty about the Lord's Plan. He deals with us like this: 'You have said that you have given your life to Me. I told you that you must redeem the time, which you have devoted to Me. Now demonstrate your sincerity in the matter, your earnestness and your spirit to sacrifice your earthly interests.' If you have thought that in your consecration your earthly interests are to be just as well taken care of as before, then either you do not understand the matter, or else you are not living up to your covenant. Give less attention to worldly comforts. Give more time for spiritual food, to service for the Lord, the Truth, and the brethren. This is God's arrangement for us as New Creatures. We are happy to learn His will. He is not expecting anything unreasonable of us. But He does expect us to be careful of our time, of our conduct, of how we live our lives.

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HISTORIC CORFU.

Corfu the temporary seat of the Serbian government, possesses for the British people a more direct interest than is sometimes remembered. For half a century this, and the six other Ionian Islands, were administered by Great Britain. In common with other European territories they changed hands during the Napoleonic struggle. Finally, by the Treaty of Paris, signed in 1815, a few months after Waterloo, "the single, free, and independent State" of the United States of the Ionian Islands was placed under the immediate protection of Great Britain; Austria to enjoy the right of equal commercial advantages with Great Britain. Corfu became the Capital, and here the first Lord High Commissioner, Sir Thomas Maitland, took up his residence.

Maitland was already Governor of Malta—an office which he retained—and "Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's forces serving in the Mediterranean." A man of conspicuous energy, whose duties in no degree interfered with his discharge of the Commissioner's duties. Road construction, reform of taxation, the impartial administration of justice—all claimed his practical attention. Education was not forgotten. In 1823 Frederick North, fifth Earl of Guilford, founded a university, of which his lordship became the first Chancellor. It cannot be said, however, that the British regime was a success. Difficulties arose which neither Maitland nor any of his successors seemed able to surmount. Nominally the islands were allowed to regulate their internal organization. They possessed a Senate and an Assembly, but the real power was vested in the High Commissioner. It has been placed on record that the constitutional charter "formed a system of government that soon became despotic enough to satisfy Metternich himself."

It was this difficulty of administration that led to one of the most interesting incidents in the history of the islands. This was the visit of Mr. Gladstone in 1858. At the request of Bulwer Lytton, then Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Gladstone proceeded on a tour through the "United States" in order to secure a grip of the situation. The great Victorian Prime Minister devoted several months to his mission. He proposed a series of reforms, which, however, the Assembly declared to be inadmissible. On every hand there was heard the cry for union with Greece. Gladstone returned home, however, by no means disposed to recommend the surrender of the Protectorate. Ultimately, in 1864, the islanders obtained their wish. Cession to Greece was effected, and British sovereignty ceased.

Great Britain, as a writer in the Westminster Gazette says, still retains an abiding memorial of her connection with the islands. It is to be found in one of the most distinguished Orders of Knighthood—the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Today the reward of service in, or to, the Overseas Empire, the Order was created in 1818 "for the United States of the Ionian Islands and for the ancient Sovereignty of Malta and its dependencies." Now numbering a thousand members scattered throughout the world, the original constitution was eight Knights Commanders, and twenty-four Knights, exclusive of British subjects, "holding high and confidential employ" in the region of Corfu and Malta. A British Order, the original members bore names something strangely in British ears. In the Ionian Islands the Grand Crosses were his Highness Emanuel—Baron Theotoky of Corfu, President of the Senate; "the most Illustrious Senator the Noble Stamo Callichopulo of Corfu;" "the Noble Antonio Count Comuto of Zante." The Order at the outset boasted two prelates representative of the Ionian Islands and of Malta respectively; the former being the Provisionary Head of the Greek Church and the latter the Archdeacon and First Dignitary of the Cathedral Church of Malta. It is, as the writer adds, a far cry from the Greek Church to the present Chapel of the Order in St. Paul's Cathedral!

THE RISE IN FREIGHTS.

One of the greatest difficulties which the British Government has to deal with is the inordinate rise in ship's freights. As an example of the exorbitant rates now being charged, the case is given of the coal freights between Great Britain and Italy which have leaped from seven shillings a ton, before the war, to eighty-four shillings during the war, or a jump of 1200 per cent. This means that with the adverse rate of exchange coal has been costing 120 shillings, or about \$28 a ton, at Genoa. This is largely due to the rise in freights, for, the increase in the price of coal in England has been limited by statute to four shillings a ton.

This is a sample of the way in which freights have been jumping all round. It is due, of course, to a considerable extent, to the fact that six and a half million tons, or one-third of the total of British shipping, are withdrawn from the merchant service for the purpose of war. Against this is the fact that the Central Powers are practically excluded from the sea, and the neutral and Allied ships serving them in times of peace are now used for other purposes. On the other hand, most of the German and Austrian ships are laid up, so that on the whole there is a large shortage in available shipping.

This difficulty will have to be relieved, and two ways are suggested, by accelerating the building of merchant vessels, and the restriction of imports of unnecessary, which will provide a larger space for war commodities and the necessities of life. Admitting all these things, it is patent that British ship owners are reaping a rich harvest. A promising field for taxation of war profits is open to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his coming Budget.

THE BATTLE OF VERDUN.

Undoubtedly, the German attack on Verdun has precipitated one of the most critical situations of the war. Yet the confidence displayed in the despatches from Paris encourages the belief that the French are prepared for all eventualities, and that the danger of the enemy breaking through at this point is not so great as may appear on the surface. The fear has been expressed

in some quarters that the attack on Verdun is the beginning of another blow similar to that of last May upon the Russians in Galicia, but no comparison is possible between conditions then and now on that front and on this front; for in Galicia, the attack was over a wide front of 70 to 100 miles, and the Germans overwhelmed the Russians both in men and munitions, while at Verdun the battle is on a front of not more than ten miles, and the odds in men are probably in favor of the French.

The reason why Germany should have launched an offensive in a region where, since the battles of Ypres in the latter part of 1914, she has professed to stand on the defensive probably is that she cannot afford to wait. The elements of time and men and munitions are fighting against her. Besides, as the New York Post points out, the theory of the German defensive lays stress on frequent attack, partly for the frustration of enemy preparations, partly for the maintenance of the army's morale. The German General Staff knows that the Allies have been engaged in the preliminaries for another assault like that of September. This might have come any time. Last year the British attack on Neuve Chapelle came early in March. In the second place, there is the question of morale, not among the fighters, but among the civilian population. It is not unlikely that Erzerum and the general signs of a Russian "coming back" created a painful impression in Germany. In the Balkans the Teuton advance has spent itself before Saloniki. Against Russia there is no chance of an advance at this time of the year.

For three weeks in five or more places on a front of more than 450 miles, from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier, the Germans had been feinting, or pretending with an intensity that gave each separate thrust a look of latent enterprise; and then abruptly to the north of Verdun, on a continuous battle line of twenty-five miles, they developed an operation of the first magnitude.

Verdun is, or ought to be, the hardest point at which to smash the French line. It is the first and strongest of a line of fortified places (Verdun-Toul-Epinal-Belfort) facing the German frontier. Against the German inundation eighteen months ago Verdun held like the head of a mighty breakwater and tore great gashes in the Teutonic wave. The irreducible resistance of the French at last was on a line from Verdun to Paris, sagging dangerously to the south, but holding; and what saved it at the eastern end was Verdun. It is no longer a fortress in the old-fashioned sense, that is, a gun-furnished steel and concrete chamber on a hill top, a target for 42-centimeter shells. Instead, it might be called an intensively fortified area, lying on the great highway from Metz to Paris. The French have thought it impracticable.

Now, at this of all places, the Germans launch the weight of their new offensive. Why? Perhaps, as the New York Times suggests, for one reason already indicated, that Verdun helped so much to save Paris eighteen months ago, and is a kind of pivotal point on which the whole Western front ever since has turned. The line of battle around it has hardly changed since November, 1914, both sides adding to their strength by all the arts of war craft. One of the most interesting facts about this assault is that it had been long expected, even regarded as inevitable. The time alone was uncertain.

For months past the French have observed the Germans constructing railways on a convoluted plan behind their lines in order to move troops more swiftly from place to place when the great attack began. The French were not behindhand.

The military critic of The London Times has this to say:—

Evidently at Verdun the powers of offense and defense came to a kind of climax. To pitch the combat there might be, indeed, the Hobson's choice of strategy. It probably now is utterly impossible to launch an offensive with the character of pure surprise at any point on the whole Western front. Preparations must be so vast that concealment is impossible. The most that can be done is to create distractions here and there, and oblige the enemy to shift forces from place to place, a game in which the advantage lies with the side that can move troops more swiftly than the other; but that is not a great advantage. It is possible, therefore, that the German strategists, unable to surprise the enemy in choice of scene, elected to hit the French line at its strongest point; to put forth the supreme effort there, on the heroic calculation that success, besides entailing the maximum of military advantage, would have a particularly depressing effect upon French morale.

Why Germany, numerically weaker than her enemies, should assume the offensive at all and accept the odds that lie against that part of modern warfare, in a theatre where those odds would be their highest and the total cost heartbreaking—that is the most important question. Time to Germany undoubtedly is more precious than material. Time is more than precious. It is vital. To gain time, she went through Belgium. The longer, harder way lay past Verdun. Well, the short and easy way was no thoroughfare to Paris, and here the Germans are, after eighteen months of precious time elapsed, battering at Verdun.

Of course, at the present stage it is simply useless to prophesy as to the outcome of this tremendous struggle, but we may express the confidence which the present situation seems to fully justify that the French will be able to hold the line. As one reviewer points out, even if the heavy German were firing into Verdun, this would matter little in the present stage of operations. Verdun might be reduced to ruins like Ypres, and like Ypres may continue to be held. It is trenches, and not permanent fortifications that count, and so far there has been no real break in the French line of field works along a very large front. Huge masses of men for more than a week have been thrown into this narrow front, but the losses are enormous, and the opinion of the Allied military critics is that the slight gains made are not at all commensurate with the huge sacrifice involved.

WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS DOING.

American inventive genius has been largely directed in other channels than that of making arms and munitions for the past fifty years. The latter have been in little demand and therefore development of the highest type of efficiency in machinery for their manufacture has done nothing more than keep pace with the limited demand for the product. The war has changed all this. All unprecedented demand for munitions and rifles and the necessity for speed production has directed American ingenuity to accomplishing wonders in munition machinery. Factories that formerly could turn out a few rifles or a few thousands of cartridges a day are now turning out thousands of the former and millions of the latter per day. Improved machinery planned and constructed in the past year has accomplished this. Formerly the making of a rifle stock required from three-quarters of an hour to an hour and required six opera-

tions in which different tools had to be adjusted, and the stock was put through the machine six times in the finishing process. Each machine had a capacity of one stock. Now the machine handles twenty-four stocks at one time. There is no adjustment of tools. A gang of tools follow each other automatically, and all six operations are done in one process controlled by a central steel model. Everything is automatic. The capacity per machine has been increased twenty-four times and the time for the operation reduced to one-fifth. This means 120 times the former efficiency of the machine and of the man who runs it. The same improvement has occurred in making cartridges. Everything is done automatically. A machine that formerly produced one cartridge shell every few seconds is turning out twelve shells simultaneously in half the time. It requires little attention, and one man can attend to five or six machines. The loading of the shell is also done by automatic machinery. This is all aside from the wonderful enterprise displayed in constructing new plants and fully equipping them in a few months for operation on a large scale. The Westinghouse's new plants at Chicopee Falls, N.Y., are the wonder of the community. These plants will probably be the largest rifle plants in the United States.

"Them Frenchmen is sure some fighters" as E. Gus Porter M.P. is about to remark.

Two men in Toronto started to fight after they had dusted the war for a time. One of them pulled a gun and shot the other chap in the hand. When the case was called in court the man who did the shooting had so many bandages around his head that he couldn't appear, while the man who used his fists but had the bullet wound was on hand. It looks as though this was a decided victory for disarmament.

The police at Johnstown, Pa., will hereafter take home all "peaceable" drunks instead of arresting them. Alas the poor jag! Instead of being able to walk home after getting sobered up in the cells and telling his wife that he was sitting up with a sick friend all night, he will be escorted to the bosom of his family in the full glory of a newborn jag. We see where not a few Johnstown rolling pins will do more than make pie crusts henceforth.

Erzerum, which the Russians have captured, is the ancient Karin, but in 415 A.D. was given the name Theodosius the Younger, and became the chief stronghold of the Roman Empire in Armenia. The modern title, meaning "Argon of the Romans," was received from the Saracens. Owing to the elevation—about 6,200 above sea level—the cold is extreme, and continues far into the year, so that snow sometimes falls even in June.

If Robert Louis Stevenson could have sold his letters in his lifetime at such prices as they brought at their sale in New York he could have spent his later years in comfort, without having to depend upon his literary efforts. The total sum derived from the sale of Stevenson's letters, books, manuscripts and paintings was \$32,116. They were the property of Mrs. Salisbury Field, of Santa Barbara, Cal. One letter describing Stevenson's visit to the Shetland Islands, written when he was nineteen years of age, brought \$387.

Just to show the value of dye at present a despatch from Boston tells about a barrel of violet dye bought fourteen months ago for \$400 which has been sold for \$12,000, an increase of 3,000 per cent. Why didn't some clairvoyant or "second sight" person have enough foresight to buy several barrels of dye over a year ago and hold them? If clairvoyants are good for anything, they ought to have been able to predict a dye shortage and have prepared for it or given a tip to others with the hope of being rewarded with a part of the profits.

Cape St. Elias, on an inaccessible island just off the coast of Alaska, has long been a menace to navigation caused by the adjacent high rocks. Its dangers will be overcome by a high power lighthouse now being erected. The building is a strong concrete tower with the best illuminating apparatus known to the Lighthouse Service. It includes a three mantle light of 100,000 candle-power which will be clearly visible for a distance of fifteen and a half nautical miles. A lighthouse of similar importance is being built upon Navassa Rock, lying between Cuba and Haiti. Its tower will be visible for twenty-four miles. It lies in the paths of vessels going from New York to the Panama Canal and will safeguard a passage which is coming into rapidly increasing use.

An important Russian success has been secured in the storming of the Persian city of Kermanshah. At this point which is 280 miles southwest of Teheran, the routes from Bagdad, Shuster, Espahan by way of Hamadan and Suleimaniyah meet and make the city of high strategic value. The Russian operations in Persia, which have culminated in the capture of Kermanshah, have had the local purpose of putting an end to the activities of hostile mountain forces and organized bands of Kurds, and it is believed that they have the broader scope of preparing the way for the junction of the Russians with the British expeditionary forces in Mesopotamia, which has Bagdad for its objective. This movement of the Russians from Hamadan southwestward to Kermanshah brings them now to within 150 miles of Kuteh-Amara, in the Tigris, where General Townshend's British force is besieged by the Turks.

If the Campbellsville, Ky., Journal can be trusted—and we have neither reason nor excuse for suspecting that it lacks veracity—somebody modestly described as "an editor" has received the following highly interesting communication from one of his readers:

Please send me a few copies of the paper containing the obituary of my aunt. Also publish the enclosed clipping of the marriage of my niece, who lives in Lebanon. And I wish you would mention in your local column, if it don't cost anything, that I have two bull calves for sale. As my subscription is out, please stop my paper. Times are too bad to waste money on newspapers.

The author of this truly precious communication would have made it perfect had he added the familiar: "You can never believe what you see in the papers!" That statement, uttered earnestly, constitutes the sole claim to shrewdness and knowledge that is possessed by a considerable number of people, and the comfort they get out of repeating it is presumably very great. It must be, else the repetitions wouldn't be so frequent.

In reality, of course, the journalistic approach to complete accuracy is high—amazingly high, when account is taken of the almost innumerable opportunities for making mistakes that a newspaper has every day. It is also a fact that people do believe what they see in the papers, and while some papers are more trustworthy than others, they all do pretty well. They prosper in

exact ratio to their truthfulness.

Prof. F. A. Ashley of Boston, in a brief after-dinner address at Eureka Lodge A.F. & A.M. in this city a few evenings ago, told of the remarkable exhibitions of pro-Allied sentiment in Boston. He holds a position as professor of one of the departments in the Boston High School of Commerce. At the outbreak of war the staff were warned against violation of neutrality, but, said Prof. Ashley, within the last few weeks no less than seven hundred pairs of socks had been sent by this school for the use of the Canadian soldiers. And no protest came from the board because of the violation of "neutrality." From the residential suburb of Boston where Prof. Ashley has his home, fifty men had gone as volunteers to fight in the ranks of the Allies. Boston is officially neutral, but there is no neutrality among Boston's people. The sentiment is overwhelmingly, openly and defiantly in favor of Britain and her allies.

The Canadian Army Transport Service, under the direction of Colonel J. Lyons Biggar, an old Belleville boy, and Lieutenant-Colonel Emmett Clark, has made a notable record in connection with the transport work of the British Admiralty in sending over 104,000 Canadian forces overseas without the loss of a single man, and practically without a single hitch in regard to commissariat arrangements for troops en route. Out of all the men who have now gone overseas there was only one casualty recorded during transport, and that happened early in the war, when a Canadian soldier was killed by jumping off one of the troops trains. At the present time the total number of Canadian troops who have actually been transported from Canada is 104,600, of whom 102,246 have been landed in England, while 988 have been sent to Bermuda and 196 to St. Lucia. In addition, nearly 800 nurses have been taken over, also about 20,000 horses have been transported.

The announcement in the speech from the throne at Toronto on Tuesday that—"Legislation relating to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor within the province of Ontario, and for the submission of the same to the electors" is to be passed at the coming session of the legislature is hailed as an act of base ingratitude by the hotelmen and other liquor interests who are said to have spent upwards of a quarter of a million dollars of good money to return the present government to power. The liquorists thought they had done a noble day's work on the 29th of June 1914 when they succeeded in electing a majority of followers of Sir James Whitney. They are now asserting that they have been heartlessly betrayed. Anyway, their money has been spent and they can see nowhere any hope of relief. If the liquor dealers are wise they will not waste any more hard cash in waging a hopeless fight to maintain their monopoly. The sentiment of the time is against their method of doing business and in a few months' time it will be ended as far as it is in the power of the people of the Province to bring about that result. The Hearst administration can by no means resist the overwhelming demand that is being made upon it. Governments are neither more nor less than the appointed servants of the people. The demand of eighty per cent. of the electors of Ontario to end a condition and a system that represent waste, inefficiency and results that are all to the bad could not be denied.

CURING THE HEARTACHE.

Had a little heartache, Couldn't keep it long, Morning was so beautiful, Way it flew in song— That's the cure for heartache, That's the cure for blues— Listen to the sweet world Singing out its news. Then I had a sorrowing, Dull and full of care— Gave it twenty sunbeams And a dose of air— Sorrow is a light thing, Of it I saw apace, And soon it made my heart sing With tenderness and grace. Nothing in the world counts Half so much as this love, The spirit of a real love, The giving of a kiss— For when you have the heartache, And when you're feeling bad, They touch you with their soft wings And turn you bright and glad. Ah, the merry doctors— Love and song and truth! How they bring the soul back To its morn of youth! How they dry the tears up, How they chase the woe— Had a little heartache— That was long ago! —The Benstown Bard.

FORGETFUL.

As I go plodding down the lane Of life, I find It daily harder to retain Men's names in mind. Somebody stops me on the street; — We stand and chat, And after parting I repeat: "Now who was that?" "Howdy!" somebody cries to me, "Howdy!" is my reply, And then I mutter wonderingly, "Who is that guy? Somewhere I've seen his face before, My memory's lame: We've met a dozen times or more, But what's his name?" Thus I am forced to bluff my way, And make a show Faking with men from day to day I ought to know. Sometimes I run against a case That stops my game, And then I say: "I know your face, But not your name." Bet when St. Peter welcomes me At this life's end, Calls out my name and tries to be A gentle friend, I'll stand upon that heavenly shore And say in shame, "I know I've seen your face before, But what's your name?" —Edgar A. Guest.



DONATIONS TO THE SHELTER

Mrs. McBride, clothing; Wallbridge & Clarke, 14 lbs. prunes; Mrs. Weir, one peck of apples; A Friend, 12 loaves bread; Mr. Graham's S.S., cases of John St. Presbyterian Church, two boxes of sandwiches and cake; St. Thomas' Church Parish Hall, 3 large boxes sandwiches; Mrs. A. M. Leaven, headcheese, cookies and peck of apples; Mr. Heines' S.S. cases of Holloway St., two boxes cream puffs, cake jelly and sandwiches; Mrs. Charles Cook, 10 qts milk; J. J. Heines, shoe laces; Mr. Frank Miller, 10 qts milk; Miss Holden, 5 gallon stew kettle; Mr. Buchanan, sandwiches and eggs; Methodist Church, Confection, 9 jars fruit, 4 boxes candy and clothing.

MARRIED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

(From Monday's Daily) At St. Michael's Church this morning at nine o'clock, the marriage was celebrated of Miss Sarah H. Malloy, daughter of the late James Malloy and Mrs. Malloy, 67 Cedar Street, and of Mr. Fred J. Malloy, son of Mr. Robert Malloy of this city. The nuptial mass was said by the Rev. Father Killen. The bride wore a black tailored suit with white hat and a bouquet of violets. She was attended by her sister, Miss May Malloy, while Mr. Herbert Barrett was best man. After the ceremony, the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's mother, Cedar Street. The wedding celebration was very quiet owing to the recent death of the bride's father. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts which manifested her popularity. Mr. and Mrs. Malloy will take up their residence in their new home on Moore Street West. The best wishes of a host of friends are extended to them for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

CITIZENS' DAIRY CHANGES HANDS

Messrs. Brownson Bros. have disposed of the Citizen's Dairy to Mr. Parks of Toronto.

BUSINESS CHANGE

A Front Street business has just changed hands. Mr. Fred Ridley, a well known citizen has purchased the Tip Top Tailor and United Cigar Store from Mr. H. P. Lee. Mr. Lee has been appointed district manager, his territory covering five counties, for the Vanophone Company of Toronto.

Isaac O. Proctor Dead; Sheriff Thirty Years

Brighton, Ont., March 5th.— Relatives announce the death of Mr. Isaac O. Proctor, for thirty years Sheriff of the counties of Northumberland and Durham, and a prominent Liberal and Freemason. He was born in Brighton eighty years ago, and was Sheriff until four years ago. He had huge interests here, and was a Knight Templar in the Fort Hope Precinctory. The late Mr. Proctor was a bachelor. Mr. O. R. W. Proctor, manager of the Standard Bank of Canada in Brighton, is a nephew, while Mrs. H. C. Webb, and Mrs. (J.) Sanford of Brighton and Mrs. H. J. Snelgrove of Toronto are nieces. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at Brighton with Masonic honors.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that the firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATHARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A.D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.

Hall's Catharrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Homeseekers Excursions to The Land of Wheat.

Homeseekers' Excursions to Western Canada at low fares via Canadian Pacific each Tuesday, March 7th to October 31st inclusive. Particulars from any Canadian Pacific Agent or W. B. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

BELLEVILLE JUNIORS GO DOWN TO DEFEAT IN TORONTO

(From Thursday's Daily)

Belleville's juniors are now out of the race for the O.H.A. championship. Last night at the Toronto arena, the team led by Lee defeated the Quinte boys 13 to 1 in a game remarkable for its intensity. The Avenue Road line-up winning the semi-finals by the score of 24 to 9.

It was a brilliant performance after last Monday night's battle when the Toronto team secured a three goal lead on Belleville. Still Belleville's wonderful achievement in Kingston was the source of considerable speculation as to whether the boys would repeat something in Toronto's great sporting amphitheatre. Two thousand spectators watched the game.

Belleville's juniors were out in good numbers to support their friends and their own team. They did a great deal of the talking and cheering for the visiting team for which in the early part they had many opportunities.

Belleville should be proud of its junior record in 1916. It is many a day since the Quinte lads stood with in one game of the provincial finals. But in the absence of the arena, the boys in the defending process in their district as a result of which they had only one team to compete against—Lindsay. For weeks the youngsters, for quite a number of them were only seventeen and good for three more years of junior work did not have a game. Their tears were a victory in Lindsay in the home and home games of the tie for the district was a great achievement.

Aura Lee did not show up as well in the opening period as in the first game. The arena at Belleville, Springfield seemed to be looking in their initiative. Belleville however raised the interest in high pitch with the result that the first twenty minutes was very fast hockey. Although the period ended, without either side scoring, Belleville was given credit for having surprised the arena.

Aura Lee scored the puck at the face-off, kicking it to Belleville. Lee Nelson, and his defence, warded off several shots. Gouinlock, the center, who was playing his first game on Toronto ice, rushed against Nurse but was checked. Whelan took the rubber down right. The A. L. Deacon took it away and rushed up ice. This man Sheldon, a heavy player, was the star performer for Aura Lee and he demolished Belleville's combination against him. Whelan was checked in the middle of the game. Garfield, Arnott, took charge of the rubber and fired on goal. Whelan was shot and shot a net but Wilkinson was too alert. Belleville was playing all around Aura Lee. Gouinlock's rush on the visiting defence was checked. Whelan and Green took the rubber and shot on the net ineffectively. Gummer Arnott charged singly the home defence but did not pass Wilkinson. Excitement was intense and hopes ran high as the puck bounced off the ice. Whelan and Green. Here came the Belleville boys. Three times chance only seemed to keep it from the nets.

Nurse broke up a brilliant center combination. Lynn took up the puck and fired from right and had a narrow escape. Jimmy Green, the Aura Lee defence, was ordered over to penalty for tripping. Sheldon passed down the ice but nurse warded off the shot. Gummer Arnott's shot passed over the rival net. Sheldon failed on Nurse. Garfield Arnott broke away with the rubber. Sheldon and Gouinlock combined on Nurse and failed. The period closed with enthusiasm among Belleville supporters at white heat.

All the visitors were skating fast, exciting, combination and checking with energy.

The second period started the visitors on goals on Nurse. The Belleville forwards worked well, and Nurse picked off Sheldon and Gouinlock. The defence had had a hard time to keep the puck out of the net. After three minutes of play, Whelan, after a number of rushes, scored the first goal, having drawn off the defence. One minute later Gouinlock, who had the score in the same style. Little was hurt by the face. Sheldon forced Garfield Arnott in the corner from which he just missed scoring. Aura Lee seemed to be exerting their speed. Gummer Arnott, based on the goal but Wilkinson was a rock. Whelan headed his way up to the net and scored the third goal after ten minutes' play. Green fired on Wilkinson but he stopped. L. Arnott took the rubber down to the corner and passed in front of the net. Whelan lay down in front of the net, and was penalized for one minute. Belleville forwards were broken up again and again by Sheldon. In combination they could not pass him, for he would catch the puck in the eyes. Green shot from left but missed. Whelan checked Sheldon hard and got away. Gouinlock scored the next goal after 12 minutes. Green of Aura Lee was penalized. The period resulted Aura Lee 4, Belleville 1.

Belleville started at once into Aura Lee's in the last twenty minutes. But the home team worked a brilliant forward combination and Little scored. G. Arnott tried two shots alone. Whelan and Armstrong worked hard. Lynn broke away up to the defence but broke there. Six minutes of play saw Gouinlock score a minute later. Whelan bored into goal and in a few seconds Wright again scored. These four goals only seemed to spur on the visiting boys. They were not forward rush. Whelan shot the puck with skating was a feature and Little's speed was baffling at times. After ten minutes of play Little scored. Whelan opened up and Lynn shot from center. Eleven minutes of the period saw Remond drive on the goal. The forward line was off the team for some games, but he had been practising and was in the best form last night.

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SIX GOAL LEAD ON BELLEVILLE

(From Thursday's Daily)

Midland Intermediates Play Here Tomorrow Night—Locals have Heavy Task

Midland Intermediates come to Belleville tomorrow night with a 10 to 1 score to be overcome by the home team. Last night's match at Midland in the first of the semi-finals was one of the fastest games of hockey of the season from start to finish. Although the lead of six is a big one, yet many think the locals may pull it down.

Both teams started with a great burst of speed. Midland checked the visitors steadily and held them down to one goal while Midland got four. Belleville had some advantage in the second, scoring two against Midland's two. The Quinte boys' superior weight telling with effect upon the Midlanders. The interest was intense because of the speed both teams were exhibiting. Some penalties were imposed.

The third session saw Midland tear away from Belleville, scoring again four to one. Although a bombardment of Belleville goals was tried again and again it did not succeed as expected because of the defence and Conley. One goal and before the final goal.

Belleville scored their one goal. McDonald in goal saved a number of likely bullets reaching Midland's net. It was expected that Midland might get away with a lead of five, so that the result was not much of a surprise. Midland rink is of a most unusual design, much shorter than Belleville's, and narrower, while its ends are oval. It is said many a championship game has been lost in that rink for that reason. How Belleville rink will surprise the Midland team remains to be seen. In view of the 12 to 1 score inflicted on Brampton by Midland, McDonald's work last night was remarkable.

The teams Goal Midland McDonald Right Defence Bestly Left Defence Simpson Rover A. Simple Centre McGill Left Wing R. McDonald Right Wing D. Simple

Referee—McLeod, Toronto. Finkle replaced Hough last night. The former has been off the team for some games, but he had been practising and was in the best form last night.

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Military Notes

Q.M.S. Bredin of the 155th with the assistance of Sergt. J. Boyle and an escort of six men is taking a military census of the city of Belleville.

The 80th have had 14 enlistments this week. The battalion is now up to full strength.

Messrs. Belcher, Harger, J. Jones, A. Skinner and Joseph Maudham have enlisted in the 155th battalion.

Lieut. McGie of the M.G.S., 155th has returned to the city. He states that his section is filling up and will begin work on Monday next.

The strength of the various battalions on Feb. 29, in the Third Division was as follows: 5th—1185; 7th—1152; 80th—1094; 109th—841; 109th—84; 93rd—794; 133th—756; 139th—716; 156th—701; 146th—650; 130th—645; 154th—606; 136th—486.

The 155th band started today at noon on their county tour, opening at Marlbank tonight. Major Wallbridge is in charge of the band on its trip. Bandmaster Hinckley's organization is certain to meet with success. All reports say the sales of seats are good. The program to be given is an excellent one: "March in Old Quebec," Overture, "Foot and Peasant"; Song, "Bandmaster Burke," "Home Sweet Home the World Over"; March, operatic selection, "Pinafore"; the cornet solo, handsom sword; saxophone selection; Sergt. Dobbs; song F. Burke; overture; band sextette "Lucia"; patriotic patrol.

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Lieut. Webb of Madoc is in town. Capt. Noble of Picton is in the city.

Col. Adams, Major Allen, Capt. Gilmore, and Capt. Noble attended a patriotic entertainment in Trenton last night.

Lt. Detlor has been transferred from the 80th to the 155th.

The 155th has started a campaign in the company room in the Ardouries.

A bugle band is being started in connection with the Madoc platoon, with eight bugles and four drums.

Capt. Williams has proceeded to Ottawa on command.

Captains Hudgins, Gladney, Nichols and Harper and Lt. Caldwell of the 80th are attending the officers' qualification class at Kingston.

SIE JAMES WATSON'S OPINION CONSIDERED MOST VALUABLE.

He says that the commonest of all disorders, and one from which few escape is Catarrh. Sir James firmly believes in local treatment, which is best supplied by "CATARRHOZON".

Among those who secured draws were Messrs. Wm. Smith, Mr. George Thompson and J. Barnum.

Mr. George Harris secured a draw from Alfred Jordan on the occasion of his visit here.

Mr. W. E. Schuster Gets Commission

Mr. Wm. E. Schuster, the well known coal merchant and member of the Schuster Company left at noon today for Ottawa to take out a commission in the new Foresters' Battalion, which is being organized in that city.

A Successful Operation

(From Thursday's Daily) Mr. P. P. Clark, West Bridge St. who was taken to the city hospital some days ago in a very serious condition, yesterday morning underwent an operation for a trouble of some years standing. We are pleased to report that the operation was successful and present indications point to a complete recovery. Dr. Gibson performed the surgical work and he was assisted by Drs. Yeomans and MacColl. Nurse Comerford is also highly commended for the unremitting attention she has given during the progress of the case.

RESTORE YOUTHFUL LOOKS! Let your fight for better health begin now! Before you feel any warning of physical collapse, cleanse and strengthen and build up your system. The one remedy for that tired, droopy feeling, is Dr. Hamilton's Pills, the acknowledged King of all tonic medicines. Thousands of men and women in the late years of life retain their youthful looks and feeling simply because they regulate their system with this old reliable family remedy. Nothing so good for the bowels, stomach or kidneys. Cures headaches, prevents biliousness, stops aching pains in the back and limbs. Get a 25c box of GDR. Hamilton's Pills to-day.

Died in Montreal

(From Thursday's Daily) The remains of the late Mrs. Sarah Roblin, widow of the late Rev. E. J. Roblin, will arrive here tomorrow afternoon from Montreal, and be deposited in Belleville cemetery vault. Deceased was 94 years of age and passed away at the home of her son, Mrs. Ormond, who was for many years in Belleville before going to Montreal.

Mrs. R. Anderson, New York City, is in the city. Mrs. Laura Miller of Montreal is visiting Miss Tiskel, Church street, for a short time.

Bye-Election Record Not a Cheering One

(Special to the Ontario)

Toronto March 2—It is noticeable that there is not nearly the same spirit of bravado and devil-may-care in the Government at the opening of the Legislature this year as in the "old days." There are doubtless several reasons for this, but one of the obvious ones is the bye-election record.

Sir James Whitney, justly enough, in his opening speech each session used to glow and exult over the bye-election results each year. His successor, however, instead of exulting bids to explain defeats and reductions.

The bye-elections since the General Election of 1914 and their results are as follows—

Hamilton West, June 1914, Con. Maj. 1411, bye-election Con. Maj. 56; Dundas, June 1914, Con. Maj. 673; York, 1914, Con. Maj. 627; bye-election Lib. Maj. 306.

In Hamilton West, therefore, the government majority was reduced by 1375; in Dundas by 611 and in Peel the government lost the seat with a change of 932. In these bye-elections therefore, the change against the government amounted to 2918, or an average of almost a thousand.

It is easy to see that if such results, or anything like them, continue and are effective at the next general election the Hebert government is within striking distance of the end of its reign.

And there seems to be a growing feeling among the public that this is the case.

Pittsburgh Sentiment favors the Allies

(From Thursday's Daily)

Mrs. W. C. Dempsey, Albert Street, West, having returned via Chicago, while on the train she met a lady from Pittsburgh who told an interesting story of the experiences of her son after the beginning of the war.

He was sent to Australia in the interests of his firm, a large machinery corporation. His name was Zundt and owing to its German sound he was arrested on his arrival in the Annapolis.

On one inquiry being made he was able to satisfy the authorities that he was German only in name and on their advice he changed his name to Hunt and under this name he went to work for the Commonwealth doing business without molestation.

Mrs. Dempsey was informed that although there was a considerable German population in Pittsburgh the general sentiment ran very strongly in favor of the Allies.

The speaker traced the growth of the Empire from the days when sturdy races came to the shores of England and shared their blood with the men who lived there. The Vikings had given us our love of the sea and the Romans had taught our ancestors their first lessons in law-making and militarism.

The advancement of Science and Literature had been rapid and far-reaching. The influence which the champions of these arts had had upon our ideals of government and thinking was having its telling effect in our day.

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He would point such men to the reformers of our history who had made the British Empire the Mother of Freedom—civil, religious and military—which it is today. Britons might well find inspiration in their past with which to measure up to the standard of nobility and honor required in our time.

The Doctor referred to very many of the imperishable traditions of history in which men had unflinchingly passed through the gates of martyrdom (that British subjects might be free. He spoke testily of the constancy and courage that inhered in the efforts of Clarkson and Wilberforce who broke the shackles from every slave in the British Empire; to the martyrdom of Lattimer and Kilday, burned at the stake that they might set a flame the Torch of Truth and hand down from age to age the torch but triumphant banner of Faith. He dealt at some length with the spilling of blood which had resulted in Britain's establishment of humanity's rights, taking as an example the career of Robert Clive, that brilliant and avenged the death of one hundred and twenty-three Europeans, smothered and trampled to death in the Black Hole of Calcutta. Clive had thus done his noble part in securing the rights of men against the menace of oppression. Then, as today, Britain was passing through the crucible and her heroism in the testing time did not fail her. Clive, with 3,000 men had awed Surajah Dowlah from the field although he fought at the head of 80,000 of his troops. These, the speaker affirmed, were some of the men who had added glory to the British race and set up the standards of Right and Freedom in every part of the world where the British ensign flies. Little wonder was it that with such proud memories as these that Britons had taken up the sword of truth on behalf of the weak against the injustice of Teutonic military power.

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