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Dance to Follow

Admission 25c Reserved Seat 50c Dance 75c

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you have any sewing to do it will pay you to investigate our plan whereby you may own a Sew E-Z Sewing Machine Motor

This Is It

If you have a day's sewing to do let us know and we will deliver the motor at your house and charge you a very moderate rent for it. For every day you rent the motor we give you one cnance on a drawing to be held as soon as the value of the motor has been received in rentals.

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Courtenay Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., Limited
Phones: Office 35, Res. R98 Office: Mill Street

Local Lines

Skating was indulged in on the mill pond for a few days last week.

The WomansHospital Auxiliary of Cumberland will hold their annual St. Valentine's Ball, Wednesday, February 16, at the West Cumberland Hall.

Owing to the very inclement weather there was not quite so large a crowd as large as usual at the Knights of Pythias dance on Thursday evening. Those present however, had a splendid time.

Ladies desiring work in connection with the Red Cross Society may obtain same on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's in the month at Sandwick (near Parkin Bros. Store) or at Mr, W. Idien's office: Work is done on these days from 2.30 to 4:30 in Sandwick hall by ladies who attend for the purpose, and any who care to spend these afternoons in this way will be welcome,

Found—Ladies brown leather handbag. Apply Review office.

Wanted—6 little pigs. Apply Box 295, Cumberland.

For sale---sleigh, with pole, also top buggy almost new. Apply W. Duncan, Sandwick,

Wanted immediately—A piano, Must be cheap. Spot cash. Apply Box 12, Review office,

One or two bright furnished rooms to let on main road. Apply Miss Davey, Courtenay Postoffice.

Wanted to buy from the farmers of the Comox valley, potatoes and other vegetables. A. B. Ball, Comox.

Wanted—2nd hand cream separator in good working order, De La Valle preferred. Apply W. Bailey, Lazo.

Strayed onto my premises, a Jersey steer, Owner can have same by paying expenses, Alex. Leddingham, Grantham.

Lost, $5 bill between the Grain Growers' agency and Courtenay Hotel, on Friday last. Reward. Apply Box 13, Review Office.

Wanted—Jersey cow, to come fresh soon : state price, age, and when fresh. Address Carl Peterson, Campbell River B. C.

For sale, Australian stump puller will trade for small launch engine, must be good. Apply J. Caljouw, Bowser P.O., Vancouver Isle.

Found—On the Lake Trail road, between the Power House road, and the cross road, a black enamelled search light. Apply at Review office,

For Sale— One 6 h, p. Fairkanks Morse Gas Engine, one 3 k. w. Dynamo switch board, etc., also pump and belting, Capacity 12 gallons per minute. Apply at Riverside hotel.

Strayed —onto my premises at Kye Bay, a young red steer. Same will be sold to pay expenses of keep, etc., if not claimed within 10 days of this notice. Apply to J. Lawrence, Kye Bay.

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Baily Farm
TO LET
Markham Ball - Sandwick

Comox Creamery Butter
45c per lb. this week

Born—At Grantham, on Sunday Jan, 9, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Crockett, a son.

The recent cold snap caused a lot of water pipes to burst, and brouhgt a smile to Jackson's face which has not come off yet.

There is over a foot of snow all over the valley, and the cold snap of Sunday night has made excellent sleighing.

The Citizens ticketers held a meeting on Sunday afternoon. The better the day, the better the deed.

A well-known Liberal worker made the statement this week that the Liberals were the only respectable people in town, and that everyone should vote for their ticket. Now, fellow Conservatives, what do you think of that ? Are you going to take it lying down, or are you going to hit back at the pol's today and show who are the better men, and the most competent to rule Courtenay ?

Throw out some scraps for the birds daily while the snow is on the ground, Our feathered friends are having a hard time to exist these days. The gun clubs should also do something towards feeding the pheasants if they expect any shooting this fall. The poor little fellows must be pretty short of rations by this time. Three years ago the Government instructed the game wardens to put out feed for the game birds. It's about time something was done for them now,

Presbyterian Church

St. Andrews' Sandwick
Service 2 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Class 3 p. m.
Courtenay
Sunday School and Bible Class 10:30 a. m. Service 11:30. Evening service 7:30 p. m. All welcome

Mr. J. Sutton, who has been laid up with Pneumonia for the past couple of weeks is around again.

Remember the Basket Ball Club's dance to-morrow Frdiay evening, The Harmony Orchestra will furnish the music.

The walking public of Comox wish to thank Mr. Jas. Cathew fro running his snow plough from the hospital to the village.

Miss Mildred Smith left yesterday for her school at Union Bay. A brand new school house has been erected. The opening day took place yesterday.

P. McBride for a long time baker at Marrochi's, has decided to go into business on his own account and is opening a bake-shop and tea room in the Calhoun block next to Loggie's store. He has secured the best stand in town and should make business hum,

The platform of the Citizens ticket was the production of a Cumberland printer. Are we to understand by that, that the Citizens ticket, if elected, intend giving outsiders the benefit of any work that may turn up. They already boast that they are going to hire outside lawyers and engineers. They might as well go a step farther and say they are going to hand the whole city over to outsiders,

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS VISITING COURTENAY
Telephone 29 for Transfer of Baggage
Harry Hodkinson
Judson St.

DINNER ROLL

1 cake Fleischmann's Yeast, 1 cup milk, scalded and cooled, 1 tablespoonful sugar, 3 cups sifted flour, white of one egg, 2 tablespoonfuls lard or butter, melted, 1-2 teaspoonful salt

Disolve 1 cake Fleischmann's yeast and sugar in lukewarm milk, add 1 1-2 cups flour and beat until smooth, then add white of egg, well beaten, lard or butter, remainder of flour, or enough to mak a moderately firm dough and the salt; knead lightly, using as little flour in kneading as possible; place in well greased bowl, cover and set to rise in a warm place, free from draft, until double in bulk—about 2 hours; mould into rolls the size of walnuts; place in well greased paust protect from draft, and let rise 1-2 hour, or until light; glaze with white of egg, diluted with water; bake 10 minutes in a hot oven

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The Mystery of the Ravenspurs

By Fred M. White

Ward, Lock & Co., Limited
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(Continued)

CHAPTER XLVIII.

More From the Past

Tchigorsky was waiting. The room was pregnant with the perfume of Turkish cigarettes and coffee. Ralph handed a cup to his nephew.

"Drink that," he said. "You want something to keep you awake."

Geoffrey accepted the coffee gratefully. It had the desired effect. He felt the clouds lifting from his brain and the drowsy heaviness of limb leaving him.

"Are you coming with us?" he asked.

Ralph shook his head. There was a strange gleam on his face.

"I stay here," he said. "You are going to be busy, but I also have much to do. Don't be concerned for me. Blind as I am, I am capable of taking care of myself. I shall have a deal to tell you in the morning."

A minute or two later and the two conspirators slipped away. It struck Geoffrey as strange that they should not leave the house in the usual way; but Tchigorsky grimly explained that he much preferred using the ivy outside Ralph's window.

"Always be on the safe side," Tchigorsky muttered. "Come along."

Geoffrey followed. Where Tchigorsky could go he felt competent to follow. They reached the ground in safety and later were in the road, the moon had gone and it was intensely dark, but Geoffrey knew the way perfectly.

"Straight to Jessop's farm?" he asked.

"As far as the lawn," Tchigorsky replied. "It will be a good hour yet before we can venture to carry out our burglary. I can run no risks until I know that those two Asiatics are out of the way. What time is it?"

"About ten minutes to twelve."

Tchigorsky muttered that the time was not quite suitable for him. He drew a watch from his pocket; there was a stifled whirr of machinery, and the repeater's rapid pulse beat twelve with the silvery chime of a quarter after the hour.

"You are wrong," he said. "You see it is between a quarter and half-past twelve. We will lie on Jessop's lawn till one o'clock and then all will be safe."

They lay there waiting for the time to pass. The minutes seemed to be weighted. "Tell me some more of your Lassa adventures," Geoffrey asked.

"Very well," Tchigorsky replied. "Where did I leave off? Ah, we had just been tortured on that awful grill. And we had been offered our lives on condition that we consented to be hopeless idiots for the rest of our days.

"Well, we were not going to live in these circumstances, you may be sure. For the next few days we were left to our own resources in a dark dungeon with the huge rats and vermin for company. We were half starved into the bargain, and when we were brought into the light once more they naturally expected submission.

"But they didn't get it. They did not realize the stuff we were made of. And they had no idea we were armed. We had our revolvers and concealed in our pockets were some fifty rounds of ammunition. If the worst came to the worst we should not die without a struggle.

"Well, there was a huge palaver over us before the priests in the big temple, with Zara on her throne, and a fine impressive scene it was, or, at least, it would have been had we not been so interested as to our own immediate future. At any rate, it was a comfort to know that there were no more tortures for the present, for nothing of the kind was to be seen. We were going to die; we could read our sentence in the eyes of the priests long before the elaborate mummery was over.

"I tell you it seemed hard to perish like that just at the time when we had penetrated nearly all the secrets we had come in search of. And it was no less hard to know that if the princess had postponed her visit another week she would have been too late. By that time we should have left Lassa far behind.

"The trial or ceremony, or whatever you like to call it, came to an end at length, and then we were brought up to the throne of the princess. You know the woman, you have looked upon the beauty and fascination of her face; but you have no idea how different she was in the homes of her people. She looked a real queen, a queen from head to foot. We stood awed before her.

"'You have been offered terms and refused them,' she said. 'It is now too late.'

"'We could not trust you,' I replied boldly; we had nothing to gain by politeness. 'Better anything than the living death you offered us. And we can only die once.'

"The princess smiled in her blood-curdling way.

"'You do not know what you are talking about,' she said. 'Ah, you will find out when you come to walk the Black Valley!'

"She gave a sign and we were led away unbound. A quaint wailing music filled the air; the priests were singing our funeral song. I never fully appreciated the refined cruelty of reading the burial service to a criminal on his way to the scaffold till then. It makes me shudder to think of it even now.

"They led us out into the open air, still crooning that dirge. They brought us at length to the head of a great valley between huge towering mountains, as if the Alps had been sliced in two and a narrow passage made between them. At the head of this passage was a door let into the cliff and down through this door they thrust us. It was dark inside. For the first part of the way, till we reached the floor of the valley, we were to be accompanied by four priests, a delicate attention to prevent us from breaking our necks before we reached the bottom. But our guides did not mean us to perish so mercifully.

"'Listen to me,' Zara cried, 'listen for the last time. You are going into the Black Valley; of its horrors and dangers you know nothing as yet. But you will soon learn. Take comfort in the fact that there is an exit at the far end if you can find it. When you are out of the exit you are free. Thousands have walked this valley, and over their dry bones you will make your way. Out of these thousands one man escaped. Perhaps you will be as fortunate. Farewell!'

"The door clanged behind us, and we were alone with the priests. We could not see, we could only feel our way down those awful cliffs, where one false step would have smashed us to pieces. But the priests never hesitated. Down, down we went until we reached the bottom. There we could just see dimly.

"'You could guide us through?' I asked.

"One of the priests nodded. He could save us if he liked. Not that I was going to waste my breath by asking them. They were priests of a minor degree; there were thousands of them about the temple, all alike as peas in a pod. If these men failed to return they would never be missed. A desperate resolution came to me. In a few English whispered words I conveyed it to Ralph Ravenspur.

"We still had a priest on either side of us. At a given signal we produced our revolvers, and before the priests had the remotest idea what had happened two of them were dead on the ground, shot through the brain. When the thousand and one echoes died away we each had our man by the throat. What did we care if the plot was discovered or not! We were both desperate.

"'Listen, dog,' I cried. 'You have seen your comrades perish. If you would escape a similar death, you will bear us to safety. You shall walk ten paces in front, and if you try to evade us you die, for our weapons carry farther than you can run in the space of two minutes. Well, are you going to convey us to a place of safety, or shall we shoot you like the others?'"

Tchigorsky paused and pulled at his watch. He drew back the catch and the rapid little pulse beat one.

Then he rose to his feet.

"To be continued in our next," he said. "The time has come to act. Follow me and betray no surprise at anything you may see or hear."

"You can rely upon me," Geoffrey whispered. "Lead on."

CHAPTER XLIX.

Ralph Takes Charge

The troubled house had fallen asleep at last. They were all used to the swooping horrors; they could vividly recollect how one trouble aft r another had happened.

And it had been an eventful day. For the last few hours they had lived a fresh tragedy. True, the tragedy itself had been averted, but for some time there had been the agony of the real thing. The Ravenspurs, exhausted by the flood of emotion, had been glad of rest.

They were presumably asleep now, all but Ralph. Long after deep silence had fallen on the house he sat alone in the darkness. The glow of his pipe just touched his inscrutable features and a faint halo of light played about his grizzled head. A mouse nibbling behind the panels sounded clear as the crack of a pistol shot. The big stable clock boomed two.

Ralph laid aside his pipe and crept to the door. He opened it silently and passed out into the corridor. A cat would not have made less noise. Yet he moved swiftly and confidently, as one who has eyes to see familiar ground. He came at length to the room where Mrs. May was lying.

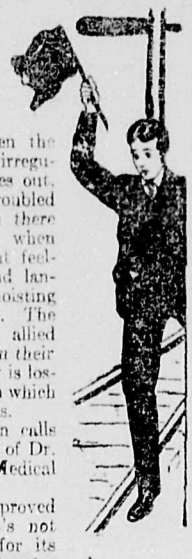
She had been made fairly comfortable. Her dress had been loosened at the throat, but she still wore the clothes in which she had been dressed at the time of her accident.

Later she would perhaps find it difficult to account for masquerading in the castle in that strange guise. That she would have some ingenious plea to put forward Ralph felt certain. But the dress was another matter. Ralph grinned to himself as he thought of it.

(To be Continued)

DANGER SIGNALS.

No engineer would be mad enough to run by the flag which signaled danger. What the danger was he might not understand, but he would take no chances. It is different with the average man or woman. They attempt constantly to run by the danger signals of nature and that attempt costs thousands of lives every year. When the appetite becomes irregular or entirely gives out, when sleep is troubled and broken, when there is a loss of flesh, when there is a constant feeling of dullness and languor, nature is hoisting the danger signal. The stomach and its allied organs are failing in their work and the body is losing the nutrition on which its strength depends.



Such a condition calls for the prompt use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

It is the world's proved blood purifier. It's not a secret remedy for its ingredients are printed on the wrapper. Start to take it to-day and before another day has passed, the impurities of the blood will begin to leave your body through the liver, kidneys, bowels and skin, and in a few days you will know by your steadier nerves, firmer step, keener mind, brighter eyes and clearer skin that the bad blood is passing out and new, rich, pure blood is filling your arteries. The same good blood will cause pimples, acne, eczema and all skin eruptions to dry up and disappear. It's a tonic and body builder. Get it to-day in either liquid or tablet form or write Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for free medical advice.

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Philadelphia, Pa.—"I had a severe case of nervous prostration, with palpitation of the heart, constipation, headaches, dizziness, noise in my ears, timid, nervous, restless feelings and sleeplessness.

"I read in the paper where a young woman had been cured of the same troubles by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound so I threw away the medicines the doctor left me and began taking the Compound. Before I had taken half a bottle I was able to sit up and in a short time I was able to do all my work. Your medicine has proved itself able to do all you say it will and I have recommended it in every household I have visited."—Mrs. MARY JOHNSTON, 210 Siegel Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Another Bad Case.

Ephrata, Pa.—"About a year ago I was down with nervous prostration. I was pale and weak and would have hysteric spells, sick headaches and a bad pain under my shoulder-blade. I was under the care of different doctors but did not improve. I was so weak I could hardly stand long enough to do my dishes.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has made me well and happy and I have begun to gain in weight and my face looks healthy now."—Mrs. J. W. HORNBERGER, R. No. 3, Ephrata, Pa.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

The Saskatchewan Yield

Wheat Crop This Year Greater Than Any Since 1901, Says Department

In a final report on the grain crop of Saskatchewan, the provincial department of agriculture states the average yield per acre is 25.2 bushels of wheat, 45.9 bushels of oats, 33.2 bushels of barley and 11.2 bushels of flax. In 1901 the wheat averaged 25.4 bushels to the acre, the only time the yield was greater than this year. Oats exceeded this year's yield in 1909.

Wheat—Acreage, 6,884,874 acres; average yield, 25.2 bushels; total yield, 173,723,775 bushels.

Oats—Acreage, 2,846,949 acres; average yield, 45.9 bushels; total yield, 130,916,048 bushels.

Barley—Acreage, 272,299 acres; average yield, 33.2 bushels; total yield, 9,043,813 bushels.

Flax—Acreage, 539,874 acres; average yield, 11.2 bushels; total yield, 6,060,499 bushels.

Land prepared for the 1915 crop, 10,543,796 acres.

Land prepared for the crop of 1916—New breaking, 729,553 acres; summerfallowing, 2,043,841 acres; fall plowing, 1,731,497 acres; total prepared for 1916 crop, 4,504,981 acres.

Electricity "Pinched" From Germans

For downright ingenuity and daring, the following incident, told by Captain C. W. Thrussell, of the Royal Irish Rifles, has few parallels:

"On one occasion our telephone linesman happened to find two live cables on the ground in the rear of our trenches. No one happened to know to whom they belonged or whence they came; rumor had it that the generating station was somewhere in the German lines. Without asking leave from the German authorities, our linesman promptly fitted wires and carried them to the battalion headquarters, the dressing station, officers' dugouts, etc. Lamps were found in the deserted houses of a village just behind, and for many weeks a first class electric installation was in full working order with power 'pinched' from Germany."

"The spirit of the navy remains unchanged whatever the dangers which confront it," writes Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, "I do not think I can describe it better than by quoting what was found by the censor in the letter of a young bluejacket:

"'Mother, it is sometimes very hot out here when the shells are dropping all about you and the submarines are hovering round, and you may strike a mine at any minute. At first I was a bit scared, but I remembered the words of the padre last Sunday, when he said: "Men, men, in times of trial and danger look upwards." I did look upwards, mother, and if there wasn't a blooming aeroplane dropping bombs on us!'"

Sir Adam Beck, who is the chief of the remount department for the Canadian government, states that no more horses were being bought for a while at least. There are enough remounts in England, he said, to supply all the units and meet any wastage for some time to come.

Must Have Passport

Better Not Try to Leave Country Without Necessary Document

Since the announcement of the department of external affairs that all British subjects travelling to Great Britain must secure passports, there have been prepared by the under-secretary of external affairs. Forms may be secured at his office by writing, but in order to prevent delay application blanks have been sent to most of the Canadian banks and British steamship agencies. These forms, giving particulars of citizenship, description of traveller, etc., must be accompanied by a declaration made by either a mayor, magistrate, minister of immigration, barrister, physician, surgeon, solicitor, or notary public.

There must also be forwarded two photographs of the applicant. There is no delay at the department in forwarding the passport, which is usually mailed the same day the application form is received.

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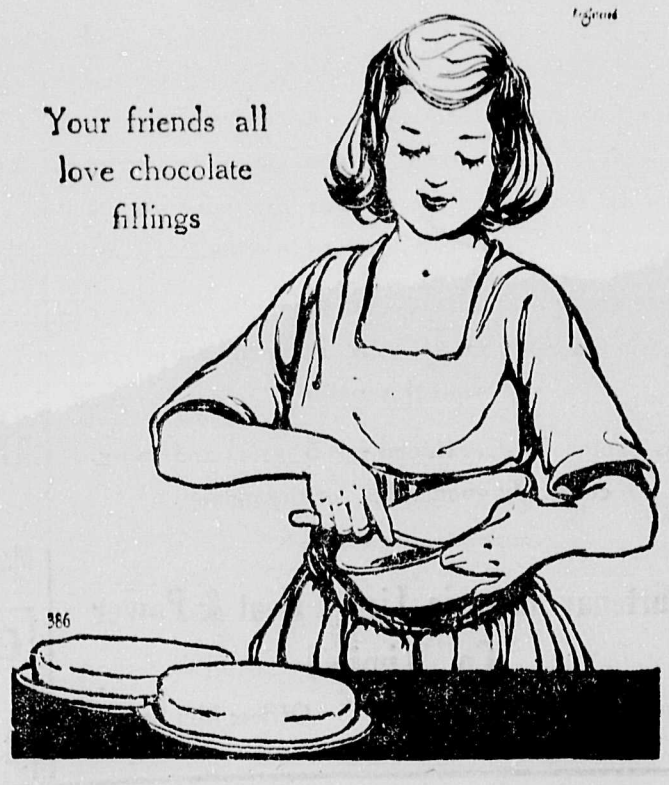

Dangers in High Places

"King George fell from his horse; perhaps the Kaiser will now get a kick in the wrist from the chap's of his automobile."—Detroit Free Press.

And perhaps after that, President Wilson will get squirted in the eye while filling his fountain pen for another note.—London (Ont.) Advertiser.

Pat and Mike were crossing the river on a ferry boat. They were watching intently a big dredging barge that was sending its mammoth scoops under the water and bringing up tons of mud.

"Pat," says Mike, "wouldn't yez loike to be a workin' over there on that mud digger?"

"Yis," says Pat, "but, begorra, Oid hate to be one the fellers under the water that's fillin' up thim shovels."

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How Turkey Entered War

"It will be remembered that Turkey got into the war by one of her battle cruisers firing on a Russian port in the Black Sea," says Mr. Bouck White, who has lately returned from Constantinople. "The Turkish minister of marine, a Young Turk, of prominence, was in a club in Constantinople playing cards. A messenger entered, and told him that one of the boats in his navy had fired on the Russians, thus creating a casus belli. The face of the minister went white. "I didn't know anything about it!" he gasped out; "I didn't know anything about it." Enver, the war minister, at the behest of his German owners, had forced the issue over the heads of fellow members in his own cabinet and to their entire ignorance."

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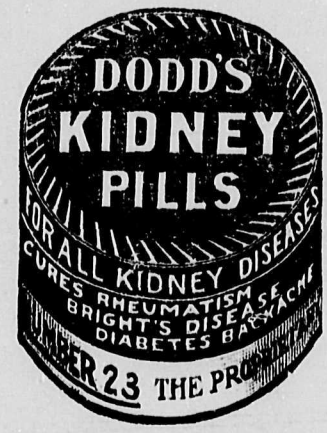

Clean Milk Wanted

The sediment test is the best method of detecting dirt in milk. This test should be used wherever milk is sold. It shows the dairyman the degree of cleanliness of his milk.

In order that as little dirt as possible may adhere to the cows, their udders, flanks and tails should be kept clipped; all loose dust can then be easily brushed off with a damp cloth before milking. Never should anyone be allowed to milk wet, as it is a filthy exercise.

From tests with open and covered pails it has been found that a covered pail closed about two-thirds with a hood will keep out at least 75 per cent. of the dirt. These pails are just as convenient to use as the ordinary ones and cost little more.

A strainer will not take out the fine sediment in milk, but is useful for taking out hair and other large foreign stuff, and also serves for detecting the dirty milker. Huck towelling makes a very good strainer cloth. All cans and utensils should be washed and scalded every time used and given their daily sun bath to keep them sweet.

Producers and consumers should co-operate and see that a premium is paid to those that produce clean milk.

Exhausted From Asthma. Many who read these words know the terrible drain upon health and strength, which comes in the train of asthmatic troubles. Many do not realize, however, that there is one true remedy which will surely stop this drain. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is a wonderful check to this enervating ailment. It has a countless record of relief to its credit. It is sold almost everywhere.

Praise For Western Horses

Col. A. D. McRae, Canadian remount commissioner, who is now in camp at Shorncliffe, states that the western prairie horses are ahead of all others he has seen in England. He has seen the mounts bought in the United States, Argentine, Australia, and New Zealand, but those from Western Canada top the list. They are well shouldered up and are being selected for officers' mounts and chief positions. The heavy horses also are giving splendid service in transport work and have made a name for themselves.

Among he many remarkable yields of wheat in Alberta this year that of Mr. L. Carpenter of Three Hills will take a prominent place. The field was measured and the grain weighed showing the average to be 65⅔ bushels per acre.

Agricultural Education

Need of Professional Training For Teachers of Agriculture

At recent conferences of agricultural education men from various departments of education, the necessity of professional training in education for instructors of agriculture in colleges and high schools has been emphasized. At a meeting recently held at Columbus, Ohio, under the auspices of the U.S. office of experiment stations, it was resolved that the minimum requirement of such training for teachers of agriculture in secondary schools should be ten per cent. of the total credit hours for graduation from a standard agricultural college or its equivalent. This means the passing of the day when an agricultural teacher need be merely a graduate from a farmer's course in an agricultural college. The teacher of agriculture in both college and high schools needs to have a general training, a scientific or technical training, and a professional training. The numerous failures of agricultural college graduates as teachers in the secondary schools, also in colleges, is rapidly forcing the issue. The necessity for pedagogical training is being recognized by those who are in a position to note the successes and the failures of young teachers who have had the threefold training above indicated, and of those who have not had such training.—Rural Educator.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Canada and the Rebuilding of Belgium

During 1913, in a time of peace, says "Canada Lumberman," Belgium imported building and rough furnishing materials to the following extent: From Germany, 332,256,736 kilogrammes (1,000 kilogrammes approximately being equal to one ton); from the United Kingdom, 156,638,642 kilogrammes; from France, 145,096,746 kilogrammes; from the Netherlands, 38,073,465 kilogrammes; from the United States, 9,361,978 kilogrammes. Germany had a strangle hold upon the trade.

The Belgians are determined not to take up again their business relations with the Germans. All the great volume of trade with Germany will cease and the building materials which made up her 1913 exports to Belgium amounting to over 522,000,000 kilogrammes, must come from other countries.

Canada should certainly have a look in at this important trade.

Warts will render the prettiest hands unsightly. Clear the excrescenses away by using Holloway's Corn Cure, which acts thoroughly and painlessly.

Letters on Dead Germans

An official French communication contains "two crushing documents"—letters found on the bodies of German soldiers—which furnish a confession of cynical brutality which is opposed to all the laws of humanity and of war, viz., that the Germans are making no more prisoners.

One letter dated September 24, reporting the capture of a French trench says: "We made no prisoners. One has got to finish off this vermin once and for all."

The second letter, written five days later, and announcing the assault of another French trench, says: "We took no prisoners; we bayonetted the lot. I showed no mercy. These filthy French must be stamped out. They must either sign peace or all be killed."

A lady in a crowded tram car in Boston, Mass., had no seat. A polite old negro got up and offered his seat to the lady.

"Oh, sir," said she, "I do not wish to deprive you of your seat."

And the kind old darkey promptly replied: "Dat's all right, ma'am, it's no depravity, no depravity at all!"

A FRIENDLY GROCER

Dropped a Valuable Hint

"For about eight years," writes a lady, "I suffered from nervousness—part of the time down in bed.

"Sometimes I would got numb and it would be almost impossible for me to speak. At other times I would have severe bilious attacks, and my heart would flutter painfully when I would walk fast, or sweep.

"I have taken enough medicine to start a small drug store, but without permanent benefit. One evening our grocer was asking my husband how I was, and urged that I quit coffee and use Postum, so he brought home a package and I made it according to directions and we were both delighted with it. We quit coffee altogether and used only Postum." (Tea produces about the same effects as coffee, because they both contain the drugs, caffeine and tannin).

"I began to get better, and in a month's time looked like another person. The color came back to my cheeks, I began to sleep well, my appetite was good and I commenced to take on flesh and become interested in everything about the house.

"Finally I was able to do all my own work without the least sign of my old trouble." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont.

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The Weakening Enemy

Hilaire Belloc in "Land and Water"—The enemy has no source of new energy. He cannot increase his power of munitionment; he cannot increase his dwindling reserves in men. This is a plain piece of arithmetic which everyone throughout Europe knows, and no one better than the enemy's commander. One new force of energy, and one only, has the enemy any prospect of tapping, and that is the having upon his side forces hitherto neutral such as Bulgaria.

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"I caught cold last week while motoring," writes P. T. Mallery, from Linden. "My chest was full of congestion, my throat was mighty sore, and I had the fiercest stitch in my side you could imagine. As a boy I was accustomed to have my mother use Nerviline for all our minor ailments, and remembering what confidence she had in Nerviline, I sent out for a bottle at once. Between noon and eight o'clock I had a whole bottle rubbed on, and then got into a perspiration under the blankets. This drove the Nerviline in good and deep, and I woke up next morning fresh as a dollar and absolutely cured. Nerviline is now always part of my travelling kit, and I will never be without it."

The large 50c family size bottle is the most economical, or you can easily get the 25c trial size from any dealer.

School Saving Banks

A million and a quarter dollars are on deposit in school savings in the United States. The money is distributed among 217,000 school children, who are learning lessons of thrift for use in later life.

Belgium has the honor of originating the school savings bank system, and a native of Belgium put the school savings banks on a permanent footing in the United States.

Several methods in vogue for collecting and banking the savings of the children are practised. Usually the co-operation of a well established savings bank in the school community is first secured. Forms and blanks are provided by the banks. When the amount reaches one dollar, the child is given a bank book and becomes, through the school, a regular patron of the bank. When the deposit reaches $3 or $5 (as the banks elect) it draws interest at 3 or more per cent.—Rural Educator.

Miller's Worm Powders will eradicate the worm evil that bears so heavily on children and is believed to cause many fatalities. They are an acceptable medicine to children and can be fully relied upon to clear the food channels thoroughly of these destructive parasites and restore the inflamed and painful surfaces to healthfulness. They are an excellent remedy for these evils.

"Some collection box" is how an American religious paper describes a unique collection box said to have been invented by an Oklahoma man. If a member of the congregation drops into it a 25 cent piece or a coin of larger value there is silence. If he contributes a 10 cent piece a bell rings, a 5 cent piece sounds a whistle and a cent fires a blank cartridge. If anyone pretends to be asleep when the box passes it awakens him with a watchman's rattle, and a kodak takes his portrait.

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"'From your letter . . .' says a distinguished German firm, writing to a customer in a neutral country, we are sorry to see that you have not the slightest idea of the sad position of German transmarine business at the present time.' 'Meanwhile I have to reckon with the impossibility of sending you consignments through neutral countries.' 'We reckon the value of the business which has been destroyed through England's commercial war, on a moderate estimation, of the capital value of the average profits of the last ten years.'"

Cost of Horse Labor

The annual cost of keeping a horse was found to be $90.40 in one county in Minnesota, $87 in another and $75.07 in a third. These figures are averages for the years 1904-1907. In the first county these charges were as folows: Interest on investment, $5.54; depreciation, $5.56; harness depreciation, $2.10; shoeing, $1.22; feed, $63.49; labor, $11.18, and miscellaneous, 40 cents, making a total of $90.40. These costs have increased. This emphasizes the need of keeping the horses busy and of having no idlers on the farm.

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A Hard Winter in Europe

At the request of the French army authorities, a government meteorologist has drawn up a forecast of the weather for this coming winter, according to the Paris correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette, in which he prophesies that the season will be the worst ever known.

The meteorologist visited the Alps and obtained the views of experienced mountaineers. The latter told him that the Alpine field mice, instead of burrowing some ten or twelve inches, as usual, in order to pass the winter comfortably, have gone down fully three feet.

Trees and plants point to the same conclusion, the ash and heather being particularly emphatic in their weather signals.

The army authorities already have acted on this advice in preparations for clothing the troops during the cold months.

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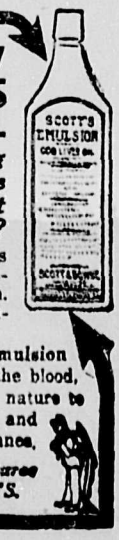

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1916

The Opera House was comfortably filled on Monday evening with citizens who had turned out to hear what the Citizen's ticket candidate had to say. If they came expecting to see any fireworks they were disappointed. All the candidates seemed to be agreed that they were willing to work for the city's best interests Both sides agreed that the Electric Light was an excellent institution. Both sides were willing to give them a franchise, one of the citizen's ticket candidates even offering to make it 20 years, if the engineer so recommended it' Both sides seemingly agree that the city can not possibly finance an Electric plant or waterworks system at the present time, or in the near future. and the main issue now simmers down to which ticket would be the most competent to make the agreement for the city with the company Of course Mr. McPhee and his followers claimed that they were the only Simon pure people who could be entrusted to do that delicate job. The gentlemen opposite were on the Kilpatrickt icket, and must preforce be under his thumb, and no matter how good a bargain they drove, there would always be the stigma that they were on the Kilpatrick or Electric Light ticket, and might be influenced to let the Company have some loop hole. On the other hand, the gentlemen who are on the Ratepayers ticket are just as good business men as those on the Citizens ticket. They have made just as big a mark in the business and social world, and are making it to-day. They are all hard headed business men, and can see just as far into the millstone as the gentlemen opposite, and when ia comes to making a bargain with the Electric Light Company can be depended on to make just as good a bargain for the city as any one else. None of them are tied to the Electric Light Co. in any way, and to our certain knowledge, have never been approached by the Company in any way whatever The fact that nomination papers were peddled all over the city for different nominees to sign, does not add anything to their value. Any two ratepayers could have nominated the whole bunch, and it would have been quite legal. and have carried just as much weight.

Ald. McKenzie was in favor of buying lumber, labor, supplies, etc from outside points. This is not a very good plank in the "citizens" platform, Citizens should come first, last, and all the time, and when all their energies are used up then its time to go outside.

Ald. Keton contended that everybody was in favor of Public Ownership where possible, but it wasn't possible in Courtenay—at present. Ald. Johnston said he and his friend Bodwell had saved the city some money in the C, P. R. assessment, and that the Board of Works had run the city into $100 useless expense,

Ald. McKenzie acknowledged that he had not done a great deal for his ward, and if sent back under the present Mayor would not do anything this year, but if under the Citizens ticket would do his best. Said the city scales were a useless expense, and said when he opposed the Mayor's views he was told to sit down or be put out, There are no dirty wells in Courtenay,

P. L. Anderton was pleased to see so many present which showed that interest was being taken. He had assessed the city fairly and equitably, and didn't like the letter in last week's Review.

Jas. Aston was a candidate in Ward 3, and citizens would get their pound of flesh if he was elected, also wanted lights in ward 3.

N. H. Boden said he was a candidate in Ward 2, and might have something to say on Wednesday evening.

W. Duncan said he knew he had land in Courtenay when he got his assessment notice. Saw practically no difference in the platform of the two parties. Electric light was a great advantage. He was also a candidate for school trustee. Had always taken an interest in school affairs, and would see that the city got a square deal, if elected.

Mr. Hurford apologized for not calling on all the voters id Ward 2, where he wants to be elected. He was asked to stand to combat the report that the Citizens ticket was being run on political lines.

Mr. Idiens asked the privilege of saying a few words. Said last year he had been against the Electric Light Co. This year on account of the Arbitration clause, he was in favor of it, and would support the Kilpatrick ticket.

The chairman, Mr. Kirkwood, announced that Mr. John Sutton was also a candidate for school trustee, and asked for his support.

One or two questions were asked and answered.

There will be no service in St. Andrew's church on the 16th.

Last night Mayor Kilpatrick and his supporters held a meeting in the Opera house which was well attended by an attentlve and sometimes demonstrative audience. The Mayor gave an outline of the past year's business and showed when the solid four had put the city to useless expense in paying exrtavagant bills. He said that all the Electric Light Co. wanted was the privilege to do business. He explained the plank episode again. Would like to see a water system, but city couldn't afford to do it now. Had been in business for 20 years in the district and made a success of it, and was fully qualified to make a success for the city.

Horace McPhee said he had not much to add to what he had said at the previons meeting. He took exception to statements in letter which the chairman had just read. The Mayor should have seen to it that the wires and lights were looked after properly. We do not know whether we are paying a fair price for a electric energy or not. Mr. McPhee had no land in the city limits which had been taxed as wild land for many years. The tax rate should have been 8 mills instead of 10. The mayor's platform was all riggt, but he was afraid he would not carry it out. He had been assured of all the votes in Cumberland.

Mayor Kilpatrick said all the voters at No. 7, Union Bay and Cumberland were going to vote for him.

Mr. Johnston said the Company's letter was not exactly right. We were paying for every bit of light we got.

Fred Kerton said the electric light switches should be controlled by hand, not by clocks. He would do his best to have sidewalks in ward 1 if elected.

J. W. McKenzie thought Mayor Kilpatrick's platform a good one if he would carry it out. He also said the assessor had lowered the assessment on Mr. Creech's lot.

Mr. Creech said he had raised it $100

Mr, Forde explained the Orchard petitions satisfactorily.

Ald. Leighton gave a very good account of his stewareship, and claimed that the "solid four" had run the council into unnecessary expense. He also touched upon the scoool matters, and plank episode which Ald. Johnston had pushed until Bodwell and Lawson had to call it off. Believed that beating the E. & N. was not goo policy.

P. L. Anderton tackled the asesment question with but little success. He also wanted to watch the Electric Light Co, and claimed that the Mayor was to blame for the light burning overtime.

Mr. Duncan said it was usual for government employees to go where they were sent. Said that Mr. Kilpatrick, as Mayor of the town would carry more weight than otherwise and thought the town would be no worse off by electing Mr. Kilpatrick and his full ticket. He advised young men to take up some land, and if they cannot clear it themselves, let a Jap do the work.

James Aston if elected would do his duty to the city' and endeavor to have two years appropriation spent in one in Ward 3.

N, H. Boden, R. U. Hurford and M. Parez, the candidates for Ward 2, made short addresses, and will endeavor to look after the city's interests if elected.

Anglican Church services, Jan. 16. St. John's Church, Courtenay Anniversary of Dedication, Holy Communion, 8.30 p. m.; Morning prayer and Holy Communion, 11 a. m., Evenin Prayer, 7.80 p. m. Preacher at the 11 o,clock service will be the Rev, A Bischlager, Vicar of Cumberland.

Promptly at 12 o'clock, Return-Officer Hames read the proclamation and declared that he was open to receive nominations for the office of Mayor, Aldermen, and School Trustee, for the City of Courtenay for the year 1916. The following nominations were made. Mayor, Horace McPhee, D Kilpatrick.

For Aldermen. Ward 1; P. L. Andertan, John Johnston, Fred Kerton' Geo, Leightou.

Ward 2. N, H. Boden, R. U. Hurford. J. W. McKenzie, and M Perez.

Ward 3. Jas. Aston W J. Carroll, and W. Duncan,

School Trustees. W. Duncan, Fred Kerton, and John Sutton.

Ratepayer's Association

At a largely attended meeting of ratepayers held on Saturday evening last, it was decided to form themselves into a ratepayers association. It was also decided to indorse the candidature of D. Kilpatrick and his ticket for Mayor and Aldermen respectively. The Association will keep in close touch with municipal matters, and invite all ratepayers to enrol.

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Mr. and Mrs. W, Chase and family, who have been visiting with Mrs. J. W. McKenzie Sr. left for Chinook, Alta., on yesterday.

Mr. Johnston's 6c Electric Light platform is not much in evidence at this eleciton. It's possible to fool the people once, but they won't stand for it a second time.

To-morrow is polling day. Vote early, and support the Kilpatrick ticket. They stand for a clean city honesty, progressive and harmonious administration.

Mr. Nation, of Victoria, Provincial Secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, will address a meeting in the Opera House on Thursday evening immediately after the picture show, on the aims, objects, operations and requirements of the Patriotic Fund, and will give a detailed statment of its finances, cost of administration, and full particulars, as to the assistance rendered, and every detail in connection of the matter, which should be of great interest to all loyal people of the Country who are interested in the successful outcome of the war. There will be no collection taken up, nor will there be any recruiting.

As will be seen in another place in this paper, and also by bills distributed throughout the district, the Follies are advertising their second entertainment for the evening of Friday, Jan. 21st. This announcement will no doubt be received with a good deal of satisfaction by many people who so thoroughly enjoyed their first attempt, and we understand the "Follies" intend to live up to their reputution; and hope to produce as good and possibly a better show than the previous one. The proceeds will be devoted as before to the Red Cross Refreshments and a dance will follow, the Harmony Orchestra having been engaged for the latter.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Comox Co-Operative Society will be held in Agricultural Hall, Courtenay, on

Tuesday, February 8th. 1916

at 8 p. m. At the same time and place a meeting of the creditors of the above Society will be held to hear the report of the dirctors for the last six months, and to make arrangements for the future carrying on of the business.

W. DUNCAN
Chairman, Board of Directors.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the patrons and shareholders of the Comox Creamery Association Ltd. will be held at the

Presbyterian Church Basement

Thursday, January the 20th

at 8 p. m.

as some questions vitally concerning the dairy interests of the District will be brought forward. It is earnestly hoped that all the milk producers will make a special effort to attend.

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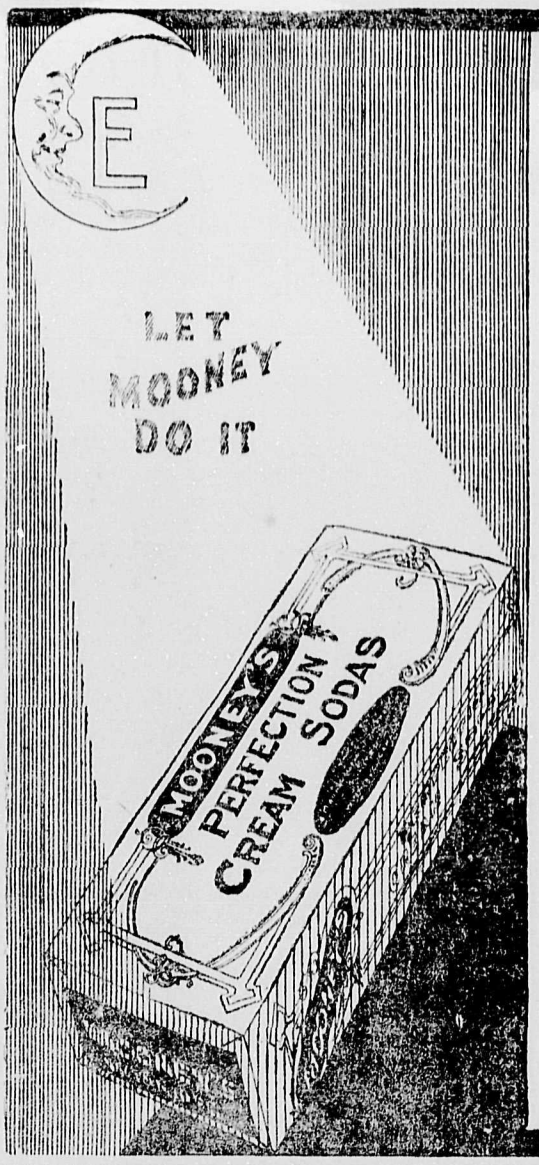

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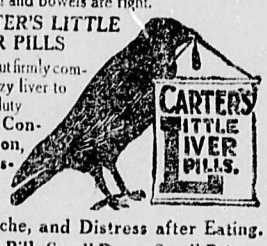

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Looking Old Too Soon

The Condition of Too Many Women and Too Many Girls

Too many women and too many girls look old long before they should. Their faces become pale and drawn; wrinkles appear and their eyes lack brightness. Can this be wondered at when they so frequently have headaches, backaches and a general feeling of wretchedness and weakness? In most cases it is the blood that is to blame. From one cause or another the *blood has become thin and watery* and it is a fact that anaemia (bloodlessness) more than any other cause, gives women their prematurely aged appearance. It is important that the blood supply of girls and women be regularly replenished—important not only on the score of looks, but to restore robust health, which is of greater value. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new blood and restore the system shattered by overwork or worry. These pills give a glow of health to pale faces and make tired, weary women and girls feel bright and happy. With Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at hand there is no need for any woman or any girl to look ill or feel ill. Mrs. J. McDonald, jr., Hay, Ont., says: "I honestly believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life. Some years ago I had anaemia, and as I did not realize the seriousness of the trouble I soon became a complete wreck. I got so weak I could hardly walk. I neither ate nor slept well, and could not go upstairs without stopping to rest. At times I had an almost unbearable pain in my back and would have to remain in bed. I suffered almost constantly from a dull headache, and when sweeping if I would stoop to pick up anything I would get so dizzy that I would have to catch hold of something to keep from falling. At times my heart would beat so fast that I would have a smothering sensation. My eyes were sunken and my hands and limbs would be swollen in the mornings. I tried several kinds of medicine without benefit and my friends thought I would not recover. Then I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and before long could see and feel that they were helping me. I gladly continued the use of the pills until I was completely cured and I cannot say enough in their praise, and I strongly recommend them to all run-down girls and women."

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Mary and Tommy had been to hear a missionary talk at Sunday school.

"Did he tell you about the poor heathen?" father inquired at the dinner table.

"Yes, dad," answered Mary. "He said they were often hungry, and when they beat on their tum-tums it could be heard for miles."

Go Or Give

We should send to the front every man that we can induce to enlist and that we can train and equip. As for those who cannot go, whose services would not be accepted if they were offered and who cannot boast since we are not to be tested, we should give every dollar that we can spare beyond the decent support of our families to hospitals, to the Red Cross or patriotic funds, to the various agencies and organizations which in the words of Lincoln, strive "to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle *and for his widow and his orphan.*" Any man who makes money in these days is disgraced. Any man who seeks to be richer at the end of the war than when the war began is a traiter to those who offer their lives for his protection.—Toronto News.

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"Oh, yes, of course," acknowledged the clergyman.

"Well, what do you do about it?"

"My dear friend," replied the minister, laying down his fork, "I simply do just as I would while eating a nice fresh herring. When I come to the bone I quietly lay it on one side, and go on enjoying the meal, letting any idiot that insists on choking himself on the bone do so."

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Two wealthy Americans had rented a shooting in the Highlands at war rates, and, full of anticipation, arrived on the scene with their guns, etc. The first day there they walked into the village, where they got into conversation with an ancient Highlander.

"Is the sport good about here?" asked one of the visitors.

"Ay, nae sae bad" replied the bewhiskered native cautiously.

"Er—are there any deer in the neighborhood?" asked the American eagerly.

"Weel," replied the Highlander, still more cautiously, "there wis yin a year or two back, but the gintry yis are shooting at the puir beastie, an' Aw theenk it left the deestric'!"

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FEARFUL HORRORS OF ARMENIAN MURDERS ALMOST SURPASS BELIEF

GHASTLY SCENES ENACTED BY HEARTLESS TURKS

Viscount Bryce Makes Public the Details of Further Massacres of the Hapless Armenians, Which, he says, Surpass in Horror What Has Been Previously Published

Viscount Bryce has made public the details of further Armenian massacres which, in a letter accompanying them, he says "surpass in horror, if that were possible, what has been published already.

"I feel," his letter continues, "that such crimes ought to be exposed to the utmost, and that the charity of other nations will more than ever be drawn to the unhappy refugees when it is known what their friends and fellow countrymen have suffered."

Viscount Bryce says the details confirm and amplify the ghastly history of deportations by which Armenians in northern and eastern Anatolia were driven to a death of fiendish cruelty. The first part of the evidence, he says, was received by the committee of enquiry in the United States, and the second part comes from an Armenian gentleman at Tiflis, who received it from refugees where the events happened.

"The sufferers of the peasants and mountaineers in the region of Van, Mush and Sanum," Viscount Bryce says, "seem to have been more terrible than were those of the peaceful townfolk, described in part one of the report. Every successive piece of evidence increases the horror of the story and confirms the dreadful certainty of its truth."

After giving part of the evidence received from the United States, Viscount Bryce says that the following extracts were taken from his correspondent at Tiflis:

"Toward the end of May Djevdet Bey, the military governor, was expelled from Van. Djevet fled southwards and entered Sairt, with some 8,000 soldiers, whom he called 'butcher battalions.' He massacred most of the Christians of Sairt, the details of which nothing is known. On the best of authority, however, it is reported that he ordered his soldiers to burn in the public squares the Armenian bishop, Eglise Vartarved, and the Chaldean bishop, Addai Shor.

"On June 25 the Turks surrounded the town of Bitlis and cut its communication with neighoring Armenian villages. Then most of the able-bodied men were taken away from their women by domiciliary visits. During the following few days all the men under arrest were shot outside the town, and buried in deep trenches dug by the victims themselves. The young men and children were distributed among the ranke. The remainder, 'the useless lot,' were driven to the south, and are believed to have been drowned in the Tigris.

"It is in such a fashion that the Turks disposed of about 15,000 Armenians at Bitlis. At Mush, early in July, the authorities demanded arms from the Armenians, and a large sum in ransom of notables of the town. The head men of the village were subjected to revolting tortures. Their finger nails and then their toe nails were forcibly extracted; teeth were knocked out, and in some cases noses were whittled down, the victims thus being done to death under shocking lingering agony.

"The female relatives of the victims who came to their rescue were assaulted in public, before the very eyes of their mutilated men. The shrieks and death cries of the victims filled the air, yet they did not move the Turkish hearts.

"In the town of Mush itself the Armenians, under the leadership of Gotoyan and others, entrenched themselves in churches and stone-built houses, and fought for four days in self defense, but Turkish artillery, manned by German officers, made short work of all the Armenian positions, and every one of the Armenian leaders, as well as their men, were killed in the fighting.

"The ghastly scenes which followed may seem incredible, yet these reports have been confirmed beyond all doubt. The shortest means employed for disposing of the women and children in the various camps was by burning. Fire was set to the large wooden sheds in Alijan, Mograkom, and other Armenian villages, and the absolutely helpless women and children were roasted to death.

"Many women went mad and threw away their children. Some women knelt down and prayed, amid the flames which were burning their bodies. Other shrieked for help, which came from nowhere, and the executioners, who seemed unmoved by this unparalleled savagery, grasped infants by one leg and hurled them into the fire calling out to the burning mothers, 'Here are your lions.'

"Turkish prisoners, who apparently witnessed some of these scenes, were horrified and maddened at remembering the sight. The odor of burning flesh, they say, permeate the air for many days.

"In the hilly country of Sasun the surviving warriors found themselves surrounded at close quarters by 30,000 Turks and Kurds. Then followed one of those desperate heroic struggles for life which have always been the pride of the mountaineers. Men, women and children fought with knives, scythes, stones, and anything else they could handle. They rolled blocks of stone down the steep slopes, killing many of their enemies. In the frightful hand-to-hand combats, women were seen thrusting their knives into the throats of Turks.

"When every warrior had fallen, several of the younger women, who were is danger of falling into the hands of the Turks, threw themselves from the rocks, some of them with infants in their arms."

Portable Houses For the French

Circular Sent to all Lumbermen, Mills and Factories in Ontario

To present to the French government a number of portable houses as a gift, in order to relieve French people who have been driven out of their homes and deprived of most of their property during the advance of the German armies towards Paris last year, is the suggestion of a committee formed and operating to help the people. In the portion which lies this side of the present line of the armies large districts thus ravaged are being reinhabited by their people, who are under conditions of great privation and distress.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, for Ontario, has sent a circular on the subject to lumberman, mills and factories in the province. In the course of the communication he says:

"A gift from the great lumber provinces in the shape of a number of these houses labelled as a gift of Canada and denoting the province from which they come, would serve not only insofar as their number was concerned, to meet the wants of the people but would stand as a very excellent advertisement of what could be done in this direction and the cost at which it could be done.

"The factory people are, I believe, prepared to make a very large number of these and to send representatives to Belgium and France at the proper time to undertake business negotiations. Could not this government, the lumber mills and factories unite in making a presentation of a certain number of these houses in knockdown condition, the factory men putting the final processes on the lumber cut to dimensions, the lumber mills providing as their part the lumber necessary, and the government of the province, say, undertaking the cost of transport either to the port of shipment or to the port of destination."

It is pointed out these houses should be on hand for early spring of next year.

German Kultur

There Appears to be a Vast Difference Between Culture and the German Kultur

Kultur is a word that has become familiar since the beginning of the war in Europe. Germany defended the war by saying that it was necessary to extend its Kultur to all the world. At first it was assumed that Kultur was identical with culture, and many who admired German literature and scholarship were quite prepared to admit that the spread of German culture to all peoples might be a good thing. But it is only now beginning to be understood that Kultur does not mean culture, but the distinctive German spirit and methods of life. It means the death of democracy and the extension of governmental control to the minutest features of social life. It means the abolition of private choice and initiative, and the subjection of all personal aims to participation in a national purpose and the means of executing it. It means that order of things which has made Germany the best prepared military nation in the world and enabled the German government to include all the private resources of the nation in its military operations. German Kultur, as now explained, has no place for free will except the will to conform to the spirit and methods of the state.—Prof. W. H. Allison in New York Times.

A Hero's Death

Men Were Inspired by Their Captain's Gallantry

Among the many gallant deeds of this world war none stand out more prominently than the charge, led by Captain Langdale, against the Hohenzollern Redoubt. The men were ranged in the trench to his right and to his left all ready and waiting for the word to leap up the parapet and rush through a hundred yards of German machine gun fire and rifle fire. Capt. Langdale inspired every soldier in sight by quietly sitting on a camp stool smoking a pipe as though nothing of moment was about to occur. Once he relit the pipe and took a few puffs. Then, rising with a shout, he yelled, "Come on, Leicestershires!" as he leaped over the parapet, while all his men dashed after him. Within a rush of twenty yards they met the storm, which decimated but did not check them. When they were half way to the goal the German fire partly ceased, and they could be seen retreating to their further line. Still the central figure, well ahead, kept yelling his encouragement. Then came a mad rush for the captured trench. Many failed to reach it, and those that did found their gallant leader missing. He was among the dead some thirty yards behind.

"Minto" Sold to Russia

The Canadian ice breaking steamer Minto has been sold to the Russian government for use in keeping the port of Archangel open during the winter. She sailed recently with a Canadian crew for Archangel where she will be handed over to the Russian government. A year ago the Canadian ice breaker Earl Grey was sold to Russia and has been rendering splendid service.

Cutting Off Military Luxuries

Generals and other high officers of the French army must get along with fewer automobiles and horses hereafter by order of Gen. Gallieni, minister of war.

EXPEDITION AGAINST THE TURKS FIGHTING IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

WONDERS OF THE BRITISH ADVANCE ON BAGDAD

Marching Through the Land of Adam and Noah to the Ancient City of Bagdad, There Could be no More Striking Episode in the Conflict Beyond Europe

We learned recently the surprising news that a mixed British and Indian force was within a hundred miles of Bagdad. Should our troops reach their goal, they will have performed one of the most dramatic exploits in the history of war. They will have marched over 400 miles from the Persian Gulf, throughout the lands of Adam and of Noah, to seize the place which even the Turks still call "the glorious city." Unless the allies take Jerusalem, there could be no more striking episode in the conflict beyond Europe.

The operations which have thus developed began modestly enough last November with a joint naval and military advance from the head of the Persian Gulf up the Shatt-al-Arab, the river formed by the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates. After one important action the expedition reached Bussorah, sixty miles from the sea, and, perhaps the oldest seaport in Asia.

From the quays of Bussorah daring Arab navigators sailed many centuries ago and sacked Cantón, in the days when Arabia held the secret of the sea.

It was the port whence Sindbad the Sailor, whose chronicles are plainly the exaggerated record of many genuine voyages, roved the eastern seas. Nelson himself has left on record that he visited Bussorah as a lad in the "Seahorse." Yet though the East Indian Company had warehouses there, never before has the port flown an European flag.

The British chased the Turks fifty miles farther up the river to Kurna. One column went up the River Karun into Persian territory to save the admiralty oil pipe line. Another has recently pushed its way for a hundred miles through the swamps and lagoons formed by the old channel of the Euphrates, and shattered a large Turkish force at Nasiriyeh. A third column has steadily advanced up the Tigris, and is now at Kut-el-Amara, only 100 miles from Bagdad by land though 200 miles by the winding course of the river. Long before it reached Kut the expedition was well past the worst obstacles—the shallows and rapids—on the Tigris. Though the river is at present at its lowest, there should be good water all the way to Bagdad, if we are relying on water transport, which is not clear.

The region in which our troops are now operating is of extraordinary interest, although the immense alluvial plain between the Tigris and the Euphrates contains not a single hill and hardly a tree. It is an endless flat, yellow expanse of the silt of countless ages, the richest soil in the world, the granary of early civilizations, where wheat grew wild when man first found himself. Somewhere in this area lies the traditional site of the Garden of Eden. The Arabs place it at Kurna, where our troops have been encamped since January; but Sir William Willcocks pins his faith to Hit, a place far above Babylon, on the River Euphrates.

There are very few corners of the world where the British army has not marched and fought before, but this is one of them. For a parallel to the European invasion of Chaldea we have to go back to the days of Alexander the Great. The British force is traversing land over much, if we are to accept the inviting theories of Sir William Willcocks, the ark of Noah must have floated. It has passed by the sites of cities where dwelt the Sumerians, that wonderful race whose very existence was unsuspected by scholars until recent years. It is today within a two hours' run "by armored motorcar" of the enormous series of mounds which are all that is left of the mighty city of Babylon. It should soon be tramping through the desolate ruins of Seleucia, where once the Greeks ruled over a million souls. Its footsteps will ring within the gigantic vaulted hall of Ctesiphon, the last relic of the winter palace of the Parthian kings.

And then at last, if all goes well the expedition will sight the gilded dome and minarets of the mosque of Kasimin, and all the flat roofed houses of Bagdad, standing amid groves of date-palms and orange trees. From the first chapter of the Book of Genesis it will pass at a stride to the very heart of the "Arabian Nights," and sweep through the shady bazaars where Haroun al-Raschid loved to roam.

The fall of Bagdad owuld resound more loudly throughout the east than all the battles fought between Warsaw and Ostend. Bagdad was once, in the eyes of all Asia, the most splendid city in the world. It was the home of the Caliphate, the centre of Islam, the abode of Moslem literature and art and science, a capital which is said to have had a population of two millions. Tradition survives decay in Asia far more than in Europe, and though the Bagdad of today has shrunk to a place sheltering about 120,000 people, it still has a fame and a prestige surpassing Delhi or Peking. It is incomparably older than any city in India or China, it is mentioned in the records of Assurbanipal and Tiglath-Pileser, and on one of its quays may still be traced an inscription of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon.

Let it never be forgotten that we British were in the Persian Gulf, and thus on the border of these ancient lands, before the Turks. Though the Turks extended their rule long ago to the borders of Mesopotamia, they are comparatively newcomers in Chaldea. They took Bagdad less han three hundred years ago. They have never really conquered the Lower Tigris and Euparates. Below Bagdad they have been taxgathers and sentinels and nothing more. There have never been many Turks in either Bagdad or Bussorah, save soldiers and a few officials. To all the people of these regions they are oppressive and rapacious aliens, and it will not be surprising if the Bagdad populace hails the British as deliverers from the Turkish yoke.

The loss of Bagdad would inflict an irreparable blow upon Turkish prestige, but the greatest result would be that it would strike at the very heart of the German dreams of ultimate dominion in Eastern Europe and Western Asia, which largely contributed to bringing about the present war. The Bagdad railway was one of the central features of German world policy. The dreams are shattered. Great Britain is nearing Bagdad, and at Bussorah she holds the gate by which Germany had expected to emerge upon the shores of the Persian Gulf, if it is not too soon to speculate upon the future consequences of this memorable conquest. With a revival of irrigation Chaldea ought to become again one of the granaries of the world, while Bussorah should be made an Eastern Hamburg. These questions belong to the still distant period of peace.

The advance on Bagdad is a daring feat of arms, but it must not be forgotten that the Turks may send reinforcements down the Tigris. The army of India, which has heavy normal responsibilities, is endeavoring to do a great many things at once.—Lovat Fraser, in the London Daily Mail.

Providing for the Maimed Soldiers

Canadians to be Placed in Institutions to Receive the Best Treatment

Soldiers returning from the front, according to the plans of the hospitals commission, will not be sent home, but will be placed in the convalescent institutions provided for the purpose.

Since the influx of disabled men began, it has been found that their tendency is against going into homes. They wish to go to their own people. The homecoming celebrations do not always stimulate their recovery.

In view of the fact that the government will have to pay these men a pension in permanency, the commission proposes to exercise its authority and in all serious cases place them in institutions where they may be properly and scientifically cared for and their condition ameliorated. This, it is felt, is particularly desirable because of the fact that the pension is to be based upon the nature and extent of the permanent injury.

By way of overcoming another complaint it has been decided that the pay of an invalided man shall not cease when he reaches Canada, but shall be continued until such time as his pension begins.

British Wounded Well Cared For

Major Yardley Weaver, of the Canadian forces, writing to his father in Manchester, says:

"The wounded are extraordinarily well cared for. All the medical arrangements are splendid. If an officer or man receives a wound at all serious, he is sent to England at once.

"The army service corps and the supply are wonderful. We have hot meat in the trenches, besides tea, cheese and a nip of rum twice weekly."

New York's Population

A police census of the city, just completed, shows that the greater city has 5,253,888 inhabitants in its five boroughs. The state census last July gave the total population as 5,009,112 but some dis-satisfaction was felt with this count and at the instance of the health department the police were employed to compile a new census.

German Gas Machine Gun

Its Use in War Was Decided Upon Some Years Ago

Among other valuable and curious things captured from the Germans during a recent retreat was the paraphernalia of an ambulance.

A complete post was taken, including doctors, nurses, and apparatus. The most interesting object of all is a machine for curing sufferers from gas poisoning.

It consists of a cylinder with two compartments, one containing oxygen, the other an alkaline substance now being analyzed. Full instructions for its use were found, and the French greatly admired the technical perfection both of this machine and of the great supply of surgical instruments. But the most significant detail was an inscription on the cylinder itself. It is there described as "Pattern D 1915, improved from Model C 1912, improved from Model A 1910."

This would seem to be proof that the use of chlorine gas in the meditated war was settled at least as early as 1910.

At the same place and time the French also captured an elaborate machine for distributing poisonous gas. It is worn as a knapsack over the back, and very much resembles some of the new patterns of fruit sprayer. From the cylinder flexible pipes come round under the arms of the wearer, enabling him to spray the gas in any direction he pleases. He himself wears a helmet very much of the pattern used by divers. Below the chin is a sack of oxygen, and the man breathes the air he manufactures.

These knapsack sprayers are apparently supplied only to engineers attached in various forces to different divisions.

One More German Trick

Until the allies hold Germany in their grip there is but one way in which to deal with talk about peace—to regard it as what it is, one more German trick, and an old and favorite one with Bismarck. A trick to gain time. A trick to confuse feeble minds and encourage the sentimentalists. A trick, above all to veil a more vigorous prosecution of the war.—London Daily Mail.

Britain's Prompt Action

Why the German Walkover Did Not Materialize

Viscount Haldane, the former war secretary, speaking at Hamstead, declared that the Germans would have reached Paris and perhaps Calais, had not the government taken prompt action upon the warnings which he himself and others had given of the German intentions.

The British government, he said, did everything possible to get aggressive ideas out of the heads of the other nations on the continent, but that did not prevent the government from taking precautionary measures. Great Britain was not taken unawares, but was able to mobilize the army and navy at the first moment of the outbreak of the war.

Lord Haldane expressed the belief that there is not a single government among the powers that has not been wholly surprised and taken aback by the magnitude and duration of the struggle which has since developed, and that nobody has been so much surprised as the German general staff, which "had expected a walkover in about three months."

33,000 British Prisoners of War

The number of British prisoners of war in Germany is now approximately 33,000. These figures were given in response to a question in the British House of Commons by Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war.

Germany Looses Nearly Four Million Men

Official Lists up to Nov. 22 Issued by Germany Show This Fact

Special cables to the New York World from London, say:

"Three million seven hundred thousand is the total number of casualtfes in the German army during the war up to and including November 22 last. That the killed, wounded and missing amount to this vast number is shown by the official lists of German casualties including No. 800, which has just been received in the London office of the New York World.

"Embraced in these lists are 10,306 pages. The newest list maintains a daily average of 9,000.

"The localities where the losses are suffered are not mentioned in the lists. Entire companies of German infantry continue to be wiped out wholesale, the lists prove. List No. 798, dated November 20, announces that Major-General Friese, of Madgeburg, has been seriously wounded and captured, and that Major-General Von Semmern, of Blakenburg, has been wounded slightly.

"Heavy losses of non-commissioned officers remain the feature of almost every casualty roll. Casualties among battalion of middle aged men, consisting of Landwehr and Landsturm troops, are conspicuous in all the lists of Prussian, Bavarian, Wurttemburg and Saxon contingents."

CIVIC ELECTIONS

CITIZENS' TICKET

Our Platform

1. The Mayor and Aldermen shall give their services free of salary for the ensuing year.

2. Realizing the benefit the electric light is to the City, and realizing this question is the cause of great strife in our City, we pledge ourselves at the very earliest date to procure the very best expert advice from engineers and lawyers on an agreement to be entered into with the Courtenay Electric Light, Heat & Power Company with a view to immediate settlement of this question; such agreement to contain a franchise of not more than ten years.

3. Under the present financial conditions, we deeply regret the great waste of the City's funds and pledge ourselves to carry out the necessary works of the City with economy and sound business judgement.

4. With a view of carrying out clause 3 and other matters affecting the City, we would recommend that a Ratepayers' Association be formed.

5. That allthe property be appraised at a fair valuation and that the rate of taxation be kept as low as possible to meet the necessary expenditure.

6. We favor the City owning its own water system and as soon as necessary, and as times warrant it, the City instal a water system from Brown's River.

7. The City should assist in finding suitable employment for our returned wounded soldiers.

8. All work paid for by the City shall be done by white labor.

9. Each and every person shall pay their just proportion of taxes.

10. Any question presented to the Council by any Citizen shall receive careful consideration.

Mark Your Ballot Thus:

FOR MAYOR:

H. M. McPhee x

FOR ALDERMEN:

WARD I

John Johnston x

P. L. Anderton x

WARD II

R. U. Hurford x

J. W. McKenzie, jr. x

WARD III

W. J. Carroll x

James E. Aston x

A PUBLIC MEETING

will be held in the OPERA HOUSE on

Monday, January 10th, at 8 p. m.

In Support of the Platform of the above Candidates

All other Aspirants for Civic Honors are Invited to Attend and Address the Meeting

Vnte for the Citizens' Ticket!
Vote for an Hooest Administration!
Vote for a Clean Town!

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE:
J. H. McIntyre, Chairman
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H. Idiens,
E. H. Peterson,
Geo. Endall,
W. H. Kirkwood