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The following letter which explains itself has been received from the Belgian Consul at Vancouver. Mr. John M. Whitehead, and the original of which has been addressed by order of His Majesty the King of Belgium to the Consul General for Belgium at Ottawa

La Panne, May 3rd, 1915.
Office of the Secretary
to their Majesties
The King and The Queen
Translation
Sir:

The King has read the interesting report you advanced to him, and the long list of contributors towards the Belgian Relief Fund has had his particular attention.

Profoundly touched by the magnificently generous spirit in which the population of Canada responded to the appeal of your committee. His Majesty wishes to convey his heartfelt thanks and the expression of his best feelings to all those who kindly sent assistance to our unfortunate compatriots.

Please be the interpreter of our Sovereign's feelings and accept the assurances of my sincere esteem.

The Secretary,
(Signed) J. Ingenbleek.

Monsieur Maurice Goor,
Consul General for Belgium in
Canada, Ottawa.

Mrs. Irvine is spending a few days in Vancouver.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY

1. Letters (letters should be left open) postcards and postal parcels should be addressed as follows:-

1. Rank, initials, name.
2. Regiment or other unit.
3. British (or Canadian, French, Belgian or Russian) prisoner of war
4. Place of internment.
5. Germany.

Place of internment should be stated always if possible, and parcels cannot be accepted unless place of internment is stated. All addresses must be in ink.

2. Communications should be limited to private and family news, and to necessary business communications, and should not be sent too frequently.

No references to the Naval, Military or Political situation or to naval or military movements and organizations are allowed. Letters or postcards containing such references will not be delivered.

3. Friends of prisoners of war are advised to send postcards in preference to letters as postcards are less likely to be delayed. If letters are sent, they should not exceed in length two sides of a sheet of not paper and should contain nothing but the sheet of note paper. On no account should the writing be crossed.

4. Letters cannot for the present be accepted for registration.

5. Postage need not be paid on letters or parcels addressed to prisoners of war.

6. No letters should be enclosed in parcels, and newspapers must not on any account be sent. So far as is known there is no restriction on the contents of parcels; tobacco may be sent and will be admitted duty free but food stuffs of perishable character should not be sent. Parcels should not exceed 11 lbs in weight.

7. Remittances can be made by money orders to prisoners of war. Instructions as to how to proceed can be obtained from Postmasters of Accounting Post Offices. The trans-

WILL HOLD FAIR AGAIN

A very well attended meeting of the members of the Agricultural Society was held in May 17, at which it was decided to again hold a show this year. The date for holding the fall fair has not yet been decided on and will not be known until the Society hears from the Department of Agriculture, as that department sets the dates of all fairs of the province.

Another meeting will be held on June 17 in the Municipal Hall.

Owing to the success of the previous fairs held in Abbotsford the farmers are enthusiastic this year again and intend to have just as good a fair as last year, and perhaps a little better. The indications throughout the district are for a bumper crop of farm produce and they look upon it that it would be missing an opportunity to not hold a fair.

With the object of making it more of a success than last year a subscription list was opened and was well contributed to by the members present, quite a large sum being raised.

Now is the proper time to get in and work for the culmination of one grand and successful fair that will be representative of the best that can be grown in the surrounding district.

ARRIVED AT MONTREAL AND LEFT IN STEAMER

(From Fraser Valley Record)

Word has been received by relatives in Mission City that the 29th arrived safely in Montreal last week and boarded the steamer which will carry them across the Atlantic. On board the steamer on May the 20th Mr. Charles Bray writes this paper as follows:

"Would you kindly publish in the next issue of the Fraser Valley Record a few words of appreciation from the boys of the 29th Battalion and especially from members of D (Westminster) Company for the reception tendered them while en route for the seat of war. The greetings handed out together with the many donations in the way of fruit, candies and tobacco was a great surprise for the boys. It was practically the first greeting received following our start from Vancouver and while these functions were numerous during our trip cross the continent, what was done by the citizens of the little town of Mission compared favorably with those where several days notification had been received. In fact coming as it did from a British Columbia settlement it was even better appreciated.

He then signs his name: "Chas. Bray, D. Company, Tobins Tigers."

The boys had a pleasant trip and enjoyed the trip across the continent mission of coins, either in letters or parcels is expressly prohibited. Postal notes and Bank notes should not be sent.

8. It must be understood that no guarantee of the delivery of either parcels or letters can be given and that the Post Office accepts no responsibility. In any case, considerable delay may take place and failure to receive an acknowledgement should not necessarily be taken as an indication that letters and parcels sent have not been delivered.

9. So far as is known, prisoners of war in Germany are allowed to write letters or postcards from time to time; but they may not always have facilities for doing so and the fact that no communication is received from them need not give rise to anxiety.

RIDGEDALE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

A concert and garden party was given at the home of Mrs. Hayton on Monday, with a large attendance and was from all points an excellent success, both financially and from a point of entertainment.

The following is the programme: Remarks from Rev. Mr. Conn; Instrumental by Miss Alma Houghton; Song, Motherland, by School Children; Reading, by Mrs. J. Reed; Song, Miss Duncan; Instrumental, Miss Hayton; Reading, Otto Eline; Song Mrs. Elliott; Instrumental, Miss Overstall; Song, Rev. Conn; Song Mrs. K. Overstall; Walk for a Cake Ten cents a couple.

The following letter was read by Miss Cruickshanks, dated May 5th, from Ward A. H., The War Hospital 16th Canadian Scottish:

"Dear Friends: Just a line or two to let you know I am getting along O. K. with my wound. Of course it will not be well for a little while yet but we are hoping for the best. I got it on the night of the 22nd. The night of the famous charge. I cannot tell you more than you already know by the papers. The English are full of admiration for the Canadians and a little of the column was set aside for the Canadian Scottish.

I am only too pleased to be alive after that inferno. We were told to take a wood and we took it, but at a cost. Our battalion had the first line of bayonets and we were well supported by the 10th battalion and afterwards by Imperial troops. It certainly does seem good to be alive after all, and here I am once more in England with a pain in my left leg. Oh! well, we should worry.

"The hospitals are a credit to those in charge. Everything is very nicely fitted up and we are very comfortable. It does seem good to be in a civilized country again after Ypres Armentieres and Neuve Chapelle and to see all the houses standing. There is hardly a house left in Ypres once a beautiful city. Everything is laid to the ground.

I have a lovely souvenir of the last fight, which was meant to be my finish, but I got him first. A German bayonet and such a weapon as I never before saw. Anyway I can count one to my credit. Well dear friend I must close this time but will promise more before I go back.

"Am out of bed now sitting at the table in a very comfortable room, the first time I have seen a decent house in three months and with some very nice sisters to wait upon me. So why be down-hearted?"

"Regards to all, from Chas. E. Clarkson."

The reading of the letter from one so well known in Matsqui brought forth a most hearty round of patriotic applause.

CHINATOWN WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Chinatown was wiped out by fire on Wednesday last. The fire started about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and when the firemen under Chief Sparrow, arrived on the scene the flames were beyond control. The firemen confined their efforts to saving adjacent buildings. The buildings and contents are a total loss.

COUNTESS OF CARDIGAN DEAD

London, May 28.—The Countess of Cardigan and Lancaster, whose first husband, Lieut-General the Earl of Cardigan, led the famous charge of Balaklava, is dead.

PIONEER SETTLER OF MISSION PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

(From Fraser Valley Record)
On Sunday evening last Mr. Chas. Spencer of Mission passed away very suddenly.

The funeral was held on Tuesday to the Hatzic cemetery, followed by many old time friends, acquaintances and relatives.

The deceased was about 70 years of age and had been a resident of the district for a number of years.

He was a man of very strong and firm convictions and many a good and kind act was performed without pomp or boast. He was a firm and true friend to many who had dealings with him; and knowing that he was right he acted accordingly.

He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Moorehouse and Mrs. G. Little of Mission and Mrs. John Campbell of Peardonville, and two sons, Grover and Frank to mourn his loss; as well as an elderly brother who resides in the district. His wife pre-deceased him. He has also a brother in the Eastern States.

RE-SILVERING AN OLD MIRROR

Clean the glass with powdered chalk, being careful not to scratch the glass. Dampen the chalk with a little alcohol, and rub it dry with tissue paper. Make a liquid preparation by melting, in a porcelain vessel, 1 dr. of lead, 1 dr. of tin and 1 dr. of bismuth. When these are melted together add 10 dr. of quicksilver before the mass cools. This will cool it sufficiently for use. Lay the glass flat, with the cleaned side up, and pour the liquid over it, completely covering the surface. Raise the glass to almost a perpendicular position and let the amalgam drain off quickly. When the coating has become perfectly hard and dry, coat it with drop black, ground in Japan and then thin with turpentine.

In Grand Forks, where they have incorporation over one hundred dog taxes have been paid so far this year.

A fisherman's train is being run on Sundays by the C. P. R. from Nelson to Castedgar.

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J. A. BATES, Editor and Proprietor

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When the war is over and it comes to a settlement of the affairs of Europe will the United States be in a position, as a neutral country to take a prominent part in the settlement of the little matters of dispute. A country's reputation is not made in a day; the standing which a country has among the other countries—a nation among nations—is a matter of very grave importance, especially when it comes to giving advice that will be acted upon. The position of the United States during this war is like the man who has always his open hand behind him ready for the cash tip. While the nations of Europe are fighting for greater freedom—that is the Allies—the United States is after the big round dollar; or in other words the fighting nations of Europe are living in one age and the United States is living in another age—the age of financial gain. How can the nations that have won and the nations that have lost put any trust in the United States, who is known to be after personal gain, not any sympathy for the advances made for the freedom of the individual and the nation—just after the big round dollar. It may be a strange way to view matters; but do we generally go to the cheerful and the gay for sympathy in time of sorrow? We go to those who are known to have a fellow-feeling for those in trouble. Is it not so with nations.

We may not wish to see the United States at war, but we sure would wish to see a wholesome sympathy for the Allies who are fighting for a freedom—of which the United States boasts so much of—but it is really the freedom which the almighty dollar gives, an entirely different matter than the kind of freedom which the Allies are fighting for. The sympathy cannot be there so the advice to be given at that time cannot amount to very much in the way of settling matters, unless there is a dollar or two in it, and then only according to the amount added to the treasury.

THE HOUSE FLY NUISANCE NEAR AT HAND

The common housefly, notwithstanding the campaigns of destruction which have been waged against it, is still one of the most dangerous pests with which the civilized race is afflicted, except it be "Kultur" Due entirely to conditions which have been created and maintained by the people themselves, the house fly continues to exist and to multiply.

Persistent effort is the only insurance against the house fly. Its rapid propagation renders any intermittent campaign nugatory. The fly must be attacked first in its breeding place, which is that of the stable manure or filth. It requires a period of about ten days for a fly to hatch and become full-grown.

From these breeding places they scatter to food supplies, into homes dairies and shops, carrying with them typhoid, dysentery and other disease germs.

It is not too early to take precautions against the annual attacks of the house fly. During the summer if it is not feasible to remove accumulations of manure daily it should be kept in a closed bin or other receptacle, impervious to flies. Yards should be cleaned up and kept free from wet and rotting matter which harbor flies. Garbage cans should be cleaned out thoroughly, and disinfected.

Carefully protect all food and drink from flies by wire or other screens. All doors and windows of homes should be screened and, if flies get inside, they should be at once killed. Fly swatters are cheap and handy. Sticky fly paper and fly poison are effective means of destruction. Formalin solutions are easy to prepare and may be used with success. The methods of use are as follows: Mix two tablespoonfuls of formaldehyde (formalin) with one pint of a mixture of milk and water. Pour into a piece of bread in the centre for the flies to light on. This may be placed at the back door of residence, in or about dairies or barns or wherever flies gather.

Or a soap plate may be filled with damp sand. Cover with a disk of blotting paper and sprinkle over it a mixture of one part of formalin to twenty parts of water.

The object to be aimed at is, however, the destruction of the house fly, and any means to accomplish this will be justified.

It is a treasonable offense to "give aid and comfort to the enemy" are there not many persons who should be promptly immured? Lord Northcliffe might be considered as one.

YOU CAN HELP SOME

Perhaps you don't care whether you do or not, but the following may show you why you should care:—

One of the most difficult tasks in a newspaper office is in getting the facts relative to births, marriages and deaths in the community. Many people take for granted that when a person dies the editor is familiar with every detail of the life of the deceased and his activities when as a fact he sometimes knows absolutely nothing about him, but he has to get his information from other sources, as other persons would have to do.

It is the same with marriages or other less important happenings in the community. In almost every case the editor has to dig up the particulars to satisfy himself and the readers with a meagre and inaccurate account.

The average editor of a country paper has something like a million and a half of things to do and to think about in a week, and the patrons can hardly overestimate how much he appreciates any efforts they make in furnishing him the facts for news items.

Send your items of news to this paper, the editor will appreciate it very much indeed.

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Flower garden thieves are operating in Phoenix and other towns in the upper country.

Fernie has a city baseball league which opened last week for business for the season.

Fall wheat is about seven inches high near Cranbrook.

The payroll in Rossland for April amounted to \$100,000. Lucky Rossland.

The peach leaf curl is reported prevailing in the Creston Valley this year.

In Grand Forks, where they have incorporation over one hundred dog taxes have been paid so far this year Revelstoke will hold her fall fair on Sept. 16th, 17th and 18th.

A fishermen's train is being run on Sundays by the C. P. R. from Nelson to Castedgar.

The average water pressure on the city mains at Nelson for the month of April was 155 pounds.

The total sales of war stamps at Creston from April 15 to the end of the month was \$65.

A white carload of Ford cars was received at Grand Forks recently. No hard times there.

PAX AMERICANA

(By Bernard K. Sandwell)

"There is such a thing as being too proud to fight"—Pres. Wilson.
"Too proud to fight!" yet not too proud

To mingle in the ignoble crowd
Who friendly shake the Assassin's hand,

Hall him as Brother, and with bland
Submission proffer cheeks to smite—
Too proud to fight!

"Too proud to fight!" yet not too proud

To set a price upon each shroud
Whose captains murder babes by
And with a "strict accounting" pen
The Deaths and Dollars columns
write—
Too proud to fight!

"Too proud to fight!" yet not too proud

To walk with humble head and bowed
Before the Hohenzollern throne:
"Tis by thy grace and thine alone
We sail the seas, we claim no right—
Too proud to fight!"

"Too proud to fight!" yet not too proud

To preach with protestations loud
To those who, not in pride or hate,
Strive with the foeman in their gate,
That they should yield to lawless
might—
Too proud to fight!

"Too proud to fight!"—Is this the
land

Which Washington and Lincoln
scanned
And mark it out for liberty?
Or but a fief of Germany—
Whose captains murder babes by
night,
Too proud to fight?

LEAVES TO OBTAIN COMMISSION IN MAJESTY'S FORCES

An informal dance was held in the Amusement Hall at Stave Falls on Saturday May 22nd. During the evening a presentation of a purse of money raised by the operators of the W. C. P. C. was made to Mr. J. E. McPhee, Chief Operator at the Stave Falls Power House who is leaving for England to obtain a commission in His Majesty's Forces. Mr. McPhee is an old timer with the Company and received a hearty send-off from an extensive company of friends. He is to be accompanied by Mr. W. D. Burdis of Vancouver who has been an operator at Ardley and Stave Falls for a considerable period and also goes to serve his King and Country. KILOWATT.

He who fights and runs away
May live to fight another day;
And he who is too proud to fight
May live to run, another night.
Woodrow won't row.

Just what would the United States call a really unfriendly act upon Germany's part?

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Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my son Clarence Nelson.

Jas. H. H. Nelson, Barriere B. C.

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There may be some nations calling themselves neutral but the fact remains that Germany is at war with the world.

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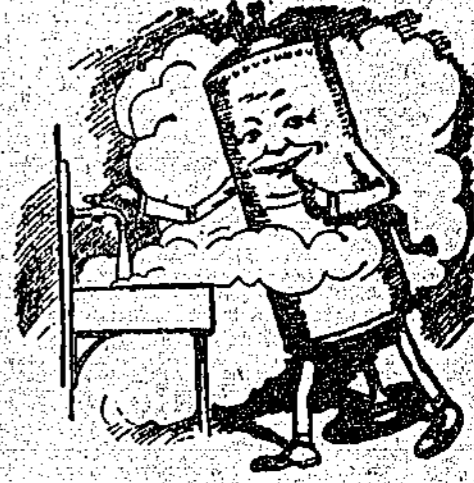
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