The Middle West

EN ONTARIO AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

rom Provinces Where Many tario Boys and Girls Are Living.

en's playgrounds are not to icted in Winnipeg, but the ex- will be cut.
peg Children's Home wants a grant from the city. Expenses amounted to $36,000.
waterworks department at ge shows an operating deficit 0.86.
anitoba Government has en- decided that Winnipeg shall of automatic telephones.
the Royal Flying Corps starting in Canada, 2,259 western e passed the Winnipeg depot.
y shopmen of Winnipeg want creased from the present 38 cents to 54 cents for a day.
idge is to have a stock of arnbis for amputation cases in at western soldiers may be r their homes.
A. V. Cashman, Calgary is leave, and reports a scarcity ry dentists in France and

increases, aggregating $82,- affecting between 800 and oyes of the Winnipeg Street have been put through.
e Hat has an embryo nor- ol. Supt. Hay is giving gra- struction out of school hours who wish to teach on permits.
n Canadians over-bought r needs in the month of Jan- e by 119,630 barrels, accord- ures on file in the local food ces.
nen went to the home of ilness, a German, in David- , and made him kiss the k and give $100 to the mili- .C.A.
nnipeg Street Railway com- cided free street cars for sol- thers and women's auxiliary from the market square to ew's church, to attend the memorial service.
cient Arthur Thomas Cow- of the late Rev. Canon Cow- many years rector of St. nglican Church, Winnipeg, ently been released by the and is now in Holland.
my and Navy Veterans of propose to raise a work bat-

yal Northwest Mounted Po- deavoring to recruit a full the West.
mmings will take overseas the Royal North-West lice of 755 men.
ning girls at Ribstone, Alta., ne hundred and thirty-five heat.
berta Government will oan in Manitoba in an ef- dicate householders in this n the use of western coal and Give" pledges have e by 1,901 Manitoba boys. s that by October, 1,901 cards and give $19,010 to C.A. Red Triangle fund. provincial districts are led Plains with 136 signed ir credit. Grandview has tor has 75, Portage la and Winnipeg 631 pledges.

TTER PRAIRIE HOMES.

ple Which Some Parts of Might Profitably Follow.

hands that were made dur- ar on the Mitchell Nurseries le, twelve miles from Leth- r trees, shrubs and small s give evidence that farm- holds are improving their roundings and adding to erial comfort, says the an- t of the Lethbridge Board. The men folks on the farm indifferent in such matters do not seem to appreciate that the money value of a eatly increased if the house ngs are surrounded with so long as the human eye ngly wander to a bluff of they will an asset of this e an actual money value: animals and poultry, too, the shade.
en folks have too long been with promises that the trees nted "next year", but trees ow on promises, although ys do well on summerful-

ak and uninviting appear- country school houses ntirely changed by the co- rt of a few public spirit- s, who might very readily ong themselves to sum- a strip of land in the ands, get the trees heeled , and set them out in the spring. The teacher and ould be glad to look after f keeping the ground culti- conserve the moisture for of the trees afterwards.

ary Rationing System.

eting in Toronto, Mr. H. B. chairman of the Canada d, said that a voluntary ra- m would be introduced in committee in each province e scale of rationing.

A MONDAY TO REMEMBER

THE FOURTH STRUGGLE ON THE SITE OF YPRES.

How British, French and Belgians Barred the Channel Gates With Their Bodies.

Monday, April 29, 1918 was a Monday to remember.

In a manner little realized the week beginning April 28 was one of the most important in the whole war, and one of the most encouraging for the Allies. For the British and French and Belgian armies that Monday was a very memorable day. They won a magnificent defensive battle on a scale which, in any former war, would have made it stand out as one of the landmarks of military history.

On the hill front round Ypres, but chiefly on the ridges just south of that spectral ruin, they met the heaviest onslaught yet made by the Germans in the north. They not only repulsed and beat it down at all points. They shattered it with such loss as may well give even the German Higher Command furiously to think.

The Worst Bombardment.

The onslaught was heralded by the worst and widest bombardment that had yet pounded the Allies' northern front. The storm of assault broke on that memorable Monday morning upon all three Allies.

We follow the action downward from the north: The Belgians were assailed by two divisions, but again they were true to the great fighting form they had recently shown on the Yser. At Langemarck they were forced back for a couple of hundred yards, but returned to the charge with irresistible spirit and flung the enemy out of every yard he had gained. Southward of Ypres the battle swayed all day upon a ten-mile front. To flatter it, if possible, the enemy employed no less than eleven divisions against three of ours and two of the French. The odds were more than six to one.

Stood Like Granite.

The British sustained the fight from Hollebeke Clytte a mile from the under slopes of Kemmel to Zillebeke Lake, which is just south-east of Ypres. Nowhere that day did our men yield one inch, but held their lines, piling up German casualties before them. Our losses were worthy of the veterans. Our men stood like granite, and more. Nowhere was the grapple fiercer than at Ridge Wood, near the Zillebeke pool, and less than a couple of miles from the northern fall of the Messines tableland. The Germans sought to come on in serried weight with fixed bayonets, by no means a startling arm. It was a fight like Mametz Wood. The enemy was repulsed again and again, mown down with fire and Lewis guns.

But, when that work was sufficiently done, our men took the Boche at his best, fell on him with bayonets against bayonets, and in hand-to-hand fighting swept him away. To complete the British part of it, let us take a more distant corner, passing over for the moment the French, who were between. Messines was held by Australian veterans. It is it necessary to say that Messines continued to be held? The German waves dashed against it in vain that day and the Australians spent the following days in crushing the outposts of their disorganized enemy.

What the French did.

Yet nothing was more brilliant than the exploits of our French comrades in clearing the range of heights just north and west of Kemmel. At first they seemed in danger. Once more they lost Lorette, which has changed hands so many times. They were pushed back upon the lower slopes of Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge. But they only went back for a spring. Rapidly organized, the counter-attack came on, and the enemy went down before it. So our Allies were amidst the debris of Locre again. By nightfall not only was it in their hands, they advanced fully a mile on the Dranoutre road beyond the line they had held when the battle began on Monday morning. Never did blue and khaki do a better day's fighting together.

This is the fourth great struggle which the site of Ypres has witnessed. The first epic in its importance was decided in November, 1914, when the German march upon Calais was stopped. The second was fought in April, 1915, when by their treacherous use of gas the Germans drove very near to the city, but were in the end checked by the magnificent valor of the Canadians. In the third battle or series of battles last year we were the assailants, and but for the stormy weather which arrested our advance we might then have dealt the enemy a fatal blow."

At the Cross Roads.

He was a little Belgian lad
Whom the war had somehow failed to mar,
Almost a baby face he had,
Bewildered now and vaguely sad.
"Where are you going in the wind
And rain? And must you travel far?"
He said: "I've started out to find
The country where the mothers are."

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TRAGIC HERITAGE OF WAR CHILDREN

MOST PITIFUL OF ALL WAR'S CONSEQUENCES.

Their Lives Are Stunted, Dwarfed, Blasted, Says U. S. Red Cross Worker in France.

"Can you imagine anything more pitiful than the lives of children who have never known anything but war? Is there anywhere on God's green earth a more dreadful tragedy than the tragedy of a blighted childhood? The most wonderful thing to me in America is to see little children running about, happy and unafraid.

"I have spent six months in the nearest approach to hell that exists, I believe, in or out of the teachings of the theologians—the hell where babies are born to hear the sound of bursting shells as their introduction to this world of ours, where little ones learn their mother tongue only furtively and in whispers, where children must learn to wear their little gas masks as soon as they learn to walk, where suspicion and fear rule and love and confidence are not.

"What do we in America know about war? We cannot begin to sense what it means so long as our children play. I know what war is, for I have just come back from the land where the children have never learned to play."

When Dr. Esther Lovejoy went over to France she found the American Red Cross had just established its children's bureau, joined the staff of that organization, and as the medical member of the Red Cross detachment went to Evian-les-Bains, the gateway through which Germany pours back into France the old and the infirm, the maimed, the halt and the blind, all who, found in the invaded zone have no military or labor value—and the little children.

Germans Keep Many of Them.

"Not all the little children," said Dr. Lovejoy, "for there are many whom the Germans keep inside their own lines.

"In the French territory occupied by the German armies there were, before the war began, more than 6,000,000 people. Not more than 350,000 of these have been sent back through Switzerland into France or returned through other routes. Many of them were young girls, just rounding the corner into womanhood. Germans send back boys under 14, for the older boys can work. They keep all girls over 16 or who look as if they were over 16.

"The older boys become slaves, those who do not die of starvation and overwork, but they do not become Germans. The girls are lost to France forever.

"Men may be defeated, but they are not conquered. Women through the strongest of all human emotions and attributes, the mother instinct, can be conquered, and the Germans know this. So they keep the girls over 16 with the mothers of but one child for their 'military value' as mothers to the next German army.

"The rest of the children come back through Evian; thirteen thousand and more of them came through while I was there. Once there was a whole orphan asylum, carloads of children sent through alone.

Life in Occupied France.

"We piece together the picture of the life of these little ones inside the German lines from the stories they tell, they and their elders, but more from the look in their faces when they find themselves in a world where the sound of guns is a long way off and where, wonder of wonders, people actually speak French aloud without first looking around to see if the Boches are listening.

"For the strongest impression one gathers from the repatriated of the life of the native civilian in the strange No Man's Land behind the German front is of a country where the people's own mother tongue is 'verboten,' but where nevertheless they all speak it and teach it to their little ones; a land where little children are taught from infancy to be sly and deceitful, to do furtively and by stealth the things that are their proper birthright but which are 'verboten' by the oppressor; above all, a land where hatred is sucked in with the mother's milk, where every stranger is an enemy to be feared, where the awful threat, 'if you don't behave the Boche will get you,' is not the invoking of a story book bogey man but a real, life and death terror, tangible, present, always lurking in the shadow just beyond.

No Chance to Play.

"These children do not play; they do not know how to play. That is the sickening first evidence we get at Evian of their stunted, dwarfed, blasted little lives.

"There has been no chance to play over where they came from; play was dangerous; it might annoy the Boche. Besides, children play instinctively only when they are happy, and these children, born in sorrow and unhappiness, have never been happy in their lives. Think of it, that there are thousands and tens of thousands of little children in France, sunny, smiling France, who have never been happy, who do not know what happiness means!

"It is not only mentally that these children show the effects of their environment from birth. All have suffered a war blight; they are undersized, ill nourished and subject to all sorts of diseases.

Shy in Their Gayety Even.

"One of the most pathetic sights is to see the older children, those who remember France as it was before the war, when they get to Evian, back into France once more, where they can run about and play and sing and shout as they used to do. They are shy and awkward about it at first, but they soon recover their spirits and gayety.

"But the little ones, those born behind the German lines or who were not old enough to walk and talk when the war began—to see them watch the others is heart breaking. Their first emotion is fear—fear that the Boche will seize them for speaking in French aloud.

"They have all been taught French, these tiniest ones. They even have little French songs that they have learned to sing under their breath.

"But of French as a language to be spoken aloud, sung at the top of one's voice, shouted as one romps in the open, they have no conception. Romping and games mean nothing to them; they cling to the skirts of their elders and shiver with fear; it takes a long time to make them understand that they are free at last.

"They never will be truly free, these stunted little repatries. All their lives the shadow of these early years will hang over them. The impressions fixed in infancy never vanish wholly; these have been too firmly impressed ever to be erased. Of all the tragic heritage of war that of these war children is to me the most tragic.

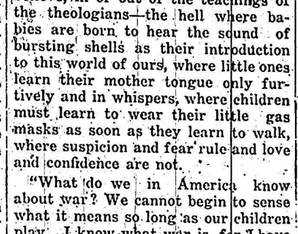
The Solution.

For two weary hours the small boy in the railway carriage had howled, and the occupants were getting tired of it.

"Oh, dear!" sighed the young mother, almost distracted. "What ever shall I do with the child!"

A gleam of hope shone in the eyes of the long-suffering traveller opposite.

"Shall I open the window for you, madam?" he inquired.



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GIRLS! WHITEN SKIN WITH LEMON JUICE

Make a beauty lotion for a few cents to remove tan, freckles, sallowness.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply you with three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Squeeze the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle, then put in the orchard white and shake well. This makes a quarter pint of the very best lemon skin whitener and complexion beautifier known. Massage this fragrant, creamy lotion daily into the face, neck, arms and hands and just see how freckles, tan, sallowness, redness and roughness disappear and how smooth, soft and clear the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless, and the beautiful results will surprise you.

The Farmerette.

Oh Khaki Jack looks through the smoke,
Of deadly barking guns,
With thoughts that stray from trench and shell,
And all the hate of Huns,
His broken thoughts slide home again,
As water downward runs.

Across the fields he sees her go,
Behind the well-known team,
And through the flashes of the smoke
He sees the harness gleam,
As back and forth she guides the plow—
The woman of his dream!

Too heavy far the cumbrous plow—
Too hard the daily toil—
Too wearisome the endless tramp,
Across the yielding soil!
Too slight by far the hands that seek
To straighten out the coil!

Yet noble women-hearts at home,
Make noble men abroad,
Whose splendid deeds reflect the souls
That strive with soulless clod.
For women such as these men die—
And dying, they thank God!

The herd bull requires exercise. If a paddock is not available, give him the run of a large box stall. He will be more prepotent than if kept in cramped quarters.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.

Punctuation marks were first used in 1490.

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

How to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts out without pain.

Let folks step on your feet hereafter; wear shoes a size smaller if you like, for corns will never again send electric sparks of pain through you, according to this Cincinnati authority.

He says that a few drops of a drug called freezone, applied directly upon a tender, aching corn, instantly relieves soreness, and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out.

This drug dries at once and simply shrivels up the corn or callus without even irritating the surrounding tissue.

A small bottle of freezone obtained at any drug store will cost very little but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's foot.

If your druggist hasn't stocked this new drug yet, tell him to get a small bottle of freezone for you from his wholesale drug house.

Conserving the Apples.

"How much cider did you make this year?" inquired Puttey of his neighbor, Savall.

"Fifteen bar'l," was the answer.

Farmer Puttey took another sip.

"It's a pity," he said, "that you hadn't another apple. You might have made another bar'l."

Low-priced tea is a delusion for it yields so poorly in the teapot that it is actually an extravagance compared with the genuine Salada Tea, which yields so generously and has such a delicious flavor.

Might Lose His Job.

A well-to-do Scottish lady one day said to her gardener:

"Man, Tammas, I wonder you don't get married. You've a nice house, and all you want to complete it is a wife. You know the first gardener that ever lived had a wife."

"Quite right, missus, quite right," said Tammas, "but he didna keep his job lang after he got the wife."

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

Trawler Crew's Ordeal.

A trawler employed as a submarine chaser recently arrived at the Azores with 19 men on board after having been at sea for several weeks without bread, fresh water, or coal, and navigating, owing to a breakdown, by means of sails. She was on the high seas for five weeks before being able to reach port.

MONEY ORDERS.

When ordering goods by mail send a Dominion Express Money Order.

Not What He Meant.

"My brother wrote me about a dinner some of the soldiers gave for two visitors at camp, members of a famous Canadian regiment, who were home on sick leave.

The sergeant had been carefully coached about giving the toast, but became flustered and this is what he made of it: "Here's to the gallant Eighth, last on the field and first to leave it."

Silence reigned; then the corporal came gallantly to the rescue:

"Gentlemen," he began, "you must excuse the sergeant; he never could give a toast decently; he isn't used to public speaking. Now I'll give a toast: 'Here's to the gallant Eighth, equal to none.'"

At Sunday School.

With an air of great importance the small boy of a Sunday School in Belfast imparted this happy fact to his teacher:

"The devil is dead," he said, solemnly.

"What makes you think that?" asked the startled teacher.

"Dad said so," exclaimed the boy. "I was standing in the street with him yesterday when a funeral passed, and when dad saw it he said, 'Poor devil! He's dead!'"

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Let Us Give Thanks.

For the courage which comes when we call
While troubles like hailstones fall;
For the help that is somehow nigh
In the deepest night when we cry;
For the path that is certainly shown
When we pray in the dark alone,
Let us give thanks!

For the knowledge we gain if we wait
And bear all the buffets of fate;
For the vision that beautifies sight
If we look under wrong for the right;
For the gleam of the Ultimate Goal
That shines on each reverent soul,
Let us give thanks!

For the consciousness stirring in creeds
That love is the thing the world needs;
For the cry of the travailing earth
That is giving a new faith birth;
For the God we are learning to find
In the heart and the soul and the mind,
Let us give thanks!

For the growth of the spirit through pain,
Like a plant in the soil and the rain;
For the dropping of needless things
Which the sword of a sorrow brings;
For the meaning and purpose of life
Which dawns on us out of the strife,
Let us give thanks!

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

Incorrigible.

At a college in England it is against the rules for male students to visit the "resident lady boarders." One day a student was caught in the act and brought before the headmaster, who said: "Well, Mr. Blank, the penalty for the first offence is four shillings, for the second ten shillings, for the third £1 and so on up to £10."

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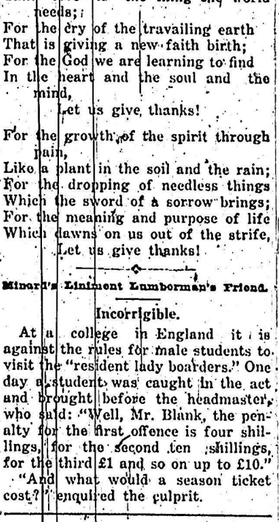

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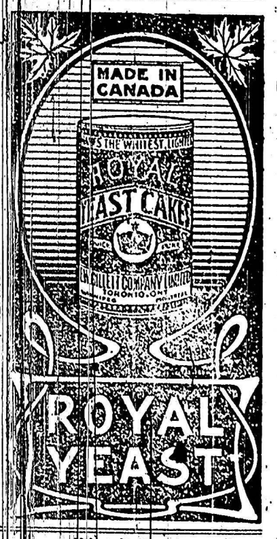

What it Meant.

Sunday-school Teacher—What does verse mean where it says: "And fell upon Jonah?"

Little Harvie—I guess it means the gang jumped on him.

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