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DEATHS

RUDOLPH In Acton, on Wednesday, July 26th, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Rudolph, a son—John Anderson.

DUNCAN At 155 Crescent Road, Toronto, on Sunday, July 28, 1918, to Lt. Col. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan, a son—Fraser Duncan.

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Editorial Notes

Allied Europe depends on North America for 60% of its food supply. After the war a large proportion of this demand will continue. The whole world is short of food-stuffs. The meat population has been increased, Russia has been socially disorganized, and is not producing enough to feed herself. Farmers of Canada will have an export market for years, such as for which they have never dreamed. This is a great opportunity.

The revenue of the Dominion continues to show substantial increase over that for the same period of last year. From April 1, the beginning of the present fiscal year, to July 10, the total revenue of the Dominion amounted to seventy-four million dollars, as compared with forty-nine million dollars in the corresponding period in 1917. While there has been decline in customs revenue of three million dollars, it has been more than counterbalanced by the increase in excise and especially by the revenue from the business profits war taxation.

Already the operation of the prohibition of the liquor traffic is rendering many of the jails of the country unnecessary. There is a movement now on foot by County Councils to amalgamate groups of counties and make provision for one jail in the group to serve the needs of the several counties which thus unite. This will save largely in maintenance, officials salaries etc. At the last meeting of Grey County Council a committee was appointed to meet with representatives of the Counties of Bruce, Dufferin and Wellington with a view to effecting an arrangement whereby the counties mentioned may decide on the upkeep of one jail and the expense of it to be borne proportionately by the four counties.

In no country at war have there been fewer labor difficulties than in Canada, or a better relationship on the whole, between capital and labor. Everywhere there has been a degree of labor unrest, due mainly and inevitably to the rising prices of food-stuffs and other necessities which are the principal items in the household budgets of the wage-earners. There is so much instability in the conditions and factors which regulate prices that there is little likelihood during the war of an equilibrium between wages and the cost of living. For this reason labor disturbances have occurred, and will recur, through the efforts of groups of workers here and there to make their earnings keep pace with prices. This explains the postmen's strike, one of the few troubles of the kind during the war which had more than a local effect. Even this could have been avoided by tact and sympathy on the part of the Government.—The Globe.

Speaking of the great counter-offensive now being waged the Globe has the following to say: "Some rather cautious observers have despaired of any durable advantage accruing from the Allies' relentless pursuit of the foe out of the Iberian-Sohistan salient, but those who are expeditious enough to judge their results, both perit links in an offensive, will continue, that the progress is really worth while. It must be remembered, though, that such a stroke is a counter offensive, an effort to stay a terrific rush on Paris, and that if it did nothing more than compel Ludendorff to assume the defensive a vaunt triumph has been achieved. Such has assuredly upset the enemy's grand strategy for the summer, and possibly for the autumn, and has wreaked it may be for the remainder of the war, an invaluable military prize—the Initiative. Such has done more. It has administered a shock to the mind of the German people deluded with victory talk."

In a more real sense than at any time in the past four years the Germans are fighting a losing battle. Fighting armies of almost numerical equality and compelled to draw heavily upon reserves, many of whom consist of youths in their teens and men past the normal military age limit, Ludendorff is confronted with the relentless fact that the Allies' reserves are being rapidly augmented by fresh and vigorous soldiers from the United States. It was announced in Washington last Saturday that during July it was hoped to have transported 300,000 men to France. The foe's wastage during the same period will equal, if not exceed, half that number, for already the Allies have taken over 300,000 prisoners. The unusually destructive nature of the fighting, so far as man-power is concerned, has increased the proportion of killed and wounded to captured. Besides the steady flow of new and eager forces from this side of the Atlantic, the British army is also being regularly strengthened. The enemy forces incapable defeat on the West front, where the Allies many, many months ago decided that the Battle of the Nations must be fought out.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

All Teachers Accept Re-Engagement—Necessity for Additional Teacher

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