

JOTTINGS OF THE WARS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE SCENES OF CONFLICT.

Month Organs for German Troops—The March of the Guards—French Auto-Carts.

The number of Allied troops now in China amounts to 168,165, with 326 guns. Additional forces, numbering 124,000 men and 172 guns, are, however, on the way.

Some of the Colonials who have been acting in the capacity of scouts in South Africa under Lord Roberts have been offered as much as \$5 a day to take service with the British troops now serving in China.

Large numbers of Boers, fully armed and supplied with wagons, oxen, and horses, have taken refuge in the M'dumba Mountains, Swaziland, where they intend to stay and defend their position if attacked.

A most extraordinary offer has just been accepted by the German Government. Herr Mathew Hohner, a toy manufacturer has shown his patriotism by offering to present 6,000 mouth-organs to the German troops in China. A very large number of these have already been dispatched to their destination.

The strong mounted force under Colonel de Lisle, who belongs to the Durham Light Infantry, which was started in pursuit of De Wet, has been especially equipped for the undertaking. Each man in the force has two horses, the gun teams are doubled, and the transport is carried on Cape carts. De Wet has with him 900 men and three guns.

Major-General Baden-Powell, is now in command of the 12,000 police for the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. It is considered, however, that the presence of Regular troops will be needed for some time to come, and that we shall have to keep an army of from 80,000 to 100,000 men in South Africa, at any rate until the question of land settlement has been decided.

The recent march of the Guard's Brigade, under General Poic-Carew, from Orange River Station to Komati Poort is as praiseworthy as that of the C.L.V.'s, who a short time ago marched 224 miles in fourteen days. The Guards' march, however, was accomplished under harder conditions, seeing that at one time they had to go nineteen miles without water, besides having to cut every step of their way through thick bush.

The French military authorities have been testing the use of auto-cars at the recent manoeuvres. The trials turned out very satisfactory, and it is now proposed to organize a complete service of automobiles for commissariat and ammunition purposes. It is estimated that twenty-four motors, each drawing two cars, could provision an army corps of 55,000 men in twenty-four hours at a distance of sixty-eight miles, at about two-thirds the cost of horse service for the same work.

It is estimated that about 70,000 Militia and Reservists, will be returning to civil life towards the end of November. It is gratifying to know that the National Association for the Employment of Reserve Soldiers anticipate little difficulty in finding employment for the majority of Reservists, as many large employers of labour have already agreed to take back every man who went out to South Africa from their firms, and in some cases have signified their willingness to take one or two extra hands.

As a result of the fact that some of the C.L.V.'s are returning to England by about November 5th, it is good news to know that the percentage of deaths amongst all the Volunteers has been exceedingly low. Altogether about 1,800 men went out, and of this number only 50 have died, which includes both deaths on the field and from disease. This is not owing to the fact that they have seen very little fighting. General Smith-Dorrien states that some of the finest mounted infantry work has been done by them.

"PLAYING HOOKEY."

Children sometimes pretend to be ill to escape going to school. Feigning illness to escape duty is called in the army malingering and is always punished when detected. A child who habitually complains of headaches just before school time should be put on a sofa in a darkened room, not permitted to read, nor look at pictures, and have a hot-water bag placed at his feet. If the ailment is real this is the best treatment for the early stages, if it is feigned the silence and solitude soon become so irksome that the culprit is glad to do anything to escape from them. Other affected persons should be treated as if they were real, and it should be distinctly understood in the family that the child who is too ill to go to school, and to learn his lessons, is too ill to be out of bed. If a child play truant the lessons he loses should be made up at home in his play-time, and the mother should take pains to see that this is done, so that he may find truanting unprofitable. He may be put to bed as soon as he returns home on the assumption that he must be ill, because nothing but illness should keep him from going to school.

On the Farm.

SEED GERMINATION.

All sound seed germinates under conditions which give simultaneously, and in the right proportion a supply of air, moisture and heat.

The best time to plant or sow is that which effects the quickest coming up of the seed, and its strong subsequent growth, the air and ground must be warm enough for the seeds to germinate.

Hastening the coming up of the seeds is of great advantage, as the plants grow up in advance of the weeds, which lightens the labor of keeping the field clean.

Manuring the seed by steeping induces a quicker and stronger growth of the plant in the first 14 days, laying a sure foundation for a subsequent growth and enables it to quickly outgrow dangers from insects.

The infancy of a plant is its critical period. Seed manuring supplies the nutritive properties directly to the young plant at the time when its organs are yet unfit to seek its proper nutriment over a wide range of soil.

The vigorous development of the plant while young, is, moreover, a sure guarantee of its full perfection and ripening.

HEIFER CALVES.

Female calves are our dairy recruits and on their proper rearing largely depends their future usefulness. Some dairymen of scant experience imagine that when a calf develops into the proportions of a cow, no matter what vicissitudes she encounters during her growth, she is then ready to become a paying animal. Dairymen should banish such false notions from their heads if they desire to possess cows of any merit. Remember that calves cannot be raised too well. It pays to force their growth all that you can. Do not slop them much with sour whey or old buttermilk. Feed both to them in a fresh state. They should have the free run of a partially shaded pasture, in which there is a good growth of mixed grasses, containing some clover. Offensive surroundings, like proximity to a barnyard or stable, is inimical to the healthy development of growing calves.

Sweet skimmed milk as it comes from the separator or creamery will make bone and sinew for calves, especially if a little oil meal be added to it.

DESTROY BLACK ANTS.

When your fruit trees lose their bark near the ground, look out for black ants. These pests will eat off a girdle of bark next to the soil. Frequent inspection should be made. If the ants are found, trace them to their nest, which will not be far from the trees they are attacking. Having found their nest, you can kill them with bisulphide of carbon. Pour some of the poison into the entrance of the nest, cover the nest with a thick cloth, so weighted down with stones that the gas formed cannot escape. The gas formed by the evaporation of the bisulphide of carbon is much heavier than air, and, therefore, it will sink into the nest, displace the lighter air, and suffocate the ants. Even the ordinary conical ant hill can be cleaned out by this method. Another way to destroy an ant nest is to pour kerosene or gasoline into the heap, let it spread through the mass and then fire it. Sugar will attract the ants. Scatter it freely about the nests. When the second ration of sugar is scattered mix a little arsenic with it. The ants cannot distinguish between the arsenic and sugar, and the diet will do them up. The best way to kill the workers and destroy the eggs at the same time. The firing method will accomplish this.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Air out that hen house. A comfortable hen is generally a profitable hen.

Shade during the hot weather is very important. Remember that a thoroughbred male is half the flock.

Before saying that poultry on the farm doesn't pay think twice. Give fresh and clean water to the fowls several times a day and especially let the first drink in the morning be clean water. Water standing over night or for part of a day is liable to be full of dust, poison and parasites. These are not good for chickens.

Eggs under the hen will range in temperature from 100 degrees for those on the outside to 105 degrees for those in the center of the bunch. The hen shifts the eggs from the center to the sides, besides turning them over once or twice a day.

Poultrymen who are looking for a duck should not overlook the Rouen duck. The Rouen is a large bird, is a prolific layer of green and white eggs, is not timid, is a good brooder, and produces rich, juicy flesh. The parts of the incubator nearest

the lamps will be the warmest parts. If the incubator be in a cold room, it will require care to keep the temperature even throughout the egg chamber.

Incubators cannot be successfully used unless the grower will shift the eggs every day, besides the mere reversing of the trays. Shifting will aid to bring an even hatch.

If the legs of your hens are persistently scaly, dust them thoroughly, daub the legs with lard and sulphur, and keep up the treatment until the legs are smooth.

Chickens like and will thrive on sweet milk. Use glass or glazed feeding vessels, and be sure that the vessels are not covered with soured milk.

Soft food is necessary for chicks. All soft foods, especially starchy ones, ferment quickly. Therefore watch carefully.

Never put eggs under a scale-legged hen.

A STRANGE CASE

EYE TROUBLE WHICH DEVELOPED INTO RUNNING SORES.

Doctors said it was Consumption of the Blood, and Recovery Was Looked upon as almost Hopeless—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Wrought a Cure.

From the Herald, Georgetown, Ont.

Our reporter recently had the pleasure of calling on Mr. Wm. Thompson, papermaker, at Wm. Barber & Bros. mills, a well known and respected citizen of our town, for the purpose of acquiring the details of his son's long illness and his remarkable recovery through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Thompson kindly gave us the following information which will speak for itself:—"About two and a half years ago my eldest son, Garnet, who is fifteen years old, took what I supposed to be inflammation in his left eye. He was taken to a physician, who advised me to take him to an eye specialist which I did, only to find out that he had lost the sight of the eye completely. The disease spread from his eye to his wrist, which became greatly swollen, and was lanced no less than eleven times. His whole arm was completely useless, although he was not suffering any pain. From his wrist it went to his foot which was also lanced a couple of times but without bringing relief. The next move of the trouble was to the upper part of the leg where it broke out, large quantities of matter running from the sore. All this time my boy was under the best treatment I could procure but with little or no effect. The trouble was pronounced consumption of the blood and I was told by the doctors that you would not come across a case like it in five hundred. When almost discouraged and not knowing what to do for the best, a friend of mine urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saying that he had a son who was afflicted with a somewhat similar disease and had been cured by the pills. I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and secured some of them at the drug store, and after my boy had taken two boxes I could see the color coming back to his sallow complexion and noted a decided change for the better. He went on taking them and in a few months from the time he started to use them I considered him perfectly cured and not a trace of the disease left, except his blind eye, the sight of which he had lost before he started to use the pills. He has now become quite fleshy and I consider him one of the healthiest boys in the community. If any person is desirous of knowing the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills you may direct them to me, as I can highly recommend them to any person afflicted as my boy was."

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A GIGANTIC WORKSHOP.

The greatest workshop in the world is that of the famous Krupp at Essen. It employs between 20,000 and 25,000 hands, nearly all of whom reside in dwellings belonging to the firm. In the great mill of Essen are 1,195 furnaces of various kinds; 286 boilers; ninety-two steam hammers of from 200 lb. to 10,000 lb.; 370 steam engines, with a total of 37,000 horse-power; 1,724 different machines, and 361 cranes. The eleven high furnaces produce about 800 tons of iron daily, and 2,735 tons of coal and coke are used each day for fuel.

THEY HURLED HIM FORTH.

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CHURCH OF FOUR STEEPLES.

The German Architect's Funny Story of His Experience with the Officers of a Texas Baptist Church.

The chief engineer's draughtsman, Mr. Book, was a severe-looking German, who rarely cracked a smile, and more rarely told stories. When not otherwise engaged, his favorite occupation was to keep his limekiln going; in other words, to stuff and light his pipe. One evening, when the stock of camp fire was near low-water mark, he was, after much persuasion, induced to unbosom himself.

"Dere isn't much to tell. I came to Texas fifteen years ago, and as I didn't know a word of English, went to San Antonio to look for a job. I am an architect and worked for von old German rascal two years for \$15 a mont und board. I hot to make all de designs and calculations, but I vas so green dot it took me two years to find out dot my work vas vorth more money. Den I got mat und quit und hung out my own sign.

"In tree days I got my first independent job. It vas a plan for a Baptist church in a town sixty miles from de railroad. I made a very fine plan of von imitation Gothic church, vit von fine decorated shteeple, und den I took my book of designs und den I blaw und vent to dat town to see de deacons. Dere vas only five deacons, but dey made me trouble enough for a dozen. Von deacon he liked the shteeple very much, und tree didn't vant any chincherbreat work on it at all. De oder deacon didn't care about the shteeple, but said dat de roof vas too shteeple, und de breacher said dat my blupit vas alright for a Catholic Church, but noi for a Baptist Church. De five deacons vas rich gattleman und made a great deal of fuss about de blaw, und before the meeting vas over dey got to fighting about it. I couldn't swear like dem fellers if I tried a hundred years. Von got shot in de arm, und de breacher he got a black eye, vich vas intended for anoder man. I jumped out of der vinder und run to de hotel, but as I couldn't get a hack dat evening I hat to stay in town. De congregation vas getting egcided, too, und I vas very anxious to get back to mine sick vife, vich I haven't got yet.

"About 6 o'clock next morning de deacon vat vas shot in de arm, came to my room und asked me if I could make a plan for anoder kind of shteeple. I showed him my design book, und ven he saw de picture of de minaret on a Turkish musk, he vas vild vit delight. 'Dot's choost vat I am looking for; put dat in de blaw.' Den came anoder deacon, und told me he didn't like six-cornered or round shteeples; he vant a good Hardshell Baptist tower vit four corners, I found von in de book dat suited him egcactly. 'Put dat on de church, says he, und goes downstairs. Before I could get to breakfast in comes anoder deacon und said he didn't vant no candle extrinkwishers on de church, und selecting a high, slender shteeple from de book, he told me to put dat in de blaw.

"Vile I vas talking vit dese fellers de stage started for San Antonio und I vas awful anxious to see mine sick vife. Dey notified me dat dey would hold anoder meeting dat afternoon. I went to bed, sent dem my design book und asked to be excused, as I vasn't feeling vell. Dey nearly had anoder fight, but de breacher he got dem to gompromise, and I got de order to change the blaw. I put tree different shteeples und one minaret on dat church, und I just got the blaw finished ven in comes de last deacon und vants de roof changed, und de breacher couldn't breach unless I changed de blupit. I changed dem.

"Ven you go down to dat town, you vill find a vooden Gothic church on a stone foundation, vit a French mansard roof, a Gothic steeple, a Turkish minaret, und two oder kinds shteeples, und a blupit dot looks like de desk of a chustice de de peace. Dey paid me \$150 for de job, und dey vas so vell satisfied dat dey vant to put my name on the corner stone as architect. I paid the stone cutter \$5 to forget all about it.

"A gompromise is a grand ding—sometimes."

BRIGHT INVENTIONS.

The examination of a host of patents proves that while the inventors' premises are correct and their methods extremely ingenious, they have often overlooked the disadvantages incident to the use of the device which are overwhelmingly against its employment.

As an example could be cited the expedient patented to prevent horses from running away. This consisted of a strong chain passed about the

forelegs of the animal and kept supported against his breast by a line secured to the dashboard. Should the animal take fright and run, the line is simply loosened, when the chain falls to the horses knees, throwing him and breaking his legs. Another genius, after citing the danger from runaways, not only to the passenger but to the steed itself, calls attention to the absolute waste of energy exerted by the horse in descending hills. He also mentions the exposure the animal is subjected to from storms and rays of the sun in summer. With one bold stroke he leaves all conventional methods behind. The horse is placed under the wagon instead of in front of it, the vehicle being arched above him. Thus he is perfectly protected from the weather and leaves an unobstructed view. A strong canvas and leather band encircles the animal's body, the ends of which pass upward through the bottom of the wagon and are attached by chains to a windlass above the flooring. Should the horse be descending a hill or undertake to bolt, the driver calmly winds on a crank and lifts him off his feet.

This latter scheme is certainly more reasonable than the one for improved canal-boat propulsion, which, although not patented, is related by some writer. The object to be attained was to continue the use of the mule, but while protecting him from the weather, flies, etc., to do away with the loss of time necessitated in having to stop the boat and run out a gangplank to the towpath in changing animals. The mule is kept in the boat at all times. The bottom of the canal is leveled off and the towpath disposed of. Four holes are made in the bottom of the boat through which the legs of the mule protrude. He really walks on the bed of the canal, although thoroughly protected by the surrounding boat structure, and the driver may recline at his ease beside him. In his report of his first experiment to the directors and stockholders of the company which he had formed, the inventor stated that there was a failure owing to one reason, viz., that he could not find a single canal-boat that was not leaky, and strange to say (in spite of the assurances of the owners of the boats to the contrary), this trouble invariably made its appearance as soon as he had prepared the bottom of the boat for his mule and launched it.

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The social weaver-birds of South Africa build their nests in colonies under a common, umbrella-like roof, probably woven for defensive purposes against the intrusion of snakes. The gardener-bird constructs its highly-decorated nest with adjoining ornamental spaces, apparently for the purpose of furnishing an attractive meeting-place for social intercourse with her fellows. The spotted collar bird—a cousin of the crow—prepares its artistic bower, a sort of assembly-room, ornamented with shells, pebbles, and other bright-colored bric-a-brac, where in due time festive gatherings are held, and much apparent mutual admiration attends strutting and dancing of the male. The lapwing also carries out its taste for social intercourse to the extent of holding dancing parties. At these the birds, who live in pairs, are joined by a third, and all three, keeping step, begin a rapid march, uttering resonant drumming notes in time with their movements. As the march ceases the leader stands erect, while the others bow before it, and the visitor returns to its own quarters, to receive a return call from one of the others, when the performance is repeated.

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