

DARKIES' CORNERS.

Mr. Jack Arnett is engaged with Mr. Allan Cameron, in town. Several from this burg attended the social at Edge Hill on Friday evening.

EDGE HILL

Miss Maggie Firth is visiting in London with her brother, Mr. J. W. Firth. Mr. J. W. Greenwood, of Minitoulin, is enjoying a few holidays at his home here.

Mr. W. J. Ritchie has completed his summer's work for Mr. W. Jacques, and is at present employed with Mr. W. G. Firth. Mr. Hooper, of the south line, Glenore, and Mr. Geddes, of Dromeg, were guests of Mr. Thos. Greenwood on Saturday.

Born in London, on Thurs., Nov. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Firth, a son. Congratulations. Mr. D. Edge has re-engaged Mr. Andy Ritchie for a year. Our new tax collector, Mr. Neil McCannel was through this district on his official rounds last week. There is a slight increase in the rates this year.

BRIEF DECISIONS.

It's a wise fly that knows its own swatter. Silence is frequently of unspeakable value. A man is also known by the company that keeps him. Faith in one's self will remove mountains of difficulties. It takes a real man to stick to a task he is not stuck on. Some men are never too busy to go looking for trouble. Place a high value on yourself and then prove you are worth it. A coat of arms is no good for concealing defects in your character. A woman frequently knows what she wants but cannot make up her mind what it is. Converted merchantmen are all very well, but why not evangelize the submarine? —Judge.

THE NEIGHBORS SAY—

If he is regular in attending church, he is too pious. If he doesn't attend church, he is on the road to perdition. If he sends his family away for the summer, it is more than he can afford. If he doesn't allow them a vacation, he is called stingy. If he happens to be successful in business, he achieved success unfairly. If he doesn't succeed, he missed his calling. If the piano is silent, why don't they buy a player? If they have a player piano, it annoys the whole neighborhood. If he gives freely to charity, it is done for show. If he doesn't, he is classed as a tightwad. If his wife does her own work, she is "killing herself" for the family. If she has servants, she ought to be more economical. If he dies young, he led too fast a life. If he lives to a ripe old age, he is living beyond his time. —Clinton C. Stevens in Judge.

SLACKERS' LAST CHANCE

Practical Form of Conscription to be Adopted For Single Men Soon. If unmarried young men eligible for military service do not come forward voluntarily and enlist before November 30 the Government will take steps to compel them to do so, says London. Marriages contracted since the registration day of August 15 will not save these men from military duty. This, the nearest approach to conscription that has yet been taken by the Government under Lord Derby's recruiting scheme, was officially announced in the following statement given out by the Press Bureau: "Lord Derby is authorized by the Premier to express surprise that his statement in the House of Commons on November 2 had been considered ambiguous. The Premier on that occasion pledged not only himself but the Government when he stated that if young men did not, under the stress of national duty, come forward voluntarily other and compulsory means would be taken before married men were called upon to fulfill their engagement to serve. Lord Derby is further authorized to state definitely that if young men, medically fit and not indispensable to any business of national importance or any business conducted for the general good of the community, do not come forward voluntarily before November 30 the Government after that date will take the necessary steps to redeem the pledge made on November 2. It must be clearly understood that no marriage contracted after registration day, August 15, entitles any man to be relegated to the marriage groups. Whether any man is indispensable to his business will be decided by competent authorities."

Pacifist Called Down

Bonar Law Quickly Silences Member's Ridiculous Speech. Charles P. Trevelyan, Liberal member for York, in a speech in the London Commons, urged the formulation of terms of peace for the purpose of trying to obtain by negotiations instead of by bloodshed the restoration of Belgium and the settlement of European boundaries on lines of nationality. "Germany," said Mr. Trevelyan, "to preserve her existence can continue the war six years. Meanwhile, what is going to happen to us and the rest of the world? A war of attrition means for us, as well as for Germany utter and irrevocable ruin." Andrew Bonar Law, minister for the colonies, condemned Mr. Trevelyan's speech as useless and mischievous. "There is not another member in the House," said Mr. Law, "who believes for a moment that Germany will free Belgium or restore Alsace to France unless she is thoroughly beaten, and the British Government is as determined now as it was on the first day when the war was forced on us that it should continue until the objects sought by it are attained."

The Shadow of Defeat

Russian General Says Germany Cannot Save Herself From Destruction. General Ruzsky of the Russian army has given the following interview with the correspondent of The Bourse Gazette: "We are now guaranteed against unpleasant surprises on the part of the Germans. The time for surprises is past. The Anglo-French army has so thoroughly fortified itself that if there are surprises they can be agreeable to our allies. By not advancing, the enemy in reality is retreating. At Dvinsk we are delivering tremendous blows by our transfer to the aggressive. The Germans now surrender readily in whole companies and battalions. Their men, worn out by privations and the cold, show no trace of their former self-confidence. The Balkans are a secondary theatre of war. It is not there that the fate of nations will be decided. Even if Germany should operate successfully in the Balkans she will merely make things temporarily easy for herself. She cannot possibly save herself."

Gen. Smuts in Command

General Jan Christian Smuts, African Minister of Defence, has been given supreme command of the military expedition against German East Africa. The Union of South Africa Government has decided to send against the German colony as many as 25,000 men if a force that size should be deemed necessary. A great recruiting campaign is being planned in the Union to raise volunteers for the overseas, as well as for operations in Africa.

Looking Into the Future

The Mattino at Naples asserts that it has been informed King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has communicated with Pope Benedict stating that after the war Bulgaria will become a Catholic country. The newspaper adds that is an old dream of King Ferdinand, and that the heads of the Bulgarian Church are not opposed to the measure, provided the Pope is willing to recognize the Orthodox Bulgar prelates.

Cancer's New Cure

Seven patients suffering from cancer have been completely cured "by assisting nature's efforts," according to Dr. Robert Bell, of London, Eng. "We have," said Dr. Bell, demonstrated the healing power of nature, together with the administration of therapeutic agents, is able to bring about complete recovery."

Family All Doing Their Bit

Lieut. J. M. Phelan, of the 15th (Belleville) Regiment, who is attending the Provisional School of Infantry at Kingston, Ont., is one of 24 first cousins who have been in uniform during this war in the cause of the allies. Nine of them have already been killed in action.

Kitchener on Way East

The Corriere Della Sera of Milan reports that Earl Kitchener, the British War Secretary has arrived at Mudros, on the Island of Lemnos, in the Aegean Sea.

CANADIAN EYE-WITNESS' GLIMPSE OF OUR LADS

Calm Prevails on Canadian Front—Chance to Repair Trenches Taken—Health Continues Excellent

Major-General Sir Sam Hughes received the following communique from the Canadian general representative in France: "Canadian General Headquarters in France—During the week Nov. 5 to 12 the general situation on the Canadian front has remained unchanged. Our working parties have been busily employed throughout the area on repair work, and the improvement of our drainage systems. The enemy has been actively engaged repairing his trenches, and there has been every indication that his trenches were severely damaged as a result of the recent heavy rains. Continuous sounds of pumping and baling have been heard from his lines, and during the daytime his working parties have offered more than usually frequent targets for our artillery. As the result of the employment by the enemy of large numbers of men on repair work there has been little machine gun and rifle fire from the German trenches, and only occasionally have German snipers displayed their customary activity. The enemy artillery has displayed a tendency to bombard certain sections of our front line more heavily than usual, and to concentrate a considerable fire on some of the farm buildings within our area. Very little damage has been done. In every case our artillery has taken advantage of its superior weight and retaliated with a heavy fire, which has effectively silenced the German batteries."

Canadians Still Superior

"Our patrols and snipers continue to maintain their general ascendancy over the enemy. On several occasions officers' patrols have penetrated the German wire entanglements and secured valuable information as to the condition of the German parapets. Few indications of hostile patrols have been found. The training of our troops is progressing well, and continues to receive every attention. A large proportion of the personnel of our infantry units has taken a grenade course in one or other of our schools. In spite of the wet weather the health of our troops continues good, and all ranks remain in excellent spirits."

Britain's Air Service

M.P. Says British Aeroplanes Should be Manufactured at Once

During the course of debate in the House of Commons in London recently, A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, laid down the principle that he would not reply to criticisms on the conduct of the war, on the ground that "all criticism of the conduct of the war must, until after the war is over, and indeed long after, be a matter almost impossible to deal with, because the facts are not and cannot be known." The House of Commons formally agreed to a vote of credit for \$2,000,000,000, asked for by Premier Asquith. William Joynson-Hicks drew attention to the condition of the Royal Flying Corps and the Naval Air Service. He said it was important that Britain should have large, new aeroplanes for the offensive next spring, in order to meet the new airships and new aeroplanes which the Germans were building. He asked why work on a British Zeppelin had been stopped in January, and whether the Admiralty had dropped the policy of attacking Zeppelins by aeroplanes.

Constantine May Lose Throne

Allies Remind Greek King it is They Who Practically Keep Him There

Besides the claims to hospitality which the Entente Allies declare they have on Greece, Lord Kitchener or the Entente Ministers are likely to draw the attention of King Constantine and his Government to the fact that the Constitutionalism of Greece was guaranteed by France, Russia and Great Britain, and that it was obtained only after Great Britain ceded the Ionian Islands to that country, and the three powers had agreed to contribute \$20,000 yearly for the personal use of the King. This, it is contended, binds the Greek people to the Entente Allies, and should King Constantine over-rule the constitution it is suggested in some quarters that King Constantine would be reminded that his retention of the Throne of Greece depends on the continuance of friendly neutrality towards the Entente powers.

Britain's Fleet Increases

The London Daily Express announces it is authorized to state that since the beginning of the war fourteen battleships and battle cruisers, all super-dreadnoughts, have been added to the British fleet, as well as a large number of minor warships designed to meet the demands which have developed during the course of the great conflict.

"Foxy's Fortune Gone

French newspapers disclose the fact that practically all the personal fortune of Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is in a London bank. The monarch's mother, Princess Clementine of France, tied up her money in trust to prevent Ferdinand from squandering it.

Austrian aeroplanes raided Verona, the town made famous by Shakespeare, killing 80 civilians.

Dr. Montague, formerly accused in connection with Winnipeg scandals, died suddenly Saturday.

Prince Albert, second son of King George is about to be operated on for gastritis.

The British submarine E-20 has been sunk by the Turks in the Sea of Marmora.

Seven allied vessels were sunk last week-end by German submarines. Eight hundred wounded Canadian soldiers have arrived at Quebec.

BULGARS SWEEP BACK WITH COLOSSAL LOSSES

Allies Making Hurricane Advances in Balkans—Artillery Attacks Raging—A Week's Successful Fighting

The London Serbian Legation made the following official communication: "Although Velez is not yet in the hands of the French and British troops, the Bulgarians are hard pressed and the fall of the town is imminent. The Bulgarians in the region of Velez have suffered enormous losses and have requested an armistice to bury their dead." The London Daily Telegraph says: "In Serbia the scene of the heaviest fighting is now in the south. The French are forcing their way north. A furious artillery attack is in progress in the Doiran sector on the Greek frontier, the Anglo-French guns leading in the combat. The Bulgarians in force attacked the French positions on the River Cerna, west of Khabak. The battle continued all day, several positions being lost and retaken. Finally the French retained all the positions, the Bulgarians retreating at night. The Bulgarians lost heavily, the field being covered with their dead. The French losses were small. The Bulgarian forces was calculated at thirty battalions."

Russian Success Continues

The following official statement has been issued from Petrograd: "On the western (Russian) front the Germans attempted to take the offensive against the Borsemuende Farm, in the Heskul district. They were repulsed by our artillery fire. In the Dvinsk district, farther to the south, as far as Pripet, there is nothing to report. Desperate fighting continues near the village of Medveje, north-west of Czartorysk. The enemy's attempts to advance in the direction of the River Styv were stopped by our fire. Near the village of Pogsale, west of Czartorysk, there was desperate fighting. On the Caucasus front, on the west shore of Lake Ourmis, our troops repulsed Kurdish forces."

French Counter-attacks Successful

Paris says the following: "In Artois, at the Labyrinth, the Germans penetrated one of our first line trenches near the Lille road. Our counter-attacks immediately expelled them. The Germans left all their wounded on the field. North of the Aisne our batteries concentrated their fire against the German organizations on the Neuveau plateau, with good effect. In Champagne, in the region of the Butte du Mesnil, and on the heights of the Meuse, at Bois des Chevaliers, there has been active artillery fighting."

Italians Bombarding Corizia

The heaviest kind of fighting has developed in the battle in the Corizia region of the Austro-Italian front. Rome announces the capture of enemy trenches on the heights north-west of Corizia and the taking of a redoubt on the Carso plateau.

Italy and Germany at War

Torpedoing of Ancona Without Warning Opens Hostilities

The Italian War Office has announced that the submarine which sank the Ancona was German, and not Austrian. The Italian Government holds that the attack was tantamount to a declaration of war. The Government has therefore seized all German merchantmen interned when war was declared with Austria and will fit them out for service. The official statement follows: "The Ancona did not attempt to escape, but stopped within 33 yards after the firing of the first shot. The liner was torpedoed while boats were being lowered, and a hundred passengers were still on board. The submarine being German, Germany has opened hostilities against Italy without a declaration of war."

Von Bernstorff Accused

German Ambassador Said to be Secretly Working Against States

The Providence Journal says: "A vast fund of money, amounting to between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000, has been spent in United States in the past four months for propaganda work against the allies, under the immediate supervision of Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, and Dr. Heinrich Albert, Privy Councillor, of Germany. The Journal has a positive record of the receipt by Ambassador von Bernstorff and Dr. Albert of at least \$10,000,000 in the time mentioned. A great deal of this money has come through the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. The Journal charges that not one dollar of this money has been spent for legitimate purposes, but that all of it is going for propaganda work of the most vicious description."

Churchill Defends Himself

Winston Spencer Churchill, who has been held responsible for the loss of Rear-Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock's fleet in the Pacific, the destruction by submarines of the British cruisers Cressy, Hogue and Aboukir, the Antwerp expedition and the Dardanelles, has defended himself in the House of Commons. The House sympathized with him.

Hun Women Rioting

The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company sends the following: "At Dusseldorf a recent food riot in which crowds of women, incensed at the high prices, bombarded the market and shops with potatoes and stones, was stopped with some difficulty by the police, who were compelled to charge the crowd, arresting a number of the participants."

Belgium Again Taxed

Governor-General von Bissing has imposed upon Belgium a monthly war contribution of \$3,000,000 towards covering the needs of the army and the cost of administering occupied territories.

CORNER CONCERNS

Mrs. Wm. Marshall was over to Varney to see her brother and sister, James and Jessie McVean, who had a runaway accident last week coming home from Durham. Their horse got frightened at an auto on the narrow piece of road north of Burt's hill, threw them over the bank and broke the buggy. James, who had been up to Durham to see the doctor, for a lame back, was none the worse but his sister was not so fortunate, being badly bruised about the face, as well as badly shaken up.

Mrs. Irwin of Paisley is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Bar Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook, of Travston, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFadden, the latter couple remaining for a few days. Mr. Jas. Swieber of Arthur township came up on Saturday on his motorcycle, to spend the day hunting with his cousin, Jas. Marshall. He had a pleasant time, notwithstanding the fact that he collided with a dog on the way

up, which injured slightly both himself and his machine. Rev. Mr. Morris has announced for a prayer-meeting to be held at the home of John Queen this Tuesday night, and on Wednesday the Ladies' Aid meets in the same place. It never rains but it pours. The farmers were pushing along well with their ploughing, but the snow of Monday night reminds them of many a thing that should be done before winter sets in. The boys are returning from their western trip, all much pleased with the western provinces, in fact, some are thinking seriously of becoming permanent citizens.

SAUGEEN VALLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Turnbull of Vickers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Turnbull last week. Mr. Thos. Davis was in Toronto since our last budget. Misses May and Isabella Davis spent a couple of days with their grandparents here. Little Olive Allen has been very sick. We hope she has recovered again.

Mr. Wm. Weir has started plowing on the farm he purchased from Mr. Allan Campbell.

Mr. Jas. McArthur was in Priceville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dailey of Egremont spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Turnbull.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wells of Hanover visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Whitmore, last week.

Mrs. McCoskery of Durham spent a day or so with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Newell, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McLean of Aberdeen spent last Sunday at the McArthur home.

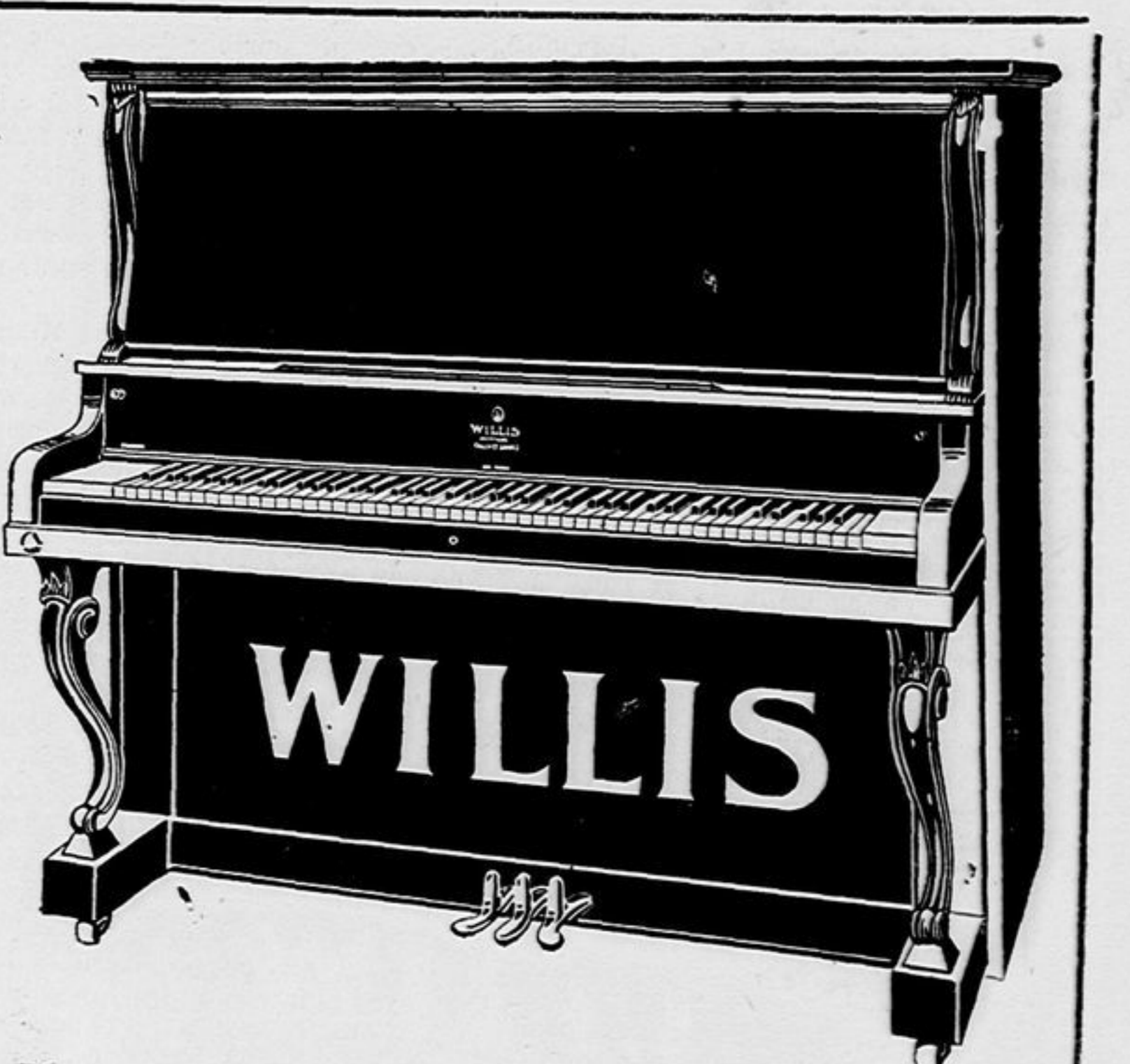
Glenelg Centre Sunday school are having their tea-meeting on Friday, November 19. A good programme is being prepared. Come and bring your friend.

Born—On November 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Beaton, a daughter.

We wonder what is the matter with the Riverdale and Vickers correspondents, and others? We like to see their budget once in a while.

BOILING THE BABY.

A newspaper calls attention to a nursing bottle advertisement, which concludes with the words: "When a baby is done drinking it must be unscrowed and laid in a cool place under a tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk, it should be boiled."



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