

COUNTRYSIDE TIDINGS

WHAT WHIG CORRESPONDENTS HAVE TO TELL

News from Villages and Farms Throughout the Adjoining Counties — Rural Events, and Movements of the People.

Mallorytown is Active.

Mallorytown, Oct. 13.—The people of this community have organized a branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and \$250 in cash was reached at the opening meeting...

Secley's Bay Items.

Secley's Bay, Oct. 13.—Our local sportsmen are making preparation for their annual deer hunting trip. Miss Helen Walke has gone to Portland to act as assistant postmistress...

Bloomfield Notes.

Bloomfield, Oct. 12.—The very finest autumn weather has prevailed for the past two weeks, and many tomatoes and much corn has been hauled to the canning factories...

Attended Convention.

Lavant Station, Oct. 12.—Miss Pearl Horn and Miss Hilda Gault were the guests of Miss Ethel Boyd, Wilbur, on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McFarlane and family visited the latter's parents...

Morewood Matters.

Morewood, Oct. 5.—Rev. D. D. and Mrs. Elliott attended the general conference in Ottawa last week and were guests at the home of Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Wilson...

Thursday for Kingston to resume his studies in Queen's university. Miss Amy Crosbie, Perth, is at present a guest at the parsonage. Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Hagar, Frankville, were guests in Morewood on Tuesday. Mr. Allison was a guest at the home of his brother on Friday...

Events at Elgin.

Elgin, Oct. 12.—C. A. Halliday, Prescott, was the guest of his parents. Rev. W. J. P. McFarlane has returned from Ottawa. Nurse Nelson, who had a patient at Chateaufort's Locks, has returned home. A school fair for Fortar, Coon's and Elgin schools, was held on H. Ripley's farm and drew forth a large crowd...

Township of Pittsburgh Council. Pittsburgh, Oct. 5.—The council met at 11 a. m.; members all present; minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Accounts passed: J. Duggan, royalty on stone, \$2.40; J. Rankin, royalty on stone, \$2.40; R. Ballantyne, fence bonus, \$3.73; R. Barclay, royalty on stone, \$5.71; H. Brash, do., \$3.71; J. McAllister, do., \$3; C. Day, work, \$25; G. E. Creamer, work, \$13; J. Taylor & Son, lumber, \$24.67; Thomas Woods, gravel and work, \$35; H. McNeely, \$3; J. Gallaway, drawing cement, \$4; E. Garrett, use of water tank, \$2; S. Reford, cleaning out well, \$4; clerk, account, salary, \$40; Maxing, restaurant now being patronized by officers of the headquarters staff, instead of by chorus girls, and while the Montmartre girls have long since closed, such changes were to be expected when the entire nation shouldered arms. But the change in the Champs Elysees was slower, more indefinite, subtle and surprising. This street, where the fashionable set were rivals in glorious display, continues to be the parade ground of the city, but instead of a procession of motors, containing dainty Parisiennes wrapped in costly furs and moving slowly, there is now another, but swifter, procession of motor vehicles. They ply two kinds of flags—one the pennant of Service Militaire, the other the Red Cross. As the majority of these cars now requisitioned, once formed a part of that anti-bellum procession, the change is not so noticeable.

At Troy, N. Y., John Izzo and his bride, were found dead in a local hotel Monday afternoon, having been asphyxiated by illuminating gas. A. H. Jones, railway engineer, of Westmount, and two other men, were killed and two injured in an accident on the N.T.R. construction work near La Tuque.



GERMAN CROWN PRINCE. Crown Prince William of Germany, oldest son of Kaiser William.

ALL PARIS IS KNITTING.

Women, Rich and Poor, Ply Needle for Militaire.

Paris, Oct. 14.—In all the transformation brought about here by the war no greater change is noticeable than that which has occurred in the last few days in the city's most beautiful thoroughfare, the Avenue des Champs Elysees. While kiaki has taken the place of silks and satins in the shops that restaurant now being patronized by officers of the headquarters staff, instead of by chorus girls, and while the Montmartre girls have long since closed, such changes were to be expected when the entire nation shouldered arms. But the change in the Champs Elysees was slower, more indefinite, subtle and surprising. This street, where the fashionable set were rivals in glorious display, continues to be the parade ground of the city, but instead of a procession of motors, containing dainty Parisiennes wrapped in costly furs and moving slowly, there is now another, but swifter, procession of motor vehicles. They ply two kinds of flags—one the pennant of Service Militaire, the other the Red Cross. As the majority of these cars now requisitioned, once formed a part of that anti-bellum procession, the change is not so noticeable.

output, when delivered at headquarters, is promised to be delivered to the regiments within the next twenty-four hours.

STREET RAILWAY SEIZED.

Mexican Government's Drastic Solution for Strike.

Mexico City, Oct. 14.—The government took provisional possession of the Mexico Tramways company's lines. This action was taken because traffic has been suspended since last Thursday, due to the strike of motormen and conductors. The government will commence operating the lines in the interest of public welfare.

NORMAL GRAIN BUYING.

Britain Alone of Belligerents is Doing It.

Kansas City, Oct. 14.—Britain alone of the belligerent European powers, is buying grain normally, according to a statement made at the eighth annual convention of the Grain Dealers' National Association, which convened here. Nearly 1,000 delegates, representing export and commission firms and country dealers, are in attendance. The grain trade in Britain was entirely normal, the dealers asserted, but France was buying now only about ten per cent. of its usual amount. Germany and Austria they said, were purchasing nothing.

FATAL ACCIDENT WHILE THEY WERE HUNTING TOGETHER.

Vancouver, Oct. 14.—Mrs. Flora Nellie Jones, aged twenty-one, wife of a rancher near Merritt, was shot by her husband while both were out shooting. Jones carried his wife a mile to their home, but she died within a few minutes after reaching there.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Mme Nazimova is soon to appear in a new play. Henry B. Harris has selected the title of "A Perfect Lady" for the new play in which Rose Stahl will star this season. There are eighty-two speaking characters in Thompson Buchanan's "Life," which William A. Brady is soon to produce. Edgar Allan Wolf has announced his intention of vaudevilizing the entire Shakespearean repertoire for the Keith theatres. Alice Lloyd, who will be at the Orpheum next week, was at the Palace, New York, this week. There she divided the honors with Joan Sawyer, the dancer. Allan Pollock, who has been playing at the Princess Theatre, Toronto, with Miss Billie Burke, is leaving the company to join the British army. Mr. Pollock is an army reservist, and expects to be attached to the Argyll-Sutherland Highlanders.

BRAKEMAN'S INJURIES FATAL.

Belleville, Oct. 14.—Smith Bird, brakeman, living in this city, suffered injuries at Colborne early on Monday morning, as a result of which he died in Belleville general hospital. He left here on a freight and slipped on the station platform, rolling upon the track. One leg was cut off and the other was crushed. Animal justice is almost as bad as that shown to man.

GOLDSMITH'S BURIAL.

Why the Poet Was Not Laid to Rest in Westminster Abbey.

Every biographer of Goldsmith, writes Mr. Irvine Waggoner in Cause and Comment, the lawyers' magazine, has given more or less credence to a strange story of the poet's entanglements with the law at his death. Unquestionably Goldsmith died heavily in debt. Sir Joshua Reynolds estimated the debts at \$10,000. According to the story, these debts disrupted the funeral arrangements. A public funeral in Westminster Abbey was designed, the pallbearers had been selected from the distinguished circle to which Goldsmith belonged, and then the rapidly maturing arrangements came to a sudden halt. The public funeral was given up without explanation. The burial took place simply, almost secretly, in the ground of the Temple Church. None of the old literary friends were present.

This strange change in procedure has been explained by the statement that friends feared that creditors would interfere with the public funeral by setting the body, a right which it is alleged the creditors had under the law at that time.

This explanation has been reiterated until it is quite generally believed. As a matter of fact the story is without foundation, because the law of England never gave a right of this nature to creditors. The story has also been quite industriously circulated about Richard Brinsley Sheridan, who likewise died heavily in debt. Whatever it was that changed the arrangements of a public funeral for Oliver Goldsmith, it may be safely asserted as a legal proposition that there was not any likelihood that the dead body would be seized by creditors. Possibly Forster came near the truth when he said, "It was felt that a private ceremony would better become the circumstances in which he died." So it came about that Goldsmith was buried by his lawyer friends and neighbors within the boundaries of their own domain. He had lived his happiest days among them, and it was after all more fitting that he should lie down to his long rest in the midst of them rather than in a garish and splendid tomb in Westminster Abbey. The exact spot of the grave has long been forgotten, but in 1837 the benches of the Temple Inn placed a marble slab in the church of the Temple, and this is pointed out to visitors as the poet's resting place. It is hallowed ground, and the lawyers who now frequent that spot may well turn aside from the plodding course of their daily routine and pay homage to the poet who lived among their brethren of another age and loved them with all the fervor of his simple, honest heart.

Isle of Lewis Scots.

The island of Lewis in Scotland, where practically the entire male population has volunteered for active service, holds a proud record for military prowess, and furnishes the finest recruits for the Highland regiments. A practice, approved by Plato, formerly prevailed here of putting to death by execution all weakly or deformed children, and it is said by the most credible historians that this custom continued until "modern times." As a result, the inhabitants are far superior in physique to other Highlanders, and consumption was quite unknown until recently re-introduced by sickly Southrons.

Early Female Boxing Bout.

Female pugilists used at one time to fight in a curious way. An early history of boxing quotes as a challenge issued in the eighteenth century: "I, Elizabeth Wilkinson of Clerkenwell, having had some words with Hannah Hyfield and requiring satisfaction, do invite her to meet me upon the stage and box me for 3 guineas, each woman holding a half crown in each hand, and the first woman that drops the money to lose the battle." The challenge was formally accepted, Hannah promising to give Elizabeth "more blows than words, desiring home thrusts, and from her no favor." She may expect a good thumping.—London Standard.

No Guard Required.

This is a story of a gunboat in Belfast Lough a short time ago. The nearest Ulster volunteers heliographed a message to her commander on a Sunday morning asking if any men were coming ashore to church, as if so they wanted to form a guard of honor. The commander signalled back, "Fifty men coming ashore to church." The guard of honor was formed and lined up to receive the men as they came ashore. "Which church?" asked the representative of the guard of honor. "All to St. Mary's," was the startling answer. The guard of honor disbanded at once.

Money-Takes-Wings.

One of the money fanciers at Harrogate bought a pigeon for a shilling, but somehow it got away from its cot and didn't seem likely to enter it again. So the disconsolate owner ran to his brother and, pointing upward to a distant speck of something circling in the sky, exclaimed, "Look at my shilling!"—Cardiff Western Mail.

Conditions Bad in Labrador.

Conditions along the Labrador coast this season are the worst in many years. It is reported received here from Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the missionary, all of the people on the coast are dependent on the subsidies, and in many places the catch this year has been the smallest for a generation.

The Last Word.

Willie—Say, pa, is every word in the dictionary. Pa—No, my son. Every little while a new one comes into use. Willie—What's the last word, then, pa? Pa—I don't know. Go ask your mother. Willie—A lot of times, prevents envy and civic thinking. Merit, backed by zeal, is sure to win in the long run. Let's alone long enough, Willie becomes a mortgage hard to get rid of.

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