

COUNTRYSIDE TIDINGS

WHAT WHIG CORRESPONDENTS HAVE TO TELL

News From Villages and Farms Throughout the Adjoining Counties — Rural Events, and Movements of the people.

Inverary Happenings.

Inverary, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Fobisher has so far improved in health as to be able to sit up. A. A. McFadden purchased a pure-bred Shetland pony and presented it to his nephew, Herbert Ferguson, for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. W. Murphy are spending the holiday with friends in Sealey's Bay and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. Akroyd and family spent Christmas at W. B. Storms, Florida. Rev. Mr. Stuart, Batterser, delivered an excellent address in the Methodist Church last Sunday. Miss Lila Lake is spending the holidays under the parental roof. Miss Elsie Hunter left last Monday for Saskatchewan, where she will spend the winter with Dr. and Mrs. H. Cochran. Lieut. Col. E. S. Ferguson is preparing to build a mammoth barn next summer. Charles Barr has purchased a new auto. Inverary students are maintaining their usual high standing in the various schools. Miss Maggie Bell, Arthur, obtained first place with honors in her form in Athol high school. Wallace Duff ranked highest in his form in Synshan high school. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McNeil were grieved over the death of their little son, "Jackie," whose funeral occurred at Batterser on Sunday last.

At Washburn's Corners.

Washburn's Corners, Dec. 25.—School closed on the 22nd. Dialogues and recitations were given by the pupils and a speech by the teacher, Charles Booth, on the European war, after which he presented each of his entrance pupils with a beautiful book, and the whole school was treated very generously to candy and turkeys. All wished Mr. Booth a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Charles Stevens is seriously ill with little hopes of his recovery. W. Earl is recovering after a severe illness. Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton visited Brookville friends recently. Preston is buying cattle for the American market. Jessic Goldin, of Saskatchewan, is visiting friends and relatives in this locality. Wallace Johnston, Oak Leaf, left this week for a visit with friends in Milwaukee. Miss M. Donnelly, K. Hoppel and M. Johnston are home from Queen's. Mrs. H. McLaughlin, Montreal, and her son, Ross McLaughlin, student at the B.C.D.S., Toronto, are in Athens. Mrs. W. Kilburn, Macklin, Sask., and Mrs. F. Barrington, of Montana, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stevens, Athens. Mrs. D. Judge has returned to her home in Brown City, Mich., to visit friends in Athens and Brookville. Miss Kathleen Watson, who has been visiting friends in Athens, has been appointed superintendent of the general hospital, Kincardine. E. Lays, student at the Great Western Dental College, Chicago, has returned to Athens for the holidays. The entertainment in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening was largely attended.

Budget from Keelerville.

Keelerville, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. James Boal and family were at R. J. Boal's for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sleeth and family, were at Chester Lake's, Batterser, for Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and family were at Thomas Clark's for the day. Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon, Jr., and son, William, were at William Sleeth's, Round Lake, for Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. George Richards, of Batterser, at Alexander Jackson's. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Anglin and family, at J. E. Anglin's, High Leiford, of Bideau Lake, at James' house. Mr. and Mrs. George McFarland and son, Clifford, at William Dixon's. Mr. Miss M. Curran, the popular school teacher, went to her home at Sydenham to spend her holidays. Miss Mildred Anglin, attending Sydenham High School, is home for the holidays. The Sunday school Christmas tree was a great success. The children did their part well. Many from here attended the Christmas tree at Batterser. Miss Mildred Yatemans is spending a few days with friends at Batterser. Wallace Jackson has finished his wood-cutting contract with Douglas Anglin. The many friends of William Dixon, Sr., are glad to hear that he has recovered from his recent illness. Quite a number

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THE ENEMY. Santa Claus joined forces with the allies and made a cavalry charge.

from here attended the turkey fairs at Lyndhurst, Elgin and Sealey's Bay, and secured good prices for their fowl. Sydney Caird, who had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents by fire a short time ago, has the new barn completed. Leonard Patterson, of Milwaukee is at David Sleeth's. Isaac and Frank Melroy are home from the west. Everybody is patiently waiting for the rural mail delivery. The cheese factory has closed down, after a successful season. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Clark are at Charles Clark's, from the west, near Saskatchewan. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Holder, of Brewer's Mills, are at William Dixon's. Sr. Carl Teeple spent Christmas at Lyndhurst.

BARBED WIRE PLAYS LARGE PART IN WAR

High Entanglements Stop Bayonet Charges, Low Ones Hinder Cavalry. With the aeroplane and motor traction, barbed wire is among the latest innovations of modern warfare, and in order to appreciate the difficulties which our soldiers have to face in attacking a German position it is necessary to know exactly what these wire obstructions are, and the conditions under which they are used. There are two classes of wire entanglements, namely, high and low, and both possess that essential of all temporary field fortifications—simplicity and ease of construction. High entanglements are most commonly used to protect trenches against bayonet charges. For this purpose stout stakes some five feet long are used. They are planted in the ground about six feet apart in rows in front of the trenches, which it is desired to shield from assault. If time and material permit at least six rows are driven in, and some times the stakes are made more secure by being fastened by lengths of wire to holdfasts on posts. Each stake is then connected to every other stake around it with numerous lengths of barbed wire arranged horizontally and diagonally. A line of trenches so defended is, with reason, regarded as impregnable against a frontal attack unless its defenders have been completely demoralized by well-directed artillery fire. Entanglements of wire can be demolished in a very few minutes by men equipped with pillars. But in the face of a rapid fire from magazine rifles at practically point-blank range, these few moments would suffice for the annihilation of whole regiments. The low wire entanglements are designed almost exclusively as cavalry obstacles. Posts, eighteen inches or two feet long, are driven into the ground in rows a few feet apart, and the barbed wire is fixed between them so as to form a sort of network. In its simplest form the low wire obstacles consists merely of a trip wire. In either shape it is frequently fixed along long grass so as to be concealed. The low entanglement is calculated to bring down horse and rider, but from a humanitarian point of view it is a considerable improvement on the cruel obstacle formerly used against cavalry.

What He Was. Enthusiastic professor of physics Fitzgerald spoke upon the "Christ- (discussing the organic and inorganic kingdoms)—Now, if I should shut my eyes—so—and drop my head—so—and should not move, you would say I was a clock. But move, I leap. I run; then what do you call me?" Voice from the rear—"A clock-hopper."

BRITISH EXCEL IN SIGNALLING

The Germans Depend Altogether on Telegraph and Telephone. Much of the hardest and most dangerous work of the British army is done by the flag signallers of the Army Signal Service. They have often to stand in the fighting line, wagging their flags or working their flash mirrors, while the German riflemen mass their fire against the men who are directing the movements of guns, infantry, and horsemen. The German army does not use our method of signalling. The Germans rely on field telephones and wireless apparatus, kept mainly behind the battlefield. The British troops are just as good as the Germans in this kind of safe signalling, but they find that one flag-wagger in the firing-line is often worth a dozen telegraph and telephone clerks a safe distance away. A good deal of the remarkable success of the British in France and Flanders is due to the splendid work of their unmatchable signallers. Even if half a company becomes detached from the army in the course of an action, it is usually able to "talk" to the main body over a distance of two or three miles. A squadron of scouting cavalry of half a battalion of advancing infantry cannot, in the rush and heat of a critical action, take a mile of wire and an electrical apparatus with them. But even in a charge, one man can run a flag, and if the charge is brought up suddenly by an entrenched host of the enemy, the flag-man can at once signal for help. If he hasn't brought flags with him, he can tie a handkerchief on his rifle. He can ask the runners to take the trench with him, and give them the range and tell them if they hit or miss; or he can ask for supports to be hurried up to strengthen the charging column. The work of the flag signaller is



HARVEY CARROLL. In society and acrobatic dances at the Grand the last three days of this week.

SEARCHING FOR COMTESSE

Bryan Trying to Locate Ex-Belgian Minister's Wife. Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Bryan is endeavoring through the German government to locate Comtesse de Bruijseret, formerly Miss Caroline Storey, of this city. When last heard from she was in Brussels. The Germans in control of that city would not permit her, it is said, either to join her husband who is Belgian minister at Petrograd, or to communicate with her mother in this city. Mrs. Storey recently received through friends information that her daughter was dangerously ill in Brussels, as the result of an operation. Since that time nothing has been heard from her. The count de Bruijseret was one time Belgian minister to this country and at the time of his marriage was an attaché here at the Belgian legation.

TINNED RABBIT FOR NAVY

Those Aboard Canadian Ships Like Australian Dish. Ottawa, Dec. 29.—A new dish has been added to the menu of the Canadian navy. It comes from Australia, where they have made some progress in naval matters. The Australian navy, which has done such good work in the war, is British-built and manned, but the Australian rabbit is a native product. After being caught, skinned, boned and cooked, it is put up in tins, and the naval department has purchased a large consignment of these tins for consumption on the Niobe, the Rainbow and the two submarines. Fresh meat being scarce on the high seas and there being a certain monotony in canned corn beef, the tins of the navy have taken with enthusiasm the Antipodal rabbit. They are asking for more.

GERMAN SPOKE ARABIC

Tried to Enter Gibraltar Disguised As Moor. Seville, Spain, Dec. 29.—Reports appear in the press of a daring attempt made by a German to enter Gibraltar disguised as a Moor. He arrived at Algeciras in a train from Madrid on Wednesday night, wearing European dress. The suspicion of the Spanish authorities was aroused by his appearance on Thursday morning in Moorish costume and speaking Arabic. He was arrested, and on examination proved to be the bearer of compromising documents, in German.

What Germans Are Saying.

A Swiss lady married to an Alsatian had the opportunity of going to see her husband last week in Germany, and sent the following impression her husband and the people generally have in Germany to-day about the war. The husband is serving in the "Landsturm" (territorial reserve). "The Germans will certainly enter Paris, Warsaw, and London. All the telegrams of the Havas Agency are false. The Germans laugh at the idea of their being obliged to surrender. There are still eight million men to send to the front. The retreat on the Marne was the fault of the Austrians, who are bad soldiers. The retreat in Poland is not a defeat; it was necessary to give the Austrians breathing space. France is nearly finished in men and money. Germany is about to hold a knife at her throat, and will force her to accept any conditions without reference to her allies, nor of the agreement between them that war shall not be stopped without mutual decision. The English will, of course, betray the French. The English troops are worth nothing, and the English have taken good care to send a few men to her allies, in the help of the French. The King of the Belgians has already written to the kaiser offering to make peace. The Russians are only so much food for cannon. Their generals are always quarrelling."

Late G. Butterill, Hinchinbrooke.

George Butterill, of the township of Hinchinbrooke, county of Frontenac, died on December 22nd, at 5 p.m., aged eighty-one years and eight months. He is survived by his widow and nine children; Mrs. McKnight of Manitoba; James of Trenton; George of Fermoyle; Joseph of Glendale; Mrs. John Manders of Maberly; John of Manitoba; Thomas of Hunteville; Mrs. Harvey Austin, of Saskatchewan, and Robert on the homestead. Deceased was one of the early settlers, was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to this country when fourteen years old. He was secretary of the school section in which he lived for fifty years. He was a Methodist in religion and a liberal in politics.

Well Armed.

"Is Mickey in condition?" asked Mrs. Flaherty of her next-door neighbor, Mrs. Doonan. "He's as fine as silk. Ah! Mickey's a great boy. He's got something up his sleeve that'll astonish all them other fighters." "What is it, Mrs. Doonan?" "Sure, it's his ar-m—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Gordon, Winnipeg, will visit Napanee, on or about January 20th, and address the citizens on christian citizenship.

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