

News From Eastern Ontario

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

CLIPPED FROM THE WHIG'S MANY BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

In Brief Form the Events in The Country About Kingston Are Told—Full of Interest to Many.

M. J. Hendrick, U.S. Consul at Belleville has been transferred to Windsor.

The marriage was solemnized in Toronto of Lena E. Green, Toronto, to Duncan J. Eames, Gananoque.

Miss Dorothy Findlay, Carleton Place, left a week ago to enter the McDonald Institute at St. Anne, Quebec.

W. A. Nichols, Carleton Place, has a large contract for sash-frames and windows for the new Wampole building in Perth.

Mrs. Mary Ash, a widow, seventy years of age, passed away Monday at Belleville. The remains were taken to Crookston.

The annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Brockville district is to be held at Spencerville on October 10th.

At Clayton, N.Y., Alexander Yott, aged fifty-four years, a caretaker at one of the cottages on Bartlett's Point, died on Tuesday. He had been in poor health for several months.

Miss Minnie McEwen, Beckwith, an experienced teacher, has taken charge of the new public school room recently opened in the old Queen's hotel building, Carleton Place. Her class consists of about forty pupils.

St. James church, Carleton Place, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday when Miss E. Vidi Halpenny, daughter of J. F. Halpenny, was united in marriage to Frederick G. Mann, organist of the church.

St. Mary's church, Carleton Place, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday when Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPhee, was united in marriage to Dr. E. J. Charlebois, Alexandria.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham, Smith's Falls, on Saturday when their younger daughter, Grace Margaret, was united in marriage to Milton Forrest Davidson, Smith's Falls.

GANANOQUE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Sept. 28.—Under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary organization of Resources Committee, in co-operation with Hon. W. J. Hanna Food Controller, Mrs. Comstock of Brockville, gave an excellent exposition of the Food Conservation Question in the assembly hall of Gananoque High School last evening and drew a large crowd. Mayor O'Connor was chairman.

Kingston Fair drew out another good crowd from Gananoque yesterday, quite a large number went by train both morning and afternoon and this was increased very materially by a number of auto loads. The steamer Mississauga also took a very fair crowd.

For the second time this week the rolling mill department of the works of the Ontario Steel Products Co. was compelled to close down for repairs on account of a breakdown in their machinery. They expect to get going again to-day.

Quite a large number of live hogs were offered on the local market today, all of which were taken by local buyers for transshipment, the price being 16 1/2 a pound.

Mrs. O. A. Meredith and daughter, Miss Madeline Meredith, have joined Prof. Meredith here to spend the winter, he having been engaged as leader of the Citizen's band for the coming year.

Miss Rebecca Calow, Elm street, is spending a few days with friends in Kingston. Mrs. Roy Marshall and family and Miss Gertrude Bamford of Oswego, N.Y., have arrived in town for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bamford, First street. Mrs. Joseph LaFrance, Stone street, is spending a short time in Peterboro, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Glass.

Wallace Heaslip of the Record, Sherbrooke, Que., is spending a few holidays here with his mother, Mrs. John L. Heaslip, Victoria avenue. John W. Scott of North Bay, a former resident of the town is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Case Scott, Stone street.

Dr. Gordon Wilson, son of Mrs. David A. Wilson, Brock street, who

TWO DESPERADOES ARE DEPORTED

(Continued from page 1.)

There was nothing much of interest in his career until Aug. 3rd, 1913, when he was visited by his brother, Bert Mecum, regarded as bad as himself. The two were allowed to have quite a lengthy conversation. A guard kept watch over them, but he noticed nothing but what appeared to be a brotherly chat.

The guard was not aware of the fact that the two men were adepts at the deaf and dumb language, and failed to notice the rapid and silent conversation carried on by the wily brothers on their fingers. Eight days later Charles was at work with a gang of convicts at the quarries, near the prison, when his brother Bert, well disguised, drove along in a buggy, in order to get the lay of the land as it were, for the planned escape. After getting a good line on everything, he telephoned the warden of the penitentiary, and posing as his brother's lawyer, who was working for a pardon, arranged for an interview. This was granted, and carrying out his scheme with a loaded revolver, held up the guard while on their way from the quarries to the penitentiary for the interview with the supposed lawyer.

The guard a man named Hamaker, endeavored to get his gun into action, but Bert Mecum got the drop on him and fired first. The guard dropped like a log. The hold-up occurred on a deserted part of the roadway, and the desperadoes had it all their own way.

Made During Escape. The Mecum Brothers escaped in a buggy, but before going, they gagged, blindfolded, and lashed to a tree the guard, Hamaker. It was fully twenty minutes before Hamaker revived. He was bleeding from a wound in his stomach. He called for help and it so happened that another guard heard him. Word of the daring escape was soon despatched to the warden and almost the entire prison staff went out on the hunt for the desperadoes.

So quickly, so cleverly and so ably had the pair conducted their desperate escape, that they got clean away, and save for a rumor of their whereabouts before Hamaker revived, vanished completely out of sight.

"Alive or dead, get them," was the order, as Hamaker's life hung in the balance. A description of the fleeing men was sent broadcast over the country, but the Mecum boys kept in the dark. Hamaker recovered slowly, but was forced to carry a bullet in his body as a memento of his thrilling experience.

Held Up Express Train. Some time later, a Northern Pacific Express train was held up by three masked men outside of Fargo, N.D. The express car safe was blown open and the mail bags robbed. The description of the three men who pulled off the "trick" tallied with that of the three Mecums, another brother, W. Mecum, having joined the first two after their escape from Anamosa. A big reward was offered in this case, but no person was apprehended.

In August, 1911 the police at Winnipeg were stirred by many complaints about robberies, and after a most sensational chase in which one officer was shot, Ber and Charles Mecum were up and arrested. The guilty parties, they were given fifteen years for attempted murder. Much of the credit for their capture was due to the brave work of a Winnipeg policeman named H. Brown, who, in spite of the fact that the desperadoes were armed, chased them with only his baton as a weapon, and cornered them after they had boarded a street car.

Brought to Portsmouth. The Mecum boys were sent to Stony Mountain penitentiary, but in March, 1912, along with George Brown and Arthur Bonnar, noted criminals, were transferred to Portsmouth. It will be remembered that while their train waited at the Union station, Toronto, they almost escaped from their guards, one of whom was Deputy Warden O'Leary, of the Portsmouth prison, who was sent west for them. Their daring attempt at escape from the Portsmouth penitentiary on April 29th of the same year will be recalled. They were captured a few hours after they assaulted their keepers and boldly walked out of the prison. Two years later they were again captured, and received a similar sentence. The court hearing caused much interest as Bonnar and Jones boldly pleaded "not guilty" to making an escape. Each of the prisoners conducted his own case and the trial was a most sensational one.

Bonnar, who is a polished young Englishman, made an eloquent appeal on his own behalf, and also that of his pals.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

Toronto Railway stock struck 69 on Wednesday, the lowest price it has sold at since 1897.

The president of the Associated Ad Clubs of America says that \$800,000,000 is spent annually on advertising.

Italian troops have completed their occupation of the entire Bainsizza plateau, which is now firmly in Italian hands.

One hundred and twelve nets, containing more than two tons of fish, were seized by the fisheries protection cruiser Vigilant off Port Dover.

Every American merchant vessel of more than 2,500 tons dead weight capacity available for ocean service will be requisitioned by the government.

Major Charles Bethune Lindsay, D.S.O., son of G. G. S. Lindsay, K.C., Toronto, has been gazetted a Brigadier-major. He went overseas in May, 1915.

Nova Scotia apples are already on their way to markets in Central and Western Canada, under the direction of officers appointed by the food controller.

Ninety-one Germans, caught in the U.S. Government's drive against enemy aliens plotting to hamper war work, were taken to Ellis Island Thursday and interned.

General Tcheremisoff has been appointed commander-in-chief on the Russian northern front. General Volestchenko succeeds General Tcheremisoff as commander-in-chief on the south-western front.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, in again accepting the candidature offered by Timiskaming Conservatives, said he fully expected a union government would be formed within a month.

Divorce law for Manitoba will be enacted at the next session of the Legislature. This is because of the difficulty of obtaining divorce under the existing legislation unless a heavy outlay of money is incurred.

The exclusion of the representatives of the press from the initial meeting of the committee on milk supply called by Hon. W. J. Hanna, food controller, subsequent to statements by Dr. McKay, relative to the rapid increase in milk prices at Halifax, has caused some stir at the capital.

STOCK MARKETS. Quotations Furnished by Bongard, Hyerson & Co., 44 Clarence St., Howard S. Folger, Manager.

New York Stocks. Open 2.45 p.m.

Am. Smelters 99 1/2 97 1/2

Atchafalpa 66 1/2 64 1/2

C. P. R. 151 148 1/2

Marine 21 1/2 21 1/2

Marine, pfd. 87 1/2 87 1/2

N. Y. C. 74 1/2 76 1/2

Reading 83 1/2 80 1/2

Southern Pac. 92 92

Union Pac. 130 1/2 128

Alcohol 138 1/2 138 1/2

Am. Loco. 62 61 1/2

Anacostia 71 1/2 70 1/2

Beth. Steel 94 93 1/2

Crucible 72 70 1/2

Inter. Nickel 33 33

Kennicott 40 1/2 39 1/2

Mexican Pet 93 1/2 92 1/2

Rep. Steel 80 1/2 80 1/2

U. S. Steel 110 1/2 109 1/2

Utah 94 1/2 93

Midvale 51 1/2 51 1/2

Atlantic Gulf 102 101 1/2

Am. Sugar 110 110 1/2

Canadian Stocks. 40

Brazilian 39 1/2 39 1/2

Can. Com. 59 1/2 60 1/2

Cons. Smelters 27 26 1/2

Dom. Steel 60 59 1/2

Dom. Bridge 137 1/2 142 1/2

Tor. Railway 65 1/2 65 1/2

Steel of Canada 53 1/2 55 1/2

War Loan, 1917 94 1/2 94 1/2

Wedded at Camden East. Tamworth, Sept. 28.—On Tuesday Sept. 25th the marriage was solemnized in St. Luke's Church, Camden East, by Reverend S. E. Harrington, rector of Tamworth, when Miss Fannie May Milligan was united in marriage to Charles Veder, Wells of Tamworth. After the ceremony the bridal party accompanied by Mrs. Wheeler, mother of the bride, and Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Wells, parents of the groom, motored to Kingston on their way to Ottawa and other points. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Wells will reside in Tamworth.

Millions Homeless by Floods. Pekin, Sept. 28.—The city of Tien-Tsin is threatened with destruction by flood. The Chinese city and portions of all the foreign concessions are under water, which is rising rapidly and which covers the great plain to the south-east of Pekin. It is estimated that one million Chinese are homeless.

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Behind The Guns

WHEN the war broke out in August, 1914, the Imperial and Canadian Governments were faced by no greater problem than that of the assembling and transport overseas of the army supplies required from this country, not only for the Canadian Expeditionary Force, but also for the British and Allied Armies. Expert knowledge was required otherwise confusion, delays, and expensive operation would be inevitable, and experts with the necessary knowledge for such gigantic tasks were not easy to obtain. Lord Shaughnessy came to the Government's assistance by loaning Mr. A. H. Harris, Special Traffic Representative of the C. P. R.



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The number of checkers, longshoremen, and dock laborers under control of the Department at the several Canadian ports used by the Department now exceeds 1,600 men, with a pay roll of \$23,000 a week.

The volume of tonnage cleared from the seaboard has been facilitated, and delays minimized from the fact that the Presidents of the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways, recognizing the growth of the Transport Service, considered concentration of authority necessary to efficient direction and accordingly issued instructions to their Operating Officials that the regulation and control inland of all Imperial transport should be vested in the Director of Overseas Transport. Instructions were concurrently issued that all transport consigned to his order should be given priority of movement on the railways over all traffic, excepting passenger. As a consequence thereof, notwithstanding the volume of tonnage affected, transports have not been held for cargoes, nor has there been congestion at the Canadian seaboard, such as has been experienced at U. S. Ports.

The actual time occupied by vessels in loading at Montreal has been under 41 days.

Canada has indeed reason to point with pride to the successful operation of its transport service due to Mr. Harris' administrative ability and the tireless energy of an efficient staff.

Between August 14th, 1914, and February, 1915, War Office supplies were moved overseas in chartered vessels; between February, 1915 and date transports have been supplied by the Admiralty under an arrangement negotiated by Mr. Harris in London.

The bunkering of transports is done on this side, under the direction and supervision of the director, as is also the dry docking of vessels when necessary.

The magnitude of the work of the Department may be gauged from the fact that, exclusive of officials and representatives at Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Fort William, Toronto, Quebec, Montreal, Halifax, and West St. John, there is a clerical staff of 45 in three months.

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