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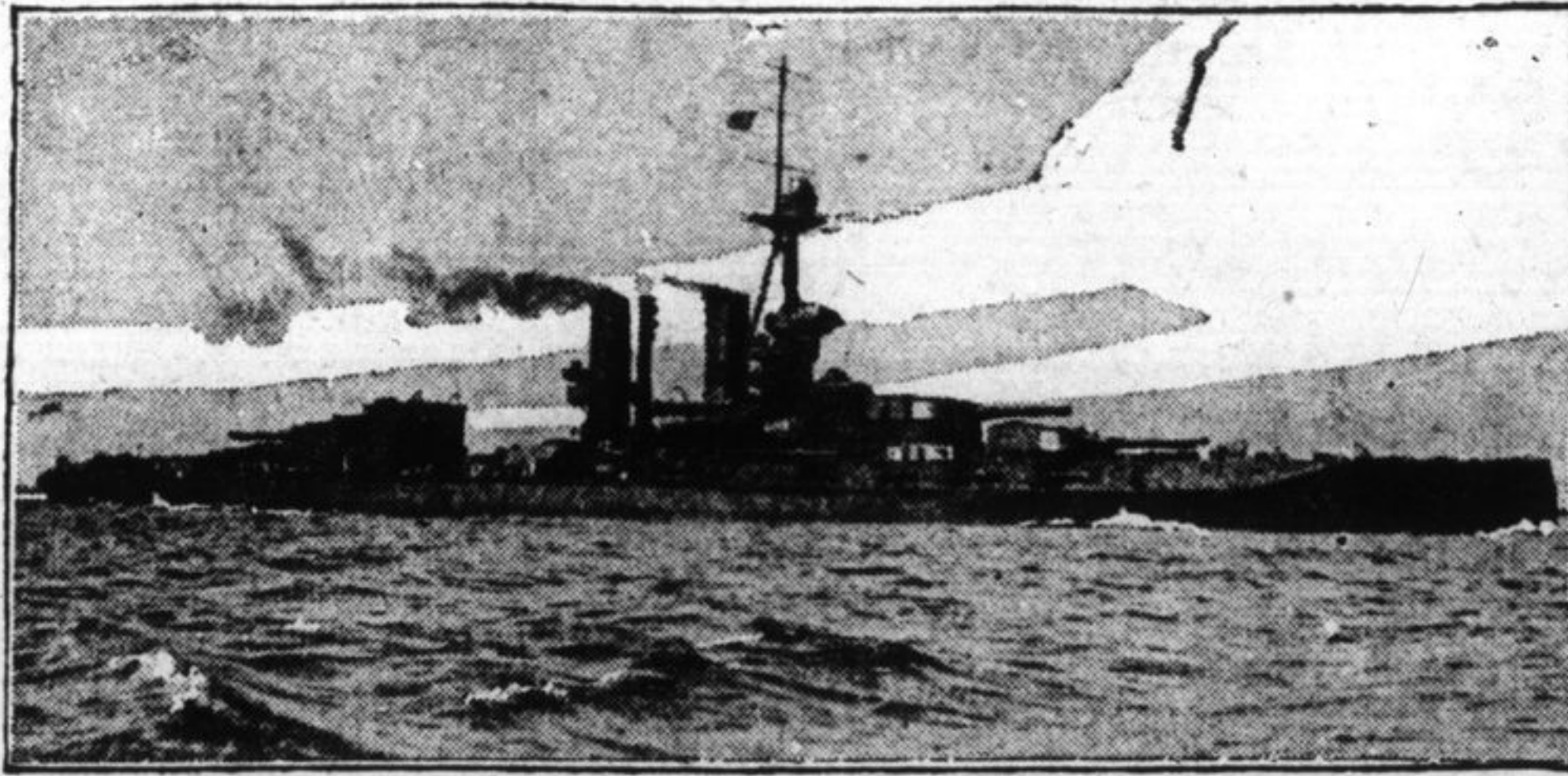
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WEEKLY POULTRY LESSON

Under the Authoritative Direction of Prof. F. C. Elford Dominion Poultry Husbandmen

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POULTRY MEAT

The egg is the most important product in the poultry industry. It is a distinct and unsupplantable article for the entire field of food products. Poultry meat, however, in the form of dressed fowls, broilers, wasters and capons, is reaching the market in immense quantities and furnishing an ever increasing proportion of the flesh food of the country.

There are several things that the producer may well do to insure the most profitable return from poultry meat without hampering heavy production. One of these is to maintain standard weight typical of the breed. These weights have been carefully worked out and are based on long experience. When thus bred, the edible proportion will be greater and the offal less than if materially larger or smaller than that prescribed. And a bird of standard weight will also lay more eggs of good size than of abnormal size. This size can be obtained and maintained by breeding only from birds of standard size.

Fattening is another item that is well worth consideration. Farmers and other producers lose large sums of money annually because they do not finish their fowls properly before sending them to market. By keeping the birds in darkened coops or except at feeding time, or crates, for ten days or two weeks, and giving them only a mesh of equal parts of cornmeal, oatmeal and wheat middlings, reduced with skim or butter-milk to the consistency of thin gruel, two or three times a day will considerably increase their weight and greatly improve the quality of their flesh. This applies particularly to young stock.

There are four general classes of poultry meat.

1. Broilers—These are young cockerels that weigh from 1/2 to 2 1/2 pounds. Up to 1 1/2 pounds these are called squab broilers and except in June or July there is little demand for them in Canada. There are a few clubs and restaurants that specialize in them, and when such a market can be obtained they are quite profitable. For the heavier broilers, particularly at the 2 pound weight, there is a heavy demand, and it they can be got to size by the middle of September the prices obtained are exceedingly good. July broilers readily bring 65c to 75c a pound on the Toronto market, going down to 40c as the season advances. The selling off of the cockerels in this way leaves more room for the growing pullets and also prevents them being annoyed and their growth retarded by the attention of the males.

2. Roasters—There are young males weighing from 2 1/2 pounds up. Many farmers are too busy with harvesting operations to get their surplus males to market while in the broiler class. When this is so it pays to raise them to 4 to 5 pounds weight. The price obtained for these, however, is little if any higher per bird than would have been obtained for them as broilers. Unless on farms where feed that would otherwise go to waste, the producer is thus out the cost of feeding a roaster as compared with the broiler. The quality of these birds is wonderfully improved by milk-feeding as outlined above. By caponizing they may be fed until after Christmas when a higher price per pound will be paid for them.

3. Soft Roasters—This class of poultry meat is not seen much in this country, but it is considered a great delicacy. A very profitable mode could be developed in it. This class of fowl is furnished by the pullet just previous to the time she starts to lay. Her body is in prime condition then, with a full store of reserve flesh, tender and juicy. Birds are reared for this purpose in limited sections, full hatching being practiced so that the birds are ready for market in the early spring when prime fowl is scarce. The

thereafter their production will perceptively decline.

4. By feeding the hens extra rations for stimulating and growth-producing nature, the molting period may be delayed for several weeks and egg production kept up longer.

LANARK COUNTY MEET IS A DECIDED SUCCESS

A Great Crowd Attended the Interscholastic Track Event at Almonte.

The Lanark County interscholastic track meet was held at Almonte on Saturday in the N.L.A.S. grounds under ideal weather conditions. The meet was one of the most successful events of the kind ever held in Almonte and one of the largest crowds in years turned out to cheer the different schools. There were 600 visitors from out of town on hand. The schools represented were Perth Collegiate Institute, Smith's Falls Collegiate Institute, Carleton Place High School and Almonte High School. Perth sent 25 school boy athletes, Smith's Falls sent 17, Carleton Place sent 17 and Almonte was represented by 13. The final score was Smith's Falls 65 1/2 points, Perth 55 1/2 points, Almonte 35 1/2 and Carleton Place 22 1/2 so that Smith's Falls retain the beautiful Stewart Cup presented to the association by the late Hon. John A. Stewart, K.C., M.P., of Perth.

The whole afternoon's sport was one stellar performance after another. Perhaps the outstanding athlete of the day was Lloyd Sutherland of the A.H.S. He was the highest point winner, earning no less than 22 of the 35 1/2 scored by Almonte. More particularly was his performance noteworthy because he was qualified as a junior but competed in the senior events as well. Earle, of Smith's Falls, carried off 21 points and was largely instrumental in carrying off the cup to his town. Lapoint, of Perth, won 20 points and was the outstanding speed artist of the afternoon, winning all the senior running events.

In the girls' events Almonte High School outshadowed the other schools, Miss Boyce, Miss Duncan and Miss Young carrying off the majority of the scoring. The meet was well handled and in the evening a monster reception and dance was held in the Town Hall. The Stewart Cup was presented Earle, of Smith's Falls, at the close of the evening's entertainment and it was very fitting that he should receive it.

275,000 for Japanese Relief.

Wellington, New Zealand, Oct. 17.—The New Zealand Government is remitting £275,000 to the Japanese Government for the relief of the earthquake sufferers, in compliance with the wish of the people of the dominion to give practical proof of sympathy with the Japanese nation and to show their grateful memory of the alliance with Japan in the war.

War Toll 20,000,000.

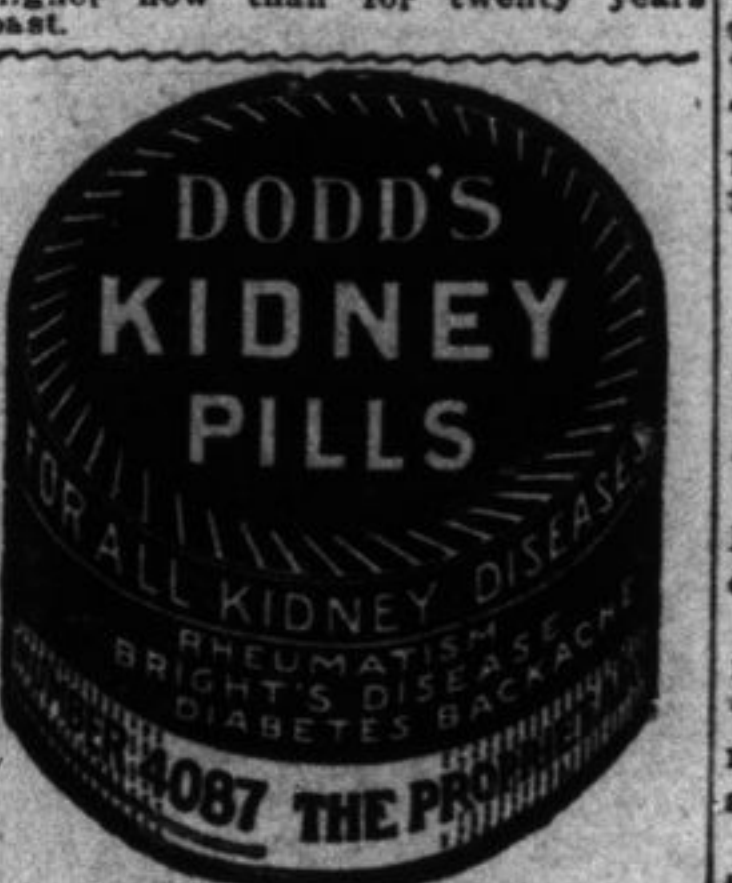
Paris, Oct. 17.—The world war cost 10,000,000 lives, according to a document just presented to the French Academy of Political Science by Senator Raphael Georges Levy. Of this number 8,000,000 died as a direct result of hostilities, and the remainder of diseases growing out of war conditions. These figures do not include civilian deaths, which, it is estimated, would bring up the total to at least 20,000,000.

Gleason to Resign.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—William "Kid" Gleason, manager of the White Sox, who yesterday presented Charles Comiskey, owner of the local American League club, with the city championship, to-day will present his resignation to the owner of the White Sox, according to the Chicago Tribune. He is said to be disappointed over the showing of the team in the season just finished.

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As the result of having a pint of nitric acid thrown into his face by a grief-crazed mother, who erroneously believed he was responsible for the death of her child, Dr. Frank D. German, prominent physician of Pontiac, Mich., may lose the sight of both eyes.

Steve Donoghue has arrived to ride Papyrus at New York Saturday. Most modern customs have little regard to what is right unless it is also enjoyable.

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