

Local News

Red Cross

The members of the Upper Woodstock Branch of the Red Cross Society, of which Miss Hazen is president, sent 51 pairs of socks to Mrs. W. B. Belyea last week.

Christmas Stockings

Ninety Christmas stockings have been made and filled by the Woodstock Red Cross Society and now on their way to England or France to brighten Christmas Day for some of our wounded soldiers. Each gay red stocking is filled with the following gifts.—A brush and comb, a pocket knife, pencil, tooth brush, shaving brush, shaving stick, writing pad and bunch of envelopes, cake of soap, pair of socks, two packages each of cigarettes, tobacco, milk chocolate and gum, and a little note of Christmas Greetings from the Boy Scouts. The Red Cross Society wishes to thank the Scouts for their good work in collecting the money for these Christmas Stockings and also thanks all those who so generously contributed.

British Red Cross

Mayor Sutton was in conference with the local clergy in the Council chamber on Friday evening over the best methods of responding to the very serious and pressing appeal recently received for assistance to the Funds of the British Red Cross Society. His Worship pointed out that the appeal was from Lord Landsdowne through Lieut. Gov. Wood. The whole Empire was being asked to contribute to the healing of its wounded sailors and soldiers. The aim was to have, if possible, a house to house canvass, on Thursday, October, 19th—Trafalgar Day—or as soon thereafter as possible.

Notwithstanding the numerous calls already made, it was the unanimous opinion of the gentlemen present, that Woodstock should respond to this the Motherland's direct and pressing appeal. It was felt that this was a call to every adult who had not gone to the war to give largely, lovingly, quickly that the sick, wounded and suffering, on all battle fronts might not languish and perish in their hours of deepest need.

As street collections were suggested in the communication the clergy agreed to select from their respective congregations two young ladies and submit the names to the mayor, who, with the assistance of others, would equip and instruct them for their work. The day agreed upon was Saturday, October 21st, the Clergymen to commend the cause on the preceding Sabbath from their pulpits. Four o'clock of Friday, Oct. 20th, was agreed upon as the time when the young ladies would assemble at the Council Chamber to meet the Mayor and receive instructions.

The Clergymen present were Reverends Howard, Hazel, Ryan, and Baird. Those unavoidably absent had expressed sympathy with the movement and it is felt that every church will be represented.

The amount raised for this purpose last year must be greatly exceeded. Let not our stricken defenders call in vain. Next to the duty of sending men, is the duty of saving and healing men, who have gone. Everybody can help. The British Red Cross is the Empire's mighty life saving agency. Meet the young ladies on Saturday cheerfully give quickly, and give largely. Think of the thousands who have given their lives.

Mrs. S. H. McKee, of Fredericton, was the guest last week of the Rev. Frank Baird and Mrs. Baird.

Capt. Burpee Hay, with the Flying Corps in France, who had his spine hurt in a fall with his aeroplane and who has been in the hospital since July, has been granted a two month's furlough and is visiting his father Mr. W. W. Hay. Capt. Hay's friends are very glad to welcome him home.

Mrs. D. McLeod Vince and Miss Vince attended the Maritime Baptist Convention in St. John last week. They were the guests of Mrs. Chase.

Mrs. Wallace Walker and daughter Margaret, of Millinocket, Me., were the guests last week of Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams. The friends of Mrs. Williams will regret to learn that she has been quite ill.

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PERSONALS

J. W. Thurney was in Millville this week on business.

H. B. Durost, B. S. A., was in Fredericton this week on business.

W. A. Hay, of Millville, was in town this week on business. He was the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. McQueen.

Miss Jean Smith, has returned from Hartland, where she has been visiting the Rev. Mr. Franchette and Mrs. Franchette.

Word has been received that the draft of the 65th Battery has reached England safely.

Captain Raban Vince is in a hospital in England with a wound in his ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Burtt attended the Maritime Baptist Convention in St. John last week. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ruddock.

Mr. Isaac Peabody, of Fredericton, was in town last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peabody and other friends.

Miss Laura Holmes, of Fredericton, spent Thanksgiving in town with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Lawson and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevens, of St. Stephen, spent part of last week in town guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rankin Brown.

Mr. David Currie, of the Tobique River, was a caller at "The Dispatch" office on Tuesday, Mr. Currie was on his way home from St. John, where he had been attending the Maritime United Baptist Convention.

The Royal Bank of Canada is doing its share in the prosecution of the war. At present there are 750 members of the Royal Bank staff at the front or in training.

Mrs. J. E. Wright, of Hillendale, has returned from Pittsburg, Pa., where she was visiting her son, C. P. Wright. Mr. Wright returned with her for a visit to parents.

The delegates from Woodstock, who attended the Maritime United Baptist Convention held in Germaine Street church, St. John, last week were, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Burtt, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Altherton and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanborn.

Mrs. Guy Long, of Farmerston, was a caller at "The Dispatch" office last week.

Mrs. R. H. Neilson and son, of Halifax are visiting Mrs. Neilson's cousin, Miss Rankin, Gratton.

Mrs. Geo. Slipp, formerly of Jacksonville, but who has been living in Claresholm, Alt., for some time, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harper, Jacksonville. She expects to go to St. John in a short time where she expects to live.

Mrs. A. F. Winslow, who has been in Houlton, owing to the illness of her grandson, Master Hilton Wallace, has returned home.

BORN

DOREY,—At the Madigan Hospital Houlton, Me., on Friday Sept. 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dorey, a daughter.

New York "Times."

The waters where this most unwell come visitor is prowling and destroying are the highways to our chief ports. Through them pass ships carrying a great part of our commerce and substantially all the American passengers who cross the seas. One rash act, a single mistake, on the part of the "U boat" commander, causing the loss of even one American life, would provoke instant action by the American Government. Thereafter despatches to Ambassador von Bernstorff could be handed to him in Berlin. This submarine has begun a wholesale, indiscriminate foray against our commerce. It appears to be almost certain that she has already sunk vessels in disregard of law.

(New York Herald.)

A virtual blockade of New York and other American ports has been created by the appearance of the Prussian submarine "U 53" and its destruction of shipping in American waters. There can be no avoiding the issue raised by these acts. It is not whether in individual cases there has been technical adherence to a policy of warning. It is that submarine operations in the lanes of sea travel leading immediately to American ports cannot be, must not be tolerated.

United States

At St. Louis, Mo., revision of the church hymnal, entailing the elimination of the "Amen" at the conclusion of all hymns, save those of direct prayer of praise, was recommended to the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church on Monday in the report of the commission of hymnal.

German Opinion

[St. John Globe.]

Herbert Bayard Swope, city editor of the New York World, recently home from a two months' visit in Germany, furnished to the Sunday edition of his paper a full page of striking paragraphs on conditions in that country. As Mr. Swope spent sometime in Germany soon after the outbreak of war, he is able to make comparisons between present conditions and those prevailing in 1914, when in the flood tide of their might Germany's armies were racing toward Paris with a speed which threatened to equal, if not to eclipse the 1870 record. Mr. Swope's comments give no idea of his own views and opinions on the great issues. A newspaper man of training, he confines himself to recording what he saw. His observations are all the more valuable on that account, and may be accepted as true pictures of conditions in Germany. In one of the most striking of these series of pointed paragraphs, Mr. Swope says:

The great mental change in Germany in the last two years from a certainty of victory to a fear of defeat has had its reflex on the spirit of the population. It is a rare thing to hear a laugh in Germany, and I visited many theatres with out hearing any applause. Night life has disappeared. The supper restaurants are morguelike in their lack of cheer, and none serves more than two or three parties at a time.

The declaration by a man who saw Germany in August, 1914, and again in August, 1916, that the "certainty of victory" had given way to the "fear of defeat," is in itself striking enough to command world wide interest. Other paragraphs in Mr. Swope's series of paragraphs bear on that change of attitude and its possible consequences. Two of the most interesting are those which conclude this really remarkable page of comments:

With all the pressure being exerted against Germany from a military standpoint, she is far from being beaten. On the contrary, her people believe, and justifiably so, that, viewed from this ground, she may rightly claim success. What chiefly concerns the German populace is Germany's internal politics.

The great all pervading problem is the question of liberalization of the government. It is coming; every German except a few of the hide bound reactionaries believes that. The question, is when?

The three words, "and justifiably so," in the first of the two paragraphs quoted, are the only words in Mr. Swope's comments to be regarded as expressing a war opinion. Their insertion in the paragraph is unimportant. What is of real interest is the newspaper man's impression that German public opinion with reference to the outcome of the war and to the German government is changing, and changing rapidly. When the people of Germany take the control of government into their own hands, and deal as they should deal with those responsible for the greatest crime of modern history, then will be in sight and possible of attainment that peace which alone can be lasting. Various paragraphs of Mr. Swope's page of paragraphs tell of the total absence of young men from the streets and fields. The youth of Germany went early and proudly to war, but now the people at home are beginning to mourn the losses and to find fault. America comes in for a large share of blame Mr. Swope says:

Coinciding with the depth of their patriotism is the resentment almost all the Germans feel toward America and things American. It is a real, livid, all pervading hate—something tangible and sense—you can feel it weigh you down. Hatred knows no law of reason, and so the Germans cannot and do not attempt to justify their attitude toward America. All their own shortcomings are attributed to this country; all their misfortunes are laid at our door, for they say that America prevented Germany from ending the war—with magnificent disregard of the Battle of the Marne.

America's responsibility, they say is due to the munitions and to our attitude on the submarine question, and that is why the greater part of Germany today is clamoring for a return to the "huck sichtslos" (ruthless) U boat warfare.

These comments have a particular interest in view of the widespread belief that Ambassador Gerard came to America to tell President Wilson practically the same thing and to acquaint American rulers with the danger which threatens. It is the belief of many prominent Americans, including well-informed military critics, that Germany's purpose is to force America to take drastic action to stop the ship-

ment of munitions to the Allies. Failing that, it might be thought wise to force America into the war as a fresh excuse for peace. From so many sources come corroborative evidence of the opinions expressed by the World writer that the possibilities of the situation might well be grave enough to determine the Ambassador to cross the Atlantic for a conference. Mr. Swope found Germans of all classes firmly convinced that neutrals not favorable to them were influenced by British gold. He was even told the amount President Wilson had been paid. A vigorous press censorship prevents free discussion of war news or of political conditions. There is no lack of work, in fact workers are scarce, the government having commandeered the services of all able to do war work, male and female, including those who in years past have played such an important part in the night life of Berlin, the most brazenly profligate of European capitals. Because of the abundance of work the people are saving money, or what passes for money. Germany's ability to redeem these pledges is a question the American correspondent ignores. Until peace comes the answer to that question must remain a matter of doubt, not alone for Germany, but for every warring country. The ability to do so may be found in retaining under government control the many branches of business war has impelled governments to take control of. One interesting paragraph in Mr. Swope's comments tells of how cloth is saved. Garments of men and women are all cut short, men's coats reaching only to the waist with short tails behind, which give them a comical appearance. The food regulations and restrictions, Mr. Swope regards as precautionary rather than because starvation is imminent, but one paragraph is significant on this point: "There is a conspicuous absence of little dogs in Germany these days." Evidently the demand for meat is being met as it has been met in other countries in war time. Another striking comment on German life is:

The beer restaurants do better. It is an insult to Gambrinus to call the liquor that they serve in Germany "beer." It is really a pale, weak, emaciated, watery substance that has much the same resemblance to actual beer that water has when drunk from a recently emptied beer glass."

Imagine the German compelled to drink a "pale weak, emaciated, watery substance" in place of his beloved beer. Another, and by no means the least interesting or the least striking of Mr. Swope's comments is that which tells of the German ingenuity in inventing "ersatz" (substitutes). He says "they have in Germany today an 'ersatz' for everything but men." It is impossible to read Mr. Swope's comments without a firm conviction that the third year of the war of attrition finds Germany facing defeat and conscious of the fact that it cannot much longer be averted.

The ground was covered with snow on Sunday at Edmundston for the first time this season.

Mrs. C. P. Clare, who has been very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Glenn, is improving. Another daughter, Mrs. A. W. Sharpe, who was called here on account of her mother's illness has returned to her home in Woodstock.—Grand Falls Cor. to Victoria County News.

Amongst the names of well known local boys published in the casualty list on Saturday were J. Neales, Somerville, dangerously ill, R. Estabrooks, Bristol, and C. Miles, Muniac, all Carleton county boys, wounded and R. Price, Edmundston and R. C. Smith Tobique both wounded.

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