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THE IRISH QUESTION.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., the well known publicist, writing in the Caroons Magazine, says:

If the Irish rebellion had not been followed by its sequel it would have been by this time forgotten and condemned by the vast majority of the Irish people; but, as a matter of fact, when the rebellion was put down, by one of those extraordinary blunders so often committed in the management of Ireland by England, dictatorial powers were given into the hands of a soldier of not particularly marked intelligence. He declared that he was going to put down sedition and rebellion in Ireland forever. Well, if he had read any Irish history he would have known that that had been said for six centuries. He then proceeded to try by courts martial, in secrecy, in the darkness of cells, convicting on evidence not yet published, these unfortunate young men, and then taking them out in batches in the cold, bleak morning and executing them in the back yard of a jail. One of them was so severely wounded that he had to have planks put on each side of the chair on which he had to sit while he was being shot. All these executions produced a profound revulsion of feeling in Ireland and in America. Now, that is the beginning of the trouble in Ireland. If you read history you will find that there has never been anything so incalculable in its effects upon the human soul as an execution for an ideal.

OATMEAL AS FOOD.

Dr. Johnson's famous gibe, that "oatmeal is a food used for humans in Scotland and horses elsewhere," will soon be entirely out of date, for the war and the food conservation movement help to bring oats into its own again as a food for human beings. Oatmeal has never gone out of fashion as a breakfast dish, and today old recipes for oat cakes, oat biscuit and scones are being resurrected from cook books of a generation ago. We may eat oats without feeling that we are violating our food pledges. They raise from 1,000,000,000 to 1,500,000,000 bushels of oats in the United States every year, and there should be enough to go around. Moreover, oats are more nutritious than wheat. Oatmeal contains 1800 calories per pound, as against 1670 calories in a pound of whole wheat flour. The farmers say that they are going to be short of labor next spring, not only because of the drafting of men for our armies, but also because high wages are luring hundreds of thousands of workers into munition plants, shipyards and other industrial lines. The seriousness of the situation must not be minimized. The weeks and months fly past in these times of war and stress, and before the country realizes what has happened spring will have come, and our opportunity for a bumper production of food crops will have passed. It will avail us nothing to raise millions of men or billions of dollars, if next year's harvest does not produce food enough for ourselves and our Allies for the winter of 1918-1919.

There is no doubt that the Germans are making preparations for a gigantic drive against the Allies on the western front. For weeks they have been transporting troops from the east, and it is believed that their forces on the western front now outnumber the British and French. The Huns are hopeful that by starting a big offensive at once they may be able to break through the Allies' lines and reach Paris. In this, however, they are very likely to be disappointed, as they have been on former occasions. The Allies have known for weeks that a big drive was coming, and have prepared for it.

Ottawa Citizen: There is an atmosphere behind some green baize doors on Parliament Hill that is not exactly invigorating. The Hon. Frank Carvell knows something of the vitiating atmosphere. He has worked valiantly on occasions to let in some fresh air. Now, when the cleansing breeze is

from the west, and it has been stirred by the increase in railway rates to private railway interests, while every other civilized country in the world has set up national control of railways, Mr. Carvell's strong right arm is needed on the side of democracy. The decision with regard to railway control in Canada may go far to determine the strength of invisible government in the new political alignment of Canada.

Chicago Tribune: The coal shortage, as a correspondent points out, gives special emphasis to the argument heretofore made in favor of setting the clocks forward. One hour of daylight saving, beginning May 1, he says, would save 900,000 tons of coal. We are not informed as to the accuracy of his figures, but the saving would undoubtedly be great. The country is now observing lightless nights, but there is no reason, when the days become longer, why we should not take advantage of an extra hour of daylight—which can be had without expense and without hardship. Congress should pass daylight saving legislation without delay.

Worcester Telegram: There is not available peat enough in all New England to provide fuel sufficient to keep the wheels of the industries turning any five days in any year. And it would cost three times what it is worth to cut it out of the swamps and get it to the places where fuel is desired for human use.

Charleston News: "Since the first of April," says the Atlanta Journal, "the productive power of the country has been lessened by more than two million men, and it likely will be further strained before the war is ended." Think of what this means to food production. Wastage now will mean want later.

Hon. H. H. Wickwire, M. P. for Kings, has been sworn in a member of the Nova Scotia Provincial Government without portfolio.

Through Our Sieve

What will we call the new flour? The Hooveranna brand?

The exhibition building is now the residence of the "four hundred."

Everybody has been playing freeze-out lately.

All Sunday school picnics are indefinitely postponed.

The divorce mill grinds slowly, but it grinds exceedingly small.

"Keep off the grass" signs are a work of superogation.

Little Tommy Tupper cries for his supper. What shall he eat? Standardized bread and oleomargarine.

Probably the weather got tired of being ignored while people talked war, and decided to force itself to the front.

By the way a spicy divorce suit is welcomed by the gossips these days, it must help to keep them warm.

Three lieuts. in charge of 400 men! And not so long ago such a company required a lieutenant, three or four majors, several captains and lieutenants galore.

Some day the Kaiser's right hand will know what his left hand has been doing all these years—and follow its example.

Of course every woman yearns to be "understood" but at the same time she would far rather have a man love her with his imagination than with his common sense.

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EXPECT TO HAVE RINK AT MARYSVILLE

Visitors Lost to Fredericton by One-sided Score Saturday Night—An Interesting Game.

The three rinks of Marysville curlers went down to defeat at the hands of Fredericton Saturday night, as was expected, but they made an interesting game and the purpose of reviving interest in curling in the Cotton Town was achieved. Some of the Marysville men think that a start toward a rink and a curling club in Marysville can be made by next winter.

The score by rinks was as follows:

Marysville	Fredericton
A. White	L. C. Box
W. H. Gray	S. M. Daniels
W. Walker	G. A. Taylor
G. Ward	E. J. Miles
skip 9	skip 14
J. Dolphin	R. E. Hoben
Howard Dunbar	C. A. McVey
D. E. Pickard	H. B. Colwell
J. S. Inch	W. Limerick
skip 6	skip 23
Wm. Collett	J. R. G. Armstrong
Wm. Manzer	F. T. Atkinson
Chas. McLean	A. McM. Stables
George Tapley	H. E. Fowler
skip 12	skip 22
27	69

THE POILU AND HIS PAY

(Minneapolis Journal.)

French privates, who place France first and religious or political creed second, receive for their services in the French army five cents a day. When their regiments are in the first line trenches, as recompense for the additional danger of the front line, they receive ten cents a day. Certainly the wage of a French soldier has nothing to do with his cheerfulness and his willingness to fight. Neither can the food of the poilu be an inducement to army life or a factor in maintaining his morale. There is enough of it, but it is of a kind that served to American soldiers would result in mutiny or near mutiny—unless the average American soldier is different from the average soldier at the Mexican border in the summer of 1916.

Here is the usual daily menu of the poilu: Breakfast, black coffee, (one cup) and army bread (no butter); lunch, soup, stew of beef or horse-meat, with occasional vegetables, or bread and confiture; evening meal, same as noon meal, without the soup and with occasional cheese or sweet chocolate. The salt is rock salt.

The monotony of these meals is occasionally broken with the serving of macaroni or vegetables, usually beans of some kind, and with his meals the poilu has his wine, a fresh red wine something like the ordinary "red ink" served with the cheaper table d'hôte meals in San Francisco restaurants. In fact, the poilu has his wine when he wishes, for he is allowed a quart a day and can drink it when he will. Also he is allowed a daily measure of eau de vie, a very cheap and bad brandy. Many of the French soldiers refuse to claim their allotment of this latter beverage, although it is popular preceding, in the midst of, or after an attack.

Considering the poilu's pay, his food and the fact that he has no "rest huts" or recreation centres, that he doesn't get luxuries from home, because France can't afford luxuries, that it takes three days' pay for him to get even the solace of a package of cigarettes, that the war has lasted three years and there is no end in sight, it is no wonder that cheerfulness is a constant marvel to the Americans who have been with the French army.

OBEYING ORDERS.

Lady—So you were in the Battle of the Marne?

Tramp—Yes, ma'am.

Lady—What can you tell me about that great fight?

Tramp—Not a word, ma'am. I'm on my honor not to reveal a thing I saw or did. That's a strict military rule, ma'am.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. W. S. Carter is spending the week in St. John.

The Monday Club is meeting this afternoon with Miss Nellie Sterling.

Mrs. H. V. B. Fréges is spending a few days in St. John.

Mrs. D. Lee Babbitt, who has been spending the week in St. John, the guest of Mrs. J. B. Cudlip, has returned home.

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MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Marysville, Jan. 28. — Miss Pearl Simpson left Thursday evening last on a visit to relatives at Waterville, Me.

Mrs. J. W. Kelly returned Saturday from a visit to St. John. She left Saturday evening for Durham, accompanied by her little daughter, Margaret.

Mr. Chipman Brewer has accepted a position as accountant with the Minto Coal Company, at Minto, and will enter upon his duties immediately.

Mr. William Everett of Minto, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. G. F. Cole and Miss Stella Osborne returned to Minto this morning after visiting relatives here over the week-end.

The gentlemen members of the Dawson club are making arrangements for holding a dance and social evening, probably on Friday next.

A number of young people held an enjoyable driving party Saturday evening. The party drove to Penniac, where an enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. M. Wade.

Mr. J. McP. Peterson sang a very pleasing solo at the service of the Main Street Baptist church yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Myshraal of Fredericton, have removed here for the winter months.

Mrs. James Loney is suffering from illness.

Mr. Samuel Estey is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Mr. Edmund Downing is confined to his home, suffering from rheumatism.

Mr. John Heron and daughter, Mrs. P. Foley have returned to their home at Waterville, Me., after visiting relatives here.

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