

A Word With Subscribers

It is a popular misconception that in times of War a newspaper makes money. As a matter of fact, any newspaper which tries to do its duty by its subscribers, loses money during war time. This is true of The Daily and Semi-Weekly Mail. Both of these papers, in spite of their tremendous increase in circulation, are not making any profit out of the war. This being the case, we have to ask our subscribers who are in arrears to be good enough to REMIT. If we are properly doing our duty toward you as a subscriber, we have to ask that you will carry out your duty to us by remitting promptly any amount that may be owing to us.

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BEST STORIES OF THE WAR

Correspondents at the front of many of the great European conflict rages manage daily to get through the wary censors some little grimly humorous or tragic sidelights of the war. Here are the best that have come over the cables today:

FLEEING FROM PARIS

Describing the flight from Paris, when the people feared the Germans were about to attack the capital, a correspondent says:

"This great army in retreat was made up of ever type familiar in Paris.

"Here were women of the gay world, poor creatures whose painted faces had been washed with tears, and whose tight skirts and white stockings were never made for a long march down the highways of France.



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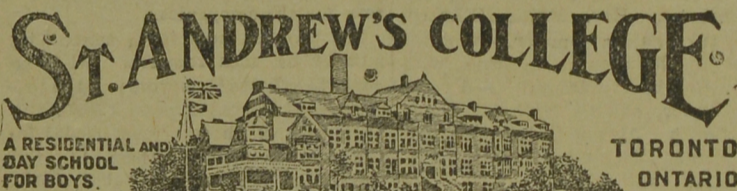
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and Compeigne. One can only admire the gallantry of men who dare to charge on foot against the enemy's mounted men and who actually put a squadron of them to flight, but one must say again: 'C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre.'

"There have been many incidents of heroism in these last days of fighting. It is, for instance, immensely characteristic of the French spirit that an infantry battalion, having put to flight a detachment of German outposts in the forest of Compeigne, calmly sat down to have a picnic in the woods until, as they sat over their hot soup, laughing at their exploit, they were attacked by a new force and cut to pieces."

PAINT HORSES GREEN

"The Russian Cossacks have painted all their white and gray horses green, making them harmonize with the foliage, so that their movements cannot be seen by scouting aeroplanes," says a London correspondent. This plan was first adopted by the British in the struggle with the Boers.

ENTERED GERMAN HARBOR

The correspondent of the London Standard tells how destroyers and submarines of the British fleet by close surveillance discovered the passage between the mines which the German destroyers used in coming out to the North Sea. With that information a flotilla of submarines and destroyers proceeded to round up the German ships. When the operations were finished the British vessels returned to their base with the exception of one submarine.

There was much anxiety as to the fate of this vessel, and as nearly a day passed without any news of her the fleet began to conclude she had been lost. Just as this fear began to be viewed as a certainty the submarine came calmly into the midst of the fleet and asked to be replenished.

The excitement among the blue-jackets at the return of the wanderer spread to every ship. The questions on every lip were, "Where has she been and what has she been doing?" The explanation was soon forthcoming, and all who heard it were thrilled at the daring feat accomplished by the commander and crew.

The submarine actually had penetrated into the harbor of Bremerhaven, where she fired two torpedoes. The Germans were panic-stricken, in the midst of which the submarine went to sleep on the bottom of the harbor. For hours the ship and crew remained there while the harbor was being trawled, but the nets fortunately passed over her. As soon as he considered it was safe the commander gave orders to proceed out of the German harbor, the submarine returning across the North Sea without mishap.

HE KNEW CONEY ISLAND

A newspaper correspondent made a motor trip to Brussels and tells of being ambushed by Germans he says:

"We sighted Germans when approaching a railway grade crossing outside of Aerschot. There were a hundred of them waiting for us behind a hedge, with rifles levelled. When a hundred yards away an officer in too trailing gray cloak stepped into the middle of the road and held up his hand and called out: 'Halt!'

"I jammed on the brakes.

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HIVING SWARMING BEES

A Simple Solution to One of the Most Vexed Problems of the Bee-keeper

Bee-keeping, an interesting and not by any means unprofitable pursuit, is avoided by many farmers on account of the many perplexing problems the care of the busy workers presents to the uninitiated. A few practical hints on how to properly look after the natural swarms may prove helpful.

When a swarm issues and forms into a cluster—if in a warm sunny place—sprinkle the bees with water with any hair brush that is available. This will make them cluster more closely and be less inclined to dislodge. While you make preparations to buy them. Should the swarm be settled on the bough of a tree, hold a straw skep, or any substitute for it, with one hand, well under the bees, and around them if possible, and with the other hand give the bough a sudden, hard shake, which will cause the bees to fall in a mass into the skep; if the bough is bushy a few quick jerk shakes might be required to dislodge all the bees. A vigorous shake downwards stopped suddenly is very effective. Now quickly place over the skep, a board or cloth large enough to cover it. Then turn it, mouth downwards and place it on the ground as nearly as possible under the place the bees settled on. Raise one side of the skep an inch or more upon a stone or piece of wood and if the queen has been secured the stragglers will soon join the bees in the hive. If the sun is shining on the skep, shade it with a few boughs or an open umbrella, securing the handle to a stake. Nothing further need be done until the last bees have entered the skep in the cool of the evening, when the swarm can be transferred to a movable frame hive in a permanent position. Should the following day be warm, the hive should be shaded and the entrance opened to the full extent. Even in the height of the honey season, and in the best of bee-weather, a swarm is vastly improved by getting a pint of thin syrup daily for three or four days, but in broken weather which often confines bees in their hives for days this treatment is absolutely necessary to keep a newly hived swarm from starving in its new foodless home. A comb of honey with some brood and eggs, from an old stock, would be a great advantage to a swarm starting in life. This is a very desirable plan in the case of second swarms or casts, as they frequently leave the hive never to return in company with the young queen in her mating trip, but while they have young brood and eggs in the hive they have no desire to leave it. It will not do to delay the hiving of the bees too long after they have settled in a cluster, for if the scouts, which have been previously sent out to find a suitable new home, return in the meantime the swarm will rise and follow them to, perhaps, parts unknown.

CURATE'S ADVENTURE

Taken For a Foreign Spy by a Devonshire Constable

How an innocent curate was suspected by a Devonshire constable of being a foreign spy when he had lost his bearings in the dark was related by the central figure in the incident, the Rev. I. M. Bankes-Jones of Sunningdale, on his return from a holiday in Devon.

At ten o'clock one night Mr. Bankes-Jones left his camp for a walk. He lost his way, but eventually came upon a policeman and two other men, and asked to be directed to a certain bridge. This request appeared to raise the constable's suspicions. He followed the stranger, and asked him for his name and address.

Treating the matter as a huge joke, the curate said, "My name is Tom Smith, and my address is Windsor Castle. But that is neither my correct name nor address. If I told you correctly you would be none the wiser."

"You must come to the station with me," said the policeman, "and make your explanations there," and in spite of a protest Mr. Bankes-Jones was taken three miles to the police station. There he discovered that the constable suspected he was a foreign spy inquiring for a bridge which might be in danger of being blown up.

The sergeant-in-charge was also told that the curate had been looking at telegraph poles very suspiciously. The curate was detained for some hours for inquiries and then liberated.

Race Starter Shot

While dog-racing was in progress at Coatbridge, John M. C. Glone, the official starter, was accidentally shot by the pistol going off prematurely. He succumbed to his injuries. The pistol was loaded with powder and percussion cap.

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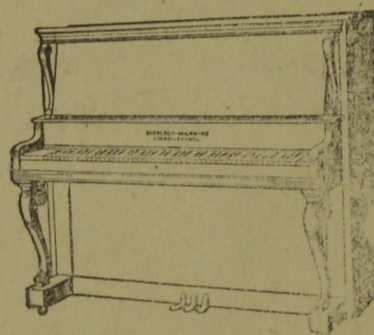
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