

The Central Guardian

RESERVE APRIL 12th for grand patriotic concert at People's Theatre 2:30 P.M.

HARD COAL a carload of hard chestnut coal arrived yesterday for P. Pickard & Co. 2790.

MUSKRAT SKINS—Parties having muskrat skins to sell should get my prices which are especially high for winter and spring skins. J. D. Jenkins, Charlottetown. 2777-2256

SPECIAL—Unshrinkable Wool Underwear \$1.25 per garment. Fleeced Lined Worth \$2.00 per suit for \$1.75 Friday and Saturday only. Farmers Clothing, Kent St. 2781-1111

PART PROCEEDS—Acknowledgment was made in the Guardian the other day of \$30 from Mrs. Henry W. Compton to the P. E. I. Artillery Auxiliary as proceeds of an entertainment. This should have read part proceeds as the balance had been given to other patriotic purposes.

TO AVOID DETENTION—Now that those drafted in Class One under the Military Service Act are being called upon to report for duty, orders have been issued that to avoid detention by the military authorities, it is necessary in Class One to have an exemption certificate, counterfoil of claim for exemption, counterfoil of report for service, certificate of conditional leave of absence or notice of disposition of claim. If not within Class One and married he must have his marriage certificate or a certified copy of it. If not within Class One and single he must have a certified copy of his birth certificate.

G.W.V.A.—A well-attended meeting of ladies was held in the Great War Veterans' Association rooms, Cameron Block yesterday afternoon. A sub-committee of the Advisory Board of the Society consisting of Messrs. S. A. McDonald, Thos. F. White, Chas. H. Chandler and the Socy. Mr. G. J. McCormack were present at the opening of the meeting and explained the object and aims of the G.W.V.A. After these gentlemen retired the ladies held a very enthusiastic meeting and organized a Ladies' Auxiliary with the following officers: Mrs. (Judge) Stewart—President; Mrs. McCready, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Woodman—Secretary; Mrs. Bagnall—Treasurer; Executive—Mrs. E. D. Sterns, Mrs. Houle, Mrs. G. J. McCormack, Mrs. D. A. Bruce, Miss Nicholson.

TODAY 3.15 SHARP **Prince Edward** **TONIGHT 7 and 8.45 SHARP**

The Adorable Star Favorite of all **MARY PICKFORD** IN **"THE LITTLE PRINCESS"** BY FRANCIS HODGSON BURNETT Little Sara Crewe and her Adventures at Miss Miuchin's Boarding School have been Brought to Light in the Person of Mary Pickford who gives one of the finest Characterizations of her Career **LAST TIME TODAY**

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Russian Government Officials Traitors, Declare Soldiers

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Russian soldiers who have been in the trenches for more than three years are no less amazed than civilians at the rapid turn of events in Russia and stand in hopeless confusion, unable to distinguish friends from enemies, and powerless to bring order out of chaos.

The attitude of the average soldier is shown by a letter written last month from the front to an English Red Cross sister who nursed him back to life after he had been severely wounded and gassed and enabled him to return to the trenches. He writes:

"In the trenches everything is quiet. I go out scouting every day looking for Germans, who have retreated from our trenches for about 15 miles. Here with us the light has gone out of everything. We are hungry, dressed in rags and bare footed, the food is very bad, we have very little bread; the only meat we get is horse-flesh, and that is not fresh. We have got a horse of our own, but have nothing to feed it with so are thinking of eating it ourselves. There is no help for us anywhere. It is our fate to be thrown aside and forgotten by the world and to die of cold and hunger."

"Dear little Sister, while I write I wonder whether you will read my letter, for I am a soldier, and now every soldier is considered a traitor and is blamed for all that has happened. But, dear little Sister, just think, wherein is the soldier to blame. He is the same soldier he was in 1914. In most cases he has been wounded several times, has been poisoned by gas, has suffered and is still suffering all the horrors of war and yet—he is to blame for everything. And why? Because our whole government are traitors."

"Formerly the Russian soldier was feared by the whole world, but now that he has been betrayed, no one even remembers him. Formerly every commander tried to cause as many losses to the enemy as possible and to save his own men; but now they try to lose as many of their own men as possible without harming the enemy."

"Take Riga for example. Every soldier was willing to give his life for it and many tears have been shed by us over it. But it was surrendered without a fight, and again the soldier was blamed. It was not known that the order for the retreat had been given and was enforced by the threat

ISLANDER LOST—At least one Prince Edward Islander was lost with the Florizel, John Forrest, a native of Charlottetown. City Marshal Cameron received two telegrams concerning him. The second message was from Harvey & Co., St. John's, Nfld., and said: "We are arranging burial of John Forrest, whose body is here. Advise quickly stating his religion. Forrest was a passenger on board the Florizel. He was a brother of Mrs. Charles Hine of Charlottetown, and was 32 years of age."

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MACKAY, wish to thank their friends for their sympathy during their recent bereavement.

P. E. I. PRESBYTERY—In view of the special evening meeting on Tuesday 5th March it is hoped as many members of the circuit as possible will make arrangements to stay over for the night.

FUNERAL NOTICES—The funeral of Richard Wood will place this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 from his late residence Alexandria, interment Alexandria Cemetery.

INFANT SON DEAD—A wide circle of friends will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Reginald G. Taylor, Prince Street, in the death of their twin son Arnold Reginald, aged eight months, which occurred on Tuesday.

COMPLIMENTING ROTARY

Mr. Chesley R. Perry, Secretary International Association of Rotary Clubs, Chicago, has received the following letters from President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of War Baker:

My Dear Mr. Perry:—

Mr. Fosdick has told me of your plans for a "Win-the-War" patriotic convention of the International Rotary Clubs in Kansas City, this coming June, and I am very happy to endorse the project. The service rendered by your organization in this time of national stress has been very great, and I feel that you are making a genuine contribution to the cause which we all have so much at heart.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON.

My Dear Mr. Perry:—It has come to my attention that the International Rotary Clubs are to hold a "Win-the-War" patriotic convention at Kansas City on June, 1918. Permit me to wish you every success. The Rotary Clubs of the entire country have always shown an intense interest in all movements tending toward civic betterment and business improvement. In the present emergency they have been especially effective, and their assistance and cooperation in supporting the many special activities made necessary by war are invaluable.

Cordially yours,
NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War.

Eat a Whale Win the War

A New York banquet at which the chief dish was whale meat was given a few days ago, and is to be under way as the opening gun of a campaign which has for its object the popularizing of this food on the North American continent. The ideals to teach the American and Canadian people to eat whale meat, which will be placed on the market at about 12c a pound, under the auspices of Mr.

Hoover, and thus release an equal amount of pork and beef to be shipped overseas. It is calculated that the whaling industry on the Pacific coast, which is the largest in the world, can supply about 75,000,000 pounds of whale meat a year, and while this would be less than a pound a year for every man and woman and child in the United States, Mr. Hoover believes that the effort to make even this saving is important. This fact in itself shows how grave the food situation is in Europe and how critical will be the next few months. If it is presented to the people as a patriotic duty to eat a pound of whale meat a year, there can be no doubt of the response. The man who could not get away with a pound in the course of a year must be either a pacifist or a pro-German.

not eaten in the best circles, and it is the back and tongue that the American public will be invited to consume. The canning of whale meat is a well-recognized Japanese industry, and a similar industry has been established, or is about to be established, in the United States.

Doubtless canned whale, which is familiar in books, but of the so-called "off-shore" industry which makes its appearance in Canada, if provided most of the Pacific coast catch. Men go out in fast boats with harpoon guns, shoot a few whales, tow them ashore, Canada is ready to eat her share of whales.

What a Whale Is

Undoubtedly there does exist a popular prejudice against regarding whale as anything but a source of valuable oil and the raw material for women's stays. Many people suppose that the whale is constructed of whalebone and whale oil to about 95 per cent. of his person, the other 5 per cent. being the space and vertebrae in the story of Jonah. But the fact is that whale is about 95 per cent. meat food. In Japan where whale meat is a popular article of diet the whale is hunted and killed for his meat. In the United States and elsewhere the whale is killed for his blubber and for whalebone, the flesh being used as a fertilizer. It is this meat, hitherto used as a fertilizer, that Mr. Hoover purposes to save for food. The notion that the whale is not fit to be eaten is due to the fact that the whales with which people, along the Atlantic coast, are familiar, namely the sperm whale, the so-called right whale, and the bowhead are not fit to eat. But just as there are pigs and pigs so there are whales and others. The hump-back, the fin-back, the seal whale and the blue or sulphur-bottom whale are altogether a different kettle of fish.

Habits of the Whale

Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews, assistant curator of mammals at the American Museum of Natural History, who has hunted and photographed and eaten whales for years, says that whales, contrary to general opinion, have no fishy flavor, and he also explodes another bombshell to the effect that whales do not eat fish. Now, the notion that whales feed exclusively upon little fish, which they strain through an extremely small throat into an extremely large stomach, is even more widespread than a disbelief in the story of Jonah. Mr. Andrews says that the whale, when extremely hungry will peck at a few inches sea herring but his real staple diet is composed of shrimps in the matter of diet few animals that we now eat are so particular as is the whale. He does not devour every Tom, Dick and Harry that he meets in the sea, but only a favored few. He would not swallow a man unless he knew well his antecedents, a fact which seems to put another dent in that story about Jonah.

Tastes Like Game

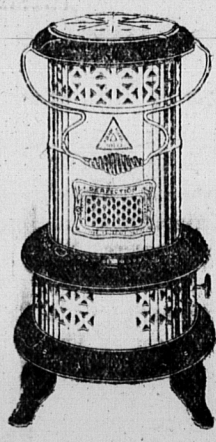
It would seem that the argument that the friends of the whale put forth in favor of it being eaten is perfect. It is good to eat, it is cheap; it is said to look like venison and taste like beef. Mr. Andrews, who appears to have acquired the habit of eating a whale a day, says that he has frequently had whale served to his dinner guests, and when masqueraded as venison or bear it had fooled nine out of ten. He admits that there is an oiliness about the meat, but this can be abolished by putting a dash of soda in the water in which the meat is boiled. In Japan the whale is eaten raw and minced, and it might be that Dr. Garfield, whose business it is to conserve fuel as Mr. Hoover's business is to conserve bacon and beef, would suggest that this is the proper way to consume a whale; but it is not expected that the people on this continent will consent to eat raw whales. The whale is to be cooked, and will be devoured chiefly in the form of steaks and chops. It is recommended that the meat should be cut thick—about two inches and a half thick—in the case of a steak, and that plenty of seasoning should be used.

The tongue of a whale is supposed to be the tid-bit. There is this difference between a large tongue and a whale's that the latter is considerably larger. In fact, the tongue of a whale weighs about a ton, and as it is not employed in fruitless controversy it is considered the next best thing. The back is the next best chow. The hump, hump-back, and

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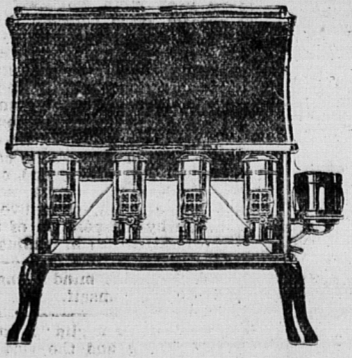
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