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PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

More than a month has elapsed since the German drive began at Verdun. During the last week the cannonading has been nearly continuous and the Germans have made heavy assaults at different points particularly to the north east and the north west of the city. None of these assaults have been successful otherwise than the gaining of a little here and there. In most cases these assaults in force make considerable gains at the first and then most of the area gained is lost through counter assaults. How much longer the Germans can carry on this already lengthened fight remains to be seen.

A spectacular battle in the clouds was one of the events of the week. About fifty aeroplanes on either side were participants near Verdun. The French reports claim the destruction of five German planes and the loss of three of their own.

A small naval battle occurred off the Flemish coast. Three small German destroyers were seen by four or five English vessels of about the same class. The German ships ran for shore protection and the English followed with an ensuing running fight. Both sides claim to have damaged the others but nothing serious occurred.

Peace rumors are again plenty, but whether inspired by authority or just from the wish is not certain. That all the warring nations must be getting tired is practically certain. Germany undoubtedly is now at her extreme maximum of battle strength, which means that from this time on she is likely to grow weaker rather than stronger. France is practically in about the same condition, while England has for the last six months been straining every power except actual conscription to put every available man in the army. Russia should still have plenty of reinforcements, but so far in this war that country seems to be able to put about so many men in the field without any great increase. Of course neither country cares at this time to openly say they are tired, because it would be construed to mean a confession of defeat.

Our own war is "progressing." There

is a very strict censorship as to the movement of the U. S. troops, but all the same the daily papers give minute details every day both as to numbers and positions. The Mexican de facto government seems somewhat reluctant to give this country and special encouragement in our chase for Villa but have so far granted most of our requests and Carranza troops are also chasing Villa. We hope that the latter will be a successful capture. It will save after complications for they are likely to dispose of Villa promptly on capture.

THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

This presidential primary election is the culmination of the absurdities of the primary system.

Founded on the principle that each and every voter should and would make an intelligent choice of the names that he might find on the printed ballot, it has developed into a case of a dog chasing his own tail.

The intelligent voter today, as we write, goes into the booth and takes a printed list of names out of his pocket, finds the corresponding names on the ballot and then checks them off with his cross accordingly. He would save time and bother if allowed to just vote the printed card, which is almost identical with the ballot he used before we had a primary law. With all the many pages of primary law we have gone around the circle and vote just as we used to do in effect.

The average voter knows almost nothing of the persons named on the printed ballot, and has a very slight idea how these names of delegates to the national convention, presidential electors and national committee men happen to be on the ballots. While he still has the privilege of changing any or all names he may find there, he knows that would be of no consequence, so mostly he will "bear his cross" on the ballot as he finds it.

The election machinery of this election is a mixture and muddle to which we have previously referred.

Another phase occurred in this city today. In two of the Wards in this city democratic judges appointed by the democratic committee appeared to take their places as judges of election under the primary law. Now it happened that these two were the same men who had been selected by the city council to act in that capacity. But if the judges thus appointed by two different authorities had not happened to be the same men, which of them would have been the authorized and lawful officials of election?

Would or could judges appointed under the general primary election law have any authority to conduct a city or a township election?

If the judges selected by the party committees act as such officials, are they county or are they local election officers?

If they are county officers ought not the county to pay them?

If they are city or township officials who pays the "inspector" who has nothing whatever to do with the local election, performs no service for the township or city, and is not known or named in township or city government?

Who is to pay for taking the returns to Cavalier?

If the county board pays these messengers as they did four years ago, why should they not pay the rest of the election board?

If the provincial contests result as predicted, and the Dominion law as fore-shown from Ottawa is enacted, the probabilities are that in a year's time a portion of the province of Quebec will be the only place left in Canada where it will be possible to buy or sell liquor, or to import it for drinking purposes.—Winnipeg Free Press

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MISERABLE HAPPINESS

It is a somewhat curious fact that mankind rather enjoys misery. The pursuit of sorrow is equally one of the "inalienable rights of mankind" as the pursuit of happiness. Thousands of people wear black clothing with a sort of satisfaction. In a lesser degree it is the same kind of spirit that makes the martyr sing hymns while the flames roar about him.

Again, there is nothing more easy than to persuade the average man that he is sick or miserable. A hearty, healthy man who on going down town in the morning meets a half dozen friends on his way, and each makes some remark as they pass to the effect that he does not look well, is likely to call the doctor before the day is over.

It needs almost no argument and very few facts to make a man believe that he is being abused or imposed upon by others. Each individual of us knows that each other individual is better off than we are.

This tendency of the human mind, this remarkable sensitiveness to personal injury of all sorts, is the favorite chord upon which politicians, political speakers and demagogues are wont to play their political tunes.

Any orator can stand before an audience and rouse his hearers to excitement and enthusiasm if he will tell them that they pay too high taxes, that they are oppressed by the rich, that the government officials are rogues, that the whole system of government is rotten to the core and is controlled by bosses, trusts and monopolies.

The degree of excitement such an orator will enthrone is only measured by the strength of his lungs. The louder he hollers the more miserable the audience will become and therefore—the happier.

It is funny but it is a fact.

County News

Eugene O'Brien of Neche is employed in the Bank of Montreal at Altona.

J. F. Durby of Bathgate has sold his 480 acre farm near town for \$13,000 to a man from Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Short entertained at dinner Monday evening, with appropriate St. Patrick color schemes.

Geo L. Paxman and Robert Kipten of Hamilton are back from their three months trip which included Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Auditor Felson gave a St. Patrick party Wednesday evening. Judge Kneeshaw won first prize at cards.

W. T. Bradley, John Willis and Olaf Hanson, of Crystal left last week for Jordan, Minnesota to take mud baths for rheumatism.

Reid Waldo one of the early settlers of Drayton died at Deloraine, Manitoba on the 5th of March and was buried at Drayton.

A large number of the Masonic brethren of Drayton attended the funeral of the late George H. Schaefer at Graf-ton last week.

Mrs. Hollister who has been spending the winter with her daughter Mrs. W. W. Felson of Cavalier has returned home to St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Lewis of Neche entertained a number of friends in honor of Miss Marguerite and John McLaughlin who leave in a short time for Montana.

Mr. W. J. Burke and children of Bathgate are back after spending the winter with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Reynolds at Denver, Colorado. She reports a pleasant time and her folks as being well. Mr. Reynolds is in the real estate business.

The Drayton Baseball club has been organized with W. J. Lean president, R. J. Moore secretary and Thomas Devlin treasurer. The enthusiasm runs high for the fans and the citizens promise ample support.

The house on Alfred Harris' farm in Carlisle was consumed by fire Sunday morning entailing a total loss. It was occupied by Sam Gillis and family who lost everything they had save what they had on their backs, and no insurance. The house was insured for \$400.

"The Neche Military Band" is a new musical organization in Neche, with R. J. Welch as president, H. Leclair vice president, Frank P. Holmes as treasurer. This being a campaign year they expect to have lots to do and as they are about the only band organization around here they are liable to be kept busy.

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