

powerful weapon designed in the history of war." The inventor of these instruments of dire destruction is shrouded in mystery. It was with these that the supposedly impregnable forts at Liege and Namur, Belgium, were battered into a mass of ruins. Each shell cost \$2,500.

THE WAR TAX, which, it is expected, will raise additional revenue of \$105,000,000, will likely become operative on Nov. 1, 1914, and terminate on Dec. 31, 1915. Officials estimate that of the \$105,000,000 to be raised by the bill, \$74,000,000 will be collected through the medium of the taxes on beer, ales, and porter; domestic wines and gasoline; the taxes on the business of brokers, dealers in and manufacturers of leaf tobacco, manufactured tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes; amusement enterprises, bowling alleys, and pool and billiard parlors.

SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE is not proving the El Dorado expected by this country at the beginning of the war. A warning has been issued to American manufacturers and exporters to go slowly, alleging that South America is suffering from an unprecedented financial stringency produced by the European war. Much harm, it is declared, has been done by the numerous superficial articles now appearing in many newspapers and trade publications, without reference to the actual economic environment.

HAND-IN-HAND with the war tax is a measure in Congress to reduce the river and harbor appropriations, cutting it down to a sum not exceeding \$20,000,000, thus saving the nation \$73,000,000.

AMERICAN TROOPS have been withdrawn from Vera Cruz, the president declaring that he believed the Mexicans now in control were able to manage the affairs of their country; yet the latest news from Mexico states that Villa has revolted and quit Carranza, disavowing the former chief and refusing to take part in the convention at the capital, set for Oct. 1st, at which time a provisional president will be designated.

IT IS A MOOTED QUESTION among public school principals as to whether the pupils shall follow the war in connection with the study of European geography. The Philadelphia schools ignore the war *in toto*, on the ground that its study is demoralizing and arouses slumbering racial prejudices among the children. Chicago schools, on the other hand, are following closely the movements of the armies, by map and by lecturers.

CHINA, robbed of a market in which to obtain foreign loans, is being forced to economies and to increases of her internal revenues, which are making that republic more nearly self-supporting than it has been since the days of the Boxer uprising. She has declared a moratorium on about \$40,000,000 of short-time foreign loans which soon fall due. She has also notified the powers that she must default in a part of

the payments on the big reorganization loan of \$300,000,000 made by the five European powers, and in which the United States was to take a sixth part.

RAILROAD PASSENGER FARES, in both eastern and western territories, are to be increased by the railroads in the immediate future. The new rates will be fixed on a basis of 2½ cents a mile, but will vary slightly, in particular cases, from that base. The preparation of the new passenger tariffs is now in progress, and it is expected that they may be in readiness to file with the commission by Oct. 1.

IN A RECENT STUDY of crime, it is shown that Chicago leads the world as a "murder" city. In 1913, there were 262 murders, as compared with 131 for New York and 36 for London. There were 121,333 cases disposed of in Chicago's criminal courts in 1913.

VIRGINIA will join the other "dry" states on Nov. 1, 1915, a majority of the voters of the state having cast their ballots, the 22nd, in favor of state-wide prohibition. Anti-liquor forces carried the election by not less than 25,000.

NO GAMBLING in Panama will be enforced by an executive order from President Wilson. The order prohibits all forms of gambling.

AN INCREASE in value of the real estate in Cook County since 1913, is given at \$61,278,390. These are the figures of the board of review. The total increase in value of real estate and personal property since 1913 is \$74,973,021.

THE UNITED CHARITIES of Chicago is making urgent appeals for money, declaring that their work at the present time is heavier than it has been in former years at the close of the winter. It is interesting to note that while this appeal is being sent out, in two of the current magazines appear articles suggesting the question, "Is organized Charity a vice?" Eighty-one thousand people have been helped by the United Charities in the eleven months of the fiscal year, the circular states.

THE UNITED STATES has, this week, signed peace treaties with Great Britain, France, Spain, and China. The contracting parties agree to submit all disputes to investigation by a permanent commission during a period of one year before declaring war.

CHICAGO now has two municipal markets, which are expected to reduce the high cost of living somewhat. Profane language and smoking are prohibited within the markets. A woman has been appointed as food inspector.

THE ESTIMATES of Miss Julia C. Lathrop, head of the government children's bureau, is that in the ten years from 1900 to 1910 more than 2,500,000 of the babies born in this country died before one year old, many of the deaths being preventable.

LOCAL ITEMS

Deacon C. A. Brune has purchased the Tanner property, consisting of eight rooms, at 2802 Elizabeth Avenue. Mr. Brune will move in about the 1st of October.

Seven hundred fifty pounds of Kentucky blue and red-top grass seed have been sown on the Temple Site, east of the Tabernacle. This grass is already above ground, and is improving the Temple Site considerably. The workmen employed on the Temple park grounds expect to have the walks finished this Fall.

Deacon Samuel Farrar has been very successful with his Lake Front farm this year. From one acre of land, which was sown in tomatoes, he gathered no less than six tons of the fruit; and he still has a large quantity yet to pick. The tomatoes were hauled to the Zion Canning Factory, and the Deacon declares that his Lake Front venture has been very successful this year. Besides the tomatoes, Mr. Farrar has set out ten thousand celery plants, of four different varieties.

Captain A. Walker was the recipient of a very beautiful present in the form of a gold star on Thursday. This police badge was the gift of Attorney C. P. Barnes, of Woodstock; and, needless to say, it was much appreciated by the Zion City chief of police.

Miss Cora West, of Springfield, Missouri, who for the past two weeks has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Harmon Meitz, of Zion Home, left Monday morning for an extended visit with other relatives and friends in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Zion Stores are making a new chocolate cream, which, they claim, is far superior to anything they have on the market. As an inducement for the public to try one of their three-pound boxes, they are asking visitors to Zion Stores to submit an appropriate name for the candy, which must be dropped in a box in the Candy Department not later than October 10th.

Zion Meat Market has adopted a new and improved system of curing beef bacon. This system has met with the hearty approval of the United States government meat expert, who, besides passing on it, says that the Zion Meat Market has one of the best and most sanitary systems in this State.

Miss Mildred Morlock, of Aurora, Illinois, is visiting Deacon and Mrs. Schmal-fuss, of 2615 Elizabeth Avenue. She expects to remain a few days.

Mr. J. S. Yakey, a traveling salesman from Spokane, Washington, visited Zion City last week. Mr. Yakey is an uncle of Miss Bernice Brady, of Zion Office Supply department.

Mrs. Ida Folsom, of Pontiac, Illinois, visited her brother, Deacon O. W. Farley, last week. She returned home on Monday morning.

Mr. A. J. Farley, a brother of the Deacon, was also a guest of Deacon and Mrs. Farley during a part of last week.

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4. By investing money in Zion Institutions and Industries, which are now doing an annual business of the better part of \$1,000,000 a year.

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MEN'S MEETING

All men, twenty-one years of age and over, Officers, Members and Friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, are invited to a Social Gathering to be held by the General Overseer in Zion Home Auditorium, Wednesday evening, September 30th. Let each one write his name and address in full on a card and hand the same to the General Overseer when received.

ZION LITERARY DEPARTMENT

The General Overseer will preside at a Special Meeting of Zion Literary Department, in the Recital Hall, Second Floor, Zion College Building, Tuesday Evening, October 6th. New Officers will be appointed, the Department will be thoroughly organized, and the time of regular meetings announced.

ZION ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The General Overseer will preside at a Special Meeting of Zion Athletic Department, in the Recital Hall, Second Floor, Zion College Building, Tuesday Evening, September 29th. New Officers will be appointed, and the Department will be thoroughly organized.