

The Free Press Short Story

Adrift on the Dangerous Rip Shoals

GEORGE ETHELBERG WALSH

CHESTER MURDOCK eased his father's tugboat, "Emma," gently into the slip and brought it to a stop alongside two well-laden coal barges. Ralph, his younger brother, thrust his head out of the engine room. "Hi, Che!" he shouted. "We got to get this valve fixed. It's on the blink again."

"Let me do it! It's risky, Che!" "All the more reason why I should do the job," was the affectionate reply. "Now obey orders. It must be good teamwork. Don't fumble."

Chester seized a small coil of rope, fastened one end to his waist and the other to a four-inch Manila hawser. Stationing himself forward he called: "Okeh, Ralph! Ease her up carefully."

The order Ralph saw the towline fast he swung the "Emma" around and headed away from the shoals. Even so it seemed too late! The dark fagot of the rocks were so near Chester could have thrown a stone and hit them.

WARS AND EPIDEMICS

It is said that the Persians under Xerxes were defeated in their invasion of Greece by plague and dysentery. In all of the wars from that time on to the Great War of 1914-18 disease was as deadly a foe as the munitions of the enemy.

FIRST DIVISION LEADERS



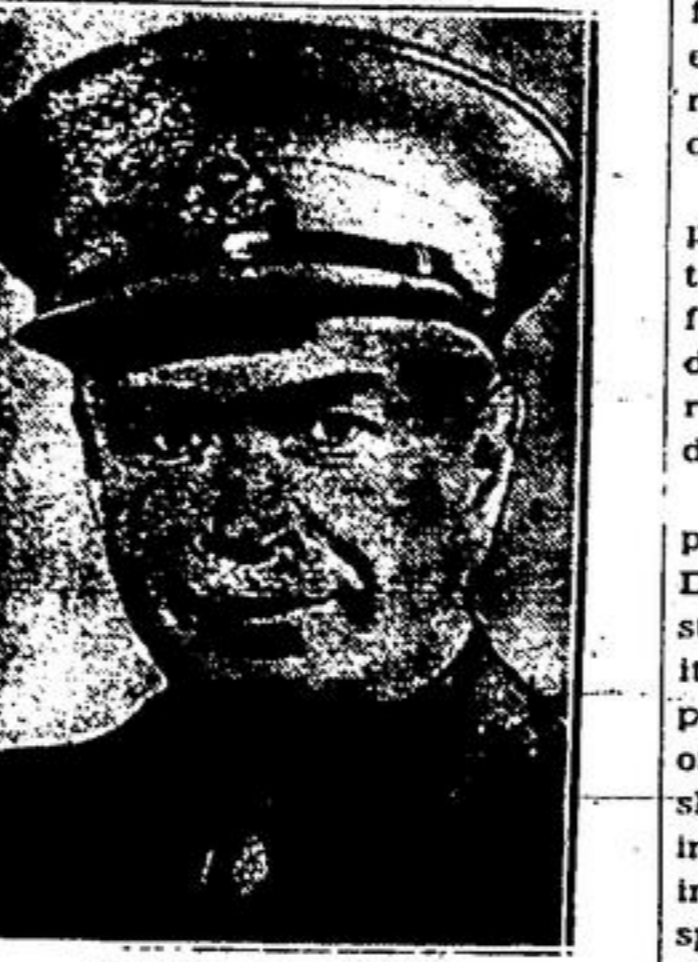
BRIGADIER H. G. D. CREHAN Chief of the General Staff of the Canadian headquarters.



COL. ARMAND A. SMITH Commander of the First Infantry Brigade.



LT.-COL. C. S. L. HERTZBERG Commander of First Divisional Engineers.



MAJOR F. KELLY Senior officer of the pay service at Canadian military headquarters in England.

UNDERGROUND OPERATING ROOM

Nothing is more directly affected by war conditions than civilian hospital management and the way the crisis was met in England gives an idea of the immensity of the problem before hospital authorities.

SENSIBLE HEALTH RULES

"Sensible living for the modern woman." "I use the word 'sensible,'" says Frunella Stock, leader of League for Health and Beauty—because I feel that it particularly applies to the modern woman's outlook on life.

"Says make a point of getting out into the fresh air at mid-day. I consider it better to take a substantial meal in the evening. Those of you who play tennis or go swimming after working hours will probably find this awkward. It is a question you must decide for yourself—do whatever is best under the circumstances.

THE CONQUEST OF PNEUMONIA

The American Public Health Association, meeting in Pittsburgh, labels pneumonia as "public health enemy No. 3," indicating that this affliction comes third in the category of life destroyers and being only exceeded in this respect by heart disease and cancer. There are signs that pneumonia may be conquered at an early date.

CARROLL'S LIMITED

- Quick or Regular ROLLEP OATS 7 lbs. 25c
Fearman's Pure LARD 1-lb. pkg. 9c
Silver Ribbon TOMATO JUICE 25-oz. tin 7c
Aylmer Choice Sieve 4 PEAS 3 16-oz. tins 25c
Queenland Sweet Mixed PICKLES 27-oz. jar 18c
Smart's Lombard PLUMS 2 16-oz. tins 15c
Dessert PEARS 2 15-oz. tins 15c
Toasted Prairie NUTS 2 pkgs. 15c
Aylmer Tomato CATSUP 12-oz. btl. 11c
Our Sliced Side BACON 1-lb. pkg. 27c
Pontiac MATCHES 3 pkgs. 17c

Advertisement for telephone service featuring a man on a telephone and text: 'SAVES ME \$3.00 every time I call Durham for food.' 'Any way, if a person can have a telephone one, not be running into neighbor hours all the time.' 'No form should be without a telephone. It's mighty handy to call relatives, to order supplies and machinery and quick aid if need be.'

Steady Advertising is the Answer to Sales Question

First Division Command: Inspects Lakehead Unit



Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, Commander of Canada's first overseas division, paid a visit to Fort William to inspect the Fourth Field Ambulance Corps, only Lakehead unit in First Division. Major-General McNaughton is shown, left, conversing with Lieut. Colonel J. V. Williams, Centre, of Winnipeg, Medical Officer, Military District No. 10, and Lieut.-Colonel G. E. McCartney, Officer Commanding the Ambulance Corps, are the General arrived by airplane.