

ENGLAND SHALL STAND

They shall not set one foot on Eng-
lish soil
The feet of Germany shall never
stain
The sacred ground no skulking
ill-borne Hun
Drifting to earth in England shall
remain
Nor breathe her air or touch her
sacred throne
In this small island that we call
our own
From every hill a watchman keeps
his father and his brethren's
watch
On every crest and height a soldier
stands
Behind her ancient walls the English
guard
Guarding with every drop of blood
her lands
No curved blade of the air or sea
shall mar the oneness of our unity
As long as England seas break on her
shores
And the gray fog drifts in at even-
fall
As long as the red keeps guard above
the night
And in the twilight little children
cry:
There is no power to break her heart
or hand
As long as earth glows on Eng-
land shall stand
Edna Jacques.

THE OLD MAN
OF THE
BIG CLOCK TOWER



The above familiar heading is used
simply to draw attention to the fact
that this is a "dedication" column.
A few weeks ago we hinted in the
editorial column that from time to
time there were local stories of his-
torical interest that needed putting
into print. This is one of them. We
have others that have accumulated
and will be used from time to time.

Early this year, Nelson Moore
brought into The Free Press Office an
old map of Acton. While it had had
careful preservation, the paper in
many places had just plain fallen
away. It was mounted on a large,
heavy sheet of paper, and the
map itself was a study of Acton's
early beginnings. Perhaps it is the
first published map of Acton.

We asked Mr. Moore, where he
located it and he said it had been
around for years, and he just didn't
know its origin, and if he doesn't
know it many other local residents
can enlighten us.

Acton had its start in 1829. This
map is designated "Map of Part of
the Village of Acton, County of Hal-
low, surveyed and drawn for W. F.
and J. F. Adams, by Winter and
Howitt, P.L.S., etc., etc., April 13th,
1857. It is 84 years old in less than
two months.

Let's just see what there was of
Acton back eighty-four years ago.
There are three ponds shown on this
map: the big Mill Pond, which re-
mains yet, with a saw mill and grist
mill located at the east end. Then
there is the pond known for years as
"Spiegel's Pond" with a saw mill locat-
ed on it, and a steam tannery. The
scale of measurement given is 3
chains to the inch. Taken on this
scale, the steam tannery was a build-
ing of pretty small size, not sixty
feet square.

On the creek running from the
other pond on Mr. A. Mason's prop-
erty were located another grist and
saw mill. North of the Grand Trunk
was a steam shingle and stove fac-
tory. That made three saw mills
two grist mills, a steam tannery and
a steam shingle and stove factory as
Acton's industries. Two grist mills
remained and no saw mills. None
of the grist mills are operated by water
power or steam.

The map shows no survey of build-
ing lots, west of Main Street, except
those facing directly on Main Street,
between Mill Street and River Street.
Acton stopped, on the north-west side
of River Street, on Main Street.
Lower Avenue shows no lots survey-
ed on the north-west side of the
street.

King Grows Flax for
Greek Soldiers' Kilts

Orders More Sandringham Acres
to be Ploughed Up.

The King has ordered a further
supply of the best Cambridgeshire
seed for several acres of acres of
Sandringham, which he has decided
to bring under the plough in great
more flax for the new Norfolk year.

To-day flax grown in Norfolk is a
valuable contribution to the needs of
the line linen and damask makers
in Northern Ireland, two of whose
former sources of supply in Belgium
and Holland, are now entirely clos-
ed. The greater part of these lovely
damask woven in Ulster are destined
for export to the United States, with
whom this trade is worth many mil-
lions a year. In 1929 the States im-
ported \$22,000,000 worth, mostly
from the United Kingdom.

More interesting, at the moment, is
the supply of Ulster linen to the
troops of Greece. Lately to make the
"Mustinella" or kilts of the Greek
regiments of Evzones has been ex-
ported from Ulster to Greece for
some years. It is still regarded as
an essential part of their equipment.

The red skull-cap and tassel, the
sleeveless jacket, and, chiefly the kilt
or kilted skirt of Ulster linen were
purchased for the troops of the
regiments of the British Army in
Ireland, and the Linen Trade
Association, told Mr. Fellowes that
he considered it of the first impor-
tance to increase the flax output of
this country, and to give other Nor-
folk land owners and farmers a lead,
he had decided to set aside a much
larger proportion of his land for the
purpose this year.

Ulster linen makers, delighted at
the King's interest in their industry,
recently counsel approaches for
made to present the King and Queen
with some especially fine sheets and
bed-linen, woven from their own
flax. But the King and Queen, who
already have two superfine handker-
chiefs of Ulster linen made from
Sandringham flax, a souvenir of their
Coronation visit, declined the gift.

The King has decided that all such
courtesy gifts, especially of vital ex-
port materials, must be postponed
until after the war.

HELD CHURCHILL
PRISONER OF WAR

As the "Commando on Wheels," in
its tour of South Africa, passed
through Bethlehem, Orange, Free-
State, an interested caller was "Oom
Jan" Lamprecht.

Forty-one years ago "Oom Jan"
was fighting on the Boer side in the
South African war. In the same year,
Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of
Great Britain, was the war corres-
pondent of a London daily. On No-
vember 15th, 1899, a Boer column of
which "Oom Jan" was a member blew
up an armored train in Natal and
took Mr. Churchill prisoner. Mr.
Churchill was placed in charge of
"Oom Jan" and subsequently escaped.

When Mr. Churchill became Prime
Minister, Mr. Lamprecht wrote to
him, reminding him of that Sunday
in Natal, and expressing the hope
that this time Mr. Churchill would
be more careful.

In reply, Mr. Churchill sent a copy
of his memoirs, with the inscription
"To my old friend, J. D. Lamprecht."
"It is strange," Mr. Lamprecht said
in a recent interview, "that I should
now be supporting my former foe in
the struggle for freedom. But the
cause for which we are fighting is
just. That is the only thing which
matters."

The "Commando on Wheels" is a
mechanized company, three miles long,
touring the Union of South Africa to
show the army to the country.

HEROES OF THE WIRES

London (CP). British railway
workers brave danger to keep tele-
graph lines open a linesman and a
17-year-old helper string wires in
the midst of time-bombs and high-
bomb disposal squad remove them.

ASK WAGE INCREASE

London (CP). Very busy in munition
work, the Amalgamated Engineering
Union has demanded for its 490,000
members, an increase of three-pence an
hour and restoration of 1931 working
conditions.

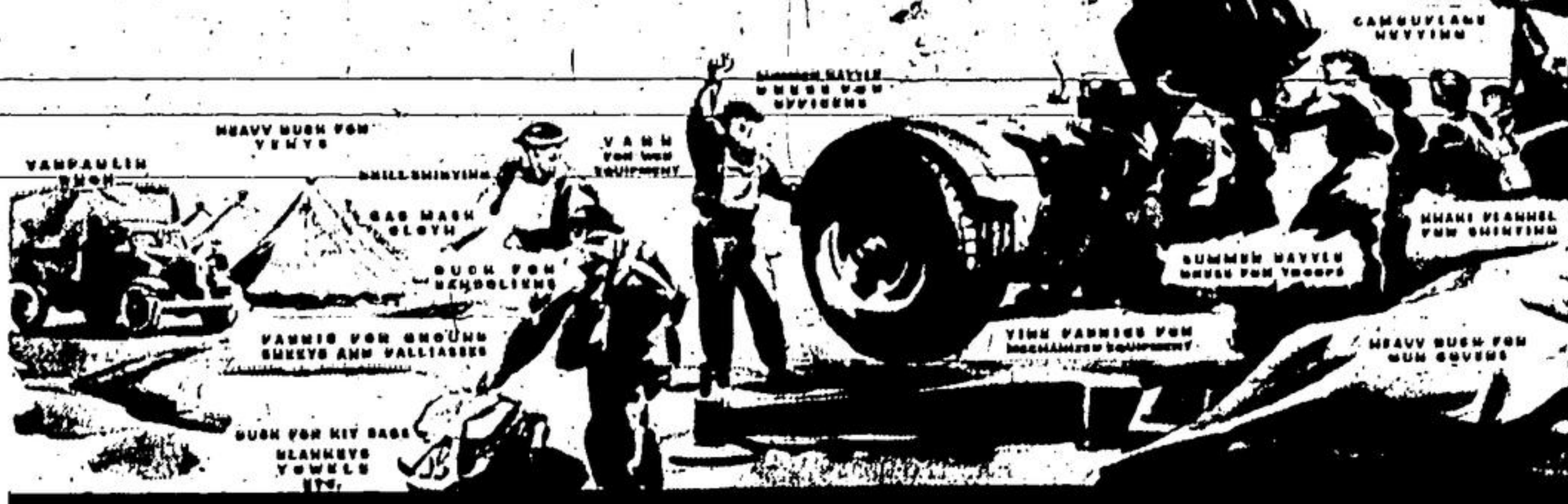
FOUR PAIS - TO DEATH

London (CP). Four youngsters
playing near a pond one fell in.
Another, unable to swim, jumped in
after him, followed by the remaining
two. Body of the first boy was found
one; three others clinging to each
other.

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Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of
Thursday, February 24th, 1921.

Saps running! Get your sugarcane
out! ready.

The 76th anniversary of Knox
church on Sunday was most success-
ful. Blatant sermons were given
by Dr. Wallace, of Toronto. Dr. Wal-
lace was a great favorite here when
he was the minister at Georgetown,
thirty years ago. On Monday evening,
Dr. Banks Nelson, of Hamilton,
gave a lecture about Ireland, which
was greatly enjoyed by the large
audience.

Two hockey games were played on
the local rink during the week. The
Dominion Linen Co. from Guelph
won in ten minutes overtime, 5 to 2,
and St. Patricks, of Hamilton, lost by
a score of 12 to 5. The Acton players
were: Jack, Kennedy, defence, Busch
and John Kentner; centre, Farlow,
right wing, Joe Kentner; left wing,
Huck; subs, Anderson, Kaley, Garden
and Mann, with Hynds as referee.

Milton hockey fans have organized
a company for the purpose of erect-
ing a new arena. The estimated cost
of the structure is \$12,000, and \$5,000
has already been subscribed.

Mr. Fred Cleave, of Kipp, has pur-
chased the cement block residence
at 1111-1113 Street, from Samuel
Stephen, Cardinal, and Mr. and Mrs.
Cleave intend moving in the spring.

Dr. James I. Hughes, of Toronto,
delivered his great lecture on Robert
Burns, his country, and the people
with whom he associated, in the
Town Hall, on Wednesday evening.

Councillor J. H. Denny recyled the
sad news last week of the death of
his brother, William, at his home at
Pickford, Mich.

BORN

MAINPRIZE In Acton, on Tuesday,
February 15th, 1921, to Mr. and
Mrs. Henry Mainprize, a daughter.

DIED

MURRAY At his home, in Stewart-
town, on Monday, February 14th,
1921, Charles George Murray, J.P.,
aged 61 years.

Britain After the War

Scientists' Novel Tests for Vault
Re-Building

British scientists are working hard
for the day when the sound of the
builder's hammer will succeed the
thud of the bomb.

At the Building Research Station,
Watford, near London, they are look-
ing ahead to peace time when Britain
will multiply by many times the
£200,000,000 which she used to spend
on building in a year. Their war
ranges over materials, for quality
and suitability; over design, for light
and warmth. They can tell, by con-
sulting their Electric Man whether
any given room, because of the
materials of walls and ceiling, re-
quires much heating or little.

This Electric Man is a cylinder
with the same surface as an average
human body. An electric current
keeps him at body heat and a ther-
mostatic control keeps this tempera-
ture constant. He is wheeled into a
vault and his consumption of elec-
tricity shows how much of it is need-
ed to keep this constant.

And they have a section of the
universe itself set up in miniature
in their laboratory at Watford. An
artificial sun is slotted in a vertical
column and set at the appropriate
altitudes of the changes of the sea-
sons. A six-inch hour-glass model, on
a disc swaying on pivots, is orientated to
season, latitude, and time of day.

So the heliodon, this ingenious in-
strument showing the earth moving
round the sun, tells the architect how
the shadows will actually fall upon
his finished house, and show him
where he may amend his design to
get all the sunshine there may be.



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