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### The Editor's Corner

#### THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Next week a group of Georgetown ladies will begin a course in :First Aid, sponsored by the St. John Ambulance Association, and under the very capable leadership of Mrs. T. F. Grieve. Classes will be held in the Legion Hall, and anyone wishing to enfolt may get full details from Mrs. Grieve. Dr. C. V. Williams will be the lecturer.

The St. John Ambulance Association came into being in 1877. It's object is to train civilians in methods of first aid, which relieves suffering, speeds recovery, and sometimes saves lives. The importance of first aid is shown time and again in news stories. A tourniquet applied in time has saved many accident victims from fatal loss of blood. Artificial respiration has averted deaths from drowning and asphyxiation. A St. John Ambulance trainee is like an angel of mercy in cases like these.

Since its inception in 1877, first aid training has been eagerly taken. up, especially by miners, policemen and railwaymen. The first manual of instruction was published in 1878, having been written by the late Burgeon-Major Feter Shepherd, M.B. A year later a system of re-examination for higher awards was introduced. As time went on, many who had received certificates and medallions banded themselves together in units at various centres, and provided ambulance stations at exhibitions and other places where large crowds assembled. Thus originated the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which was eventually established by the Order of St. John in 1887.

The Association next turned its attention to the manufacture and improvement of ambulance litters and stretchers, and the success of their achievements is realized in the fact that even in those early days, a patient could be conveyed across Europe without needing to be removed from his stretcher.

In 1888, the Association was honoured by the granting of the Charter to the Order of St. John by Queen Victoria. Over 2,000,000 certificates rave been issued to successful students in all parts of the world:

The Ontario branch has its headquarters at 416 Bloor Street East. Toronto. The First Aid course requires six two-hour periods of instruction by a physician, each meeting consisting of lecture, discussion and actual practice. An oral and practical examination by another physician completes the course. Successful candidates are awarded individual certificates of the Association.

#### **HOW ABOUT BOXING DAY?**

Perhaps it's a little early to start thinking of Christmas, but we Bearned the other day that Georgetown municipality is one which doesn't observe Boxing Day, and we think something should be done about it. Christmas Day this year falls on a Wednesday. To people whose familics live in town, this is just as good a day for Christmas as any other. To out-of-towners employed here (and there are many of them), it means Litat they will spend Christmas away from home, unless they have that e: :ra day after Christmas.

For this reason, we hope that this year Georgetown will proclaim a Bexing Day holiday for Thursday, December 26th.

34 SOLDIERS GET THE HERALD EVERY WEEK Since we started sending the Herald to Georgetown boys on active service, thirty-four names have been handed in, and each week the Herald goes out to these. In England and Iceland, Camp Borden, Petawawa. Galt, Kingston, Sussex, N.B., the Herald is looked forward to every week

by these men who haven't forgotten their home town. But don't forget that the Herald doesn't take the place of personal letters. There are all sorts of interesting things you can tell them about which a newspaper doesn't include in its pages. Write them a

Letter and show that you haven't forgotten them. And, you soldiers, why not drop us a line now and then and tell us of your experiences? There's a limit to the number of letters you can write back home, and you must remember that everyone is interested in stories of army life. Use the Herald to say hello to all your friends!

#### RIGHT?

Bill Jones, substituting on the editorial page of The Stirling News-Argus in the absence of the regular occupant of the column, says: "It's funny, but the Editor of a weekly paper comes in for more criticism than the average person realizes. If he goes to church twice on Eunday, lots of folks think he's doing it for business contact purposes. It he doesn't go at all he's a heathen, wasn't brought up right and shouldn't be either spoken of or to. If he speaks to everybody he's too darned fresh; if he speaks to a few he's probably a fifth columnist. If The goes to everything he's neglecting business; if he stays home his middle name's Shylock. If he can pay all his bills he's charging too much for his . own wares; if he doesn't pay them, heaven help him! If he expresses his opinion editorially, through his own paper, he's wrong; if he doesn't express an opinion, he's spineless and hasn't got any. If he doesn't give everybody's organization plenty of free publicity, he isn't a worthy citimen; if he gave them all a write-up he'd be run out of town. If he expresses his views on the war situation, the Government will tear out his tonsils; if he doesn't the folks at home think he's afraid to. That's the way it goes. Few editors are without a trace of gray hair."

ning of the war.

#### AN EMPIRE AT WAR

Britain's great colonial empire is mobilizing its strength in the battle of men needed have applied for enfor freedom. Everywhere is keen de- listment in the R.N.V.R. sire to enlist in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Round the Seven Seas, British colonies are providing supplies indispensible to war effort. By the end of ... One of the most facinating books of Angust 1940, total cash contributions the Bible is the Revelation of St. John, from the peoples of the Colonial Em- and of its many mysteries none is more pire to the general war effort were facinating than that of the beast. approximately 75 cents per head from The numbers of this mystical monster the sixty million colonial peoples.

In a fleet of lorries, a contingent man, as set forth in the eighteenth From the Northern Rhodesla regiment verse of the fifteenth chapter of the made a mechanised "safari" of 2,000 Book. malles from Lusaka to Nairobi in East

Africa. Two-fifths of the total male popula- ferred to. Some believe it was Nero. tion of Kenya had enlisted in the East greatest villain of St. John's day. Dur-African forces as long ago as last May. ing the great war an attempt was Uganda has formed a local defence made to prove Kaiser Wilhelm was the force, with central officer's training man intended. Certain numerical valschool and army motor driving school, ues were given to the letters of the The Tanganyika Naval Volunteer alphabet, so that his name added up

Force and the Tanganyika Air Defence to 666. are co-operating in coastal defence.

training for Europeans up to the age which all people of this land will a-

Colony's defence forces. In both the Straits Settlements and E-104; R-107;: 666. Federated Malay States, British Eur- By the same token, Mussolini's

tion.

the Middle East. waiting the first unit of colonial troops to Hitler and his way of life will agree arrive in France.

Cyprus had the distinction of pro- erology or not any one who is opposed

In this war, Adolph Hitler has been Nigeria has compulsory military named as the Beast, a definition with gree. By giving the letter A a mark of In Hong Kong all British residents 100, B of 101 and so on, it is found military age are enrolled in the that Hitler's name adds as follows: H-107; I-108; T-119; L-111

THE BIBLICAL BEAST

is 666, and that is the number of a

"Scholars of the ages have attempted

to decipher what human St. John re-

epeans have either volunteered or first name has a total of 665, which been called up under special legisla- shows him slightly less the beast than Adolph Hitler, while Joseph Stalin In Mauritius, the territorial force surpasses both of his counterparts Bes been re-organized. Skilled trades- with a total of 689, which makes him men have been recruited for service in appear the biggest beast of the trio. Whether one sets any faith in num-

A Kind Action that he is admirably adapted to stand A kingly action, however small is vaded for the last 900 years. They are Both Jews and Arabs in Palestine in future history as the supreme beast worth many empty expressions of not oblivious to the unsuccessful at--Kincardine News, sympathy.

#### Why Britain Will Win

THE OLD WOODEN BOOTJACK

I've an old wooden bootjack, (a real treasure trove That hung, years ago, at the back of

In our old farm-home kitchen when was a boy. heart now with joy.

It hung o'er the woodbox that sat on Which I filled every night with big armfuls, and more Of wood from the woodshed, a job all But wee unto me if I missed or was

That booljack had company that hung lookers began to be convinced of the en each side. The griddle, the "spider," and dishpan,

Then nightly, my father would take down that lack. And into its vee slip his heels at the

so wide:

A sign he had finished another day's

With his foot, as the other boot we'd June 15. He was there. try to doff. And I'd fall to the floor when the process of collective bewitching will thing would come off.

oh, so well, And hangs in my kitchen, its glory to To me, in fond memories of my child- Those who had been intoxicated by

hood's joy. Back there, on the farm, where I They are beginning to make historlived when a boy. 628 Crawford St., Toron. J.

ROOM ENOUGH FOR ALL

Don't crowd and push on the march of life. Or tread on each other's toes,

Is hard enough as It goes. Oh, why should the strong oppose the weak Till the latter go to the wall?

On this earth of ours, with its thorns and flowers. There is room enough for all.

If a lagging brother falls behind And drops from the toiling band, Then lend him a helping hand.

hope. Nor season the speech with gall; In the great highway, on the busiest

day. There's room enough for all.

If a man with the tread of a pioneer Steps out on your track ahead. Don't grudge his start with an envious heart.

For the mightiest once were led. But gird your loins for the coming chandise reach British ports week af-Let nothing your heart appall;

ward man, There is room enough for all And if, by doing your dut; "ell. You should get to lead to van,

of shame.

Keep a bright outlook on every side, Till, heeding the Master's call, Your soul should go, from the world below.

Where there's room enough for ail.

#### A SOLDIER'S PLEA

Did you ever stop to think What the people think about A soldier's reputation. Everytime that he steps out?

Volunteer forces in Bermuda were One can hardly help but notice called up and expanded at the begin- Though one tries to act correct That the better class of Civies In Trinidad, five times the number Do not treat us with respect.

> There was a time when all the bidiers From Bombay to Fundy's Bay Were classed as sturdy heroes But its not that way to-day.

Would you like to know the reason (For reason their must be) To disrespect the uniform? To this you must agree

Some kids have joined the Army They're just starting in their teens They try to act as "hard guys"

Tis they that spill the beans. They can smell an empty bottle And stagger like their drunk That's the reason half the civies

Think the army is the bunk. And why must all the soldiers suffer For the sins of the guilty few And lose their right to social life

For what some others do? Now I don't claim to be an angel But I'm sticking to one rule. That when I go out on a pass

I won't act like a fool. And if all the men in Uniform Would try to do the same. With this coming generation

We might save the army's name. By Sapper B. A. Worden, R. C. E. 1st Brighton Fortress (E. & M.) Coy, M. D. No. 7.

#### Arthur Wauters, famous Belgian

Statesmen and Writer Mr. Wauters has had a remarkable career. He volunteered in the

war and won great military distinction in the Belgian Army. Since that time he has gained many academic honours and become a prominent figure in Belgian politics. He is a professor of Brussels University and a member the Belgian Colonial Institute. He has travelled extensively in the Belgian Congo and written a number of books on Coloniai questions.

He is a member of the Belgian Cha-And the memories it brings fills my mber of Deputies and has held a number of ministerial posts. He was for a long time political editor of the great Belgian newspaper, "Le Peuple."

> Hitler's miltary victories achieved, for a time, a double psychological result. The German people were filled with faith in a magician who was reshaping Europe, as though invested with a mysterious power. On the other hand, some superficial neutral, onin incibility of Nazi, Germany.

The Allies, perhaps unwittingly, contributed to establishing this childish belief by complacent descriptions of the war methods of the German armies in the first period of the war. They did it, of course, with the praiseworthy object of stimulating the will Then off'd come his boots with a pull of resistance and readiness of sacrifice of the democratic masses

The psychological effect of the German successes has been increasing in And sometimes my father'd use me for geometrical progression. Hitler has kept his promises of victory with ma-I'd straddle his leg, and he'd push on thematical precision. He had announced that he would be in Paris on

But it may be doubted whether the have a lasting effect.

Hitler announced that he would be That boot jack's now gilded and fixed, in London on August 15. He failed to keep the appointment. He himself thus furnished the proof of the vanity of some of his boasts.

> German propaganda are baffled. ion (oniparisons. There is no need to -RALPH GORDON go back very far in time. Kalser Wilhelm's Germany collapsed almost im-

mediately after achieving indisputable military triumphs. The Fuehrer's thirst for conquest is now encountering some obstacles. The

time for easy successes is past. In the neutral country which I left for London a month ago, the most ab-For the world at best, in its great un- surd stories found credence in defiance of all human intelligence. It was whispered that Britain's fate would be sealed within three weeks or that 45 millions of starving and terrifled Britons were spending their lives queuing up for a problematical crust of bread in the daytime, and with collective amentation in the underground shelters at night. Britain, it was said. was no more than a heap of ruins. The electric power stations were des-If fear and doubt put his soul to trayed, the largest city in the world was plunged in darkness. Transport was paralysed. A desperate people was Cheer up his heart with words of in revolt against its leaders. The Em-

pire was collapsing. I am writing these lines in London where the roar of the greatest air battles in history reaches our ears. The German planes are being brought down by the magnificent pilots of the Royal Air Force at the rate of five to one and sometimes of one a minute. The power of the Empire is unimpaired. In spite of the self-styled German "blockade," millions of tons of mer-

ter week. The shops are overflowing with Catch up if you can with the for- goods. There is a certain amount of rationing, but it does not interfere with anybody's good supply, nor does it diminish any workman's productive capacity. Astonishing quantities of produce are available to all: coffee, Brand not your name with a decd oranges, bananas, grapefruit, tropical nuts, pepper, tobacco, olives, and what

There is something discorberting about the calm and coolness of this great people. It is due neither to indifference nor to passivity. With it the sense of national co-operation reaches a prodigious degree. Each one is mobilized either organically or morally. Each is doing his work with orderliness, calm and discipline. There is neither haste, nor precipitation, nor panic. Everyone applies rules strictly and encourages everyone else to do likewise. Vigilance never relaxes. Britain is not invaded, but everyone be haves as though invasion might come at any moment. This people will in

no circumstances be taken by surprise. A sporting people, the British are counting the blows and taking stock impartially of their reverses and failings, not to be disheartened by them, but to correct them. Nothing is left

to chance or to improvisation. Britain gives the impression of a powerful up-to-date machine, whose flawless, well oiled march proceeds noiselessly and without a hitch. Everyone know what he has to do. And he, or she, will do It at the right time. There is complete, trusting and eager

co-operation between the public and the authorities. German propaganda will not change this nor diminish in the least the calm and -alt-conscious force of this great

free people.

It is a significant fact that, in spite of ephemeral triumphs, the German people need to be drugged by false news. In Britain German communiques are published daily in full. Anyone can listen freely to Nazi broadcasts, if he happens to want to do so. The democratic liberties are fully respected. The Press comments on Government action with a surprising frankness. Parliament, whose powers are supreme, continues to sit whenevel

there is business to transact. These things are, to my mind, one of the essential guarantees of Britain's coming victory. The officially inspired optimism of

the countries living under a system of censorship full the fighting spirit of the citizens to sleep. A flood of reassuring but often unfounded statements act like chloroform upon them. The British people are conscious of the fact that they have never been in-

and using thousands of ports all the and inspire us with hope. Italian mercantile fleets are confined values of mankind will triumph. o coastal traffic in the Baltic and the

They know that in defiance of the furious attacks of the German Luftwaffe, the Royal Air Force is daily delivering its blows on Germany. Turin, on Milan, on Libya, wherever it yourself.-Chesterfield cares to strike.

They also know that the United States is on their side. They realise that those who were unable to prevent the heroic re-embarkation of Dunkirk are now faced with the incomparably more formidable task of attempting the same operation in the opposite direction.

They know that the whole Empire, without exception, constitutes one solid Nor do they forget that two thirds

of the people subjected by Germany are not Germans at all, and that the errible fire of vengeance which is now smouldering in the hearts of the oppressed nations will burst into flame, at the right moment.

As a citizen of an indomitable nation. I know that, in spite of professional traitors and place-seekers, the

Louis XIV and by Napoleon. They whole of Belgium constitutes a column know that 200 or 256 ships would be in the service of democracy and liberneeded to land five divisions. They ty. The beloved spirits of Cardinal know that they will never be betrayed Mercier, of Burgomaster Mix, of King by that ally which always keeps faith Albert, of the heroic workers who were with them: the sea. They know that deported for refusing to work for the their ships are sailing the seven seas Germans, accompany us in our effort world over, whereas the German and Britain and with her the permanent

Politeness

True politeness is perfect ease and freedom. It consists simply in treating others just as you like to be treated

A man may say too much even on

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