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Montana's Most Decorated War Hero Was Porcupine Old-Timer ter one o'clock on Thursday last, the fire being at 104 Cedar Street, south,

Robert A. Simpson, Formerly of Timmins, Publicly Recognized and Praised by the Legislature of the State of Montana in Session Assembled. Bravery of Private all danger was removed, the loss not Simpson Reviewed.

Mr. Robert A. Simpson, one of the United States popular early residents of the "The day early in 1918 came when Porcupine. He is a brother of Mrs. the first American troops moved up A. Roberts and of Mrs. James Cowan, to the lines. Private Simpson, whose and a son of Mrs. Simpson who some home had been at Shelby, was with Robert A. Simpson, or 'Bobby," or Yankee doughboys. But the wires "Robbie," as he was called by his did not tell of a scene enacted silenthosts of friends here, was one of the ly under the heavens of night. gearly residents of the Porcupine, liv- "On that scene the private soldier ing here with Mr. A. Roberts. He Robert A. Simpson, was the actor. left here and took up residence in From 9 o'clock of the night of Febru-Shelby, Montana, U.S.A. There he ary 9 until 3 o'clock the next mornenlisted for the Great War, and won ing he remained on the field of carnhigh honours overseas with the age, taking to safety wounded com-American Expeditionary Force. To- rades. The cables across the Atlanday, he is hailed as "Montana's tie did not bring that story. But in Most Decorated War Hero. "The the great annals of nations recordrecognition given him comes late all ing the heroism of the lowly as well A.S.D. CLUB RE-OPENS FOR right, but it has come. At a recent as of the great, was the story. The session of the Montana Legislature Belgian high command paid its homthe War Record of Pte. Simpson was age to the brave Montanan. publicly recognized and appreciation "It was at Mount Sec that Private S.D. Social Club opens again on Wedexpressed for the honour conferred Simpson many times that night im- nesday evening, September 2nd, when on the State by his war record.

published at Shelby, Montana, U.S. were stirred in the emotions of affect of the Club are requested to remember A. makes the following extended re- tion as the minds of Montanans vis- Wednesday, September 2nd, when the ference to Pte. Simpson's War Re- ualized the nocturnal gloom when a Club dances will be resumed. cord and to the recognition of the private soldier risked all that he Legislature:-

to a private soldier. Infirmities born of wounds in battle and of the hardships of heroism afflicted him after was a day of virtual annihilation as he had come to the capitol to hear company A of the Sixteenth infanfrom the legislature in joint assem- try went into the conflict near Soisbly the words of appreciation, the sons, France. That morning a bulsentiments of gratitude, given in the let tore its gash in Private Simpson's

Falls, private in Company A. Six- day he carried the wounded back to teenth Infantry, First division, had a more probable protection. Three to return to his hotel and was not men of the company survived that to hear these expressions of love form- day-Private Simpson was one of ally made by the legislature.

a private soldier, to the valor, the received the service cross of the gallantry, of this state's most dec- United States. orated war hero. He wears the Bel-

All old-timers here will remember dition has six citations from the

years ago was a highly esteemed resi- these first. Wires flashed to the peodent of town, but who returned to ple of America and the allies the news Scotland a couple of years ago. Mr. of that first baptism of fire of the

periled his life to save others. the regular dances in the Oddfellow's A recent issue of the newspaper Thursday the hearts of Montana Hall will be resumed. All members possessed or could hope to possess so "Montana gave homage Thursday that his brotherly love might serve those in need.

"Then came July 22, 1918. It name of all the people of the Trea- body. The captain ordered him back. Simpson would not go. Then "So Robert A. Simpson of Great he was assigned as a runner, and all them. But he was wounded again "It was the tribute of Montana to before the day ended. For this he

"And this scene was recalled gian Croix de Guerre, the American Thursday as legislators of Montana Distinguished Service cross and in ad- assembled jointly to honor him to adopt resolutions of gratitude, resoutions which will be engrossed upon the records of state even as much as they are engraved on the hearts of grateful Montanans.

"Six other times the high power of the government at Washington cited him for gallantry. What these narratives are, what these heroisms were, and the sacrifices he made in serving his country as a private soldier,—these matters were not told to the lawmakers of a thankful state. But the state was thankful.

"Robert A. Simpson, now employed in a Great Falls office, did not come to Helena to receive this honor. As well it would have been had he remained at home. For, when he had come to the capitol Thursday morning, the wounds and the hardships he had endured, touched him again, and he had to depart before he could hear the voice of grateful Montana through ordained spokes-

"He had come to Helena, at the request of his friends and former comrades, to seek from the government of the United States some help. Physicially impaired, suffering in body for the reckless gallantry on many a field in France and Flanders, he comes now, humbly, to see whether perhaps the country which he served as a private soldier will not aid him now. "N. J. Gilliland of Forsyth, state commander of the American legion, believes that Robert A. Simpson's belated application to the country he suffered gladly for will receive a favourable response. Never before

had he asked for anything. "It was Mr. Gilliland who announced to the assembled house of the legislature in the house chamber Thursday morning the purpose of the gathering.

"Senator Harry M. Shelver of Park county, a World War veteran, presented Mr. Gilliland pointing to Montana's singular war record and recalling the days of struggle when on the battlefield of Europe, it was determined that right should prevail.

"Lieutenant Governor W. S. Mc-Cormack presided over the joint session. A committee of White, Patterson and Shields of the house and Shelver, Garber and Kane of the senate was appointed to escort the legion commander into the assembly."

JOCK'S DEDUCTION.

Two Scotchmen met on a country road after a long absence. "Hae a cigar," said Sandy, in the large manner. Jock thanked him and lighted it. "Gosh," he said, after along while, "these smokes maun hae cost you a deal." "Nae sae muckle," replied Sandy expansively. "A matter of five shillings the twa maybe." For a time the two smoked away, talking of this and that. Then came a pause, "Sandy" said Jock at last, in tones of one who had made a great discovery, "Ah'm thinking your cigar is the four-and-ninepenny one." ar is the four-and-ninepenny one."

SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSE OF FIRE LAST THURSDAY

The fire brigade had a run just afthe home of Mr. Barrette. The fire was caused, it is thought, by a short circuit of the electric light wiring, the blaze catching on the ceiling. Short work was made of the fire, and being more than \$5.00 or \$10.00. After the fire truck had reached the scene of the fire, someone sent in a second alarm from the same box, with the result that the fire team started out after the fire truck, the firemen naturally thinking that extra hose was desired or that for some other cause the team-drawn wagon was required in addition to the motor truck. This was not the case, however, the second alarm being sent in carelessly or thoughtlessly by someone outside of the firebrigade. While returning to the hall, with the fire all out, the motor truck met the fire team on the way to answer the second call. The Chief explained that the second call had been sent in by the mistake of someone, and the fire team followed the motor fire truck back to the hall.

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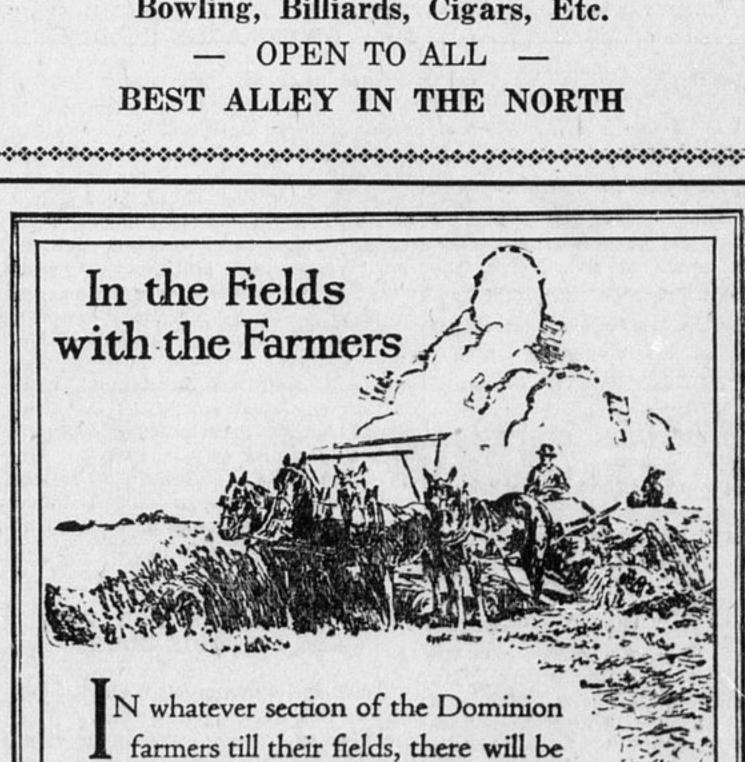
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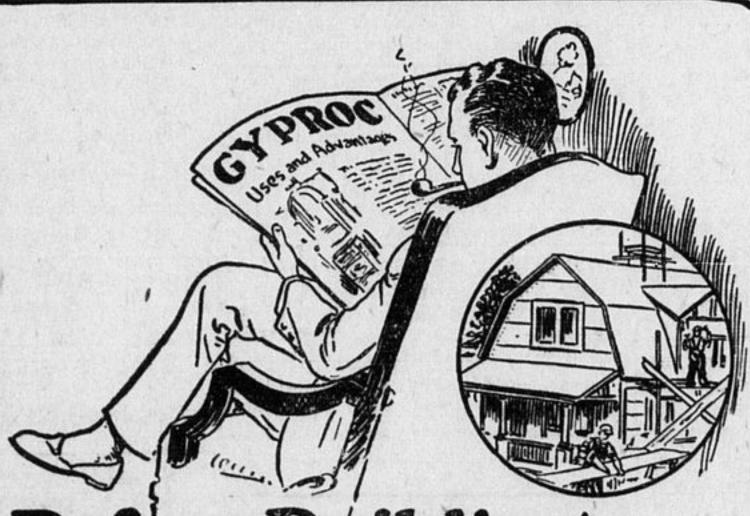
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