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Reporters of Great War Lived in Big Chateau in France

Some of the Newspapermen newspaper despatches, ours included. Were Knighted.

(By D.S.R.)

War correspondents were on the blacklist when the writer reached London in February, 1915, as representative of The Evening Telegram. Kitch- Gibbs, W. Beach Thomas, Perry Robener had banned them from his armies inson and Perceval Philips-oll of and official eye witnesses were sending out the news. Meantime, however, Col. Sam Hughes had helped several young Canadian newspapermen to go overseas with the First Division.

They included C. B. Topp, of the Mail and Empire, subsequently a soldier who won the M.C. and bar and the D.S.O. and later became colonel of the Foot Guards in Ottawa; Jack Maclaren, of Philip Gibbs came in remarking:-" the old Toronto World, who is now a leading advertising agent in this city; Marchington, of the Globe "Mike" Moore, of the Montreal Star who, later a soldier, was to become an editor of the Freeman's Journal, Dublin and a writer on the Philadelphia Ledger; Roland Hill, of the Montreal Star, John Kidman, of the Montreal Gazette, and Walter Willison, of the Toronto News, went abroad independently. T. T. Champion was London resident correspondent of the Canadian Associated

Barred from Salisbury Camp by the War Office, most of the aforsaid scribes had, like myself, to stay in England, picking up morsels of news from Canadian military and civil offices and from soldiers on leave and in hospital. It was tough sledding, even with the Savoy bar.

Two Trips To France

One day in February, 1915, Jack Maclaren and I went to France, where, on the pier at Boulogne, Sergeant Cox of to Hill 60, where we met Sir Julian Scotland Yard met us with a smile. Pocketing our passports, he said we would have to report to the British base commandant, who would probably deport us. We might stay for a few days but must not attempt to leave the town. We called on a party of famous British correspondents, who, there on sufferance, could not venture from Boulogne -which, strangely enough, was then brightly lit by night though London was pitch dark. In the end we left France, assured that our return without War Office permission would mean

donogh. Along with these we were Walter Willison and J. F. B. Livesay. handed green armlets with "War Corpt. | Canada" emblazoned on them in white jecture. But it may be stated that durletters, and a booklet setting forth our ing the Great War much war news privileges and responsibilities. Never- appearing in Canadian papers came theless, we were known merely as from the syndicated output of Ameri-"Visitors to the Front."

Famous Correspondents

It was good to be able to laugh at Sergeant Cox as we stepped into staff cars and whizzed away to British General Head Quarters, where we stayed with Sir Max Aitken, the Canadian official eye witness. Subsequently we visited the British war correspondents,



now accepted and quartered in a fine chateau. Orderlies waited on them in a pretty drawing room with a grate fire, where we were offered refreshment and invited to dinner. A military censor and his staff were installed here at the "Press Chateau" to handle all

As they could not otherwise have moved about freely, these "accredited correspondents" wore officers' uniforms minus rank badges, though they rated as honorary captains. Each man had his own car and an officer and military chauffeur to take him about. Philip whom got knighthoods after the warwere prominent members of the small and strictly limited group, as was also Herbert Russell of Reuters. As it was obviously impossible to be everywhere at once they frequently pooled their news, each writing it in his own way. Once when I was sipping tea with them at the Chateau de Tramcourt have just been up with the Australians Does anyone want the story?"

A Night On Hill 60 Though my own visits to the front were short and infrequent, they extended over the years 1915-16-17 and 18 and took in the Canadian, Imperial, Easter Week rebellion in Dublin, 1916. And though there was a bit of the personally conducted in our tours

For instance, I, one day in August 1916, breakfasted in London, had afternoon tea with a Canadian brigade in the battlements at Ypres, crossed the Salient under shell fire, dined in the Railway Dugouts with, among others, Major (now Brigadier H. D. G. Crearer, Commandant of R.M.C.), and spent the night on Hill 60, when Col. Rattray's 10th Battalion put on a raid-though I was in a dugout part of the time.

we did see a lot.

Two days later two of us went back Byng just emerging. German shell fire had caused many casualties among Col. Gascoigne's 60th Battalion that morning, but we were able to crawl out among broken sandbags to within a few yards of a now silent German front line and to talk with Capt. Ralston and Lieut. Butler, who, with a few men, were crouching down ready to repel a fresh onslaught. Capt. Ralston, who won the M.C. for that day's work, was a brother of Col. Ralston, the new Minister of Finance.

Papers Slow To Agree

Though the British authorities turn-In September, however, began the ed down requests from individual long series of "Cocks' Tours" in which | Canadian papers or syndicates to have Canadian pressmen were enabled to a man permanently at Canadian Corps visit their fellow countrymen in the Headquarters, the War Office was willtrenches. In this connection the War ing to allow a Canadian who would Office issued each of us linen-paper supply all the papers. But not until night for those who liked good dancing documents inscribed "Press Corres- early in 1917 could the Canadian pappondent's License." They bore our ers agree on a man who should go names, signatures and photos, and the there to represent the Canadian Assonames of our respective papers, plus ciated Press. Stewart Lyon, editor of the sign manual of Sir Reginald Brade, the Globe, was the first to hold this permanent secretary of the War Of- post. He remained for about six event in The Advance and elsewhere fice, and Major-General J. W. Mac- months and was succeeded, in turn, by

> What will happen this time is concan correspondents, who, though mostly very friendly to the Allies, were naturally prone to colour their despatches with an American viewpoint.

Report on Abitibi Area

gue by S. H. Ross and W. N. Ashbury.

in 26 separate townships visited by Mr. Ross and his associates in the field information on the geology as well as the amount of work done, such as diamond drilling, etc. Assay results of samples are given in certain cases where it was possible to secure them.

A very important feature of this report is its value to the prospector and small operator. A thorough examination has been made of each of the properties visited and information obtained relative to the geology, amount of work done and, as stated above, the tenor of the samples of ore taken. This will provide a valuable guide for future operations. This report is now available and may be obtained on application from the Director, Bureau of Mines, Quebec City.

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Three famous military men are leading the All ies' attack on Germany. General Gustave Gamelin (LEFT), brilliant strategist of the last great war an 'd chief of staff for France, is the Allies' military chief, the job Marshal Foch had in the last war. Viscoun t Gort (CENTRE), England's chief of staff, is now Britain's commander in the field, the job Sir Dougl as Haig had in the last war. Succeeding Gort as chief of staff for Britain is six-foot-six General Si r Edmund Ironside (RIGHT), who has been in Canada many times.

TEN YEARS, AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Fyles

reports of the games Saturday were received at the brokerage offices at Timmins and this service was much appreciated. Friday's game was postdouble-header being played on Saturday. Rideaus, of Ottawa, champions of Ottawa Valley, won the first game, 5 to 1. The McIntyres won the second 9 to 6, and the third one 7 to 6. It will be noted that the runs secured in the three games by each team were the

from all over the district, and, the station there Tuesday evening to return from Ottawa where the champions of the North also made themselves the champions of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association," said The Advance ten years ago. "Among the first to greet the returning champions the railway extension was built from Timmins included A. Borland, Sr., president of the T. A.A.A. and Jas. Cowan, the secretary. The reception very hurriedly arranged first took the picture was announced by Mr. McCall.

form of a triumphant parade through the town and then through Timmins.' Friday the thirteenth was a lucky and a good time, ten years ago. It was the date chosen for the Midnight Frolic put on at the McIntyre hall by Tommy Stephens and his orchestra. There were many good things said about this before the event occurred, and every- Island and British Bermudas, West thing good was fully warranted by the

the occasion. In The Advance ten years ago: "The Timmins, the guest of her brother, Mr. Advance was shown last week a bag- A. J. Shragge, and Mrs. Shragge, 51 ful of crab apples grown in the garden Fourth avenue." "Mr. M. Young, of of Mr. E. Savard, 156 Pine street, north, the Homer L. Gibson staff, Toronto, this year. The apples were of fair size was a recent visitor here." "Miss and good flavour, and were part of the Ruby McCarthy left on Saturday for crop from two trees on Mr. Savard's a visit to her sister, Mrs. Ian Watt, property. With all the beautiful lawns Toronto." "Wm. Henderson, of Brantand gardens in town for many years ford, Ont., was a Timmins visitor last and with the specially fine vegetables week." "Mr. S. Alfred Jones, K.C., of by Quebec Mines Bureau produced here from year to year, there Brantford, Ont., an old-time resident has not been much progress made in of the North, was a visitor to Timmins The Quebec Bureau of Mines are just growing fruit in this locality. Attempts recently." "Mr. Taylor Spittal, Monpublishing an 81/2 x 11, 46-page report to grow apples here have not been treal, travelling passenger agent of the P.R. 135 on Mining Properties and De- specially successful. Mr. Savard's two velopment in Abitibi and Temiscamin- trees, however, have wintered well and given a good crop this year, with prom-This report deals with 52 properties ise of better results in following years. Falls, are in town this week, being This is one of the first, if not the first called here on account of the illness case in Timmins, where apples have of Mr. Ducsharm's mother, Mrs. L season of 1938. It contains valuable been grown in the usual way and so Ducsharm." "Mr. Daniel Baxter, is worthy of note.'

ident of the Grand Assembly of On- brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and tario of the Rebekah Lodge, paid her Mrs. Joseph Baxter, here, en route to official visit to Gold Nugget Lodge, his new position in Halifax, N.S.' Timmins, on Thursday evening, September 12th, 1929. There was a large attendance of the members of the local lodge of the Rebekahs together with some visitors from Schumacher and South Porcupine and other parts of the district to meet and greet the President of the Grand Assembly of

Ontario of the Rebekahs. thing said about helping the settlers." said The Advance at the time, "some settler rises to say with emphasis, and often with justifiable bitterness, "If the Government would give us roads, we would ask nothing else." Without roads the settlers have a task so difficult as to approach the impossible."

*Some months ago The Advance

In The Advance ten years ago: "For gave considerable publicity to plans some weeks past The Advance has been | under way to use the Timmins district suggesting that the McIntyres had a for the production of a motion picture good chance to add the Eastern On- of the "talkie" type", said The Adtario Baseball Association champion- vance ten years ago. "The matter ship to the championship of the Tem- | seemed of special interest and importiskaming Baseball League. Everybody ance because The Advance has held French, Italian and American fronts, lighted that this is just what happened scenic and other opportunities for moin all this section of country is de- that this district appears to offer ideal The three final games at Ottawa were | tion picture production. Mr. Geo. Mcfollowed with the greatest interest by Call, an independent producer who all in Schumacher, Timmins, South visited here and was interested in the Porcupine, Iroquois Falls, and all production of the proposed sound mothrough the Northland. Play-by-play tion picture referred to, expressed the opinion that this district by reason if natural scenery and atmospheric conditions was equal, if not superior to Holywood in many respects. The picponed on account of wet grounds, a ture planned by Mr. McCall to be produced here was also in itself of special interest. It was a story of this North and was written by a North Land auhor, Leslie Macfarlane, formerly of Haileybury. After the picture planned had roused considerable interest there came months when nothing more was heard about it. Mr. McCall left "There were a host of baseball fans! here for a business trip to New York and did not come further north than course, especially from Schumacher, at | Haileybury where the author of the story was spending the summer. Many greet the McIntyre baseball team on its have asked The Advance what was doing in regard to the proposed motion picture production. One man knowing that much of the production was to take place in Kamiskotia, enquired if the producer was waiting till was Mr. A. F. Kenning, M.P.P. Others Kamiskotia. Due to unexpected difficulties attendant on obtaining the use

of "talkie" equipment a temporary

suspension of plans for making the

Among the local items in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mr. Dan Taylor, of Sudbury, formerly of Timmins, is spending his holidays with his family in town." "Mrs. McAdam and son, Clifton, of Los Angeles, Califorter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. Ringstead, Elm street, for a couple of weeks. They intend visiting Prince Edward Indies, before returning to California. affair itself. The hall was packed for "Mrs. D. Abrams, of San Francisco, California, is spending two weeks in White Star Line, was a visitor to Timmins on business on Monday." "Mr W. R. Ducsharm and family, of Smoky manager of Canadian Bank of Com-Miss Willow Faydor, of Ottawa, Pres- | merce at Radville, Sask., is visiting his

No Special Mining Class at Haileybury This Year

Haileybury, Sept. 21-There will be no special mining class at the Haileybury high and mining school this term, When the daily editors visited Tim- according to an announcement made mins and asked about the needs of the by principal W. H. Tuke, following re-North Land ten years ago, very special ceipt of instructions to that effect from emphasis was given to the fact that the educational authorities. The class the one great need of this country at has been held during the past two winthe time was for roads for settlers, ters under the Dominion-Provincial No one who knew this area of the youth training plan, and many of the North queetioned this fact. Settlers graduates, who came from all over the packing in on their backs all their province, have been absorbed into the supplies, and bringing out all their mining industry in the Northern Onproduce by the same method was tario camps. While no reason was proof enough of the fact of the need given for dropping the scheme this for roads. "Every time there is any- year, it is believed the action taken is due to the outbreak of war.

> Sudbury Star:-It becomes clearer all the time that the Tokyo cabinet has no control over the army. The latest is that the xarsity 11 may remove the



Spy of Napoleon the Feature at Cartier Theatre

Richard Barthelmess and Dorothy Haas the Stars, Friday and Saturday.

Magnificent spectacle, a fine dramatic plot and a great cast of internationally famous stars, combine to make "Spy of Napoleon," Baroness Orczy's great historical romance, which is showing at the Cartier theatre, on Friday and Saturday of this week, Sept. 22nd and 23rd, a really outstanding screen entertainment. Maurice Elvey's direction is exceptionally fine in this, his first film since he joined Julius Hagen as Director of Productions at the J. H. Studios, Elstree.

The scenario adheres closely to the novel which is set in France during the reign of Louis Napoleon III. The members of the old aristocracy bitterly resented the new Emperor and were continually plotting against his life Toulon, his Chief of Police, conceived the idea of introducing Eloise, Napoleon's natural daughter, into the Emporor's entourage, as by means of her beauty and wit she would be an acquisition in exposing the many intrigues by which he was surrounded. To do this she must bear a great family name, and so Toulon offers Gerard de Lanoy, a young nobleman under arrest for treason, the choice of marrying Eloise and going immediately into permanent exile as an alternative to the death sentence. The rest of the film is concerned with the exciting adventures of these two young people who cross each other's paths more than once before they find happiness.

Dolly Haas and Richard Barthelmess are co-starred as Eloise and Gerard. and form a delightful team. It will be remembered that after seeing Dolly Haas in "Broken Blossoms," Barthelmess expresed a wish to play in a film with her, and producer Julius Hagen

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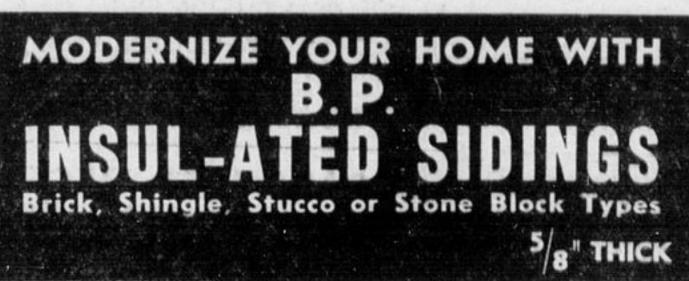
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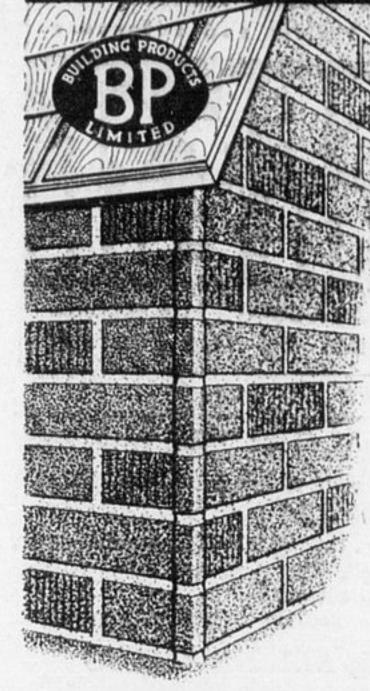
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Vosper, whose make-up is perfect and tive appearance as Bismarck. whose acting is, as always, impeccable. Francis L. Sullivan is Toulon, the Emperor's Chief of Police, and Joyce Surbury Star:-Ireland stands aloof

consequently assigned him this role. Merritt, Wilfrid Caithness and Lyn Louis Napoleon is played by Frank Harding, who makes a brief but effec-

Bland a delightful Empress. Others in from the great war, as it is all she can an outstanding cast are Henry Oscar, do to keep the present hospitals going Majorie Mars, Denier Warren, George with that sweepstakes dough.





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