

THE SERMON PREACHED

BY REV. DR. HERRIDGE, THE RETIRING MODERATOR

Of the General Assembly — We should be glad to be alive now because we are having hard times.

"Render to Caesar the thing that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."—Mark 12:17.

This was the text of the sermon preached in Grant Hall on Wednesday evening by Rev. W. T. Herridge, D.D., Ottawa, the retiring Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

"This answer," said Dr. Herridge, "triumphantly silences those who would entrap Jesus, and, once and for all, proclaims the rights and regulates the duties and distinguishes the jurisdiction alike of the temporal and of the eternal. It shows that, so far from being compelled to choose between fidelity to the Church or the State, a proper recognition of the claims of the one is never incompatible with a proper recognition of the claims of the other. It rebukes the religionists who make light of political allegiance, and the secularists who fail to perceive the sanctities which underlie all earth's affairs, and reveal their inner meaning. The coin stamped with Caesar's image involves a tribute to Caesar. The soul stamped with God's image involves a tribute to God."

The following are some of Dr. Herridge's remarks: "Unless the things due to Caesar are rendered in the finest spirit, we shall fall both in our patriotic service, and in the service we owe to God."

"This is only another way of saying that we need just now, most of all, the application of Christian principles to the whole conduct of life. It will be found impossible, in the midst of the grave problems which confront us, to make any sharp dividing-line between the sacred and the secular, to be devout on Sunday and pagan all the rest of the week, to assume a moral standpoint when it seems expedient to do so, and ignore it when the wind of popular custom blows another way."

"No antagonism between civil and religious duties can our if the State deserves its name by showing some regard for those eternal laws which defy the caprice of changing fashions, and are built into the very fabric of God's universe."

"We cannot all serve in the trenches; but we can all serve in defence of national truth and national righteousness."

"It is not sudden revolution that we need in Canada to-day, but the steady evolution of active Christian manhood. While we fight the foes of the Empire, we must not ignore the foes that lurk within our own borders. If, as we believe, we are contending for human liberties, we must see to it that we do not fetter ourselves."

"We must learn also to apply Christian principles to our industrial affairs. This big war has, perhaps, held in check a war of labor which threatened, and still threatens, especially in the extreme western province of Canada. The economic problem deserves careful study, and is by no means an easy one. But, whatever education is needed in it, what we need most is education in human brotherhood. There is no possible device by which men can live together in peace on the sole principle of self-interest. If the world is to go on, each must ask, not simply 'How much can I get?' but 'How much can I give?'"

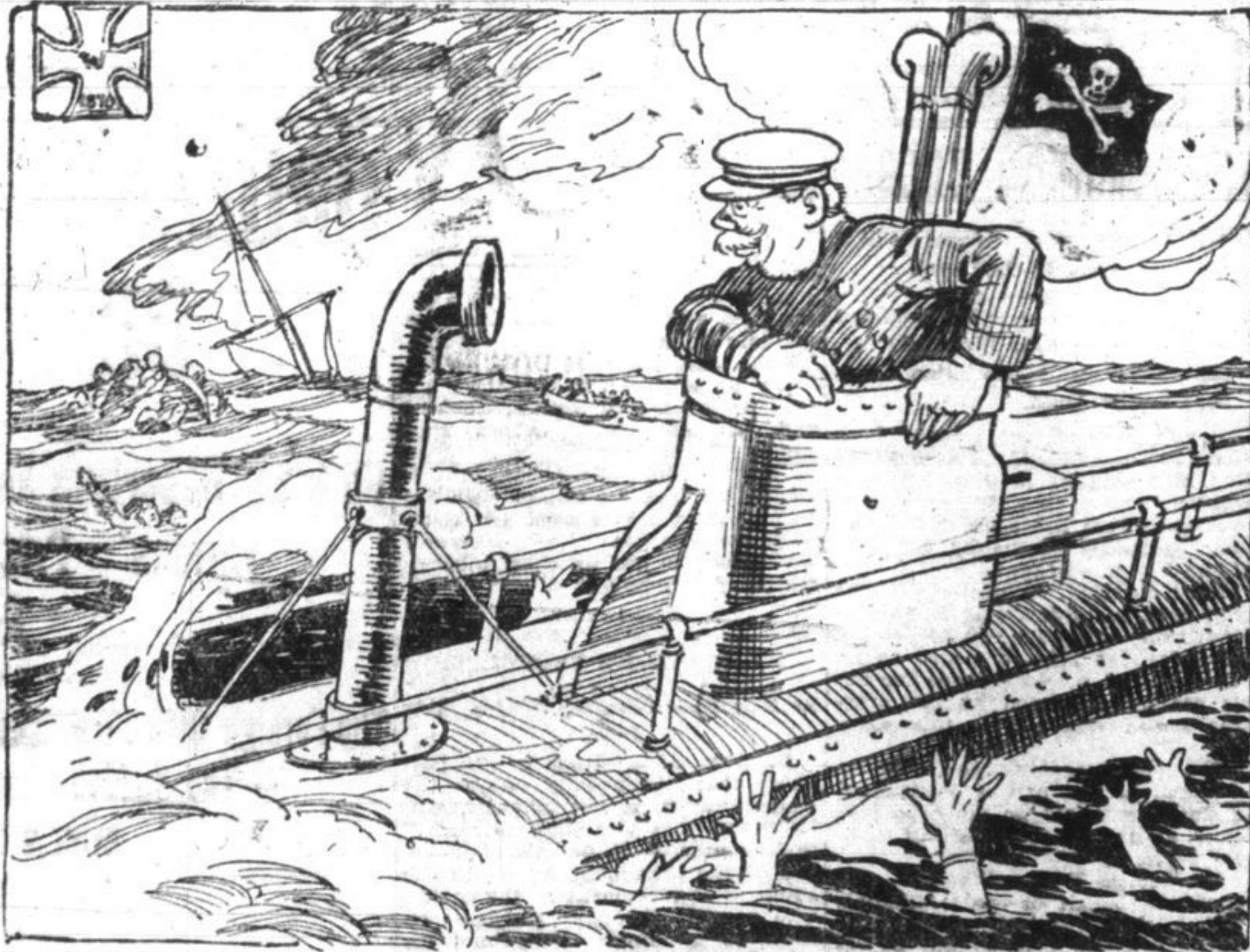
"And, then, there is the curse of intemperance in our land. Even though we may not be prepared to assert that prohibition will necessarily usher in the millennium, we must surely feel that these stern days call for total abstinence from some things and temperance in all things."

"And while we speak of social vice with bated breath, there is all the more reason why we should strive, by earnest effort and fervent prayer and wise sympathy, to make Canada pure and clean. We cannot be at ease in this land of freedom as long as there are any, and the supreme value of whether victims of their own folly or of the unbridled lust, the shameful greed of others."

"But more difficult still is the warfare against less obtrusive enemies, against respectable indifference, against sleek Phariseism, against the killing fire from which the spirit-life is gone. Whatever hindrances the Church has outside its pale, these are often not so much to be dreaded as hindrances within. It is a great tribute to the Church's power, and to the supreme value of the message which is given her, to proclaim that she has survived till now in spite of some, at least, who, ever since they were born, have shared her privileges and reaped her benefits. No one can expect to commend Christianity to others unless it kindles the ardor of his own soul. It is the enthusiasts, the God-intoxicated whom the world needs most."

"Never in the history of this land was there a louder call for an awakened Church that shall vindicate her right to be, not by the rigidity of her creeds, or the attraction of her ritual, so much as by the actual service she renders to mankind. And it should give us renewed hopes, in these dark hours, because the Church is becoming more conscious of her unique opportunity, and is more earnestly striving, by God's help, to face and fulfill it. There is an increase of the spirit of sacrifice, a readjustment of ideas with regard to relative values, a firmer belief in the wonderful power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Stronger than the brutal hate which war sometimes inspires, is the growing passion to bring to earth the love that passes knowledge. The saviors are working as hard as the destroyers, and their work is destined to be more permanent. Many lives that once were given almost wholly to selfish pleasure are being turned into channels of usefulness. Thought is broadened, prayer revived, altruism glorified, and the dark-

THE TWO CROSSES.



The Iron Cross for murder, the Victoria Cross for valor. Cartoon by James Frise.

ness pierced with, at least, some gleams that herald the dawn of a brighter and better day." "So far from this war proving that the militancy of Christ has failed, it only proves that, in some quarters, at least, it has never been really tried but that another type of militancy, one that is alike in method and in aim, has usurped its place, and presented a hideous caricature of love's aggressiveness. Christ's Beatitudes will survive long after the maxims of a false philosophy are discredited altogether. His comfort will always soothe the keenest sorrows, obedient even unto death, will prove immortal in its power, and, in every age, if lifted up from the earth, He will draw all men unto Him."

"We should be glad to be alive just now, not because we are having hard times, but because we are having hard times which hurt us out of the rut of commonplace, and test the quality of our manhood, and the strength of our faith in God. For God still rules, and out of seeming evil is able to bring forth great and lasting good. If we put away childish things, and learn the lessons of this tragic arrest, this startling interruption of our accustomed ways; if we are humble and penitent, and more quick to amend our own faults than to rebuke the faults of others; if we discern that this war is no mere vulgar brawl; but a gigantic struggle for the enthronement of what is loveliest and best in human life; if we show our patriotism, not alone in the firing-line of battle, but in the character of our inspiration

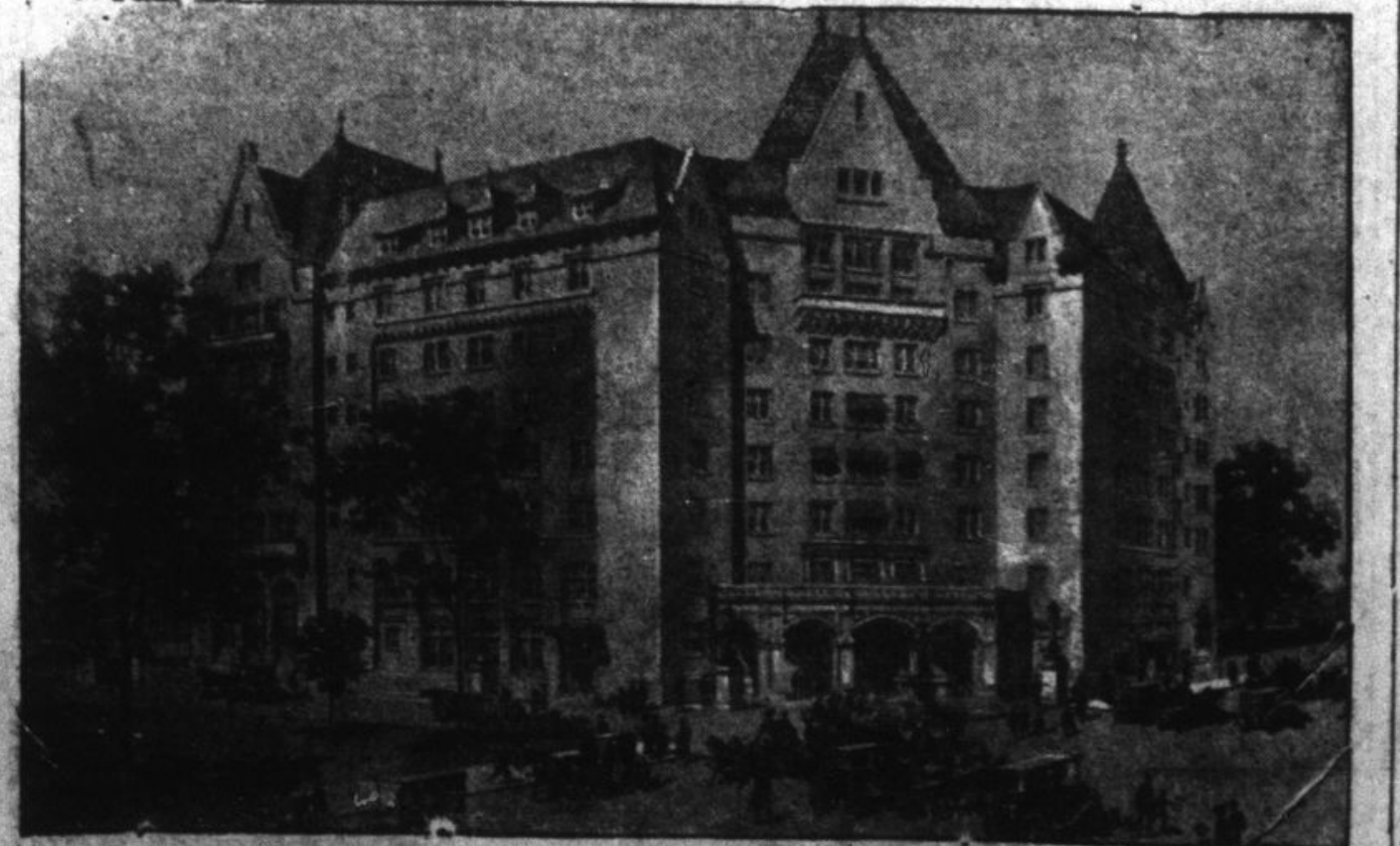
and our ready response to the call for some kind of noble service in these days of need; if the religion we profess, purged of cant and bigotry, striving to purify our own beloved land, and to bring the good news of a divine salvation to all mankind, then from this martyrdom will come forth a new Canada, a finer Canada, prepared as never before to press toward goal of true national greatness, and to take her place in advancing the welfare of the world."

THE WAR TIDINGS

It is claimed in Berlin that Colonel Turner, V. C., commanding the Third Canadian Infantry Brigade has been taken prisoner. Information arriving in London is that Germany is running short of ammunition for its guns. The British has secured a big victory in Cameroon. The United States Cabinet gave complete approval to President Wilson's new note to Germany. Its main principle is to demand a guarantee for the protection of United States' lives. A German official statement admits the British made gains near Givency. The German spies Mueller and Hahn were convicted at Old Bailey.

London. The former was sentenced to imprisonment for life and Hahn to seven years imprisonment. Premier Asquith has returned from a motor tour of the British front in Belgium and reports the Allied lines holding strong. With the fall of Przemyśl, although this does not appear to be the limit of their efforts against the Russians in Galicia, the Germans have again turned their attention to the western front. According to German casualty lists, Prussian losses alone have reached a total of 1,288,000. A demand for indemnity for damage done German property in Milan during anti-German disorders has been addressed by Germany to the Italian Government. Five vessels were destroyed by German sea raiders in the past two days. The SS. Inkum, from New York to London, was caught by a submarine off Lizard Head. The Czar will permit Austria to inspect the war captives. Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Japan have agreed to take no independent action of any kind in connection with the European war. Seventy-five Germans, mostly persons who were in Tsing-Tau during the siege, and who have been released by the Japanese authorities, have left for San Francisco. Berlin expresses regret for the torpedo attack upon the Gulfight. She declares the submarine commander thought her a British ship. Compensation is offered.

G. T. P. OPENS "THE MACDONALD," EDMONTON.



The Grand Trunk Pacific Rail way announces the opening, on July 1st, of another magnificent hotel, a house which will be a source of pride to the city and the community it will serve. This is "The Macdonald," situated in Alberta's capital, Edmonton. It is the third link in the chain of hotels designed by the Grand Trunk in connection with its transcontinental service. It will provide an excellent stopping place for Transcontinental travellers and for the army of tourists attracted to the great scenic territory along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in Alberta and British Columbia, a region which includes Jasper and Mount Robson Parks. Mr. Louis Low has been appointed Manager and the direction of Mr. D. B. Mulligan, Superintendent of Grand Trunk Pacific Hotels.

THE ORLOFF DIAMOND.

Russia's Magnificent Jewel Was Once the Eye-of-an-Idol.

The magnificent gem, known to history as the Orloff diamond, which in its rough state formed the eye of an idol in a temple near Trichinopoly, was stolen by a Frenchman, who escaped with his prize to Persia, and who, fearful of being discovered, was glad to dispose of his ill-gotten gain for a sum of about \$10,000.

The man who bought the stone sold it to one Shafra, an astute Armenian, for \$60,000. Shafra had conceived the idea that by carrying the stone to Russia he would obtain from the Empress Catharine the Great a princely sum for it.

How to travel in safety with the stone, the theft of which had, of course, been discovered and proclaimed, became a grave consideration. It was too large to swallow, and no act of concealment presented itself to Shafra that seemed secure from discovery.

The way in which he solved the problem is remarkable. He made a deep incision in the fleshy part of his left leg, in which he inserted the stone, closing the wound carefully by sewing it up with silver thread.

When the wound healed the Armenian merchant set out on his travels quite boldly and although more than once apprehended, rigorously searched and even tortured a little, he was obdurate and firmly denied having the stone in his possession.

Having at length reached his destination he asked from the Empress the sum of \$200,000 for the gem, an amount of money which Catharine was unable to raise at the moment.

We find the Armenian at Amsterdam with the intention of having his diamond cut. Here the stone was seen by Count Orloff, who determined to purchase it for presentation to his royal mistress, the Empress Catharine.

The sum ultimately paid for the gem was about \$350,000 in cash, together with an annuity of \$2,500 and a patent of nobility.

Shafra flourished exceedingly and died a millionaire.

Pretty Dilapidated.

On a dilapidated narrow gauge railroad in a certain state a traveler was struck with the general air of hopelessness of the entire country. Run down farms, fences falling to pieces and houses unpainted and dismal were seen as mile after mile was reeled off. Finally a countryman got on, and the two fell into conversation. "Country around here looks fearfully dilapidated," remarked the traveler. "Yaas, but wait an' you'll see sumpin' wuss," replied the countryman. The train stopped. They looked out and saw a rail missing ahead. The entire train crew clambered out, crowbars in hand, proceeded leisurely to the rear of the train and in due time loosened a rail and carried it forward. It was spiked into position, and the train proceeded. "Somebody stole a rail?" asked the traveler. "Yaas, about twenty year ago, I reckon. Evah since they ain' nobody bought 'a new one. When the train comes back they've gotter stop an' tear up a rail behind 'em. Ain't that the dilapidatedest thing ye ever see, stranger?"

The Meaning of Calumet.

You will often run across the word calumet in connection with Indian tales of war, and unless you are familiar with its meaning you are apt to be puzzled by it. Calumet is the name of the peace pipe used by the North American Indians. It consisted of a tobacco pipe having a large bowl, generally of polished red marble or sandstone, and a stem of reed or painted wood decorated with feathers and about two and one-half feet long. After a peace treaty had been signed the Indians used to fill the pipe with the best tobacco and present it to the representatives of the party with which they had made peace, themselves smoking it afterward. The Indians also presented the calumet to any visitor, and to refuse it was to declare war with those who proffered it. The word calumet is not in itself Indian; it is a Norman word meaning shepherd's pipe and was given by the early French settlers to the Indian pipe of peace because of its general resemblance to the musical instrument of the field.

Odd Marriage Customs.

An Arab wedding lasts seven days. The husband sees his wife's face after the ceremony is over. It is then proper for him to cry out in delight at its loveliness, and then, as in the Bible, "his friend of the bridegroom, who standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice." The people outside the tent raise an answering cry. In Turkey the bride stands behind a screen during a part of the ceremony and is first seen at its conclusion. A Moorish wedding is also a seven day affair.

Streets Swept by Convicts.

The public streets in the towns of Java are daily swept and kept clean by native convicts. They go to work chained together in parties of twenty or thirty under the superintendence of barefooted native soldiers, who would instantly shoot their charges down if they tried to escape during their working time, when they are unchained.—Wide World Magazine.

The Wrong Chap.

"Young man, you call regularly to see my daughter?" "I do." "I want to know if your intentions are serious." "You must have the wrong man, Mr. Wombat. I call to collect the payments on her piano."

To Use Motorcycles.

The postoffice in England intends to try the motorcycle for rural service. Orders have been placed for experimental machines.

R. G. Simpson, superintendent of the Westport Manufacturing and Piping Company, was married in Toronto last Thursday by Miss Helen S. Sim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sim.

A VETERAN WHO WAS WITH LORD ROBERTS

Laid Low With Rheumatism—But Cured By "Fruit-a-tives".

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