

NO BLUE RUIN OUTLOOK OVER IN THE OLD COUNTRY

Major (Rev.) Thomas J. Thompson Eulogizes the Canadian Troops' Behavior--He is Full of Optimism After Six Months' Service.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—"There are more people looking through blue glasses in Canada than in England or France," said Major (Rev.) T. J. Thompson, who is returning to Ottawa. He comes back with a most optimistic view of the situation with the Allies.

"We have the Germans beaten on the western front. The Allies are perfectly satisfied of that, and the Germans know it too. It may take a year, but we are going to drive the Germans out. We are superior all along the western line. Our soldiers are putting it over the enemy all the time. You hear a lot about the German spy system. You don't hear much about our system, but it is doing the work. Just one instance: The Germans found out that the 21st Territorial division was to guard a section of our front, and they massed their troops to go through them. The British officers heard of this, and quietly put the Guards division in the trenches instead, double strength and with double supplies of bombs. When the Germans came up they were simply mown down. They lost 3,000 men. It is demonstrated every day that the British and French are better men.

"The Canadian boys both at the front and at Shorncliffe are conducting themselves in a way to the credit of themselves and of Canada. I was on the train in England with a British general officer who told me that the Canadian soldier was a splendid type of man. He said his sister lived near Shorncliffe, and was enthusiastic about the Canadian boys. It is indeed very exceptional to find a Canadian who is not on his good behavior.

DRINKING AMONG WELL-TO-DO. Cure Tobacco Habit By Use of Hypnotism.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Dr. John D. Quackenbos, a professor emeritus of Columbia University, who for years has been using hypnotism in the practice of medicine, told the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and other narcotics at its forty-fifth annual meeting at the Hotel Raleigh that drinking among the well-to-do is continually on the increase, but is decreasing among the poorer classes.

Dr. Quackenbos said that three times the amount of our national debt (about three billion) is annually spent in this country on alcoholic drinks and tobacco. The tobacco habit is declared to be as bad as the drink habit, and said that the intemperate use of tobacco explains 75 per cent. of all drink habit cases.

The cure, as laid down by Dr. Quackenbos, in dynamic suggestions, the addict should be hypnotized, and while in this state an appeal should be made to his subconscious mind.



CAPT. BOY-ER. German Naval attaché in United States who has been recalled, and who is to be given safe conduct by Great Britain.

BOYER LAW PRAISED. After Patriotic Speech He is Hailed As Next Premier.

London, Dec. 17.—Until now there has been some prejudice in Unionist circles against Boyer Law's leadership, but his patriotic speech in the House of Commons has done a good deal to dissipate the old prejudice. The entire press hails him as a statesman of the first rank and all Unionists expect him to be the next premier.

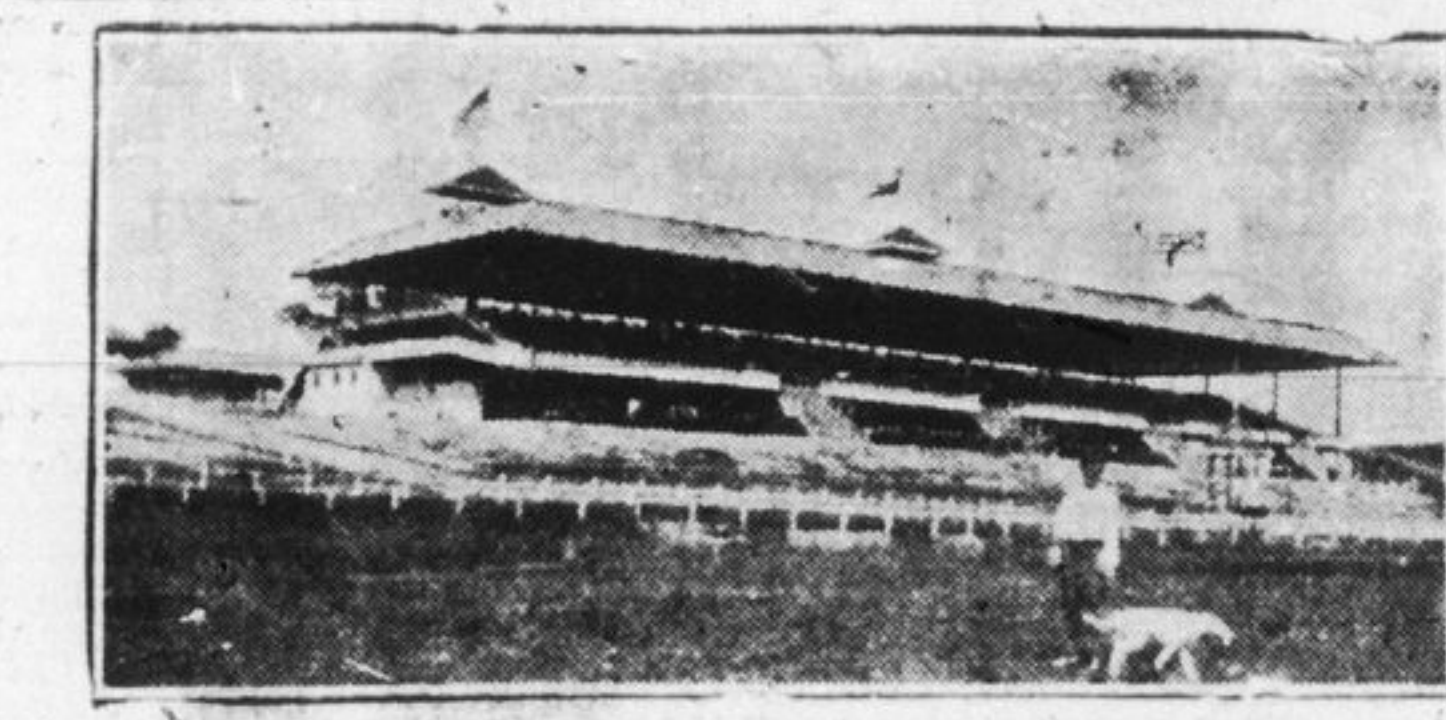
The first settler in a new country may be the last to settle his bills.

KAISER WILL STAY HOME. Has Returned to Berlin After Long Journey.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 17.—The official announcement is made that the German Emperor, after a long journey to the armies under Field Marshal von Hindenburg's chief command, and an inspection of the naval plants at Libau, has arrived in Berlin, where he will remain for some time.

WINTER TOURS TO CALIFORNIA, ETC. At this season many are planning winter tours. Considerable numbers annually visit the ever-popular California resorts, while many choose the flowers and sunshine of Florida, together with the very even climate.

Thanks to modern railway facilities, an extensive trip, both interesting and educational, may be made with the speed and comfort at a comparatively small cost. Why not investigate? The Canadian Pacific Railway offers particularly good service to Detroit, where direct connection is made for Florida. Direct connection is also made at Chicago for points in California, Texas, Arizona, etc. The Dining, Parlor and Sleeping Car Service is up-to-date. Those contemplating a trip of any nature will receive full information from any C. P. R. agent, or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto. Experience teaches us things we would rather not know.



NEW HAVANA RACE TRACK. Grand stand at Oriental Park, Havana, Cuba, where the 100-day winter meeting of the Cuban Jockey Club opened on Dec. 16th. It is the finest stand ever erected at any winter track and compares favorably with the best in America. The betting ring is under the stand and paddock is seen in rear.

THE SPORT REVIEW

Pittsburg will play Gustin, the former Woodstock man, though he is in bad standing in Ontario.

The Ottawa hockey club has decided not to dispose of any more than four season tickets to any one person. This is to prevent speculation.

Toronto News: The Toronto hockey players who jumped to the Coast may not have been wanted in the N. H. A., but they are good enough to lead the western league with three victories and no defeats.

The Patriotic Hockey League of Winnipeg has refused permission to western enlisted professional hockeyists to play with the amateurs in that league. The pros, however, have one satisfaction, however, in the khaki they are on the same footing as the "Simon-pures."

The Boston club is well satisfied with the way the Red Sox finished the last season, and no efforts are to be made to trade any players at the opening of the league meeting, according to Owner Lannin.

Walter Knox, of Orilla, who is coaching Picton, left for the eastern town yesterday. Last year he took charge after the first two games, and Picton won their group. This time Knox gets away to a good early start with the boys, and should do better.

So great has the skating craze become at New York that the supply of steel blades ran out last week. Factories are working day and night with a view to meeting the demand and appeals have been sent to Canada for those not in use on this side.

The Northern Baseball League, which included Duluth, St. Boniface, Winnipeg and several other clubs, also show signs of cracking under the strain. It will likely suspend until International notes have been passed up in favor of peace.

The free-shot rule, which proved a fizzle at Montreal Saturday night, will not be tried out by the N.H.A. this season, President Emmet Quinn of the N. H. A. notifying Manager Livingston of the Toronto to that effect. The rule will be practically the same as last year.

Few people realize the handicaps under which a kicker works in a football game when the field is muddy. Between halves the ball used in a high school game in the States during the past fall was weighed. The water and mud soaked up in the first half increased the weight to about eight pounds from the one pound it weighed before the game commenced.

Toronto Telegram: The O. H. A. has camped on the trail of the tourist hockey player till the species is scarce as extinct as the dodo. They would be foolish indeed if they forsaw a home for him in the neighboring republic and to-day the O. H. A. are not considered foolish. It is all very well to argue that the Cleveland club is backed by the best people in Cleveland. The New York Giants are backed by good people. But nobody would care to call them amateurs.

Montreal Mail: As we understand it, the O. H. A. definition of an amateur is that a man who goes to Cleveland and gets a job for playing hockey is a respectable person who ought to be put in jail, but if he goes to somewhere in Ontario on the same basis, it's all right.

SIR JOHN FRENCH'S VISIT To Kingston in 1910--The Recommendations He Made.

Sir John French's visit to Kingston is remembered. It was on June 1st, 1910, that he came here in the course of his tour of inspection of the Canadian militia. His reception was enthusiastic. Reporting later on the Canadian citizen army, then but a tiny affair as we know the Canadian expeditionary force of to-day, he made the following criticisms: Insufficiently developed organization. Inadequate knowledge of higher command. Test qualifications not strictly enforced. Rank and file not compelled to fulfill their engagements. Too much ceremonial infantry drill. His opinion of the Canadian soldiers has changed since that day as his glowing reports from the front have repeatedly shown.

KINGSTON GRADUATE NURSE. Appointed Matron of Fleming Convalescent Home, Ottawa.

The Ottawa Free Press says: "The Sir Sandford Fleming convalescent home for invalided soldiers will probably be open for patients shortly after Christmas. The military hospitals commission has appointed Miss Madeline MacLaren, Pembroke, to be matron of the new home. Miss MacLaren comes splendidly endorsed by the Kingston General Hospital, where she received her training previous to taking post-graduate courses in New York. She is giving her services gratuitously in the desire to help her country."

The speech of the people often makes us the rankest of cowards.

THE ALLIES ARE READY FOR ANY MOVE OF ENEMY

Opening of Third Phase of Balkan Campaign Anxiously Awaited by All Belligerents--Teutons Watch Roumania--Massing of Troops in Belgium.

London, Dec. 16.—With the Anglo-French forces safely across the Greek frontier and close to their strongly fortified base at Salonika, where reinforcements are arriving daily, the second phase of the Balkan campaign, which opened with the Teutonic invasion of Serbia and the defeat of her army, has closed, and the people of the belligerent countries are anxiously waiting for the next move.

It seems fairly well settled that the Bulgarians do not intend to invade Greece, an action which would likely cause dissensions in that country, which already is uneasy over the Bulgarian occupation of Monastir. Also it is not believed that the Austrians and Germans have sufficient troops available to attack the Entente Allies.

The speculation naturally has to do with the Germans and their intentions. They are variously reported to be concentrated near Monastir and Doiran and on the Roumanian border, and as preparing for an attempt to drive the Entente Allies from the Gallipoli Peninsula. All these reports lack confirmation.

One thing seems certain to the military observers—that the Germans will have to keep a close watch on the Roumanian side, not only because of the danger of that country entering the war against them, but to meet the threat of a Russian invasion through Roumania, which, although nothing has been said of it recently, has not been lost sight of.

Salonika Strengthened. Wherever the Germans move they will find the Entente Allies prepared. Salonika is being made stronger daily, and has the backing of warships, as also has Gallipoli Peninsula, where the Entente positions likewise have been strengthened. The Russians are believed by the military authorities to be able to cope with any army the Teutonic powers can collect on the Roumanian border, while Egypt, which is said to be another of their objectives, also has been placed in a state of defence.

There are many persons who believe that the Germans purpose to rest on their laurels in the Near East for the time being and make a bid for victory on the western front. Persistent reports come from Holland of the concentration of German armies in Belgium and Luxemburg, with the intention of striking a blow as soon as the ground permits of it. At the present moment the greater part of the country is a sea of mud, in which it will be suicide for any army to attempt an offensive.

The reported concentration of Germans doubtless accounts for the many air raids which the Entente Allies are making behind the German lines in an effort to upset the movement of troops, and destroy shelters, camps and the supplies of munitions which are necessary for an offensive.

INVENTIONS OF ENEMIES. Russia Denies Swedish Germanophile Reports.

London, Dec. 17.—A despatch from the Petrograd semi-official news agency received here says: "Official denial is given to reports recently published in Swedish newspapers of Germanophile tendencies to the effect that Russian troops, 160,000 strong, are gathering on the Swedish frontier. "The official statement making the denial says: 'This report, the source and intent of which it is not necessary to explain, like other news of this character, is merely a specimen of the fanciful and malevolent inventions of enemies of the Entente Powers.'"

Too great command of language sometimes lessens a woman's matrimonial chances.

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Old Ireland is Sure In the Limelight



By Bud Fisher