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"Between the Lines," Boyd Cable's previous book, was written on the thing if Home realized the grimness a little better. In the present volume he tries to show a lighter side to war, to picture the relaxations and the occasions for jests. In this he has books wouldn't be a bit disappointed succeeded admirably. The opening if he found this one in his stocking chapter, "In Enemy Hands," chiefly on Christmas morning. Like all the but practically of annihilation, the mate business and investments have concerns one Pte. Jock Macalister, books put out by the Page Co., it is and has been widely quoted and en- most handsomely and strongly bound joyed by thousands. It is worthy a -a credit to the bookmakers' art. place in our school readers of the Nearly every phase of MISS THEODOSIA'S trench warfare is touched upon and made realistic by the vivid pictures from the pen of this capable writer. By Annie Hamilton Donnell,

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By W. L. George. 442 pages. Price \$1,35. McClelland, Goodchild R. Uglow & Co., city.

settlement workers, and the young man is speedily disillusioned? In his Roger must live according to the outside of a book. convention of his set, and Sue cannot make the dazzling ascent from the ashes of her early life. In the end she runs away with Bert, an electric- By Grace S. Richmond, 350 Pages. ian, while Roger turns to Theresa whom he should have married in the first place. Mr. George is one of the most skilful craftsmen writing English fiction to-day, and, therefore, he can make any subject attractive, as he has done this one. He is, however, more of a satirist than a sympathetic student of life.

HELD TO ANSWER.

By Peter Clark Macfarlane. 521 valid country clergyman, forced by his beautiful obsession. The whole is Pages. Illustrated. Price. \$1. 35. McClelland, Goodchild and Uglow & Co., City.

there is an apparent inability to mod- and beautiful things, no saint, often ify his high flights. The story, how- rebelling inwardly against her hard, adventures there is given. He also duced to the readers as he stands pany actor in San Francisco, and loveable heroine, and indeed all the any one section of the universe, for maidens, friars and warriors, dukes quin, will be sorry to hear of his sudfinally as the self-appointed pastor characters in the book are agreeable the Research Magnificent may truly and kings and peasants abound in den death on Nov. 20th. of an abandoned chapel, is John people, from E. C. Jefferson, "the be said to have the whole world as a Hampstead revealed to us. During literary light," to Jeannette, the background. Mr. Well's hero is not this period he develops marvellous- rich, spoiled young cousin. Her fa- by any means the only interesting ly. Marian Dounay, an actress, am- ther, too, is a distinctly likeable per- person in the story. Of almost equal bitious to become a famous star, son, their relations are portrayed appeal is the heroine, whose chaloves John with all the intensity of with simplicity and tenderness, and racter and life are admirably revealher passionate nature. Then there the entire novel has a cheery, home- ed. is the other girl-dimpled, blue- like flavor which is very pleasant. eyed, trusting Bessie-who has loved John with a child's love undisclosed GENERAL SKETCH OF THE EURO. in which men do not think, in which until he blunders under the spel of the actress. The return of the actress, after John had built up All By Hilaire Belloc. 404 pages. Illus- selfishness leads to injustice, in People's church, is followed by a chain of events which are most dramatic, and the once popular idol of the people becomes involved in such a manner that his congregation is divided, while the sorely tried man, to protect others, maintains silence analysis of the war deals with the one who would live a life of human during his ordeal. The reader's feel- second phase of its great struggle— service. It is all a pretty big muddle, ings (unless he is a calloused old the Battle of the Marne—which as Wells presents it, and he presents reviewer) are deeply stirred by the marked the defeat of the great initial it with all the literary skill of which spell-bound, and by the love scenes well rank among the decisive battles above all, a clean, wholesome story a worthy successor of the first-inwritten with sincerity of purpose.

OUR LITTLE VIKING

and even before the Red Man roamed these wilds, the Vikings—those hardy and adventurous sea rovers from Norway and Sweden and Denmark, had made a voyage of discovery to Nova Scotia and the New England Coast. They came in one of their queer wooden ships propels

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much smaller than its own."

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It has remained for an American. of their queer wooden ships, propel- And he points out, "Never before did in Europe; that the Germans were gan to make tracks for the C.E.F."-Toronto Telegram.

shricks of ravished women, the piti- pointment in this book. ful cries of terrified little children. the mingled groans and curses of RHYMES OF A RED CROSS MAN. led by oars and a solitary sail, and such superiority in force fully de- wounded and dying soldiers. His high with the stout-hearted captain, Leif ployed and enjoying similar or su- priests are those who lead the teem-By Boyd Cable. 295 pages. Price Ericson, nicknamed Leif the Lucky, perior armament to its inferior ing millions to slaughter, Attilla and enemy, suffer defeat from numbers so Tamerlane and William II of Hohenzollern. This is the corner stone of The reasons for the French vic- Kulture. This is the infernal abyss tory were two-the blunder of the into which Kulture has dragged Ger-

ber of men who retreated before their to the manner in which England reficial despatches as texts, and show- met with many thrilling adventures. forces from the Sambre and suppos- peatedly, down through the ages, has ing what of grim effort, of pathos, of including a fight with the white na- ed, in consequence, that the French stopped world-conquerors in their unconquerable humor and of undy- tives, the capture of a pirate ship were already using their reserves. mad careers, and adds: "For the ing heroism the few flat words of the with much rich booty, etc. On the Again the invaders overestimated the fourth time in as many centuries

"Will the American workmen who!

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BELTANE THE SMITH.

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Jeffery Farnol is well known as ill-health to resign his parish, and presented in the shape of a biography writer of vivid, picturesque rodesperately poor. Somehow or other of Benham prepared by friends from a mance. His "Amateur Gentleman" he had contrived to give his daughter | vast accumulation of notes left at his and "The Broad Highway" established his pre-eminence in this regard. able to make any special use of it. The research magnificent is in He has the nack of formulating an short the effort of the individual to interesting and unusual plot and of ional novel that will appeal to a to Elmville and take care of him. A discover what should be to him the developing the story with exceeding be found with it, it is that he has over with life and energy, full of live it. In the course of his experi- in the olden days of England, over made his characters too impossible; longing for all sorts of interesting Wells' hero visits the Balkans, and a mance. The hero of this volume is and many good characters. First duty cheerfully and courageously, of Russian life as it actually is, But His subsequent adventures would be visits Russia, and there is a sketch besides his forge in the greenwood. as a stenographer in a Los Angeles thoroughly deserving the great re- his journeyings are not confined to sufficient to erowd a dozen ordinary The many friends of John A. Mc- ment, not the Borden Government, is your food hog persist in his swinishrailroad office, then as a stock com- ward she presently won. She is a Russia or the Balkans, or, in fact, to lives. Knights and outlaws, lovely Kinley, son of W. McKinley, Algon- responsible if the International ness.

chosen people who might look for- this volume. Stirring fights are reward to wining world power and even corded with a vividness of portrayal omnipotence; that God was their that is in Farnol's best style. The ally. Commenting upon these pre- author has studied madieval English tensions and upon German frightful- to good advantage, as is evidenced by the style of language he puts into the "If the Prussian pagan creed is mouths of his characters. The story is true, then Moloch is god. His orders a long one, but one will be reluctant are the shambles of battlefields. The to lay it down until the last chapter sacrifices most acceptable to him are is concluded. Farnol is an entertainthe victims of combat and massacre. ing writer at all times, and his ad-The hymns he delights in are the mirers will not find cause for disap-

By Robert W. Service. 195 Pages.

Price \$1.00. William Briggs, Toronto, Publisher. R. Uglow & Co.

It will be recalled how graphically Robert W. Service, now proclaimed in England as "The Canadian Kipling," 'pictured 'the wonderful aspects of the Yukon in a way never before accomplished. He has brought censor cover. "Action Front" fol- return to Greenland in the spring, number of men who held them back England is championing liberty verse pictures of war conditions and of a pin-head like ex-Alderman Mc- under-sea boats, also via German lows the same plan, and is an inspir- some bad sailors, greedy for the at the Grand Couronne, about Nancy, against a would-be world despot." has achieved in "Rhymes of a Red Brien, of Toronto, aided and abetted agencies in alleged neutrals has been ing piece of work. You cannot read treasure on board, mutineed, but and argued from that the great- Almost in the same breath Mr. Thay- Cross Man" even greater success. by a dead one like Honorary Colonel proved up to the hilt by the Proviit without coming closer to the heart were speedily overpowered. The est French strength was massed er condemns President Wilson for his Mr. Service makes one see not only W. K. McNaught. These protesta- dence Journal, which is in close and meaning of this titanic struggle good ship Valhalla reached Green- there. The Germans attacked, there- Cain-like silence in the presence of the pathetic, but also the humorous tions have disgusted even Toronto, touch with the British Embassy at of the trenches. The previous book land in safety, and was given a great fore, on the opposite end of the languished Belgium, the Lusitania side of the war as one does in noth- and Toronto in the past has stood a Washington, and receives thence the was in parts grim and terrible, but, as reception. Soon the two boys and French line, in the northwest, plann- disaster and other barbarous out- ing else. His verse in the new book lot of this kind of talk without hav- facts which offset the pro-German the author points out, it was true to their treasure were able to sail for ing to swing around and envelope rages. Towards the close of the is drawn from first hand experience ing her stomach burned. since he has spent the best part of the last two years in driving an amhad expected; surprised and confus- by the blowing up of their factories for the French Government. Here bulance in the thick of the fighting is a sample of one of his most characteristic bits, "The Red Retreat." Framp, tramp, the grim road, the road

Tramp, tramp, the bad road, the bits o' kiddles cryin' there; The fell birds a-flyin' there, ouses all aflame; Tramp, tramp, the sad road, the I left a-lyin' there. Red there, and dead there-Oh blimy. it's a shame!

One stanza of his "Foreword" is 'So here's my sheaf of war-worn verse, And some is bad-and some is worse. And if at times I curse a bit You needn't read that part of it: For through it all like horror runs The red resentment of the guns. you yourself would mutter when took the things that once

sped them through that zone To where the dripping surgeons wait; And wonder, too, if in God's sight War ever, ever can be right.

The "red resentment of the guns" is a characteristic Service line, and graphically, tersely paints for us a great picture of the grim battlefield. Canadian soldier, either at home or

"Far and near, high and clear, Hark to the call of War! Over the gorse and the golden dells, Ringing and swinging of clamorous Praying and saying of wild farewells: War! War! War!

High and low, all must go Hark to the shout of War! Leave to the women the harvest yie Gird ye, men, for the sinister field; A sabre instead of a scythe to wield: War! Red War! Rich and poor, lord and boor,

Hark to the blast of War!

Finker and tailor and millionaire.

Actor in triumph and priest in pray Comrades now in the hell out there, Sweep to the fire of War! Prince and page, sot and sage. Hark to the roar of War! Poet, professor and circus clown

Chimney-sweeper and fop o' the tow Into the pot and be melted down: Into the pot of War! Women all, hear the call, The pitiless call of War! Look your last on your dearest ones

The gluttonous guns of War!

Death's red sickle is reaping tonight War! War! War!

Throughout the book Service de- got a cracked lip." picts in his superlatively graphic And just at this point, the Hon. makes four bites of a cherry and noble life, and, once discovered, to skill. His scenes are generally laid style the comedy, the A. E. Kemp, the Flaming Tinman, thus gives the looters time to get pathos and the heroism of fighting who has just been appointed as Sir away with the swag. The food promen. He mirrors the human side of Sam's successor, rises to explain that fiteer never seems to think that he war in strong, vigorous haunting the public mustn't have these naughy ought to take his medicine with the verse. The book well repays reading again and again.



ON OVERSEAS SERVICE. Santa Claus-"I'm loaded up worse than ever since I beSome Ottawa Glimpses

Special Correspondence by H. F. Gadsby.

Parade of Superior Loyalty.

ade of their superior loyalty to the That it is still selling to the Gersomething of the same genius to his Mother Country through the mouth mans, via the Deutschland and other

(I've 'ammered out this ditty with me at the wholesale looting at home, and of modern warfare drawn from a man's lips is "graft." When you ask trayal of the trust reposed in it. The

Our soldiers, both at home and at tional Company be good. the front, have kept themselves well informed through Canadian newspapers of the doings at Ottawa. They of, was that the Hon. Frank Cochare fully abreast of all the vagaries of the Borden Government, and are mier Borden's Cabinet, is the Internot to be caught with the stale ruse of dumping the sinner to save the rest. Which is to say that the dismissal of Sir Sam doesn't save the Frank Cochrane a political possibil-Borden Government's bacon with the "The Call" is an especially stirring overseas. This soldier vote on which the Government so obviously reckon-

this soldier vote which both parties agreed should be given its full privileges, has been alienated from the Borden Government by the scan- Mr. Cochrane being too sick to talk dals in regard to war supplies and can no longer be counted on. This being the case, the Borden Government is not anxious for a war-time election, and would willingly accept a reprieve of another year from next October. Thew don't want the day worse appear the better reason. With

apostles of the Borden Government perior loyalty for the party that lets in Toronto or elsewhere began to him in for a raw deal like that. And speak of the soldiers at the front as that smile becomes a hoarse guffaw, disloyal to the Mother Country be- when he thinks of his wife and little cause they are keeping a close children left at home to be leeched enough eye on Canada to be anxious dry by the Government's food pro-

life, maybe, has been endangered by living more than keeps pace with her the Ross rifle they put in his hands dollar shrunken to two-thirds of its Everywhere thrill the air

The maniac bells of War.

There will be little of sleeping tonight:

There will be waiting and weeping to
There will be waiting and weeping towith our good Ontario nickel and he ment does nothing to the leapers and

thoughts about Canadian nickel.

them and that the British Govern- think of mentioning it to him. Let interpretation on a gentleman's still, and the Borden Government agreement that it sells our nickel to will do its best to kelp him. the Germans, who shot it back at us on the battlefields of Europe by loyal Government - loyal, for ex-

the British Government told the sumer to the food profiteers. It would Borden Government to make the sacrifice the last man and the last proper arrangements for regulating dollar to that good cause . Its heart's the dealings of the International desire is to remain in power till the Nickel Company with the enemy, it last man is starved to death and the supposed, of course, that the Borden last dollar is shaken out of him. Government would go about it on a business-like way and would require!

Ottawa, Dec. 1.-People well read something more than the Company's in Canadian history smile at the dis- word of honor that it wasn't selling ciples of the party which stoned to the Germans. That it did sell to Lord Elgin and burnt the Parliament the Germans-millions of pounds Buildings at Montreal, making a par- since the war began-is notorious.

propaganda in the United States. The fact is that at least sixty per In a word, the British Government cent. of the officers on active service, is responsible for nothing but its reare Liberal in their politics and the quest to the Borden Government to rank and file under normal condi- make such sensible and effective artions would divide between the two rangements with the International parties on a fifty-fifty basis. As Nickel Company as would prevent it matters stand, however, there is no assisting the enemies of the British doubt that the soldier vote enraged Empire with the chief raw material the Ross rifle abroad, would go over- British overseas Dominion. It is not whelmingly against the Government. responsible for the Borden Govern-There are three hundred and seven- ment's slackness in carrying out inty-five thousand soldiers enlisted structions. Neither is it responsible now and the word that is on every for the Borden Government's bethem for corroborative evidence they British Government knew, of course, mention paper shoes, Colonel John that the International Nickel Com-Wesley Allison, nine hundred per pany's nickel came from Canada cent, profit on shell contracts, Camp and supposed naturally enough that Borden, and matters like that. Can- the Canadian Government having the ada has a great reading population. whip hand, would make the Interna-

What the British Government pro-

bably overlooked, or was not aware rane, Minister of Railways, in Prenational Nickel Company's handyman for Canada. It was the International Nickel Company that made ity. Thus and so was Canada given a nickel-plated Minister of Railways who, when he passed on to Ottawa, put a nickel-plated Premier, to wit ed when it made its arrangements Hearst, in his place, in Queen's Park, Toronto. This is the deadly trinity -Cochrane, Hearst and Ferguson It seems a great pity that Mr. Kemp should have to do all the explaining. just now, and being no speaker even when he is well and strong. Indeed the International Nickel Company will have to be looking soon for some more vocal apostle in the Borden Cabinet, somebody who can make the of wrath to come until their pro- Mr. Cochrane dumbness is a habit fiteering friends have sucked the last and dumbness can well be overdone. ters into consideration he smiles at Indeed, it would be no surprise if the McNaught protestations of suto kick the Borden Government out fiteering friends. Sustain her as you the first time they get the chance, will with separation allowances, pat-Ask a soldier at the front, whose riotic funds, and so on, the cost of will say, "Don't make me laugh. I've bounders except to threaten them with an order-in-council, which rest of us and cut down his profits He says that they did all that the during war time and, of course, the British Government requested of Borden Government would never

There is no doubt that this is land or sea. In short, our War Lord ample, to its meat packing friends. Moreover, it believes in sacrifice-This is all sheer buncombe. When that is to say, sacrificing the con-

that the town council hesitates to

A Belleville policeman refused a

drink of whiskey the other day when it was kindly offered to him, and

arrested the generous man. The

peeler evidently wanted the whole

The high cost of living has even

Now that boose has become a lux-

-THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

ury, the W.C.T.U. should start a boy-

cott here on high-priced foods, as

the women of New York, Chicago and

reached the Home for the Aged and

it is announced that 'baccy is dearer.

abolish the market tolls.

H. F. GADSBY

In these times the people cannot even "feel" cheap.

Even the temperature refuses to stay low in these times of high pri-

It's too bad that the old toper can It is not so long ago that dried no longer have a "high" time, when leaves were palmed off on the old

How is it that golf may be played game, while nothing is said abou

walne made in the Montreal have done. They would locomotive works will wind the war up quicker than prayers, although the Lampman does not discount the high prices as the consumers. value of prayers—of the proper

folks for tea.

The death occurred in Montreal With half-starved chickens and on Tuesday of Michael Lappin. The underweight butter being offered for deceased was for years a resident of sale on the market, it is no wonder Perth.