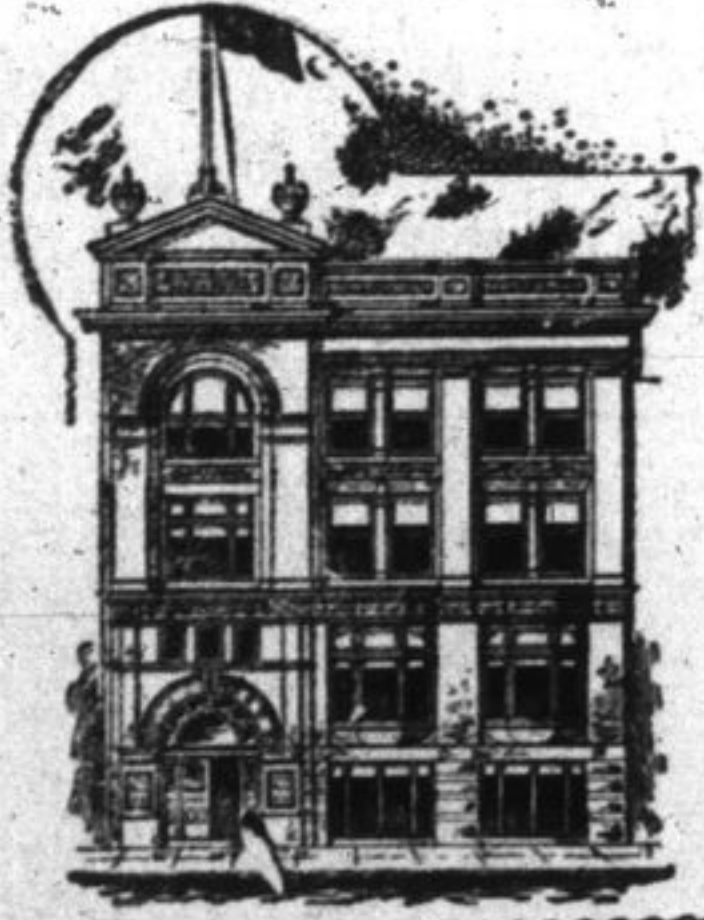


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SOLDIER'S BROKEN SERVICE.

The Toronto Star prints the story of Sergt. Harrison, of the 20th Battalion, who was wounded in the trenches, retired to Toronto, kept on the invalided list until Feb. 27th, and then notified that he had been discharged from the service, as medically unfit, on Jan. 27th. Not only that—the extraordinary proceeding, this dating back of a discharge—but the militia department ordered the return by Mrs. Harrison of the maintenance allowance of \$20, which was paid to her for the month of February.

The case has excited a great deal of public interest and has been referred to as probably one of many of its kind. This goes to show that the method of handling these cases of invalided soldiers is not by any means perfect, and that it must be amended at once if the grievances of the retired soldiers are not to become a public scandal.

In the London Mall, of recent date, (and somewhat belated in its delivery), there is the report of a discussion which occurred in the Imperial Commons upon the deserts of men who had been "broken" physically in the war, or in the preparations for war. Some soldiers had been paid off with gratuities in lieu of pensions, and their cases were aired in parliament. One member, Mr. Hogge, said the ministers thought too much of the treasury, and he cried, "the treasury can go to blazes." The men who had suffered in the service of the country would get all that was coming to them. This he demanded.

The defence of the government was that gratuities had been paid to men who put in only a short time in the army, who had been defective physically, and whose diseases had been aggravated by their service. The men who had fought in the war, and had been "broken" in it, would, said the pension minister, "be entitled to a full pension under the terms of the new warrant." The limit of seven years within which claims must be presented would be dropped. Under the new warrant, too, there would be no reduction in a man's pension because he was at work. The government would rather increase his pension because he was at work.

Canada cannot afford to be any more liberal with the returned and "broken" soldiers than the imperial government, and the Toronto Star's case demands immediate consideration. Why? It may be typical of many others.

In England the hoarding of foods is prevented by the use of the family book in which is written down the purchases of each day. This book is subject to regular inspection. The wealthy cannot, therefore, store away foods in large quantities, and in advance of requirements.

WASTE AND PROFIT.

The Whig looked in last evening upon the poultry men who were in session, heard a great deal of prime importance, and passes it on for the information of the people. First it was learned that there is large money in poultry raising. There is no stock more profitable. But hens and chickens need to be studied, and when they are, and the care or treatment they receive is proper, the returns are not only satisfactory but bountiful, in connection with the Greater Pro-

duction Movement there is an enquiry which must be answered by a new interest in poultry and an enterprise which is bound to give splendid results.

Certain steps progressively are necessary. Poultry breeders will not part willingly with eggs of thorough-breds now. They want all they have themselves for the larger production in which they are engaged. That they are eager to give what information they have practically with regard to breeding, and those who want to embark in the business must get into the association, attend the weekly or bi-monthly meetings, hear and take part in the discussions, buy, as they can to advantage, the pullets in the fall, and begin then the service that will pay most handsomely.

Members of the Poultry Association state some facts which can be read, learned, and inwardly digested. These are: (1) That there is a shocking waste of food in this city. The scraps from the tables of the average homes will go far towards keeping, or keeping altogether, a small henner. In the whole city, and going to waste daily, there is enough refuse, especially from the public institutions, to more than feed all the hens. (2) If two hundred people kept ten hens each, and they were fed judiciously, there would be eight thousand eggs during the four winter months, and in the face of this assertion it is practically criminal to continue the waste of food which is now reported. The people are waking up to the interest of certain economic reforms and they cannot enter upon these any too soon.

The British and American papers laud the work of the Canadians at Vimy Ridge. Our soldier boys will not lose their heads in consequence. It is because they have preserved their coolness that they have been able to perform heroic service at the front.

SOME PESSIMISTIC TALK.

The general committee of the Greater Production Movement decided, on Friday, to ask Dr. Coelman, the Commissioner of Agriculture for Ontario, to visit Kingston and address the people. He is the highest authority in the province, and if he says here what he has said elsewhere, a profound impression will be made. He has prophesied a great scarcity of food, all over the world, in the early future. He has said that in sixteen countries the conditions are deplorable, and that it is not an exaggeration to say that a famine is impending, that it is already overshadowing the world.

The problem is a pressing one for the producer as well as the consumer. There is the promise not only of a shortage of grain, but of meat as well, that there will be meatless days in Canada as well as in England, and that there will be suffering despite the efforts to cultivate in Canada, as well as in Britain, every foot of land possible. Mr. Rankin, M. P., says he has consulted the Department of Agriculture with regard to the crops which can be best and most profitably raised in Frontenac and the answer is: "Get all the fodder you can in the next year; get in a regular and sustained flow of milk; raise oats, peas, beans and vegetables. What is not wanted locally will be wanted elsewhere."

The plan is to get some representative of the government, and preferably Dr. Coelman, to come here and drive home the lesson of the hour in the most emphatic way. The question of help is important, but before the citizens can help, as they would like to do, it must be made clear that this help is wanted. When the want is defined and put on record a great purpose will be accomplished.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

So the prices of school text-books are not to be advanced. Thanks, thanks. It is good to know there is something which is not subject to the caprices of the capitalists. A farmer says that he cannot raise cattle profitably because the whole wheat is shipped to Britain and there are no shorts, brans, and other feed for the live stock. Is this a true bill?

The late Czar of all the Russias a pauper? So it is reported. The state has appropriated all that belonged to him in lands and stocks and funds and made him and his family dependent upon charity. His is a pitiable fall.

Ninety persons in one street have intimated their interests in poultry breeding and their desire to embark in the business. The economies suggested by the way, made necessary in fact, will continue long after the war has been closed.

Why are not the Canadian colours more in evidence these days? Canada commands the praise of the world for the performance of her sons at Vimy Ridge. Why should she not show her jubilation in a great display of hunting?

Thomas Adams, of Ottawa, the town planning expert of the Conservation Commission, says that Ottawa presents some awful examples of the inadequacy of the taxing sys-

tem. He is evidently a believer in the taxation of land values more than of local improvements.

Why should not more people eat whole wheat bread? It is healthier and should cost less, which is something worth considering in these days of war prices.

Hon. G. P. Graham predicts the early formation of a Liberal Government in Canada "on national lines." Is Sir Wilfrid prepared to go outside of his party and call strong men into his new Government? That is assumed.

PUBLIC OPINION

Sure to Do That. (Guelph Mercury) The high cost of living seems to have affected even the tax rate. This is the price of greatness.

What They Represent. (St. Thomas Journal) There were more than 16,000 major accidents in Ontario last year. Wonder if this includes Cabinet changes in Ottawa and Toronto.

Blending of Colors. The Stars and Stripes has been unfurled among the colors of the Allies in London. Uncle Sam is taking his right place in the gallery of nations.

It Certainly Is. (Montreal Star) The Hungarian Premier says he sees the dawn of peace in the East. But with the news coming from Russia these days, the East is a bad quarter for Hungary to look to.

Conscription Coming. (Toronto Globe) The New Republic says that American Liberals must advocate the financing of the war chiefly by the taxing of incomes and excessive profits. The United States will conscript money as well as men.

Thaw's New Job. (Toronto Star) "If Harry Thaw had been born in the Kaiser's house, he would have been the Crown Prince," says the London Advertiser, and it fancies Thaw is about as fit to rule an Empire as is the chap who expects to inherit the job!

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

John Lemmon has been appointed to look after the street watering. H. Waddington has a key puzzle that no person has been able to fathom. Dr. T. M. Fenwick has been appointed medical officer to the police force.

GERMANS WERE PLANNING. To Shell Arras With Two of Their "Big Berthas."

With the British Armies Afield, April 14.—One interesting bit of information the advance has disclosed is that the Germans were planning to shell Arras with two of their 42-centimeter "Big Berthas" which first won fame about Liege and Antwerp. These guns had reached Douai, and it was planned to place them near Fampoux, which now is in British hands. According to gannet prisoners Prussic acid shells were to have been used.

A large number of the German prisoners seem to be glad that they have been taken. Bavarians who but recently had come into the line rather bitterly that they were invariably sent to the worst part of the front. They said they knew something unpleasant was about to happen when they relieved the Saxons. The Bavarians do not impress questioners as being very fond of the Prussians.

SENTRY SHOOTS AT DOCTOR.

The Bullet Passes Through Top of Automobile. Watertown, N.Y., April 14.—Dr. C. K. Phelps of Sacket Harbor, narrowly escaped injury when he was fired upon by a sentry at the entrance to Madison Barracks after he failed to halt. Dr. Phelps was driving into the post in his automobile to attend the family of a soldier. The sentry on duty called to him to halt and when the physician failed to stop at the second command, he fired at him, the bullet passing through the top of the car. The physician said later that he did not hear the sentry's order.

Equal Pensions to All Ranks. Saskatoon, April 14.—The City Council has passed a resolution declaring in favor of equal pensions for soldiers of all ranks.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

ROUMANIA. Roumania is a large, illuminated grease spot which teaches us that we should look before we leap and then take another look.

A few months ago Roumania was a prosperous, contented country, full of happy peasants and much cows. It had railroads, electric lights, motor cars, special sewer systems, and all of the evidences of an advanced civilization. It also had an ermine-clad king and a tall, imposing public debt which did not annoy anybody but England. During the first two years of the war Roumania made money faster than a motor car and all of the evidences of an advanced civilization. It also had an ermine-clad king and a tall, imposing public debt which did not annoy anybody but England. During the first two years of the war Roumania made money faster than a motor car and all of the evidences of an advanced civilization. It also had an ermine-clad king and a tall, imposing public debt which did not annoy anybody but England.

Before the Roumanians withdrew they committed a base act which will forfeit them the sympathy of every right-minded citizen. They spiked the oil wells of their native land and caused gasoline in this country to jump two cents a gallon. A great many Canadians who were inclined to shed tears over Roumania's plight have reconsidered the matter since learning of this act.

Roumania hopes to come back, but it will be one of the most expensive comebacks ever staged on the Baid to enter the war and grab off a kdn theatre.

Rippling Rhymes

SPRING ENTHUSIASM

The more I sing of gentle spring, the more I want to carol; these pleasant days I turn out lays and anthems by the barrel. As fresh the earth, as when its birth occurred in distant ages; we shed our years and hop like steers, or kangaroos in cages. All winter long my works were wrong, and grief in me was pining; but other joys who went their ways in anguish were complaining. I'd walk a mile before a smile I'd see upon a critter; all men were sore and o'er and o'er they cussed the winter bitter. But now I walk around the block on legs that wish to gambol, and fifty styles of cheerful smiles I witness in my rambles. Spring, sweet and calm, is nature's balm for all our ills and ills; our souls it cheers, and dries our tears, and shames our idle wallings. —WALT MASON.



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