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THIRD SECTION

Books And Their Authors

THE LAST DAYS OF FORT VAUX.

By Henry Bordeaux. 227 Pages. Thomas Nelson & Sons, Ltd., London and Toronto, Publishers.

The author of this moving narrative is a distinguished native of Savoy, a lawyer, a journalist, a soldier and now an historian. The translation is by Paul V. Cohn, B.A., and introduces to English readers the story of a magnificent and heroic defence on the part of French arms. The present work deals with the admirable defence of Fort Vaux from March 9th to June 7th, 1916. This defence gave the world an opportunity of gauging the stamina of the French soldier and his powers of resistance. Yet it must not lead us to forget that our gallant allies a little later re-entered the fort as victors. In "The Last Days of Fort Vaux" we enjoy the advantage of reading the account of one who is a master both in the art of letters and in the technicalities of war. The successive phases of the heroic defence are presented with a carefulness of detail that must satisfy the military expert and a dramatic force that will impress the general reader. The book is a worthy chronicle of a great episode in the greatest epic of modern days. Not only is the French version in detail, but there is added the German report of the attack and capture. This part of the great endeavor of the German Crown Prince to capture Verdun, first by smashing its outlying defences, deserves careful reading. Much depended upon the outcome, but here as elsewhere, it was demonstrated that, though the gallant French might be temporarily overcome, they had the ability to withstand heroically and, in the end, to inflict a crushing defeat on the enemy. The details of the defence of Fort Vaux, as presented by this gallant officer and author, recall the virility, the endurance and the eclair of the French fighting forces.

development of Mexico or rendering financial assistance to the Mexican government and people. But when Mexico has to turn from her natural guardian and protector to European powers, the United States will be deservedly "counted out," both north and south of the Panama Canal.

BROTHERS IN ARMS.

By E. Alexander Powell. 62 Pages. Price, 50c. Thomas Allen, Toronto, publisher.

This little volume from the pen of the famous war correspondent is intended as a memorial of the visit of Marshall Joffre and his fellow commissioners to the United States. Mr. Powell, who knows, as few people do, the sacrifices France has made to the cause of freedom, describes the significance of the mission, the reception accorded its members, and closes with a strong plea to give to France to-day the ungrudging help that she gave the United States during its fight for freedom. The author warns his compatriots of the gravity of the situation. "Sacrifices and sorrows without number await us. Before his business is over with, we must expect to be deprived of many of our comforts and most of our pleasures. . . . We must expect months of discouragement and heartbreaking anxiety and gloom. . . . The surest way to bring about an early peace is to convince Germany that we stand behind the government to the last cent in our purses and the last breath in our bodies." It will do all Americans good to read this book.

The Kaiser's Prayer. Now I lay me down to sleep, And dream how English mothers weep. When God's own angels fill the sky, And smiling babes in doom-land lie; If they should die before they wake, Bid you, God, their souls to take. But if you think to shield their crime, I tell you, God, they'll die next time. —Black & White.

CINDERELLA JANE

By Marjorie Benton Cook. 307 Pages. Price, \$1.35. The Musson Book Co., Toronto, Publishers.

The author of "Bambi" has produced a new book of considerable interest, though the theme, its treatment and its conclusion are by no means original. Jane Judd was an efficient, silent, inscrutable servant in the artist's quarters. Wanting a housekeeper, Jerry Patton proposes marriage to her and is accepted. But Jane's efficiency went on. She accumulated knowledge, studied art, called social services, wrote a successful book, and developed into the independence of the "new woman," much to the dislike of her husband. Then another man enters her life, and she goes away to a quiet place to think out her problem. Here her child takes violently ill, and mother-love in the end triumphs over ambition and temptation. The book is rather shallow and superficial, and the story is one told by other writers with greater success.

THE WHISTLING MOTHER

By Grace S. Richmond. 31 Pages. McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, Publishers.

"The Whistling Mother," "Happy as with such a mother! Faith in womanhood beats with his blood, and trust in all things high comes easy to him, and though he trip and fall he shall not bind his soul with clay." Thus Tennyson described the ideal mother; thus our young soldier pictures her. Faith in her case, it is "they who stay behind that suffer," she shields her agony behind the screen of patriotism and maternal love, and bids her boy go forth so bravely to and dare. "The Whistling Mother" is a war-time story for mothers, sons and other folks too, about a mother whose boy came home from college to say good-bye before he went to war; the story of a woman's splendid courage, of her triumphant patriotism, and of how she sent her son out to "help make

the world safe for democracy" with a kiss and a smile and not a single tear. Though, thank God, most of them do not need it, it is, nevertheless, a splendid example for Canadian mothers, and for all the other mothers of our race.

"IT IS FOR ENGLAND."

By Lawrence Cowen. 279 Pages. Price, 75c. Hodder & Stoughton, Toronto, Publishers.

A thrilling story of German plotting in high places in England is revealed in this book. The naturalized Hun is shown in his true colors, ever scheming for the fatherland and taking the utmost advantage of the easy-going, unsuspecting Englishman. His methods of procedure are laid bare in this interesting volume. It remained for a young English woman and her naval lover to discover and frustrate the designs of a German agent holding a high place in British business and official life. This novel has been used by the Navy League as the basis of a big patriotic play, prepared with the assistance of the Admiralty, and doubtless it will be seen in Canada before long. Mr. Cowen has written a romance of the war. There is more action than literary merit in the story, but, of course, that is to be expected of a novel written to be "screened." In the end the Kaiser is lynched by a German mob, and that episode ought to delight those patrons of the moving pictures who wish violence to their country's enemies.

THE BROWN STUDY

By Grace S. Richmond. 196 Pages. Illustrated. McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, Publishers.

The man who finds himself—the pastor of a fashionable church who forsakes wealth and social success in order to save his own soul—is the hero of this story. Donald Brown is a strong, fine, resolute character. In him this popular authoress has pictured a present day type of the man who lives up to his ideal despite the strongest possible temptations. Donald Brown furnishes a fine solution of the immortal problem: What shall I profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? This book tells the story of a "fashionable" preacher who lost his health, while looking after his "smart" flock, and instead of going abroad to gain it, came down into the poorer quarters of a big city to regain his peace and his appreciation of the bigger meanings of life. His work among the poor taught him as much as it helped his neighbors, and his and their story is told in the clear and charming style that has made Mrs. Richmond's books so popular. "The Brown Study" when Donald had chosen to live, looked out upon scenes of squalor and poverty. In the house next door lived Mrs. Kelley and her "five," and there were old Mr. Benson, the "full-jeweled" watchmaker, and Jennings the clerk, all playing important roles in the drama of Brown's life. A life of stern realism that had been chosen in the place of a life of luxury in wealthy St. Timothy's parish. How this man faced the greatest crises of his career and won a partner in a life of love and usefulness in Mrs. Richmond's story.

The Round Table

The September number of this clever English magazine contains much serious and timely reading. The interior problem of Germany is discussed at some length. In "Finance After the War" some illuminating figures are given as to Britain's national debt, increased prices, industrial activity, etc. Other matters discussed include: The United States at war, England and the war, the Irish question, Canadian conscription and coalition, Australian, South African and New Zealand politics, etc. These topics are all ably treated by writers of note.

REPORT BACK IN CANADA.

A New Order Dismays Officers in England. London, Sept. 21.—The order requiring Canadian officers employed in England who are civil servants to return to Canada forthwith has caused dismay among several affected. If an alternative offer is offered them of relinquishing civil service pay and remaining here, several would certainly have embraced it. One officer, for example, draws merely two dollars daily as part-time civil servant, but has received orders to report for duty in Canada. He came here anxious to go to France, but for medical and other reasons was kept in England, often being placed in an important work. Finding themselves as they imagined, fixtures here, they have taken houses, bought furniture and placed their children in school.

American Ship Sunk.

London, Sept. 21.—The American steamer Platania was torpedoed by a German submarine on September 16th. Fifty-five survivors have been landed by the Italian steamer Andrea. The master of the Platania and eight of the crew were drowned.

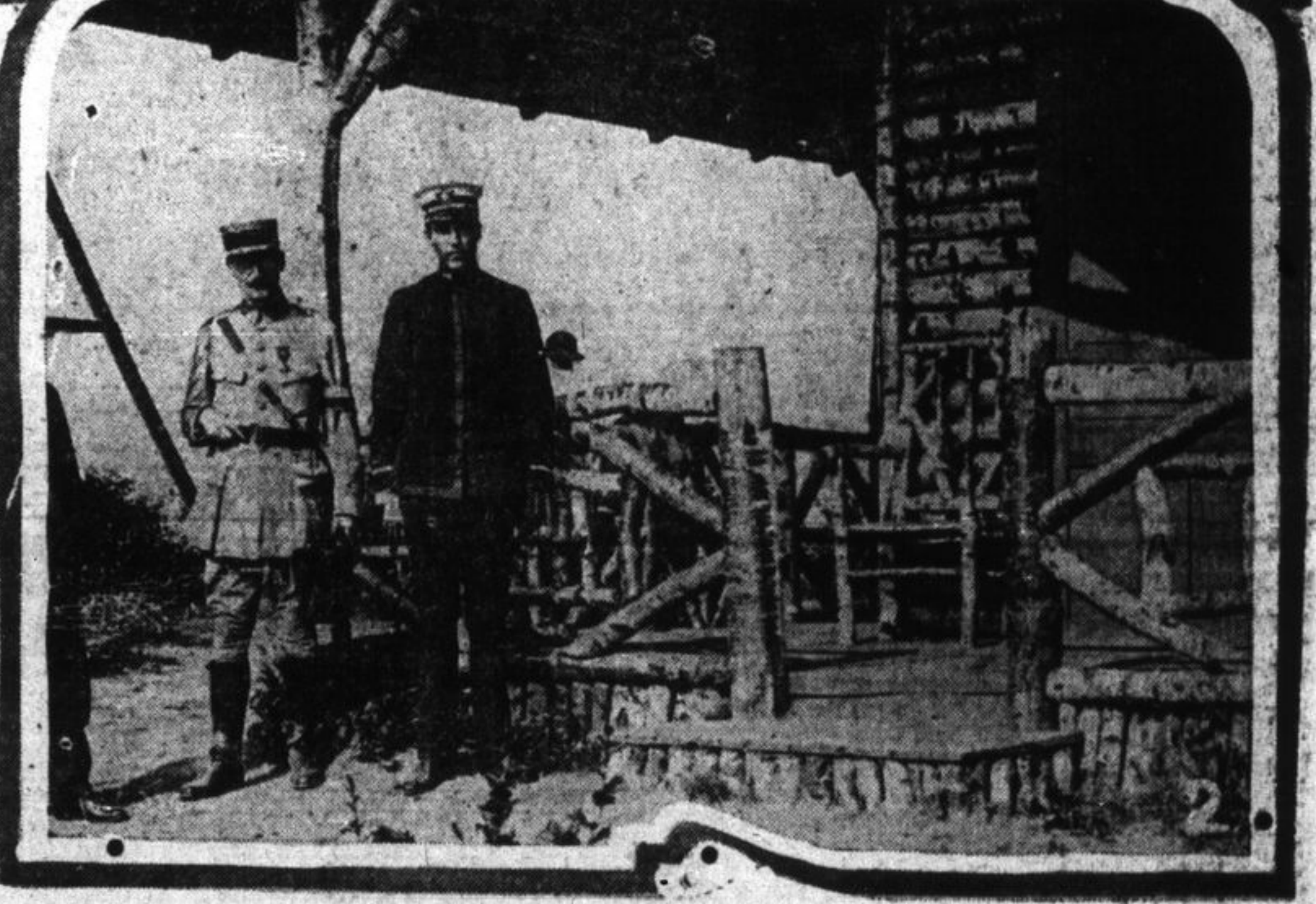
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ENSIGN VINCENT ASTOR AND MRS. ASTOR VIEWING RUINS IN FRANCE



Here are shown pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor inspecting the ruins of the famous church of Chauny, in the Aisne district, wrecked by German shell fire. Mr. Astor is wearing the uniform of an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve Force, which he joined soon after the entrance of the United States in the war. He has been on duty in foreign waters since early in July. The pictures show Ensign Astor in front of the observatory of Prince Eitel Frederick and Ensign and Mrs. Astor viewing the ruins of the church of Chauny.



THE MEXICAN PROBLEM.

By C. W. Barron. 136 Pages. Price, \$1.00. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston and New York, Publishers.

Referring to this study of Mexico, its problems and its oil industries, Dr. Talcott Williams of Columbia University, states that it is "a clear and wise economic picture of Mexico, beyond any other that I have ever read." Mr. Barron, the author, has recently made a trip through Mexico and a close, personal investigation of all the varying factors and elements in that troubled country. He finds the essential Mexican problem to be a business problem, and he proposes a business solution. Mexico's possibilities as an oil-producing country are clearly set forth, and the interests of Britain, Germany and the United States are considered. Internal problems are dealt with, and the need of a stable, steadfast administration is pointed out. To quote from this observing writer:

The United States has had no steady business or political policy toward Mexico. It has been "Go in!" "Come out!" "Go back!" "Stay out!" The Washington declaration has been, "Down with the tariff and into the export field," and when hands have been uplifted from Mexico, our nearest and most needy field for export, Mr. Bryan has responded, "Why don't you stay at home?" I heard it declared in Mexico, "Every Wilson policy toward Mexico has been wrong. Never has the right thing been done at the right time; but in extenuation of Mr. Wilson it must be admitted that nobody can now say what would have been the correct policy toward Mexico." Having blundered in and out of Mexico, it is now clearly the duty of the United States to reflect upon the situation and determine upon what basis it can extend co-operation and effective helping hand to that unhappy country. If we do not do it, somebody else will. There is no possible reading of the Monroe Doctrine that forbids Germany or England making the business

CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS.

Despite War, Canada's Reading Public is Well Served.

Canada continues to be unusually well served by the press. This is brought out in the current issue of the Canadian Newspaper Directory, compiled by A. McKim Limited, Advertising Agency, of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and London, Eng.

Public Library Bulletin

Some Classified Books for September—These Books are Free to All Citizens.

- Political and Social History of Modern Europe—Hare.
Political and Literary Essays—Earl of Cromartie.
Sir Charles Tupper—J. W. Longley.
Abraham Lincoln—Lord Charnwood.
Cubana Self Government—C. McL. Andrews.
Short History of Japan—E. W. Clements.
Balkan Peninsula—F. Fox.
Canada in Great War—Makers of Canada Series.
War Flying—Pitt.
The Aeroplane Speaks—Harber.
Student in Arms, Second Series—D. Hankey.
Germany the Next Republic—C. W. Ackerman.
Pangerman Plot Unmasked—A. Cherrill.
Back to Blarney—A. J. Dawson.
Inside the British Isles, 1917—A. Gleason.
Railway Nationalization—W. B. Moore.
Handbook for Literary and Historical Societies.
Minor Tactics of Chess—F. J. Cooke.
The Party Boats—W. Paton.

The Man on Watch

"Is your food conservation card hanging on your front door? If not see that it gets there. It will be a protection against hungry tramps.

The fact that royalty and millionaires' wives have signed the food conservation cards does not fix on the ordinary housewife.

A baby died in Kingston recently as the indirect result of starvation, but it was ignorance and not economy in the home that caused the demise of this male child.

The Lampman refuses to believe that there is a real conscientious objector in Kingston to fighting the enemy. No Christian belief teaches such a thing.

The local members of the Legislature certainly do put it all over the veterans. Two political appointments have been made at the fall of the year, and all the satisfaction given the returned soldiers is that "next time we'll remember you."

According to the report of the Storrington fair, "Doc" Freeman, of Inverary, is a wonder in the knitting and crocheting line. The prize list shows him winning firsts for ladies' underwear and slippers. Well done, "Doc."

The Allies may be a strong, but onions are stronger. The Lampman met a duffer who said he never knew their real strength till this week, when he got saturated with them. He believes that the war might be

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LAKE SEAMEN MAY STRIKE.

The Referendum to be Concluded Next Monday.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The referendum on a strike of 8,000 great lakes seamen, firemen and others is to be concluded next Monday, according to assertions to-day by Chicago leaders. The resolution being voted on provides for a strike on October 1 of all members of the seamen's union and the marine firemen, oilers and water tenders' union if the Lake Carriers' Association before that has not agreed to extend the provisions of the Atlantic agree-

ment to the lakes. These two unions have a combined membership of 8,000, and a walk out would be followed by a strike of 2,000 members of the Marine Cooks' Union, it is declared.

Sir Robert Borden, in company with Speaker Rhodes, will leave at once for a fishing trip up the Gatineau River. They expect to return to the Capital in about ten days.

In New York Alice S. Burton, Green River, Washington, is suing Chapell & Co. for \$100,000, claiming that she wrote "Tipperary" and that the firm appropriated it.

FEAR ANOTHER WINTER.

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THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

Speaking of Dr. Chown's statement regarding the temptations to which Canadian soldiers are subjected in England, one is led to remark that life would not be worth living if there were no temptations. But one does not have to go to England for them. They stalk the streets of Kingston day and night.

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