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THE HISTORY OF THE TANKS

Proves the Great Value of Having Many Advisers.

THEY CAME INTO BEING

AS RESULT OF LONG, STEADY AND CO-ORDINATED EFFORT

By Many Men Acting Under the British War Office, the Admiralty and the Minister of Munitions.

One man or one department of the British Government can take credit for "inventing" the tanks...

In the autumn of 1914, when the belligerents on the western front had settled down to trench warfare...

From among the numerous types of tractor-inspected the most satisfactory was found to be a caterpillar with an endless self-laid track...

The new machines were of two slightly different types. One was called the male type, and was armed with two Hotchkiss quick-firers...

The first "tanks" were all painted in camouflage style for purposes of concealment, and each "tank" had its own name, like a ship.

There is no doubt that the element of surprise had much to do with the extraordinary success of the tanks on their first appearance.

Our foot messengers, for some reason or other, never get into our ditches...

PRESERVE OUR HUMOR.

Let the Boys in the Trenches Teach Us a Lesson.

Stephen Leacock tells us somewhere that the spark of primitive humor was struck from the head of an unsuspecting cave-man...

Some of the political speeches and writings in the recent election campaign, so far from exciting wrath and angry reprisals, only excited merriment in those gifted with a saving sense of humor.

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"The mud may reach your armpits— But so it does the Hun!"

Have Canadians at home forgotten how to laugh? Do the oratorical flights of the political periodicals represent the only sense of humor we possess?

A London paper received in Canada contains the following: In kilts and sporrans, a grey-headed, robust Canadian soldier, attached to one of the Canadian Scottish regiments, was charged at Westminster with assaulting a young man at South Kensington.

To Make Victoria Crosses. A bronze gun captured by the Canadian troops overseas from the Germans will be used by the British authorities for the manufacture of Victoria Crosses.

GERMANY WANTS PEACE

NOW SEEKS PROFIT OF WAR IN POLAND.

The Meaning of the Congress at Brest-Litovsk Set Forth by Noted American Critic, Who Says That the Warlords Have Altered Their Ideas of World Domination for the Present.

Part of the obvious efforts that will be made by the Germans to capitalize the Congress of Brest-Litovsk for their own peace propaganda purposes, its chief value and interest for the world lies in the fact that it furnishes a good index of things as they are at the moment in the world war.

The Congress of Brest-Litovsk is a concrete evidence of the fact that the Germans have on the present showing won the war in the east, but by the same token it discloses the fact that Germany has lost the war on the sea and in the West, and is seeking her profit in Poland, not in Belgium; in the Balkans, not in French Lorraine.

Peace made by negotiations between Germany and the Western powers now would amount to a transaction based upon the possession by Germany of Belgium and a small portion of France, and by the enemies of Germany of all Germany's colonies and the power to continue the paralysis of Germany's sea-borne commerce.

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The Congress of Brest-Litovsk will put in definite form the fruits of a military victory in the East. The frontiers and the arrangements made at this congress may prove permanent, may last for a number of years, unless the allied purpose to attain a real settlement is fought until a real settlement is attained.

The Western world knows very little about Eastern European conditions. It knows very little about the Balkan conditions in the war-weary, and the French and British public clearly perceive now that the integrity of France and Great Britain and for that matter of Belgium, is assured.

The question of Alsace-Lorraine and the Italian Irredentas, together with the question of indemnities for Belgium and France for wanton injuries, are all that remain to be settled before July, 1914.

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Experts and the Halifax Disaster

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The following article by Chauncey Depew is particularly applicable to-day in view of the Kaiser's speeches the past few days:

The God of battles is appealed to daily by the contending hosts, but when they speak of the God of the righteous, the poet Heinrich Heine, in a famous prophecy would resurrect from their graves the stone gods of their ancestors and the hammer of the Christian rule.

The French paper says that the men to be depended on now are not the more theorists, but the men actually engaged in the manufacture and handling of the chemical used in explosives.

It is not generally known that the banana is an annual. The fruit comes to maturity about a year after the shoot is planted, the trunk of the tree subsequently attaining a height of from eight to ten feet and a girth of thirty-six inches.

Erroneous death announcements are extremely dangerous in China. The Jih Pao, one of the leading daily papers printed in Chinese in Peking, was completely wrecked because of an announcement it printed of the death of General Chiang Kuei-ti of Jehol.

Beet-growing for the production of sugar is to be undertaken upon an extensive scale at Kellum, Notts. An estate of five thousand six hundred acres near the river at Newark has been secured by the British Sugar-beet Growers' Society for the purpose.

A White Elephant. Among the Burmese the possession of a white elephant stands as a sign and symbol of universal sovereignty.

GERMAN ATROCITIES ARE NOT FICTION

United States Officer-Saw Belgian Babies Impaled on German Bayonets.

New York, Jan. 29.—German atrocities have been minimized one hundred times where they have been magnified once, members of the Red Cross Club were told Saturday by Capt. A. P. Simmons, a United States military observer in Germany during the mobilization, having been attached to the American embassy at Berlin.

"Don't let anyone tell you that German atrocities are merely fiction," Capt. Simmons declared. "One of the most grievous sights I ever saw was the impaling of babies on the ends of German bayonets and their return to frantic mothers, if you know the horrors that patient, suffering little Belgium has been through, your blood would freeze in your veins."

"We've got to sacrifice till the skin is worn down to the bones of our own gate. We'll pay, but not in the way Germany wants us to pay."

Capt. Simmons said the United States must send 5,000,000 men to France to make any showing, "for our enemy is fortified by almost impregnable forces."

MAKE ADULTERY A CRIME. Neighborhood Workers to Seek Legislation. Toronto, Jan. 29.—Having received reports of an alarming increase in cases of adultery in the city, the Neighborhood Workers Association have decided that the only remedy lies in making adultery a criminal offence under the law.

IN A FIERCE FIGHT. Russians Fail to Cut Their Way Through Rumanians. Petrograd, Jan. 29.—Serious fighting has taken place in the neighborhood of Galatz, near the border, according to the report received from Austrian Headquarters at Brest-Litovsk.

NEW ORANGES! Oranges, 30c, 40c, 50c and 70c dozen. California Apples, 30c, 40c, and 50c dozen; Grape Fruit, 4 for 25c and 3 for 35c; Choice Pears, 6 for 25c; Lemons, 50c and 40c dozen.

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IT PUT ME BACK ON JOB" SAYS STEVENS

Says It is Astonishing the Way Tanlac Overcame His Troubles.

The stomach regulates the condition of the blood and is the fountain head of health or disease as the case may be. Tanlac is intended primarily for the regulation of the stomach and the correction of catarrhal inflammation, but it is so uncommon thing for persons who have used it, to find it has relieved them, not only of indigestion but also of rheumatism, kidney derangements and many other ailments not generally recognized as having their origin in stomach trouble.

"Off and on for several years I have been bothered with my kidneys and have had frequent pains in the small of my back. So, during the past summer I had an attack which completely disabled me for doing anything in the way of work. I simply had to give up my job, which was paying me seven dollars a day, and go to bed. If my back had been broken it couldn't have hurt worse. It was something like lumbago, and extended all down through my hips and the muscles and leaders of my legs. I could hardly bear to turn over in bed, the pain was so severe, and the only way I could raise myself up in bed was by catching hold of the bed-post, and when I did get up I was barely able to hobble around. Well, I was laid up this way for two months and while I tried the best things I knew of, I never did get up and out until I got Tanlac.

"One day I saw a Tanlac testimonial from a man I know personally, so I decided to try it. I was flat on my back in bed when I began on Tanlac and it may seem astonishing, but it's a fact, by the time I finished my first bottle I was able to go back to work and I haven't lost a day from that time until now. My kidneys don't bother me any more, my back never hurts and I'm enjoying fine health. Tanlac is sold in Kingston by A. P. Chown, and in Plover by Gilbert Ostler."

LAWYERS LOSE JOBS. First Economy Order of United States Government. Washington, Jan. 29.—Railroads were ordered by Director-General McAdoo to dispense with the services of legislative and political agents and all attorneys not engaged in the performance of necessary legal work, and to observe strictly the law regulating fees, pages.

Kent County Council voted \$15,000 for Young Men's Christian work and \$60,000 for the Patriotic fund.

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