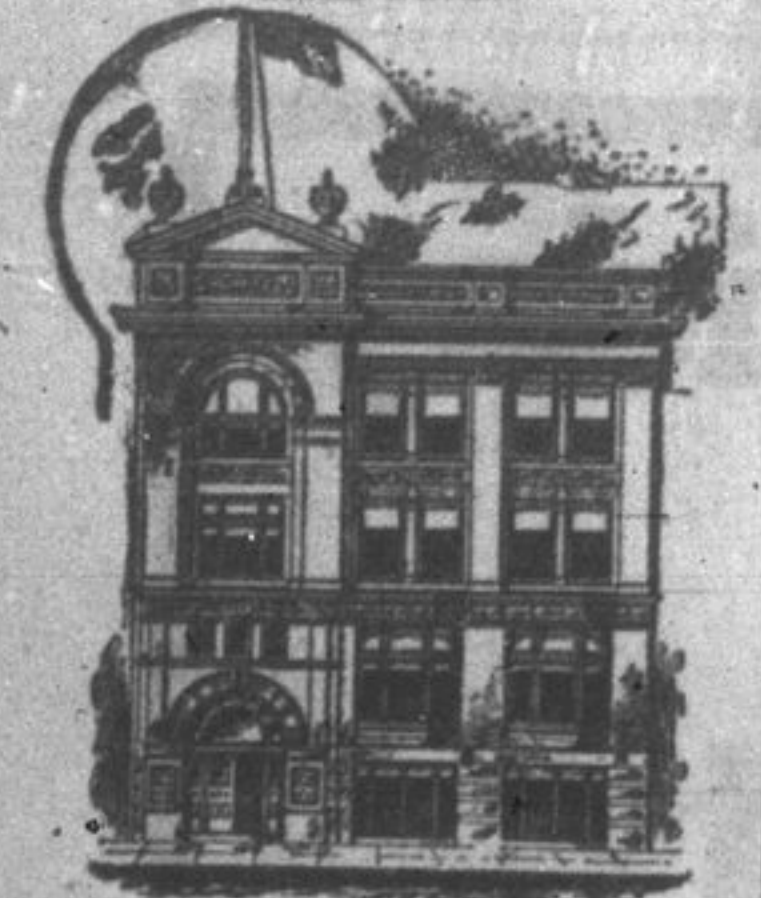


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The Toronto Star remarks that the way enemy airmen are being brought down suggests that the Germans will have to use spades for many of their aces.

"Another German Tells the Truth," runs a newspaper heading. Such a rare bird ought to be attached to a travelling circus where everybody could see him. The species is nearly extinct, and the few remaining specimens have value as curiosities.

Jews throughout the world are being called upon to join the Jewish Legion, which is to guard Palestine. Such a call should appeal to the loyalty of the race. Britain has freed their native land from the oppressor, and it remains with the sons of Zion to help keep it free.

The Halifax Herald makes the sinking of the hospital ship Llandovery Castle a reason for a campaign for the apprehension of alien enemies in Halifax. The question naturally arises, why should any enemy aliens be allowed their liberty in Canada to-day? Not one of them can be trusted.

American women are being urged to wear a black band on the arm instead of the usual mourning apparel in respect for some member of the family who has fallen in war. The movement is being led by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, and is endorsed by President Wilson. The new custom began in England, and would appear to be a sensible one.

Some of the first roads to be repaired under provincial control are said to be those in Frontenac and south Leeds. We trust a beginning will be made on the main road between Lansdowne and Escott, which is one of the worst in Eastern Ontario.

The officials of the Ontario Good Roads Association were driven by auto to Gananoque, via Seely's Bay. The city's representatives could have impressed upon the visitors the great need for good roads in Frontenac by taking them down the Front road to Gananoque. "Safety First" must have prompted the choice of the better road via Seely's Bay.

"I tried not to let you know," writes Pte. Louis Lalonde, Gananoque, to his mother after hearing that she had been notified that he was wounded, "as I knew it would make you worry all the more." The boy who thus respects his mother, and tries to shield her from worry, is every inch a man. Once again it is proven that the bravest are the tenderest, the loving are the daring. Lalonde adds that he "expects to get back in the line soon." The courage and the cheerfulness of these Canadian lads at the front add lustre to the name of Canada.

Commenting upon the sale of the Ottawa Indicator to a junk dealer for \$400, the Toronto Telegram remarks: "The community is poorer, the province is poorer, and the nation is poorer for every local paper that disappears from its ancient place of public service. It is not in the interests of the city, much less in the interests of the country, that all localities of a province should depend on the big dailies for newspaper service and leadership." The

Telegram is absolutely right. The big city daily can never take the place of the small city or country daily or weekly. They occupy a place in the life of the community particularly their own, and fulfill a duty no other medium can replace. Loyalty to the home newspaper will pay big dividends in time.

HELPING RUSSIA TO COME BACK

The Allies are conferring as to the best means to be adopted to assist Russia, or to save her from the domination of Germany. To dispatch armed forces to Siberia would, while present conditions prevail, be very unwise. Until there is a distinct request for help issued by some responsible governing body in Russia, the Allies feel that intervention would only intensify the situation. Russia cannot be helped from without. She must first show that she prizes freedom and liberty enough to fight for it, even though the odds be against her. If her people will rally to the support of the new democracy they sought to establish, if they will take up the sword against the German invader, doubtless the Allies, if invited, will lend them every moral and material support possible.

In criticizing Russia's deplorable condition to-day we must not forget the splendid victories she won in the early days of the war—victories which went a long way toward saving the precarious situation on the western front. She performed an invaluable service to the Allied cause when in June, 1916, she drove the Austrian armies in flight toward the Carpathians, reconquered the whole province of Bukovina, captured over 200,000 prisoners and took thousands of guns. In this campaign she caused a vast and irreparable loss to the man-power of Austria and forced Germany to come to the aid of her ally, thus lessening the pressure on the western front.

In dealing with the helpless Russia of to-day, these facts must not be forgotten. The Allies have not been unmindful of Russia's needs, and whatever help can be given will not be withheld. It would be folly, however, to send supplies or money that might fall into the hands of factions friendly to Germany, and be used against us. Since the beginning of the war over \$750,000,000 worth of materials were sent by the United States alone to the Arctic ports of Archangel and Kola, where a state of war now exists. In 1917 the shipments to the two ports totalled \$314,620,000, most of which, through lack of railway transportation, probably remains there. Since the beginning of this year \$3,000,000 worth of supplies have been sent. Including materials sent to the Pacific port of Vladivostok, the United States has sent to Russia, altogether, goods to the value of \$1,080,000,000 since the war began. The figures regarding British aid are not available, but it is safe to assume that Britain, too, has done her part. These supplies are being guarded by Allied soldiers, awaiting the day when they can be handed over to a government representative of the Russian people. The signs point to a re-awakening of the nation. The country has been betrayed by German sympathizers, but the people are rising in revolt against the insolent invader who is once more showing that he entertains no respect for treaties. One is justified in believing that Russia will in time throw off the yoke of bondage and take her place again by the side of her Allies.

THE END OF THE RUSSELLITES

Under the above caption the Montreal Herald deals at considerable length with the International Bible Students' Association, its leaders and their much discussed and widely condemned book, "The Finished Mystery." Inasmuch as officers of the Kingston Association have criticized the Whig for its attitude in regard to the propaganda carried on by this body, it may not be out of place to quote the views of our contemporary touching this movement, its origin and its purposes: "The action taken by the Canadian authorities against the Russellite sect—of which we have a reminder in the penalty of \$500, or one year in jail, inflicted on a Guelph man for having copies of 'The Finished Mystery' in his possession—is being reflected in the United States. The leaders of the International Bible Students' Association, the Russellite organization, have been sent to the Federal prison at Atlanta, Georgia, for terms of twenty years or less, for seditious utterances. It is thought that this will put an end to the sect founded by the late Pastor Russell. "The growth of this sect was remarkable. It had adherents in Canada and in practically every other country in the world, while in the United States it had in the neighborhood of 100,000 victims. For many years Pastor Russell's 'sermons' were distributed broadcast in books and pamphlets, and they were also published in newspapers at regular advertising rates. It was not his hare-brained interpretation of the Scriptures that made Pastor Russell and his followers a menace

to a nation at war, but to his theories about patriotism. One sample from the 'Finished Mystery,' his posthumous work, will show the trend of the book: 'The three fundamental truths of history are man's fall, his redemption and his restoration' (millennial kingdom). Standing opposite to these Satan has placed three great untruths—human mortality, the anti-Christ, and a certain delusion which is best described by the word patriotism, but which is in reality murder, the spirit of the very devil.' To describe patriotism as the spirit of the very devil was obviously to preach sedition, but the book went further and by many cunning so-called 'interpretations' of the Scripture, purported to show that Germany was an innocent lamb, furthering the work of God. "The founder of the sect, Charles Taze Russell, was a shrewd American shirt-seller some forty-five years ago. One day when reading certain chapters in Revelation, it occurred to him that the mysteries in the book had never been properly explained, and that by a fortunate coincidence he was qualified to elucidate them. This he proceeded to do, at first to his customers, and then, as they faded away, to any idle crowd that he could get to listen. He concluded presently that there was more money in expounding the Scriptures by his own methods, than in selling shirts, and with unusual business enterprise he launched out to establish a new sect. He got hold of a little paper called Zion's Watch Tower, in which his theories were set forth, and preached that the end of the world was at hand. "He said that the world would end in October, 1914, but as that date approached with no particular sign of the millennium, Russell began to hedge, and explained that the date was approximate, and also intimated that his good offices had been employed to postpone an event for which many were so obviously unprepared. His followers were by no means alienated when the date to which they had been taught for years to look forward passed without much happening, and right up to his death Russell held the awestricken esteem of many thousands of people, who took seriously his own claim that he was the seventh messenger from Christ, in direct line from St. John, St. Paul, Arius, Waddo, Wycliffe and Luther. When he died some eighteen months ago and considerably before the millennium, it was found that he had made most specific plans for the continuance of his propaganda. He left a great fortune, perhaps, running to the mil-

lions, and all derived from playing upon the religious credulity of his followers."

PUBLIC OPINION

Transportation of Coal. (Boston Herald) You get a better glimpse of the coal problem when you find that one week's movement of coal equals the movement of the entire American wheat crop.

Gone From There. (Toronto Globe) Punch says a case of sleeping sickness has been reported in Scotland, and adds that "this seems incredible in a country where the bagpipes flourish." Punch forgets that it is in France and Flanders that the bagpipes prevent sleeping sickness.

Dr. Cody's Chance. (Toronto Telegram) If Hon. Dr. Cody gets closer to educational heart of the country and cuts off those superficial adornments that time and theorists have added to the daily school programme he will have done a work that will make a grateful province absolutely careless as to whether he is canon, rector or minister. He will be regarded simply as a public benefactor.

A Contrast. (Buffalo News) Geneva dispatches report the populace of Germany nervous and hysterical and vehemently demanding a adequate protection from allied bombing expeditions. Since the beginning of the war English and French civilians have been subjected to enemy aerial raids and the toll of innocent life has been great. But the morale of these people has not deteriorated; their courage has not cracked under the strain nor their confidence and determination lessened.

THEY SHALL NOT PASS.

By Allison Brown of the Vigilantes. They shall not pass, While Britain's sons draw breath, While strength is theirs to strike with shining sword. They shall not pass, Except they pass to Death— For British fighting men have pledged their word.

They shall not pass— For France knows no defeat, Nor hesitates to nobly pay the price. They shall not pass, Till brave hearts cease to beat, And none shall stand to fall, in sacrifice. They shall not pass— America will stand, As long as lips can answer her, "I come." That Freedom's children rise to call their home, To strike the loved land, They shall not pass.

Rippling Rhymes

THE ONE INTEREST



WALT MASON.

I went last night to see the show, a play I've long adored; but little Eva's tale of woe just left me feeling bored. I saw Eliza cross the bay, but felt no pleasant thrill; for I was thinking of some way to can old Kaiser Bill. And Marks the lawyer hewed his gags, and failed to make me grin; my thoughts were all of little flags and swords and martial din. I went to see the baseball game, with cronies three or four; the pastime's pretty much the same as in the days of yore. But there was little whooping done, although the play was fine, for we were thinking of the Hun, of war across the brine. I knew not which team won or lost, and didn't seem to care; for everything on earth's a frost, save doings "over there." I do not care for printed books, for music or for art; there's nothing now but war, gadooks, that stir my weary heart. I do not care for politics, for statesmen and their spels, and snares, save war, and it's the goods. And it alone is worth our while, until our cause is won, until we've canned that thing of guile, the autocratic Hun.

—WALT MASON.

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