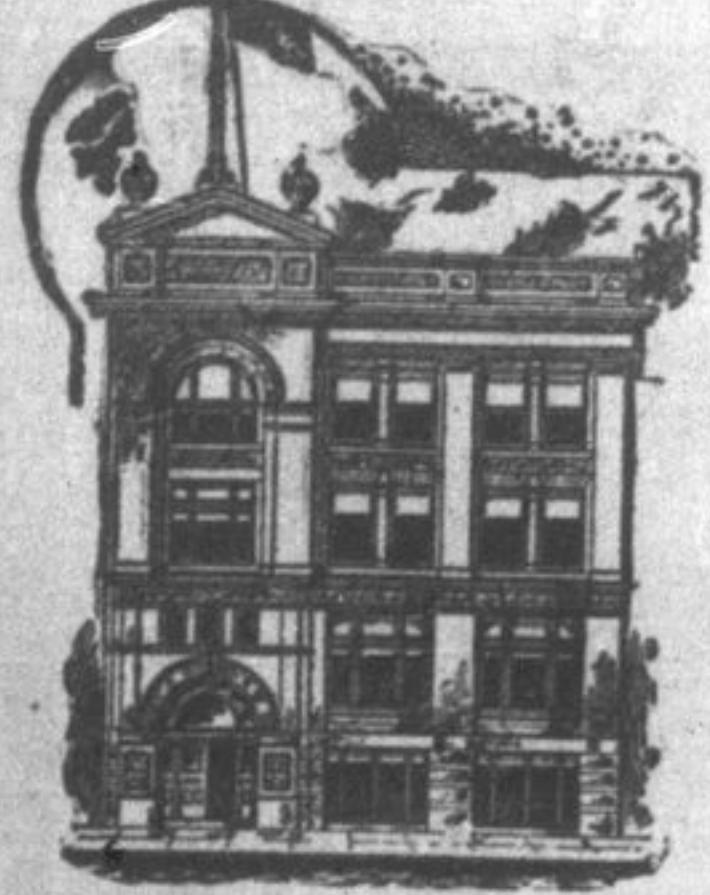


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The Teuton throne seems tottering.

The Kaiser whimpers that the Allies won't stop when he has them beaten!

The Yankee soldiers are showing baseball spirit in France. They have "a squeeze play" that is eminently successful.

A soldier defines "Somewhere" as the largest town in France, and says every civilian has at least one relative there.

No more Chinese labor is being imported into France. There are enough Germans behind the lines to do the work required.

"Why is it," is the question of the Germans, "that all the world is against us?" For the reason that we hate vipers, lizards, devils and smallpox!

Canada wants a clean cut victory over the Central Powers in this war; no compromise was Premier Borden's declaration at the war conference. Good!

Pershing's army is for the time being held up by the River Mad, near Metz. The Americans will be pretty mad if their progress is seriously delayed there.

It is good news to read that the gallant little Serbian army has had the pluck, after all its hardships, to attack the Bulgarians; it is better still to learn that they thrashed the Bulgars.

If Ottawa refuses to meddle with retail prices a consumers' "strike" may become necessary, comments the Toronto Globe. All the other strikers appear to get what they want.

The Prussians and the Bavarians are melting up the statues of dead kings. They are living in a bygone age; what is needed is a melting of the living kings, the cause of all their misfortunes.

The Food Board urges that fruit infected, or suspected of infection, with phenol, be not destroyed until its experts, who are searching for an antidote, have reported, so as to prevent waste of the fruit.

American guns are hammering the outer defences of the German fortress of Metz. The powerful guns and the high explosives of today can easily destroy the strongest bastions that man can build.

"We may be thankful," von Hindenburg tells the Germans, "that the war has been spared in our home territory." But before the war is over the Huns will realize what war on their "home territory" actually means.

Eugene V. Debs, four times Socialist candidate for the presidency of the United States, was on Saturday sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for violation of the Espionage Act. In Canada windy orators can still utter diabolical sentiments without fear of molestation.

A notable figure among the women of Canada has passed with the death of Mrs. J. C. Fessenden, the founder of Empire Day. Her patriotic zeal and service to the state will

long be an inspiration to the loyal women of the Empire she loved so well.

Toronto papers are complaining because property exemptions in that city have now reached the enormous total of \$39,000,000. Conditions in Kingston are almost as bad. No sound argument can be advanced in support of exemptions. Every decrease in exemptions means a decrease in the levy that each taxpayer must pay.

Bishop Lucas, of Mackenzie River diocese, told the General Synod in session at Toronto, that one of the workers there was getting only five tons of coal this winter to heat his house at \$160 per ton, or \$800 for his winter's supply. After reading that we have decided not to grumble any longer over what we are forced to pay here.

Bishop Fallon, back from the war front, told an audience at London, Ont., that General Currie had assured him that the stories of Hun atrocities were only too true. The general declared that he had seen little boys whose hands had been cut off, and added: "The war will never end, so far as I am concerned, until the Germans are given a taste of war on German soil." Nothing less than that will satisfy our men or the Allied nations behind them.

THE FASCINATION OF WAR.

After a short period in the army one frequently hears a young man declare: "This is the life. I wouldn't change places with a civilian under any circumstances. This is the life for me." A soldier already at the front writes to his friends: "This is the life. You don't know what you are missing. Why don't you get into the game?" Men recovering from wounds or on sick leave profess the utmost impatience to return to their comrades. The fascination of a life that seems to the observer so unattractive appears at first a curious problem in psychology. How account for it? It is the sloughing off of conventions, the appeal of the return to the primitive, that makes men ordinarily fastidious enjoy the hardships of a hunting or fishing trip?

The Ontario Post tells of a khaki-clad young man who solved the problem for himself by coming to the conclusion that it was because in the army social scale is obliterated. A man stands on his merits, not on his money or his ancestry; it is the heart of him, not his possessions, that counts. Moreover, the life broadens a man, enlarges his horizon; men are associated in a great endeavor, lifted up by a common ideal, and they develop a feeling of comradeship and fidelity to each other that unites them.

Perhaps a more cogent reason is that thousands of young men who have led easy, almost luxurious lives, intent only on the pay envelope and a good time, have been suddenly awakened to the fact that there is something in life worth living for. Something is stirred in them that had been unsuspected—a yearning toward energy, a wish to do the thing that counts. Many of them are made aware of the value, even the beauty, of discipline, something unknown before. Men who have been careless and thoughtless hear the voice of an ideal, and of a duty, which bids them offer life in its service. And with a happy heart they embark upon the great adventure.

HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT.

In the six months ending June 30th last the total sum distributed by the Canadian Y. M. C. A. in France, among the units of the Canadian Corps, was approximately \$80,000. This sum represented 5 per cent. of the gross daily receipts in the Y. M. C. A. canteens in the corps area. The distribution among the various units in the division was made according to the ratio strength of the units. Accompanying each monthly cheque for the proportion of receipts returned to the units is a slip of paper on which is printed:

"The Canadian Y. M. C. A. trusts that the troops to whom these comforts are distributed can be made aware that the articles come from the association as part of our regular service in the field, which is made possible by donations from the people of Canada and through the profits on our canteen operations, and that the articles are not a government issue."

Writing to Capt. W. B. Hurd, senior officer, Y.M.C.A., 2nd Canadian Division, France, Lieut.-Col. G. J. F. Murphy, O.C. No. 6 Canadian Field Ambulance, acknowledges receipt of a cheque and expresses the sincere thanks of all ranks for the money.

"We all sincerely appreciate the excellent work you are doing for the comfort and amusement of the troops," he writes. "In using this money in rations and comforts for our men they shall be informed as to the donor. With regards to the contemptible article which appeared in a certain paper, I would beg to say on behalf of all officers and other ranks of this unit that we

trust the Y. M. C. A. will take no notice of this, inasmuch as their good work and general utility to the army is too well known to us all that any association could change the high opinion and esteem in which your association is held."

The Catholic Army Huts movement, which is doing a similar work abroad—is appealing to Kingstonsians this week for funds to "carry on." These associations, which are doing so much for our men in the field, are deserving of generous support. Lend them a hand. Meet the canvassers this week with a smile and a generous donation.

PUBLIC OPINION

The New Commandment.
(Chicago Journal)
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it wholly without gasoline.

The Behindenburg Line.
(Brantford Expositor)
The Allies are rapidly converting the Hindenburg line into the Behindenburg line.

Wouldn't Have a Look In.
(Rochester Post-Express)
If there were direct parallels in Finland it is doubtful if any member of the Hohenzollern family could get the nomination for king.

War as a Rejuvenator.
(St. Louis Republic)
Many a man who thought it would soon settle down and be a nice old gentleman is "kicking himself" as a "boy" in France since the last draft call went out.

An Awful Penalty.
(Toronto Star)
Don't lose your registration card. Some of these days you will be called upon to show it—perhaps you will not be allowed to get out of church unless you have it with you.

Trouble For Hunland.
(London Free Press)
The bombing season is rapidly approaching, when the long nights will cover the movements of flocks of bombing machines. The Allies have prepared a large programme, in this direction, and the staying powers of the German people must withstand this further test or gove way. And there will be some room for surprise if the ordeal is not more than the disciplined German mind can forbear.

Mutual Disgust.
(London Advertiser)
American poets and advertising writers have been placed in the same class as being members of an essential industry. Beasley, says the poet! Abominable, says the ad writer! The one is angry and the other is raving! An ad writer being classified with art, sniffs the poet! Those long-haired ginks, dignified by being teamed with a useful, industrious profession, stories the ad writer! Gen. Crowder, who arranges these matters for Uncle Sam, must have smiled as he did it.

J. Irwin, Trenton, had the misfortune to have his hand severely bruised while working about a car, which had gone off the track.

Miss Emma Wallace, formerly on the Tweed public school staff, has accepted a position on the teaching staff at Caledonia, Ont.

Charles Burd, Lime Lake, is dead. He was found in a cattle yard. He was a well-known resident and was advanced in years.

Wolfe Island Fair, Wednesday, Sept. 18th. Trial of speed and ball games. Boat leaves 11 and Brook Street, 8.45, 10.15 and 11.30 a.m. and 1.45 and 3 p.m. Dance in C.M.B.A. Hall in evening. Boat leaves 8.15 p.m. Everybody come.

Rippling Rhymes

AFFLICTED FRANCE

The war has knocked things out of plumb; our comforts go, privations come, but let us on our woes be dumb, and think of France. It costs a bit to buy our rice, our succotash and prunes and lee, but let us promptly pay the price, and think of France! Our towns are standing on their sites; no bombs drop in and spoil our nights; to fuss and fret we have no rights—let's think of France! There is a stranger on our shore to paint the landscape red with gore and make some busy Bertha roar, but think of France! When I'm inclined to droop and mope, and lose my hold on faith and hope, discouraged by some speller's dope, I think of France. Some old time luxury I miss, some vanished comfort spoils my bliss; and then I hoot myself and hiss, and think of France! I hear men growl, with arctic feet; they find it hard to make ends meet, and then my message I repeat, "Oh, think of France!" I hear dames grumble here and there because they have no rags to wear, and I remark, "Oh ladies fair, pray think of France!" Our ills are trifling things and brief, in one short hour they find relief; if we would know the soul of grief, we'll think of France.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



AS I GO ON MY WAY,
My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done—
Leave countless marks for good or ill ere sets this evening's sun.
Shall fair or foul its imprint prove on those my life shall hail?
Shall benison my impress be, or shall a blight prevail?
When to the last great reckoning the lives I meet must go,
Shall this wee, fleeting touch of mine have added joy or woe?
Shall He who marks their precious clear—of name and time and place—
Say: "Here a blessed influence came," or "Here is evil's trace?"
From out each point of contact of my life with other lives,
Flows ever that which touches him who for the summit strives.
The troubled souls encountered—does it sweeten with its touch, or does it more embitter those embittered overmuch?
Does love through every handclasp flow in sympathy's caress?
Do those that I have greeted know a newborn hopefulness?
Are tolerance and charity the keynote of my song?
As I go plodding onward with earth's anger, anxious throng?
My life must touch a million lives in some way ere I go.
From this dark world of struggle to the land I do not know.
So this the wish I always wish, the prayer I ever pray:
Let my life help the other lives it touches by the way!

Seven Sentence Sermons.
Talent shapes itself in stillness; character in the tumult of the world.—Goethe.
Trials are God's vote of confidence in us.—Dr. F. B. Meyer.
March on, my soul, nor like a laggard stay.
March swiftly on, yet err not from the way.
Where all the nobly wise of old have trod,
The path of faith made by the sons of God.
—Henry van Dyke.

Work and don't whine.—Samuel Johnson.
By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John 13:35.

Friends, in this world of hurry,
And work and sudden end,
If a thought comes quick of doing,
A kindness to a friend,
Do it that very moment!
Don't put it off—don't wait!
What's the use of doing a kindness
If you do it a day or two later?
—Lord Alton of Liverpool.

There are moments in the life both of men and nations, both of the world and of the church, when vast blessings are gained, vast dangers averted, through our own exertions—by the sword of the conqueror, by the genius of the statesman, by the holiness of the saint.—Arthur Penrhyn Stanley.

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