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GOSSIP HEARD ON THE SIDE

WITH SOME TIMELY COMMENT ON VARIOUS MATTERS.

Police Look for Lively Times if Ban is Lifted on Liquor—Busy Days for the Doctors and Drug Stores—Citizens Fighting the "Flu."

The police look for some busy days if the ban is lifted on liquor. There are comparatively few liquor cases just now, but providing the liquor can easily be obtained it is believed that the police court will take on the air of the days before Sept. 16th, 1916, when a string of tipplers were lined up before the cad and fined \$1 and costs for their "night out."

It will certainly be a great temptation for some to hit up the pace if they can secure booze without much trouble.

All roads appear to lead to the drug stores and the doctor's office these days. The people regard the "flu" as they would smallpox, and are taking every precaution to fight it. The Whig files show that just twenty-five years ago Kingston had a large number of cases of influenza.

A citizen told the Whig that the man who, told Magistrate Farrell that he got under the influence of liquor on two per cent. beer was talking through his hat. He got in a couple of cases of it the other day, and declares that there was not enough "kick" in it to make him feel good. Our friend had better take some of these police court stories with a grain of salt in future.

A citizen remarked that the house in Portsmouth in which twins have been born on three occasions should be taken over by the Historical Society. The Portsmouth Council should have a picture of the house framed and put it in their hall of fame.

According to the gossip going the rounds, there are some store clerks in the city who do not give full measure when it comes to dealing out potatoes. There should be fifteen pounds to a peck, but it is stated that some clerks merely fill a paper bag which contains thirteen pounds. Potatoes are potatoes these days, and the purchaser should get all that is coming to him.

A husky chap who was brought down from London the other day to serve two years at Portsmouth

penitentiary for desertion sang "Good-bye Broadway, Hello France" as he was being taken out of his cell at the police station to enter a lair for the prison. He did not should have been singing "Good-bye France, Hello Penitentiary." Young men of this type should be made to go to the front and not given a prison sentence, as they are just laughing up their sleeve over the action of the judges.

People who have a grouch these days about different things should meet one of the troop trains coming into the city and see the smile on the faces of the men who have been overseas doing their "bit." It should be a sure cure for the blues. In spite of the fact that they have suffered much, these men are happy. And to think there is so much grumbling on the part of people who have been at home during all the time this great struggle has been going on. Surely it is time for the grouchers to put on the cigsure.

"FLU" HELPED SMASH HUN.

What Hon. N. W. Rowell Tells of His Visit to Front.

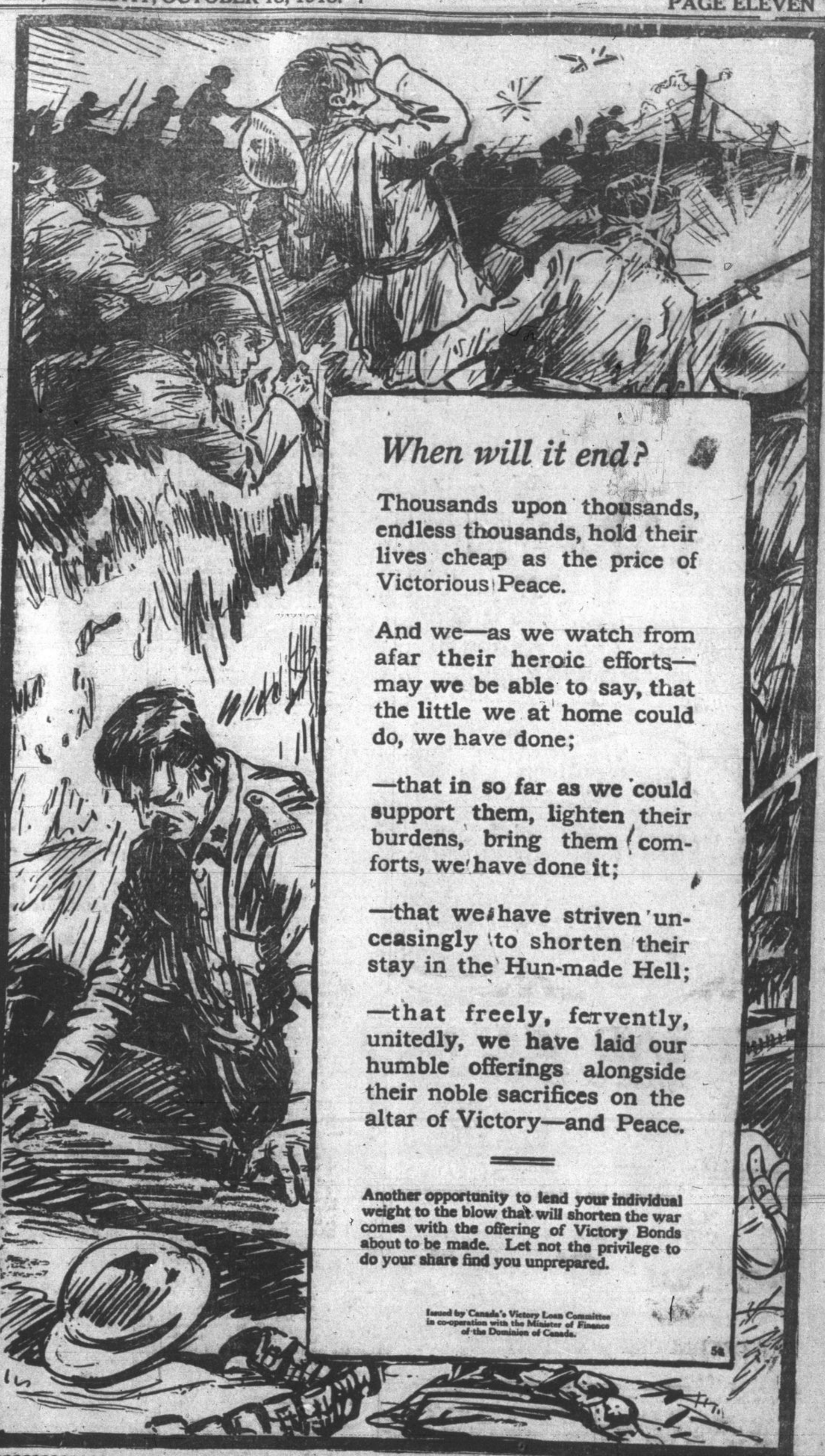
Hamilton, Oct. 18.—Hon. N. W. Rowell gives an interesting version of the present epidemic of Spanish "flu" which is at the present time causing so much unrest in Canada. "When I was over to the western front," said Mr. Rowell, "our party was warned that it would be better not to linger there, as the same disease was creating havoc in the enemy ranks. Prisoners who were brought in from the German lines told harrowing stories of the ravages of the "flu," stating that more men were lost through it than were sacrificed on the battle field.

"All Germany has suffered untold losses at the home base from the same disease, and now it has spread to our shores. But that pestilence," smiled the parliamentarian, "is nothing compared to the pest that is dogging their heels at the present time in the form of the British Bull Dog."

Mr. Rowell thinks that every precaution should be exercised in all cities to curtail the spread of the disease, including the closing of places where crowds are wont to gather.

When a girl tells a young man she dreams about him, it is up to him to propose or take to tall timber.

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