#### HOW THE COMPANY EARNED ITS **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

A STORY OF FLANDERS, BY. A.M.I.

talion were in a despairing mood. It fore, in no mood to interview the was the 23rd of December, Christmas angry Belgian. was two days away, and the quarter- "My cow-he been shot. De Soldat master had just announced that no she sott him. Me want you pay. Me special rations had arrived for Christ- | want you puneesh." "maconnachie." What a menu for a mer led the way, and, sure enough, Christmas spent in rest billets! The there was the cow, lying dead in the night previous they had left the front field, with a bullet through its heart. to billets in brigade reserve, some no one knew anything about the deed. two miles beyond the front line, The sniper was brought forward to thinking of the big Christmas din- examine the wound. He did so, and ner they were to have. But alas! feeling around inside, he triumpha daring German airman had dropped antly produced the bullet, which, by a bomb on their supply train, and the the way, he had stealthily taken from special rations had "gone west." his pocket before coming forward. Something had to be done.

the boys of "B" Company. Every a stray shot that killed your cow." spare franc was put into a general That ended the matter for a time. fund and a deputation set off to a The farmer next appeared at the near-by farm, owned by a Belgian quartermaster's hut, and appealed to whose home, considering its proxim- that officer to buy his cow. "See the ity to the trenches, had been singu- doctor," was his verdict, "and if he larly fortunate in escaping bombard- passes it as fit, I'll buy it." So far ment. Their purpose was to buy ev- the plot had worked nicely. ery fowl in sight in readiness for Christmas day. Very soon they re- the farmer, accompanied by the mediturned, wrathful and disconsolate. cal sergeant, walked across to where They had been given a warm recepthe dead cow lay. Kneeling down the tion by the farmer, who chased them Red Cross man made a minute examoff, calling them "thieving Canadi- ination of the cow, then gave his verens." The night before the P-. dict. P-'s had raided his hen coop, and "Poisoned," he said, "the meat is consultation was held, and little by has poisoned it. It will have to be little another plot was hatched. A destroyed at once, for safety." visit was paid to the quartermas- There was a great dread of bad meat ter and the medical sergeant, where being sold by the Belgians, and this hurried conversations were held, and was a precaution taken with all carbye-and-by the boys took on a more casses suspected of disease. So a facheerful air.

snipers, accompanied by his usual house, calling down curses upon those scout could be seen slinking away "verdamt Boches" who had shot his from the billets, rifle in hand, cow. The fatigue party built a huge Stealthily they passed the farm- fire as if to burn the carcase. But house, along a hedge, and into a before that was done the butcher apliftle wood just beyond. In the next peared and with quick strokes of his field a peaceful cow was taking a last great knife the choicest roasts were nibble of grass before sinking down cut from the animal and stealthily to rest. Up near the trenches the carried to the company cookhouse. flares were lighting the darkness and The skin and useless parts were conthere was a desultory crackle of rifle signed to the flames, and when the fire. Suddenly there was a crack farmer returned, it was to weep over louder than the rest, and the cow, the sizzling remains of his beloved without a sound, dropped to the brindle

The boys of the -th Canadian Bat- | gade staff officers. He was, there-

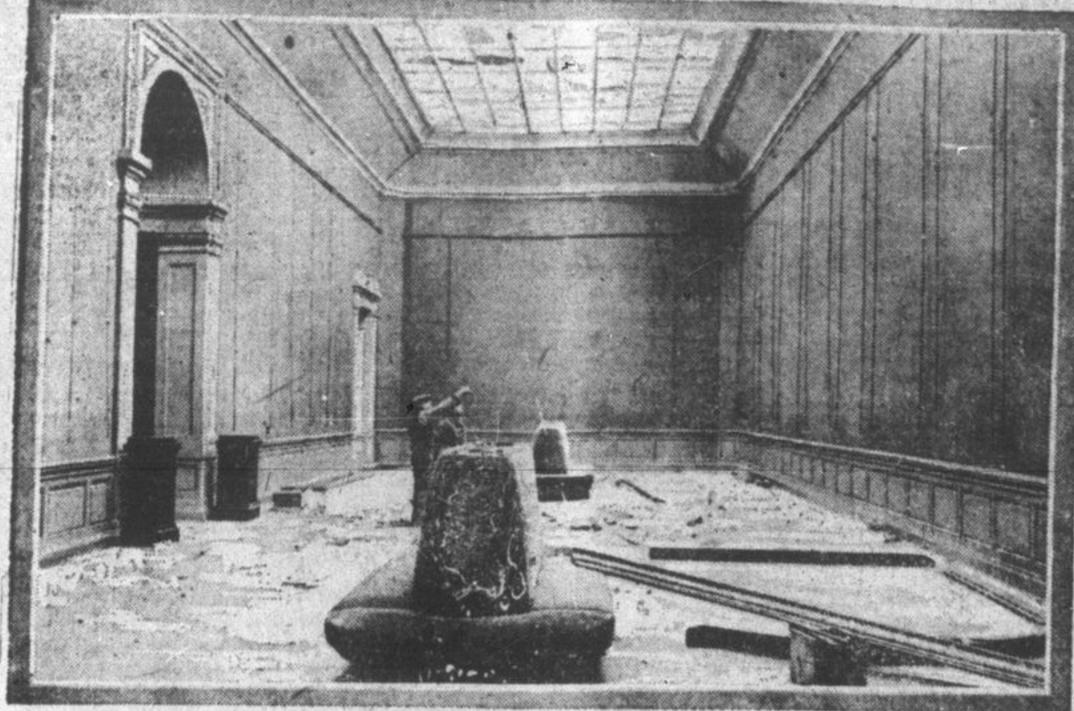
mas, and that the fare for that day | The colonel glared at him. "Shaw would be "hard tack," "buily" and me the brute," he shouted. The farline trenches and had trudged back A parade was called, but, of course, "Why, it's a Fritzie bullet," exclaim-A council of war was held amongst ed the colonel. "It must have been

After a few moments' conversation

tigue party was called, and the far-That night one of the company mer trudged slowly back to his

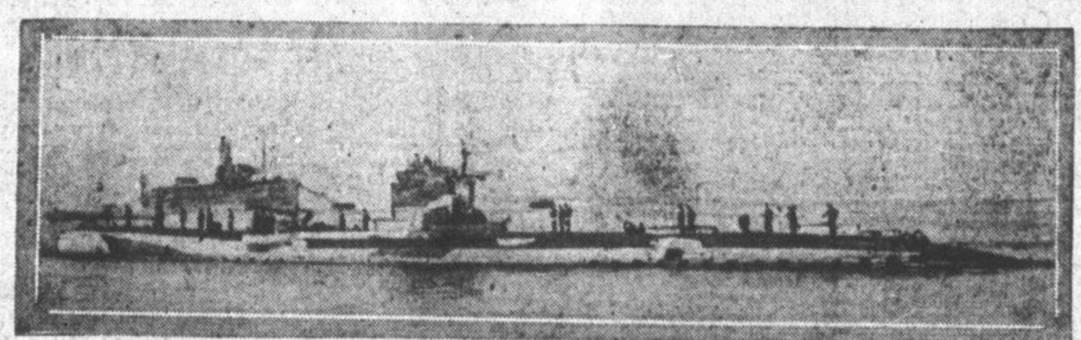
Next morning, at the first streak of But the next day a great feast was dawn an irate and exposulating in progress in the billets of "B" Comfarmer rushed into the camp and pany. Luscious, steaming roasts went straight to the colonel's hut, were in each room. Vegetables had where the colonel was still snoring, appeared, apparently from nowhere, who, at that moment, the most popu- amount subscribed to the last Liberty keep his ignorance concealed.

WHEN THE HUNS HAD PASSED



This is one of the rooms in the Valenciennes Art Museum as it was immediately after the German evacuation. Everything, even down to the small bronze statuettes on the pedestals at the door was stolen and carted off to Germany. There were pictures valued at three and one half million francs on the end wall. The guide in the centre is pointing out to a Canadian the empty place once occupied by a great masterpiece. After the Boche had left he shelled the building and the walls are pitted by shrapnel bullets. not a single bird was left. Another no good. The gas from the bullet

#### NABBED!



This photograph shows one of the big German submarines recently surrendered off Harwich. It will be noticed that the white ensign has replaced the German flag. At her bow the wire-cutting apparatus is plainly visible for shearing through steel nets. The huge type of gun these new submarines carried is shown on this boat.-British Official Photograph. Copyright.

after a long discussion with the bri- dinner the best ever. There were termaster and the medical sergeant. women.

whole family.

having been late in getting to rest and the boys voted their Christmas lar in the Canadian corps—the quar- Loan in Delaware was secured by The wings of thought bear us on

No man is a hopeless fool who can can be made to pay.

### The Man on Watch

Talking about snow-shovelling. transpires that some girls have to go should not be.

strength, but the Kingston labor men as well as those of conservative old have decided to fight their own bat- Kingston, whose people worry too tles without the aid of the employ- much over the size of the city's debt.

something going by moving again to successors to meet it, and perhaps do away with the Utilities Commis- some day they may even enjoy prosion and thus give the City Council fits from civic enterprises instead of

Aldermen are sorely tried. If a council starts to be progressive the people kick about the cost. If it keeps the tax rate trimmed, then it is called unprogressive, for it has not enough money to spend to be pro-

The labor people might come along and nominate enough of their friends I to constitute the whole city council. This perhaps would be a way of stimulating interest in council elections and bringing other factions into the field for a fight.

Now the Christmas days are here, but there is no joy for many, as there is a greater shortage of the joy stuff than ever before.

It cost the city council \$42,30 for the examination of wills at the sourt house, but look at what the assessor's searches yielded the city in additionsearches yielded the city in addition-

It struck the Lampman as strange that a number of prisoners serving the hair of dust, dirt or excessive oil, terms in the Portsmouth and other prisons were not pardoned in honor of the close of the war. What is the matter with the Canadian Government anyway that it could not liberate some of those human beings who are behind walls and bars for minor offences? It is not yet too late to extend mercy at this Christ-

Business is business, and even a fair cannot succeed unless some money is put into it, just like any other business.

Association has a lassoo around the to grow long, strong and beautiful. fair king, who is going to boost their You can surely have pretty,

ation, the Lampman might state that fer and try it as directed

it was Ald. John Litton who made the first humbugs that were sold in Kingston, and also the first candy offered for sale on the Kingston market place, and not a Scotchman, as

The Lampman is beginning to unto work at 6.30 in the morning. This derstand why Kingston debentures sell higher than those of many other places. The debentures of the pro-They say that in union there is gressive towns perhaps do not yield The debt will take care of itself, and we have the satisfaction of knowing Perhaps an alderman may start that there will be sufficient of our paying taxes.

THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

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