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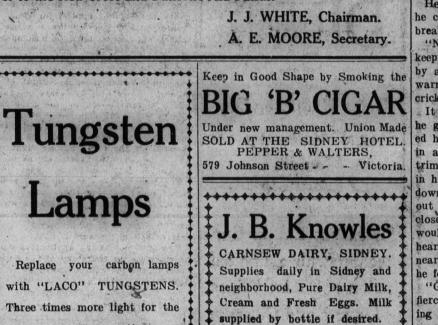
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## The Machine Gun Fund

AT THE MEETING OF THE MACHINE GUN SUBSCRIBERS HELD LAST THURSDAY EVENING, THE FOLLOWING NOTICE IN REGARD TO THE CLEARING UP OF THIS MATTER WAS AUTHOR IZED TO BE SENT TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS AND TO APPEAR IN THE ADVERTISING COLUMNS OF THE REVIEW FOR FOUR CON-SECUTIVE ISSUES:

#### Sidney. B. C., December 17, 1915.

Dear Sir or Madam, You are hereby notified that at a meeting of the subscribers to the Machine Gun Fund held here on the 16th inst., it was decided to return the amount paid by you, if demanded, or you are at liberty to instruct the Merchants Bank to transfer immediately your amount to any of the war funds you desire. At the expiration of thirty days from date any balance found on hand will be equally divided and paid over to the Red Cross and Patriotic Aid Funds.



# **ROBERT AND SANTA CLAUS**

Robert lived with his Aunt Flor-| Santa Claus brightened. Ah! nice ence. He was sitting by the fire children, yours," he said amiably. "I thinking about Christmas. Aunt will be calling, upon them later. In a British bulldog and a box of sold-Florence was knitting.

"Aunt Florence," said Robert (she Robert." wasen't the kind of aunt you call will come to our house this year."

"Ne, indeed!" snapped Aunt Florence. "There! You made me drop a Florence dosent believe in me, so I compliments and best wishes from stitch! To begin with there isn't can't get down her chimney. That's Santa Claus." such a person as Santa Claus, and even if there were, he wouldn't come have to hand my present in at the that she took the toys without a word

such a sigh that it floated right up be done." the chimney. Now it happened that Santa Claus was at that moment flying over the chimney, and he heard what Aunt Florence said, and Robert's tremendous sigh.

this will never do!" And off he flew home, thinking about Robert and Aunt Florence. He knew quite well that if Aunt Florence wouldn't believe in him he could never get down her chimney; for the odd thing about Santa Claus is that he can only come down the chimneys of houses where people really believe in him. So how was Robert to get his present? Santa Claus couldn't find an answer right

But at breakfast next morning he mouth. "I'll go in plain clothes and look like an ordinary person, and then Aunt Florence will have to let me into the house."

He was so pleased at the idea that he called for another egg, and began breakfast all over again.

keeping the cold out," he cried. And by and by he set off in his sleigh as warm as toast and as merry as a cricket.

It was a very dark night and when he got to the lane where Robert lived he left his reindeer and his sleigh trimmed robe inside the sleigh, and nearer the hedge; but the next minute yards each side of the battery, and he felt two men seize him.

ing badges. "Oh, bother! Special have a single reply. Next morning front: constables," he said.

stable.

why I am in plain clothes. I'll just

door. It is not a bit the proper way, "Oh!" said Robert; and he gave and I hate doing it, but it's got to bed next morning he rushed down the compliments."

"Will you really?" said Santa. 'How splendid of you. Then I shan't have to go to the door. I must say I prefer chimneys." Hurrying the Constables to his

sleigh he thrust a ball, a picture book the meantime I must get a parcel to iers into their hands, then he jumped into his cozy fur robe and rode off. "But-er-what about getting up As he dashed noislessly past Robert's auntie), "do you think Santa Claus the chimney?" said the First Con- house he saw the two Constables handing in his gifts to Aunt Florence

"Won't do," replied Santa. "Aunt and saying, "For Master Robert, with

and when Robert saw them by his stairs next morning shouting loudly, "Let us take it," cried the Consta- "Aunt Florence, Aunt Florence, Sanbles. We'll hand it in with your ta Claus has been here after all."-London Leader.

### "By my reindeer!" he muttered, WATCHED ARTILLERY MEN GIVE DEMONSTRATION IN THE OPEN

The following extracts taken from large loss of life before the first few a letter received last week by Mrs. lines are taken that by the time com-George Findlay, of James Island, paratively open ground has been from her brother, Pte. Dennis Green, reached, disorganization has set in who was well known in Sidney, will and before reinforcements can come no doubt be of much interest to his up the enemy has consolidated a new many friends here.

a bit of a demonstration and gave and then we will see what happens. got an idea. "I know," he said, cram the Germans a particularly hot time. The Loos attack gave great promise We shelled their trenches and a town and we were all on the alert, but unjust behind their lines. The Germans fortunately it did not pan out. . I must be holding this line very thinly could write you lots about it, but at present, as they replied very poor-

A light battery located itself near there, also the Guards division. "Nothing like bacon and eggs for firing early next morning. It was other things. Have you seen Clifford it, which they couldn't very well help be able to look up Jimmie Armstrong doing owing to its position and lack then, as I have not seen him lately of cover, and commenced searching for it with shrapnel and high explosin a field. Then he tossed his fur lery men run and they had to quit in his plain dark clothes, he stole they returned to the 'strafing' quit best wishes for a cheery Christmas down the lane. He delt very odd with again when the shelling commenced. Year. they returned to the guns, beating it and a happy and prosperous New down the lane. Hence very out his splendid robe, so he kept close to the hedge, and hoped he would not meet any one. Soon he heard footsteps behind him. He crept heard footsteps behind him. He crept

he felt two men seize him. "Go away," said Santa Clause, fiercely. Then he saw they were wear ing hadges. "Oh bother! Special

position. However, one of these tim-"A few days ago our artillery had es I guess we will make the grade then there's our old friend the Cenly, in fact hardly 'strafed' us at all sor. The Highlanders did great work our headquarters the night before the have made quite a spiel of this so I bombardment and started in rapid guess I had better switch over to absolutely in the open and after about yet? There is a rumour that we are two hours firing the enemy located going out for a rest soon, so I will "I suppose you will be looking forward to Christmas now.. I wish I could drop in and have a good feed. Perhaps I may the year after. With

DENNY GREEN.

CYCLIST OFFICER THINKS WAR WILL SOON BE OVER.

An officer of the Canadian Cycling Corps writes as follows from the

