

END OF WAR NOT YET IN SIGHT

Interesting Sidelights Upon Situation in England Are Given in Letter

Mr. A. L. Cutmore, 11 Elizabeth street is in receipt of the following interesting letter from Sergt. Bowtle, now convalescing in England, after being gassed.

Shorncliffe, Eng., June 17, 1917.

Dear Gus:—Your of the 27th of May, just received this evening. Evidently with the aid of the U. S. A. Navy, the mail is coming along faster, as most of the letters have taken a month to get here, also, I received a letter with cuttings from the local paper from my life. It was a great surprise to me to hear of poor Len Mears and his brother. Gee! Gus war is certainly hell. Brantford is beginning to feel what people in England have felt since 1914. Earl Pitcher too, has gone "West"—and Gus, the "End" is not yet in sight, how many more will go "Under," yet it's hard to say, one can only wonder "Who" will "Return Home." Your Cousin I read was wounded well Gus when "wounded" that you are satisfied of knowing that you are "Safe" for a time at least I too, sincerely hope he will come through he. I've wondered if he stayed with the Battery, he would of escaped, but we can only say, "Thy Will be Done Oh Lord." By now, you will know that I've met "Bert O'Heron," and I sincerely hope Bert gets marked for Canada, he certainly isn't fit for France again. So I really think that "One" of the "Old Carriers" will return to Brantford, and of course I hope the others will too.

I volunteered for France some three weeks ago, but as N. Co. O's are short here, why they are at present holding on to us, but I guess one of these days we will get warned, however, I am quite confident of eventually returning Home, that I do not worry. Fritz though with his Air Raids on England, makes times unpleasant for us all, but we fellows, of course, have to be prepared to give our lives, what hurts us most, is the loss of the women and children in these raids, three times in the last two days, have we had to stand to. All our boys have to go to stables and stand by the horses, as for me, being Orderly Sergt. this week I've to go around, and see that everyone keeps under cover in the raid. Glad and I were in the raid, but this London Raid has been much worse, any way regarding loss of life. Now Reprisals are demanded so the Hun can be prepared to sample his own "Medicine," he will sure get it strong too. This last victory in the Ypres Salient is splendid knowing as I do, what a treacherous place it was to work in, I am jolly glad Fritz got "wallop" now to the time last year Gus, but



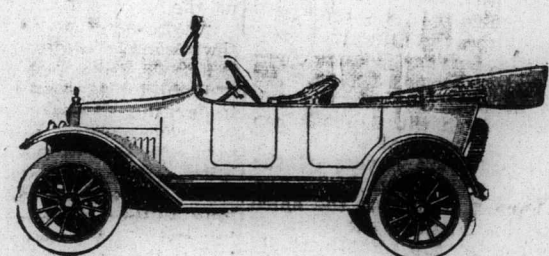
B rant Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

ed," but our casualties are heavy and have to be made good. Personally I think there are lots of dians most decidedly should be ready to fill the gaps in the Canadian ranks an Army on the line, I hope they "make good."

we're not "Starving" and we're not Downhearted either and if the Slackers in Canada won't come over and help us, why we who have had a taste in France, however, small will go and bite again in war. Tommy at the front on 24 hours a day, seven days a week at \$1.10, note the difference, we have on duty from 5 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. and then guards and pickets this week, I've been on duty seven days from 5 a.m. until 11.30 and midnight some nights no joke, but we can't go on strike there's no lying in bed on Sunday. After we return from church, our boys clean harness until noon, and then all are not free for the afternoon.

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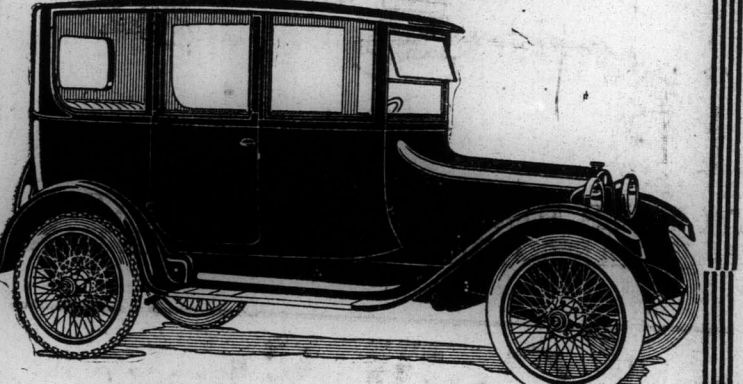
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think that something should be done to bring about "Peace" for the rising generation of England will be a "Nervous" one, for these raids test the nerves of even the best and again, what is to become of the tremendous surplus of women to my mind is a very serious question.

Write to me when you have time Gus, and address me at my Mother's, in case I get a shunt to France. Kindest thoughts to Mrs. C., yourself and the children.
As Ever,
ALF.

CAINSVILLE

(From our own Correspondent.)
Miss Nellie Abernethy, Chicago, spent a few days this week with Miss K. Campbell.
Mrs. Griswold, Sr., is visiting in Norwich.
Mrs. G. Robinson, city, spent one day last week with Mrs. Ayres.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Foulger, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hastings and Grenville and Mr. Cole motored to Guelph and spent Sunday there.
Miss J. Howell, Pittsburg, who is spending the summer here, accompanied by Miss Laura and Mr. Howell, motored to Hamilton on Friday and were the guests of Mrs. E. Solomon.
Sister Natalie and Mother Bonaventure, Hamilton, were the guests of Mrs. D. Hanley on Wednesday.
Mona Watson, Toronto, is spending a couple of weeks in our village. Miss R. Armstrong is visiting in



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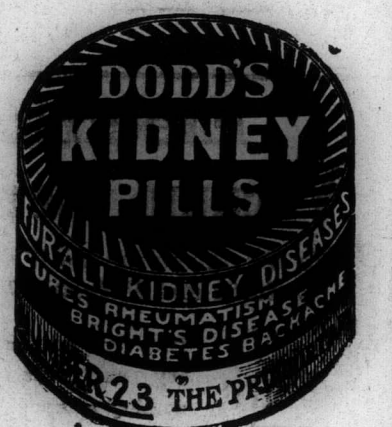
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(From Friday's Daily.)
"You are right," she admitted, "was I."
He remained silent. She was twisting her slim, delicate fingers in knots, and went on: "I did write asking him to see me. It wasn't pleasant. I asked him to do something for my brother. It was after I had made my final appeal to him that he promised to think over it. It was a week or two before his death that he sent, under cover, to me a packet addressed to my brother. It contained the forged checks and a curt note that that was all he might ever expect."
"I thought so," said Menzies. "This explains how Ling got those dead checks. There was an abusive letter written by Errol to your father, of which we found the charred remains in the grate. Whether through that letter or some other letter or threats made to the person the old man went in fear of his life."
Peggy shivered.
"By all the laws of probability Errol was the murderer. Even on the line of reasoning I have indicated, he was the most likely man. Mind you, even yet I am not sure. The motive of the crime is clear enough, and any one of the gang may have tired of waiting."
"It is possible—and a likely thing, considering the characters of the persons concerned—that his sense of grievance was deliberately worked upon to fan into flame the fierce hatred he nourished against his father. I'll own I held that theory strongly for a while. Later I abandoned it. He may have been an accessory, but may even have been in the house at the time that the murder took place, he certainly knew who was the murderer."
The tense look on Peggy's features was relaxed. She drew a long breath of relief. Menzies paused to refill his pipe.
"That is my opinion," resumed the detective, "and I'll tell you why. Mr. Hallett's call at Limestone Terrace Gardens could not have been foreseen. He was admitted and knocked out. Likely enough if the man who had hit him had had all his wits about him he would have finished the job. Anyway, subsequent events showed that the gang believed that he had caught a glimpse of the murderer's features and that as an awkward witness he must be intimidated or kept out of the way."
"Remember that Errol was only a tool in this conspiracy—a stool-pigeon. The rest of the gang would have been pleased to see him out of the way, so long as they were successful themselves. If I know anything of Gwennie Lyne and Ling, they would easily have arranged that if he had killed Grey-Stratton he should have been the scapegoat."
"That is to say," put in Hallett, who had been listening with an eagerness no less intense than the girl's, "that if it had been Errol who opened the door to me they would not have worried whether I should recognize him again or not? They would have let him take his own risk?"
"You get it," said Menzies. "One of the master brains was concerned. It certainly wasn't Gwennie Lyne—the person you saw was a man. Of the known folk mixed up in this business that leaves Ling and Dago Sam. Sam we'll put aside for the moment. Who was the person who was most concerned in the successful carrying out of the original coup—whose safety or danger affected the pockets of the rest?"
He half closed his eyes, as though he were weary of laying down the course of the case, and went on drowsily: "That singles out the

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