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AFTER THE WAR.

"Our last reserves must be strong men who will return from the trenches to take up peace tasks. We must not be left at the end like smashed machines, but must be strong and unweakened."—Von Hindenburg.

With something of that foresight for which Germany has been famous in theory, but which in fact, she has so lacked, Hindenburg was looking to the future when he made this remark, and, apparently, the vision horrified him. He saw Germany as she will be unless she chooses to hold up her hands before the war is fought to the bitter end, and he throws out the hint that this condition must not be permitted. Today the Germans are fighting with boys of 17 and 18 years and it may be that the stronger men are being held in reserve to some extent, but even Hindenburg knows this cannot last; that every man must be used if a serious effort is to be made to stop the Allies. Germany's strong men will be in their graves if the fight is carried to Berlin.

Nevertheless, Canada may well ponder his words. Here we must have strong men to carry on the tasks of peace. Many of the best and strongest have crossed the great barrier, and thousands of others are physical wrecks. In the rising generation lies the hope. Everything that can be done to insure the boys of today becoming the strong men, physically and mentally, of tomorrow must be done, and done immediately. Education, general and vocational, must be made more thorough and efficient. Agricultural training of a more practical type must be afforded all who will engage in it and nothing must be left undone which will guarantee us really strong men for peace tasks.

The picture of nations becoming like smashed machines is one no government can regard with equanimity, for the danger is too real. The steps that are taken now to prevent such a disaster will be the guarantee for the future.

THE CHINESE IN FRANCE.

Why an anti-aircraft gun is "Archibald," or, in familiar diminutive, "Archie," is one of the minor mysteries of the great war. A kindred puzzle is how and why every Chinese coolie has become "Cuthbert"; but so it is. Many thousand coolies, provided by the Chinese labor companies, are at work behind the lines in France and are rendering admirable service.

Physically, they are of a far finer type of Chinese than we commonly encounter in America: lithe, quick, supple and tall—often well over six feet—and enormously strong. They are splendid workers; in loading a train with heavy army blankets done up in sausage rolls, they easily did one hundred and twenty to every ninety achieved by European workers, and at high pressure ran the count to one hundred and fifty. They are not fighting men, and their contract requires that they shall be employed at a stipulated distance behind the battle line; but they are courageous and treat with indifference the occasional enemy shells that come their way. They are gay and good-natured, cheerful under any discomfort, and extremely fond of music. They sing as they work—strange Eastern songs, often discordant to Western ears—and have appointed song leaders. To the rhythm of these songs they set their labor, and carry it forward with a swing, much as our old-time sailors were wont to do under the head of a deep-voiced chantey man.

One such song leader, nicknamed Tommy says an English correspondent, is one of the cheeriest and ugliest men imaginable. "The other day he tumbled off a roof on to a pile of timber. We thought he must be killed, but he wasn't, although the tears were running down his cheeks when we picked him up. A passing doctor looked him over and reported: 'No

bones broken, but very badly wrenched and bruised.' When the verdict was translated to Tommy, he smiled and said:

"Me restee two day, then me workee." "It took much longer than that, but the spirit was ready earlier than the flesh."

"Cuthbert" has two other marked tastes besides music; dress and—like most Orientals—gaming. On his off days he becomes elaborate in his attire and employs a whole battery of toilet accessories in getting himself up. Singing is popular as a recreation as well as an accompaniment to toil, but he is also immensely fond of phonographs. Sometimes they render classics, sometimes the records are Chinese; and the frequent transition from nerve-trying sounds to the voice and some great prima donna is startling indeed.

During one such period of enjoyment a group of Chinese, dressed in their best, were playing fan-tan and listening to a favorite record when an inopportune shell abruptly dispersed the party, scattering the men in all directions, wounding several and tossing the phonograph, uninjured, to the top of a steep bank. An officer who ran up was reassured by a smiling coolie, stripped of everything except a shoe and a few rags by the explosion, and clasping a wounded hand.

"All lite!" said "Cuthbert" cheerily. "Clo' gone, cashee gone, I'll finger gone—nem min'. Gottee moosic. All lite!"

RAISING "SUBMARINED" VESSELS

Of 400 British ships sunk in the last two and a half years at least 50 per cent. have been raised from the bottom of the sea. The organization responsible—the Admiralty Salvage Department—is composed entirely of experts employed, by a commercial firm which engaged in the business before the war. Ships were so cheap, then, however, that often it did not pay to raise a sunken wreck and restore her to seagoing condition.

Things are very different now, and the result is that invention has been stimulated to an extraordinary extent. It used to be considered that 1,500 tons was the greatest weight that could be lifted from under water by wire ropes. A sunken government collier that was obstructing a fairway was lifted out of the mud and recently carried away by four lifting ships, with sixteen 9-inch wire ropes, and the dead-weight carried was calculated at 2,700 tons. The wreck was lifted one mile at the first lift, and so was gradually taken to the beach, hatched up and sent off to the repairing yard. She went back into service and made several voyages before a torpedo ended her career altogether. Ships sunk in deep water cannot be salvaged. It is not expected that the Lusitania, for example, will ever be lifted. Divers cannot work in more than twenty-five fathoms successfully, though for special purposes they may sometimes go down to thirty-five fathoms for a brief spell of work. The bulk of the ships saved, have been sunk in less than twenty fathoms, or have been towed inshore by rescue tugs and have gone aground in fairly easy positions.

The salvage men face considerable risks, not only from bad weather, but also from submarine attack. Only one salvage ship, however, has been lost through enemy action. Many risks are run by the divers, particularly from gases generated by decomposed vegetables and meat in the holds of sunken ships, deaths having resulted from this cause. Grain, it seems, develops sulphuretted hydrogen, which occasions blindness and violent sickness. A chemist, however, has found a preparation which when sprayed on a rotting cargo, immediately kills the gases and enables men to carry on their work in safety.

THEY ARE DYING FOR THE FLAG

They are dying for the Flag, Down in ocean caverns deep, Under many a foreign crag Sons of ours have gone to sleep. For the right and for the truth They are dying day by day. Death is claiming now our youth, Still we spend our hours in play.

Put the selfish pleasures by! Nothing matters now save this, For the flag our bravest die, Pass without a farewell kiss; Death's grim list each morning grows With the names of heroes true, And each day a new line goes To the work they died to do.

Can you longer sit at ease? Have not now your hearts been stirred? Are you deaf to moaning seas? Do the cables bring no word That can rouse you to your task? Will you longer idly lag And in Pleasure's Valleys bask? They are dying for the Flag.

—Edgar A. Guest

Other Editor's Opinions

EXPENSIVE PRESERVING

The housewives of Ontario are experiencing considerable difficulty in following the advice of the Canada Food Board to preserve as much fruit as possible for use next winter as a substitute for butter. Sugar is a very expensive article and the extraordinary price that is being asked for fruit this year is bound to check the activities of the home canner. Raspberries at 35 cents a box are not much of a temptation to the housewife, and the price would seem call for the attention of the Food Board. It is hard to see how such a charge for these berries or the prices that were asked for blueberries are justified. Surely war conditions have not increased the cost of growing raspberries or of picking blueberries to such an extent as the prevailing prices would indicate. "Can the Kaiser by canning fruit" is the advice that is being given, but the average housewife cannot find it possible to adopt this slogan with the high cost of fruit and sugar starting her in the face.—Peterboro Examiner.

A CRITICAL PERIOD

That Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the Admiralty, talks so frankly and freely about the extreme gravity of the submarine menace as it was a year ago is a reassuring fact. It is evidence that in Sir Eric's opinion the worst of the danger is over and there is no further cause for alarm. How extreme and critical the danger was may have been guessed by many, but was known to very few. The boast of the German naval authorities that Britain would be starved into surrender within a few months was no idle boast. They knew the terrible destructive power which lay in their flotilla of U-boats, directed mainly against British shipping, and they had reason for their confidence that dependent as Britain is upon her shipping, her losses at sea would be great enough to cripple her that it would be impossible for her to carry on the war. Alluding to the situation a year ago, Sir Eric Geddes said in Parliament yesterday that the problem then was considered by many to be insoluble. "Mercantile carrying power was being sunk at a rate which soon would have meant our inability to continue the war, and there was no tried, recognized means of combating the campaign." The net loss in tonnage averaged 400,000 gross tons a month—that is, the loss in excess of the tonnage produced in the shipyards—and the German submarines were being built faster than they were being destroyed or captured. What a black outlook for the Admiralty a year ago—and for the nation and the empire and the Allies, if they had known the magnitude of the danger! But there were certain things that the German naval authorities overlooked. One was the determination and energy of the British character; another was the practical British genius for dealing with emergencies; and a third was the American potentialities in the way of shipbuilding and submarine-hunting. Both in Britain and in the States shipbuilding has been speeded up to such an extent that now the tonnage produced is 100,000 tons a month in excess of the tonnage destroyed; and so successful have been the methods and devices for dealing with the U-boats that they are now being destroyed faster than Germany is building them.

Goodyear Employee Drowned at Picton

Word was received in Toronto that Mr. Donald C. Macdonald, 165 Heward avenue, had been drowned near Picton, where he was spending his vacation. His mother, Mrs. Annie Macdonald, with whom he lived, left immediately for Picton on receipt of the news of the fatality. The late Mr. Macdonald was an employee of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, and left about a week ago on a holiday trip to Picton.

Canadians at A. M. A.

U. S. Medical Men Learn About Canadian Methods.

Canadian methods of handling the disabled soldier problem formed a large part of the proceedings of the day, aside from discussion of that problem by the American Medical Association at its annual convention in Chicago early in June. Major J. L. Todd of the Board of Pension Commissioners and T. B. Kinder, Vocational Secretary of the Invalid Soldiers' Commission, both addressed the gathering, and the film—Canada's Work for Wounded Soldiers—was exhibited in the auditorium theatre before the five thousand members of the Association. Many complimentary things were said about the Canadian system.

Obituary

RICHARD ELLICE BROWN.

Richard Ellice Brown, a most respected and esteemed resident, passed away at his home, 261 Edmonton street, Winnipeg, after a prolonged illness. Deceased was 72 years and 7 months of age. He had completed his fiftieth year as a teacher in Ontario and the Western Provinces. Since early manhood he has been a devoted Christian and a valued member of the Methodist church. Besides his widow he leaves four sons, Bert, formerly of this city, who was for a number of years employed by the Empire Co., Myron, of Hawarden, Saskatchewan, Oliver, a returned sol-

Hold up at the Movie Show

ROBBER WORE BLACK MASK.

Arthur Vaughan, Former Employee at Globe Theatre, Attacks Cashier and Grabs \$200.

Toronto, Aug. 14.—"Hold-ups" and robbers wearing black masks frequently are screened at Toronto moving picture shows, but the real thing was staged at the Globe Theatre on Queen street west, when Arthur Vaughan, wearing a black mask, attacked Miss Lila Lowe, the cashier,

and snatched \$200, being the takings at the show on Saturday. Vaughan is now under arrest.

Vaughan, who is an American, had been two years in Canada, was formerly employed at the Globe Theatre, and knew all the "ins and outs" of the building. Shortly before nine o'clock this morning Miss Lowe went into the office, opened the safe and took out the cash with the idea of preparing it to be taken to the bank. She claims that Vaughan, who entered the theatre by the front door, snatched the money, and sought to make good his escape through the building. The first tip the detective department received of the hold-up was when some person phoned through to say that a man was putting up a ladder at the rear of the theatre, and acting in a suspicious manner. Detectives McConnell, Cronyn, Twigg and Guthrie were soon on the scene, and McConnell caught his man in a lane as he was escaping with his spoil.

CANNOT MARRY THE CANADIANS NOW
English Lassies Must Wait—Severe Emigration Restrictions on Account of the War.
London, Aug. 12.—Iron-bound regulations restrict emigration to Canada these days. An Englishman has to give very good reasons, indeed, to convince that British authorities that she has a right to leave the British Isles at present for Canada or any other place. Of course every available woman is required for munitions and other war work. The Canadian emigration authorities in London have had a few particularly unfortunate cases. There are cases where English women engaged to men in Canada have sought permission to emigrate so that they might marry the men who had been gone for years, perhaps making a home for their prospective brides in the Dominion. In nearly every case the application was refused. One of the women was forty years of age. They will be obliged to wait until after the war. Canadian brothers, wives of soldiers, returning to Canada with babies, find it impossible to bring English nurses with them unless the nurse is so old as to be almost useless.

RITCHIE'S AUGUST CLEAN-UP SELLING OFFERS DISTINCT SAVINGS TO THOSE WHO BUY THIS WEEK. Throughout every department of our store there are special offerings of reasonable merchandise that has been reduced considerable in price to make quick clearance. Note the specials for this week.

Sport Skirts \$3.49. New York Novelty Skirts, made up of the finest Gaborlines and Repps. They are shown in colored, spot striped and checked designs on white grounds. 12 only in the lot, some marked regular as high as \$10.00, your choice \$3.49.

Two Attractive Blouse Specials. \$1.25 Voile Blouses 98c. \$1.50 Middies 75c. Smart new models bought for this season's selling, fashioned of fine Voiles that are daintily embroidered, sizes 34 to 42, reg. \$1.25, clearing at 98c. Some of our best Middie Blouses are included at this sale price. They are in plain white, some with colored collar and striped effects, short sleeves and reg to \$1.50 for 75c.

SPECIAL Remnants and Dress Lengths of VOILES. Dozens of these Dress Lengths and Short Ends left from some of our most attractive Voiles. They are in neat designs such as stripes, plaids, checks, flowered and plain shades, dark and light colorings, all greatly reduced in price.

Plaid Gingham Extra Value at 35c Yard. 5 pieces of Dress Gingham in pleasing and attractive plaid designs, 27 inches wide and big value today at 35 cents a yard.

White Voiles That Are Sure to Win Your Admiration. You'll be delighted when you see these attractive new Voiles that are now obtainable at Ritchie's. They are of fine sheer qualities in Cross Bar and Silk striped effects. The widths range from 36 to 42 inches and priced 50c, 75c, 85c, 95c, \$1.00.

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Fatal Accident at Kirkfield; Alex Vassar Was Victim. Kirkfield, Aug. 14.—A fatal accident occurred here on Saturday when Alex Vassar, son of Mr. Andrew Vassar, was instantly killed. The deceased, who was thirty years of age and unmarried, had loaded a water tank which he intended taking to the picnic grounds near the village. When starting on the trip, the horses became frightened and ran away in turning round a building the tank overturned, crushing the young man's head beneath. Death was instantaneous.

Oak Lake Camp Meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 14th. Missionary Day, Rev. F. G. Joblin and Miss Ketcheson, returned missionaries of our Indian work with a native Indian girl and boy as singers will be present. Sessions 3.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Thursday and Friday evenings, Evangelist Sharpe will give sermons on Is the World Coming to an End? Sunday, 18th, Rev. Dr. Imrie, of West Toronto will preach at morning and evening services and Rev. G. M. Sharpe, Evangelist, will preach in the afternoon. Miss Wooten and others will aid in the song services. All are invited.

Seventeen carloads of wool valued at more than two hundred and forty thousand dollars, was handled this year by co-operative branches of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

Dis The Ontario

Mrs. M. B. Reddy daughter, Mrs. H. F. a few days. Mr. and Mrs. W. niece, Bernice, sp Mr. and Mrs. Bro Miss Vera McM is visiting her aunt for a few days. Mrs. E. Kingsto Marjorie, and Mrs daughter, Meryl, to E. Spencer on Satu Mr. and Mrs. Jo daughter, Campbell McCree, Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. S. Gorline, visiting her niece, few days. Mr. E. Vandoo N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. G. E. Rutter, ville on Friday.

Mr. O'Flynn, present at our after Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Proyer, of Colbro Mrs. Harry Frise, ored down on Sunday at Mr. Everett's. An ice cream soc Victoria Church on ening, August 21, cream and a good provided. Mr. and Mrs. family, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Minnie, a Henry Montgomery Mr. C. Lovless, s Presque Point. Mr. and Mrs. V. Treton, spent an aft at Mr. J. F. Weese Mrs. Bachelor a of Belleville, is spe at Mr. Lorne Brich Mr. and Mrs. Rae called at Mr. Will B evening. Oswald Brickman week with his grand Mrs. J. F. Weese Mr. and Mrs. G. Mr. and Mrs. Lott spent Sunday at M maker's. Mr. O'Flynn, of tea at Mr. Lorne Br day. Mr. and Mrs. Ge Mr. and Mrs. G. F ville, visited on Sun Hubbs.

Mr. and Mrs. V and Mrs. Everett Br Vera Brickman on Sulphide on Tuesda Mr. and Mrs. W Norwood, and Mr. of Peterboro, calle Brickman's on Sund Several from the Oak Lake camp day. Mr. and Mrs. J Beryle, and Mr. Weese took tea at on Sunday evening. Mr. Amos Was huckelberry on 7 Mr. and Mrs. J. and Mrs. Norman the funeral of the is son (nee Miss Todd) Trenton, on Friday taught school in the some time ago. M extended to the be Mrs. E. Brickman last week under the Mr. and Mrs. Nor a day recently at M Mr. and Mrs. Ge er and Miss Coral and Mrs. Roy Ande on Thursday.

GLEN F The sudden death last of little Marth ten years, third dau Mrs. Wm. Carlisle, to the neighborhood been feeling well fo nothing serious was suddenly she was se sions. The doctor momed but soon a this bright and pron passed away to the beyond. Many flor brought by friends adorn the casket of and goodness had w fluence unusual in of funeral service, wh attended, was held odist Church on F conducted by the p Howard, and intern mel cemetery. And