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Who is Brussiloff?

Cousin Declares That He Is Really
Sir Hector Macdonald.

"When a man is dead, then he's
done for," runs the old ballad, but
there are a few who do not come un-
der this generalization. We have had
the famous Dauphin of France, titular
King Louis XVII, who is said to have
escaped from the deadly Temple, and
to have lived in America or elsewhere
as various people. And two novelists
took the idea as bases for interesting
novels. We recall news items how
Oscar Wilde did not die in France,
but was buried in effigy, and lived to
find life anew, hidden away. The
mystery of Marshal Ney is an old
story. And there was Hector Mac-
donald, who has reappeared in the
person of more than one noted mili-
tary leader; especially lately, he has
been identified with General Brussil-
loff.

There are, then, men who simply
will not stay dead. The story of
Brussiloff, while the reverse of prob-
able, is still interesting enough to be
reproduced. A writer recently gave
out an interview with a resident of
Gotham who said she was a cousin
of the supposedly dead Macdonald. In
this the identity with Brussiloff was
put forth. We learn:

The legend of Sir Hector Macdon-
ald is one of the strangest and most
romantic in modern history. Charged
with immoral conduct in Ceylon in
1903, Sir Hector, then a brigadier-
general of the British army, a Knight
Commander of the Bath, and a mem-
ber of the Distinguished Service Or-
der, was reported to have committed
suicide in a Paris hotel after visiting
London and talking to have the
charges dismissed.

Officially, General Sir Hector Mac-
donald is dead and buried in a little
cemetery outside of Edinburgh. His
wife remarried many years ago.

Tradition has it, however, that the
suicide in the Paris hotel was not Sir
Hector, but a traveller in an adjoin-
ing room. Seeing at once the oppor-
tunity, Sir Hector, according to the
story, changed "clothes with the
corpse, and, in his new identity, de-
parted unsuspected. Like the man in
Arnold Bennett's story, Sir Hector
went forth in to the world with his
life to use as he liked.

The legend, which was previously
hazy and unconfirmed, takes on new
life in the words of this Mrs. Taylor,
Macdonald's cousin. The reporter
asked a number of questions, trying
to shake her belief in the identity of
the hero of the eastern front but with-
out any success. The account exten-
ded: "I am absolutely certain," she said,
"that General Brussiloff is really Sir
Hector. While I am only a distant
relative, cousins of Sir Hector live
in London and Canada and Australia,
and I know they have been in commu-
nication with him.

"Sir Hector was a small man, stock-
ily built. Gen. Brussiloff is of the
same figure. In his character of Rus-
sian general, Sir Hector has grown

a moustache, but it does not make his
features unrecognizable.
"Many people who did not know of
Sir Hector have commented on the
queer and extraordinary circumstan-
ces connected with the rise of the
Russian commander. It is odd, to say
the least, they point out, that a man
in supreme command of one of the
greatest offensives of the war should
be of a previous history totally un-
known. 'Brussiloff' is not a real Rus-
sian name, anyway. And the photo-
graphs of the general show he does
not look like a Russian."

VEKATION OF SPIRIT.

So long and earnestly I've
wrought, pursued
the beastly grind,
I've ringbones on
my dome of
thought, and spavins
on my mind.
The ghastly fear
of evil times, of
poverty when old,
has kept me hump-
ing after dimes,
for gold and still
more gold. I have a package put
away, where none can jar it loose;
and sometimes, at the close of day,
I wonder what's the use. When I
have left this busy sphere, where only
man is vile, some able lawyer will
appear, and gather in my pile.
Throughout this weary worldly jaunt
I've skipped and saved and pared;
I've done without the things I want,
the things for which I cared. To add
one large round dollar more to what
I have in brine, I've made existence
sad and sore, and what reward is
mine? Why do I slave and mope and
grind, why do I toil and spin? I'll
have to leave my roll behind, for others
to blow in. These words seem
ever ringing loud, like some decree
of doom: "There is no pocket in a
shroud, no cash-box in a tomb."
When I no longer am alive, but sleep-
ing 'neath the sod, some learned at-
torney will arrive, and hook on to
my wad.

Mother's Hands.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands,
They're neither white nor small.
And you, I know, would scarcely think
That they were fair at all.
I've looked on hands whose form and
hue
A sculptor's dream might be.
Yet are these aged wrinkled hands
Most beautiful to me.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands,
Though heart were weary and sad
These patient hands kept tolling on
That the children might be glad.
I almost weep when looking back
To childhood's distant day.
I think how these hands rested not
When mine were at their play.

But, oh, beyond this shadow land,
Where all is bright and fair;
I know full well those dear old hands
Will palm of victory bear.
Where crystal streams, through end-
less years,
Flow over golden sands,
And where the old are young again,
I'll clasp my mother's hands.

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Extracts from a Letter Received by
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Miss A. A. Gordon.

At the opening of the New Year of
1917, members of the World's W.C.T.
U. feel the thrill of a high and holy
purpose. Earnestly do we desire to
fill its golden hours with sacrificial
service for our blessed cause. We are
appalled at the continuance of the
European war. Never has our White
Ribbon seemed so sacred or so
tender. Sorb bereavements have
stricken many of our sisters. To
each of these our hearts go out in
sympathy, and we bless God that the
W.C.T.U. are united by a bond so
strong, that we cannot be severed by
the awful strain of war.

We had all looked forward with an-
ticipation to the joy of our triennial
World's W.C.T.U. convention in 1916.
I sincerely hope that when we meet
at the close of the war, the place se-
lected may be the city, or adjacent
to the city where the World's Peace
Conference will assemble. Out of war's
awful gloom shines the temperance
uplift it has brought about. This
glowing flame of total abstinence and
prohibition must be kept at white
heat, until every nation is freed from
the iniquitous traffic in strong drink.

The past year records many mar-
vellous victories. We glory in the
agitation for prohibition now in pro-
gress in Great Britain. Canada has
driven the traffic in brain poison out
of nine of her ten provinces. New-
foundland's battle for freedom was
victorious. Eighty per cent. of the
territory of the United States is un-
der prohibition. Big business is
teaching the efficiency, the safety and
the dignity of sobriety.

The church and the temperance so-
cieties to-day have a host of influen-
tial allies, and the time has come
when we may safely predict the
speedy coming of nation-wide prohi-
bition for America. Already we see
the bright dawn of a sober world.

Messages Received
Previous to 9 a.m.

AUSTRIAN OPINION.

LONDON, Dec. 28.
A despatch from Vienna quotes
some of the Austrian papers regard-
ing the peace proposal. Commenting
on Austria's reply to President Wil-
son the Fremdenblatt says: The Cen-
tral Powers contemplate the possi-
bility of a continuance of war with
full confidence, but feel they owe a
duty to their people, to do everything
compatible with their justified inter-
est to terminate the bloodshed, if at
all possible. The Neues Freie Presse
says: By our reply President Wil-
son's policy is at once allied with our
own. The Entente can refuse nothing
to the Central Powers which they
would not also refuse to President
Wilson. The Entente no longer face
us alone, but also America with whom
we are in full harmony.

HUNGARIAN PREMIER MAY RE-
SIGN.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.
It is rumored in Budapest that
Count Stephen Liza, the Hungarian
Premier, is likely to resign owing to
alleged difference with Count Czernin
Von Chudenitz, the Austrian-Hungar-
ian Foreign Minister in the Austrian
cabinet.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

LONDON, Dec. 28.
The Times prints a forecast of the
report of the committee which has
investigated the results of last year's
daylight saving, and it says the evi-
dence taken shows that opinion over-
whelmingly favors making the plan
general in 1917.

ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, Dec. 28.
French troops last night repulsed
small attacks near Lechenoy, on the
Somme, and upon the eastern slope
of Hill 304, west of the Meuse, in the
Verdun region, the war office an-
nounces to-day.

SIR HIRAM MAXIM'S ESTATE.

LONDON, Dec. 28.
Sir Hiram Maxim, inventor, who
died recently, left an estate of £33,
000.

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a salary, and at the present time
wardrobe costs so much and all run-
ning expenses so high that it is im-
possible to run a show any cheaper.
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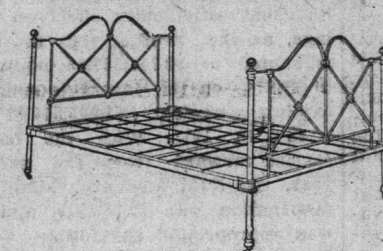
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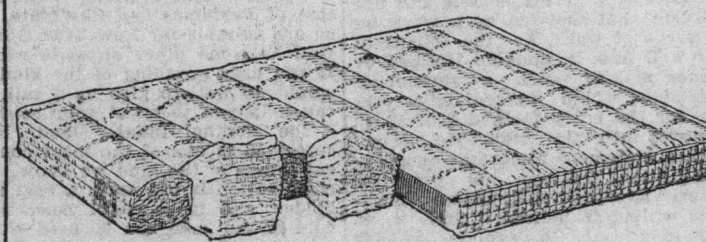
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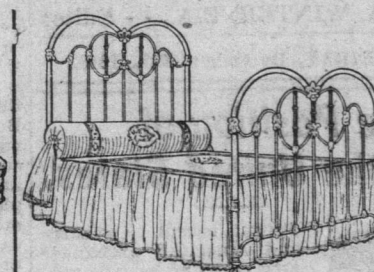
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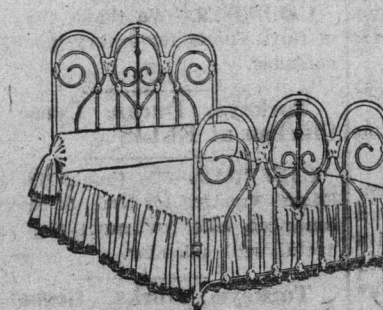
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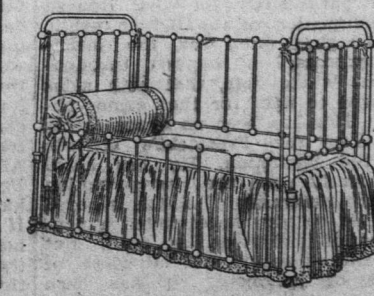
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