## THE INVERTED PYRAMID

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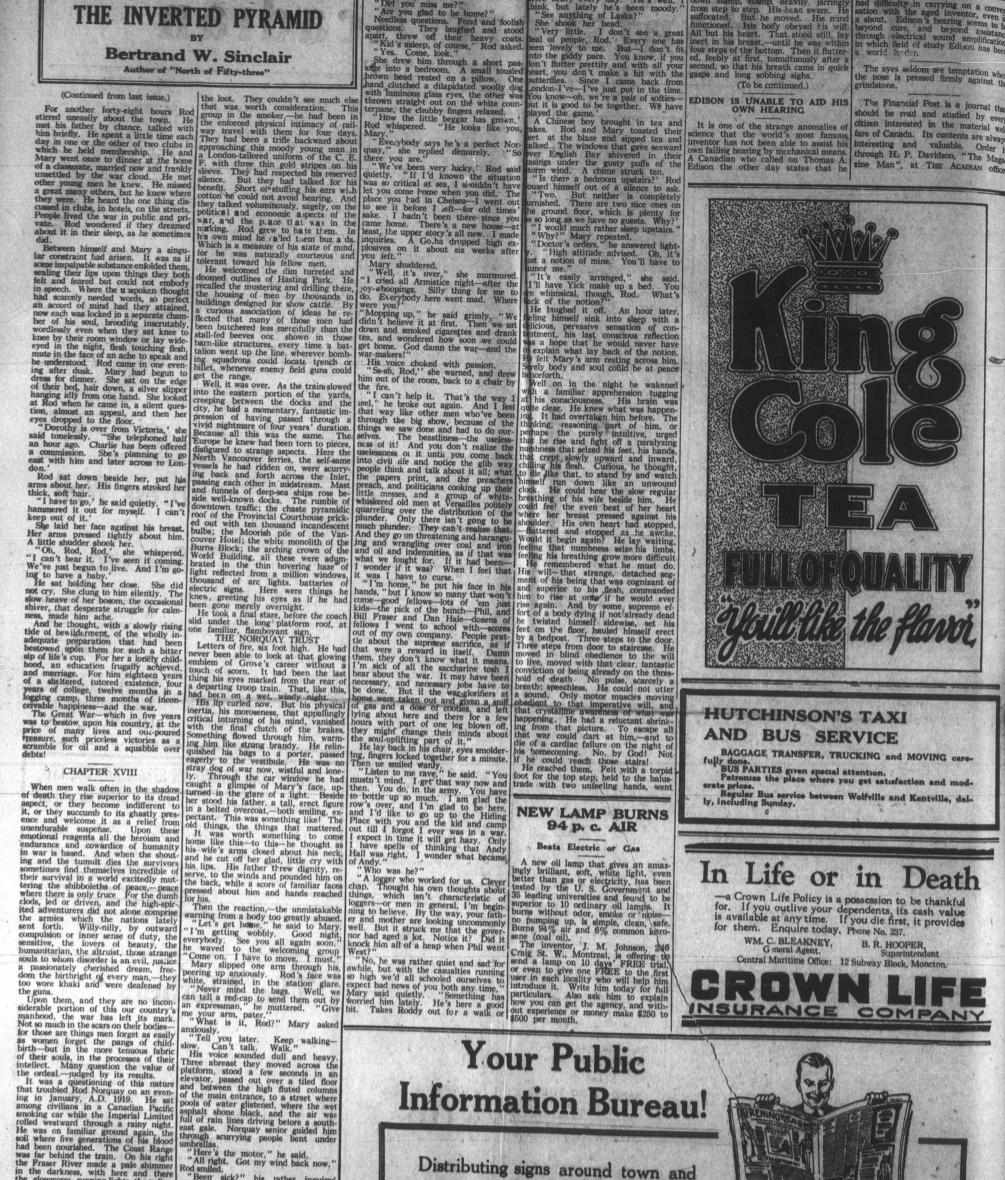
manhood, the war has left its mark. Not so much in the scars on their bodies—for those are things men forget as easily as women forget the pangs of child-birth—but in the more tenuous fabric of their souls, in the processes of their intellect. Many question the value of the ordeal,—judged by its results.

It was a questioning of this nature that troubled Rod Norquay on an everning in January, A.D. 1919. He satt among civilians in a Canadian Pacific smoking car while the Imperial Limited rolled westward through a rainy night. He was on familiar ground again, the soil where five generations of his blood had been nourished. The Coast Range was far behind the train. On his right the Fraser River made a pale shimmer in the darkness, with here and there the glowworm running lights, the yellow window squares of a river boat. It was good to be back, back to life that could be lived fully and freely, not simply endured.

But it was not good for him, in those last homeward miles, to listen to the talk that ran in the smoker. It was pitched to she same key as had fretted him in Paris in London all the man.

"Mat is it, Rod?" Mary asked anxiously. "Tell you later. Keep walking—low. Tell you later. Keep walking—"low. Tell you later. Keep walking—"low of wat

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