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A Good Example

Corporation Counsel Geary has decided to go on active service and the board of control, has released him from duty. There is too much of the spirit abroad that denounces a man as a fool for giving up his seat, snug quarters at home, and going out to fight for those who fear at him for his pains. The man who can go and does not go to the front in this war will have a lot of explaining to do in after years. They may complain who remain behind in these days, when those who went become the only people who are considered in public life or in council; but they will have their chance, and will be to him who sneers at those who now hear the call of duty.

There are many parents who would, if they could do it, take the places of their sons in the struggle, and go "in their places so that the young might survive while the lives that are further spent might devote what is left to the last great call. But the call comes, and the strong, the forest, the brave and eager, the best of the land. Those who, without loss or disability, refuse to go, stamp themselves of an inferior mold. The finest cause in the world asks for succor and support, and those who hang back, and, most of all, those who would dissuade by their fears or their sneers, are poor catbirds, or, in modern slang, stiffs.

Scarcely yet have all the people wakened up to the desperate need of the case. The word from Great Britain about the shortage in ammunition while the men who make it, dispute about terms of pay, or spend their time in demoralizing idleness, is a grave and serious one. But these conditions will be rectified, and ammunition and men, too, will be had in plenty before the last great battle in the west.

The fight is for freedom and liberty and independence, for all that Britons have ever held dear. To flinch from it is to dash to the wall in the end of British ideals, and of all our civilization as the west has known it for generations past. Germany opposes to the British ideals of freedom and good faith her own pride of dominance and her own methods of treachery and falsehood. To Germany the end justifies the means—any means, no matter how contemptible. While we all hope for an early close of the hostilities, there must be no backing up, and the nations of the world, and Great Britain and her offshoots especially, must be prepared for constant sacrifice until the end comes.

Mr. Geary has set a good example. He has followed the British tradition. There should be no word of disparagement in connection with the arrangements made with the board of control. He is to receive his salary, but he will supply substitutes for men who can go should be encouraged rather than dissuaded from what is a duty to the nation, to the empire, to the cause of humanity. Our contingents are going to the front with the best hearts in the world. The young men who could go and who stay behind lose that immediate jewel whose loss makes them poor indeed.

A Metropolitan Area

Another voice from the west urges the necessity of action in connection with the city problems that arise out of the constant expansion of our population. Minnie and New Toronto propose to unite and form a town on the western boundaries of the city. There have been suggestions about a town on the east, and Tomorden may take this step before long.

The annexation problem has never been dispassionately considered. The real problems of the case have been missed up with outside issues, and the people who, with outside issues, have been overlooked entirely. Meantime these people are growing in numbers, and while the city does nothing on account of the hostility or obstruction of illogical critics, the problems become more and more urgent.

An attempt was made the other day in the legislature to give the suburbanites water, but it was very properly overruled, not because the city

A DISTRUSTFUL PRODIGAL



should not supply water, nor because the people should not get water, but because there is no authority which can arrange a commonsense basis of action. There ought, of course, to be a metropolitan area, but what with the fear that somebody might reap an advantage from such an arrangement, and what with the ineptitude of the civic administration, this excellent plan has made little or no progress.

Now the two western municipalities have decided that something must be done to settle their difficulties. If the city will do nothing, it cannot object to the suburbanites forming a town of their own. The danger of the new town doing what the city may, underrated, and it may be overrated, but there is always a danger. West Toronto granted a franchise which will be a thorn in the side of Toronto for a long time to come. Ald. McBride called attention to it in the first week of last December. The danger is nearer now, and nothing is being done to counteract it.

The Minnie people understand the situation better than some of the city people, for their need is greater. In connection with the radical franchisees they say it would be better for the Hydro-Electric Commission to buy out the Lake Shore road than to build a competing line. North Toronto has the idea about the Metropolitan road, under the influence of which care little for the welfare of the people and care a great deal for the interests of a few who control the dominating factors of wealth and property, the city has put these problems aside as unworthy of attention.

The day of reckoning will come, of course, but the illogical critics never see, or never care, until it is too late to remedy the evil except at great cost that no remedy can be applied. The real remedy at present is a metropolitan area, and it ought to be followed up. Hon. W. J. Hanna has signified his willingness to take the matter up if approached. Why cannot Mayor Church signalize his term of office by settling this question?

Britain in the Balkans

Italy now seems to be on the verge of an open rupture with Austria. This was from the first almost unavoidable, owing to the irreconcilability of their interests. The watchword of "Italia Irredenta," Unredeemed Italy, has never failed of appeal to Italian sentiment ever since the passionate desire for unification inspired Italian hearts. Austria, indeed, has been for centuries the bugbear of Italy, and it is curious that the action of Napoleon III, when he annexed Nice and Savoy to France as the price of Solferino and Magenta, has never stirred Italian sentiment any more than the occupation of Corsica, whence came the great Napoleon, who had been born an Italian, not a Frenchman. Italy has not forgotten and Italians will never forget the struggle for liberty and the centuries the bugbear of Italy, and it is curious that the action of Napoleon III, when he annexed Nice and Savoy to France as the price of Solferino and Magenta, has never stirred Italian sentiment any more than the occupation of Corsica, whence came the great Napoleon, who had been born an Italian, not a Frenchman. Italy has not forgotten and Italians will never forget the struggle for liberty and the centuries the bugbear of Italy, and it is curious that the action of Napoleon III, when he annexed Nice and Savoy to France as the price of Solferino and Magenta, has never stirred Italian sentiment any more than the occupation of Corsica, whence came the great Napoleon, who had been born an Italian, not a Frenchman.

Britain has much reason to be grateful to the men of British birth who devoted themselves to help the smaller and oppressed nations struggling to be free. There was no more glorious period in the largely wasted life of Byron than when he went to Greece and died at Missolonghi for Grecian independence. Gladstone never did a nobler work for his country and for the liberties of Europe than when he raised his powerful voice in the cause of greater Italy. These names are still an inspiration all over southeastern Europe. It is the long record of British sympathy and support extended to oppressed peoples and of British fidelity to plighted troth that is the

strongest buttress of the allies today in the Mediterranean and in the Balkans. British statesmen have been too neglectful of the possibilities opened up by the history of their country. Today these small Balkan states count for much in the European war.

Blockades and Blockers

Trouble was bound to arise over any attempt to adapt a blockade or what is practically a blockade to modern conditions. Conventions accepted as international law were originally established when the achievements of modern science were unknown. The old limit of territorial waters—three miles—was based on the carrying power of the guns as it was then known. Modern weapons have made it useless and illogical. So with blockades and situated as the British Isles are, commanding entrance to and exit from the North Sea by two narrow channels, a blockade of the German North Sea coasts can be made as effective at these points as by the closer blockades of an earlier time.

The British Government has not declared a blockade in terms, but has attempted to impose an absolute restraint of German trade in a manner least restrictive and offensive to neutral powers. Precisely on that account certain exponents of United States opinion have taken umbrage because a strict blockade was not declared. That is the usual fate of belligerent governments and peoples that are too considerate of the rights of others. Germany in its reckless disregard of all rights and laws, whether divine or human, has escaped much more lightly. 'Tis the way of the wicked to flourish like the green bay tree on the respect always shown to power that knows no limitations save those of its own appointment.

PLAYING IT ON "NIOBE"

Band Sergeant F. W. Roberts, late of the Governor General's Body Guard, is now doing duty on H.M.C.S. the "Niobe" at Halifax and Bermuda. Before leaving he took with him the band parts of the new song "We're From Canada," which had been arranged by Bandmaster Dawson. Mr. Roberts writes that the "blue noses" are enthusiastic over "We're From Canada."

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OWEN SOUND LOSES RESPECTED CITIZEN

Death Removes John Rutherford, Former Proprietor of Owen Sound Times.

ONCE MAYOR OF TOWN

Took Prominent Part in Politics and Supported Conservative Party.

By a Staff Reporter.
OWEN SOUND, Ont., March 17.—Death removed tonight one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Owen Sound, John Rutherford, who had been in failing health for the past two years and whose condition since his family had caused concern to his friends.

Mr. Rutherford was born in 1841, at the age of thirteen. For a number of years he was joint proprietor of the Owen Sound Times, his partner being David Creighton of Toronto.

Formerly Mayor.
From the first he took a lively interest in municipal affairs, and for many years served the town in various capacities. He was mayor of Owen Sound and while holding that position initiated many progressive steps. Later he was appointed county clerk which position he has held for many years. He was Sound Board of Health.

Active in Politics.
Until a few years ago he took an active part in politics, being a staunch Conservative. He was a member of the North Grey County Association and on one occasion secured the nomination for this riding for the house of commons.

In religion Mr. Rutherford was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a member of the official board. He was among the foremost in all movements toward a realization of blue ribbon ideals. In fraternal circles he was well known, being a past master of St. George's Lodge A. F. & A. M., a past Z in Georgian Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, a charter member of the O.U.W., of which he also was past district deputy for this district.

He is survived by Mrs. Rutherford, six sons and one daughter, as follows: Peter Rutherford, Toronto; William J. Rutherford, West Toronto; Jas. H. Rutherford, Owen Sound; Arthur M. Rutherford, Owen Sound; Dr. A. B. Rutherford, Owen Sound; Fred Rutherford, Owen Sound and Miss A. G. Rutherford, Owen Sound.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon to Greenwood Cemetery.

GIVEN A CHANCE TO SHOW RECEIPTS

Sidney Kingston Charged With Theft and False Pretence.

In the case of Sidney Kingston, in the sessions yesterday morning, Judge Coatsworth had just about concluded that he would have to find the accused guilty on charges of theft and false pretence, brought against him, and he adjourned the case until next Wednesday, to give him an opportunity of showing by receipts how he spent so much money in three weeks.

He is charged with stealing \$100 from Ross, Reese, & Co. from Leona Hunt \$225 from Grenville Howard and with obtaining \$200 from William Mitchell, false pretences.

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Members of the local Bricklayers' Union attended the funeral of Robert Ramsey, which took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 465 Montrose avenue. Mr. Ramsey was one of the oldest members of the union.

OPPORTUNITY OPEN ON HOSPITAL STAFF

Does Not Take Long to Fill Quota When Canadians Are Called.

AT LAMBTON MILLS

Artillery Getting Practical Experience—Will Use Live Shells Today.

About 75 more men are required for the staff of the University of Toronto Base Hospital. Lt.-Col. J. A. Roberts, however, has not the slightest doubt but that this number, and more, if necessary, will be forthcoming within the next few days. Preference will be given to those who have had hospital experience. A large number of applications were received yesterday.

While the various companies were taking drill and rifle practice at Long Branch last week a competition was in progress for marksmanship. This was won by No. 2 Company of the 19th Battalion, which comprises men from the 48th Highlanders and the 10th Royal Grenadiers. The shooting was of a very high order.

The announcement has been made that the fourth contingent will, in all probability, be concentrated at Valcartier at about the same time that the third contingent troops are moved to that point. Recruiting will start as soon as the third quota leaves.

The 13th Battery of the Artillery was at Lambton Mills yesterday practicing with blank shells. This morning the same battery will have a more practical experience, when they will use live shells on the lake front.

Special arrangements are being made to be held on Saturday afternoon. Special arrangements are being made so that as little inconvenience as possible will be caused.

Capt. Richardson, former commander of the Ninth Battery, C.F.A., Toronto, is being given command of four batteries which make up the brigade of the district.

The funeral of Pte. Reginald Taylor of Huntsville was held yesterday, the 20th Battalion rendering military honors. The service was held at St. Mary's Church, by the rector, Rev. Chas. B. Drilling.

It was the uncle at 15 Hillcrest Park, Pte. W. Harold Boyce of the Royal Grenadiers tells of the dangers of the trenches in getting in and out of the trenches. He explains that the chief dangers lie in getting in and out of the trenches, and in open fields have to be crossed which are "simply alive with bullets."

"This is not a very healthy pastime" writes Lieut. Conover of Brampton in a letter to his father, "as the Germans are fine shots with their rifles. They are equipped with telescopic sights and they can hit a mark almost every time it appears. Fortunately the Saxons occupied the trenches opposite us, and they were less vindictive than the Prussians, who are regular devils."

Says it is Great.
"It was great" is the expression of Lieut. R. D. Ponton, writing from France to his father, Col. W. N. Ponton, of Belleville, in describing his first experience under fire. "After the first half hour is over it becomes something indescribable. A great intense zest arises and one immediately begins to call all his thinking powers together in order to outshoot and outpace the enemy. We went into the trenches at 3 a.m. on Friday amid bursting shells and machine gun fusillades in addition to search lights and huge star shells. Such a sight and sound it was wonderful."

Former Detective William Miller of the Toronto police force, who is attached to the 48th Highlanders, in a letter to Inspector Kennedy tells of his experience in the trenches in a most interesting manner.

He says that he first entered the firing line on February 25. "We divided our men" he writes, "with the Westminster and Derby regiments. It was a lovely night, the moon shining brightly. I thought it was an ideal night, but soon found out it was the worst kind we could have had as the enemy's trenches were only about three hundred yards from ours, and it is in going in and out of the trenches that so many men are lost."

KIND TO OLD ALIEN.

Because he was old, feeble and almost blind, and had to be fed into the office by his Jewish landlady, Charles Pozarik has been excused from reporting every month.

Mrs. Wiseneighbour Says:--

"I should have told you the other day, when I was speaking of 'Eddy's' Washboards, that it is just as necessary to have an Indurated Fibreware Tub to hold your clothes if you want to make a success of washday."

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Brockville Committee Recommends Expenditure of Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Special to The Toronto World.
BROCKVILLE, March 18.—Hugh Davis and H. W. Morgan, two deserters from a battalion mobilized at Kingston, were arrested here and are being held until a third man is captured. The police have traced him to Ottawa. Davis first enlisted in the Kings on Battery of Artillery, and after deserting came to Brockville and enlisted a second time under the name of Cunningham. Morgan comes from Port Hope.

An expenditure of over \$100,000 to improve the condition of the public water supply, is the recommendation of a special committee appointed to investigate local health conditions owing to an epidemic of typhoid fever. The town council will be asked to install a sand filtration plant, to lay a new intake pipe, and to divert the sewage from flowing into the river at a point where the water is contaminated by it.

HELP FOR FARMERS.

Rev. J. A. Miller of the civic bureau of employment has found employment for about 100 Toronto out-of-works on farms. He has applications for many more, but the farmers in many cases insist on the men having some knowledge of farm work.

SHERWOOD ELMSELEY DIED IN HOSPITAL

Brother Was on Tiger in Fight With Blucher, Escaping Narrowly.

There is much sympathy for the family of the late Remy Elmseley and of Mrs. Elmseley, of 13 Elmseley place. Their eldest son Sherwood Elmseley has just died in St. Michael's Hospital, after a brief illness at the age of 42, and a letter has just been received from the youngest son, Lieut. Theo. Elmseley of H.M.S. "Tiger," telling how he narrowly escaped death while on that warship during the North Sea battle with the Blucher.

Sherwood Elmseley had been engaged in engineering work in Canada since 1894, and was a member of the Canadian Civil Engineers. He leaves a widow and infant son.

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