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# Turn Out to Welcome Home Boys of 2nd Batt. 4.50 p.m. Today

## EXPERIENCES IN PRISON CAMPS DESCRIBED

### Lieut. Beverley Robinson at the City Hall Last Evening.

Lieut. Beverley Robinson, of the air force, addressed a Belleville audience last night at the City Hall. His address was a narrative of his observations and impressions chiefly during his two and one half years as a prisoner in Hunland.

Lieut. Robinson went overseas in 1915 and was soon attached to the Headquarters Squadron where work of a special nature is carried out.

Plans were received from the special agent in Germany of the location of one most hated German—Prince Rupprecht—and at once a decision to drop a very large bomb at the most advantageous place to reach the Prince, taking in as much territory as which his residence was built. Lieut. Robinson was entrusted with this delicate job. The only ones as far as they were concerned who knew of it were themselves as they had discussed it behind closed doors, never referring to it before others even in the camp. On the day selected for the attack the weather was most unfavorable and when about one-third of the distance was covered the birdman lost his bearings when in the mist, (the horizon is the compass used) and got turned in another direction only to find trenches everywhere and guns all around him.

He got made by himself. He dodged in and out of the mist trying to decide which way led to safety and finally landed in a field where both machine and he were deeply in the mire of mud. After patiently waiting about twenty minutes a French peasant family came up but he was unable to locate his position, nor his condition, from them and after another wait a soldier with what was described as a 1600 year model pistol covering him came along. Lieut. Robinson walked forward and gave the fellow an idea of his very poor opinion of him (supposing of course that he was French.) The man lowered the muzzle of his very ancient fire arm and stood open-mouthed, when a soldier, wearing a spiked helmet and riding a magnificent horse appeared. The officer immediately grasped his serious position and knew then he was a prisoner of the despicable Hun.

**A Prisoner of War.**  
He was taken to a guard room, searched and examined by a German officer who spoke very poor English. Next move was to be taken before a staff officer where he was very kindly treated, being given food and drink and where he was enabled to dry his wet clothing. A divisional commander was his next examiner. Lieut. Robinson's description of this man was very humorous. He was fat beyond imagination and after several unsuccessful attempts to extricate himself from his chair upon the arrival of the almanac, he gave it up. He had seven necks and five chins, each fatter than the last. His English was also very broken. One question was, "do you find that your treatment as a prisoner of Germany is as bad as your papers say?" The prisoner replied that so far it was certainly good.  
Lieut. Robinson asserted quite positively that he did not believe these men were cognizant of the horrible atrocities—that they were unknown to all except those who performed them and the men who ordered the commitment of them.

**Boaster and Liar.**  
At St. Quentin, Lieut. Robinson got his grilling and learned something of the Hun disposition. His questioner informed him that he knew the British contemplated a visit to Prince Rupprecht and that his removal from that position had been immediate. The birdman failed to inform him of the mission being the cause of his mistreatment and later when he was permitted to write a postal card to his mother he incidentally conveyed the news of his informant to his P. O. and the trip was abandoned for the time being. In the five thousand questions the Hun asked him, Lieut. Robinson discovered the qualities of boaster and liar prevalent—when the more is a mystery, and the less were of such poor inventions that they were an insult to anyone's intelligence. The Hun has no honor, no pride, no truth and absolutely no sense of humor. Not one single attribute of a gentleman can be found in him.  
**Place of Confinement and Some Questions.**  
The officer was then taken to the local jail and locked in a filthy dirty cell. He immediately set up an indignant objection and with husky lungs was able to "sell down" the sentry and persuaded him to bring the commandant who apologized and permitted the door to remain open and the prisoner to run about the place at will.  
With another prisoner he was taken before another questioner who informed him that he had all the information he was about to ask them for, then proceeded to question them. A Swede stood behind and a stenographer sat in the back ground to take in shorthand the conversation while the glibble German, Lieut. Robinson's companion, whose unlimited sense of humor was continually in evidence, answered all the questions, permitting the former to never get a word in "edgeways."  
The first question was, "We understand air craft is being manufactured in England." The answer, "Yes, in thousands of factories."  
"Name them."  
"Cross and Blackwell" and another quite as ridiculous.  
"A new type is being made we understand. Can you give us an idea of the nature of it?"  
"Yes! It is a combined pusher and tractor, in other words it flies both ways at once. It is known by the name of rich mixed."  
The answers were all carefully noted.

**Attempts Made to Escape.**  
The humorist of this account made twelve attempts to escape. All were extremely ingenious and the nerve to carry them out was never lacking. Ill luck caused each one to prove a failure, and yet made him one of the most admired men in Germany. The outcome of the last freed him from the detestable German yoke but the world lost one of its heroes. A shot fired by a sentry on the occasion of his twelfth attempt proved fatal. Lieut. Robinson gave a fine account of his cleverness and exceeding ingenuity in planning how to make a good "get away." The French prisoners devoted considerable time to study but the British always kept as fit as possible to enable them to endure hardships any time escape was possible.  
At only one camp were conditions such that no attempts to escape were made. This was quite surprising to the opinion of the speaker. The worse the conditions of their imprisonment the fiercer the morale.  
**More Hun "Gentleness."**  
A number of Russians were confined in one of the camps to which this aviator was sent and the officers were among the finest he met. The Germans, however, made life pretty miserable for the poor Russians and they fared even worse than other Allied prisoners at that time.  
Just here Lieut. Robinson asserted that the only way to punish Germany for her treatment of prisoners was to take severe reprisals until the Hun cried quits. It is the only way to make him understand that business is meant and he will only when dealt with earnestly and severely enough.

## ITALIAN DELEGATION THREATENS TO RETURN IF DEMANDS ARE REFUSED

### Impasse Reached at Peace Conference Over Question of Disposal of Fiume and Dalmation Coast—Lloyd George Tries in Vain to Secure Agreement Between Orlando and Wilson—Rumor of Turkish Bolshevist Revolution Not Believed at London—Downfall of Soviet Government in Hungary Officially Admitted and Anarchy is Feared.

**VILNA RECAPTURED FROM BOLSHEVIKS**  
LONDON, April 23.—The important city of Vilna has been recaptured from the Bolsheviki, according to an official admission in a Russian wireless despatch. The Russian message reads: "Enemy attacked with considerable force in Vilna region, pierced our lines and occupied the town."

**ANARCHY IS FEARED AT BUDAPEST**  
BUDAPEST, April 23.—This city is going through a crisis worse than that of April 3. There is apprehension that there will be a violent swing to anarchy. Looting which has been held in check or legalized as nationalization of property and assassination of old political leaders and aristocrats are feared.

**"BELGIAN" ARRIVED WITH ANGLICAN LARGE FORCE TODAY**  
HALIFAX, April 23.—The White Star liner "Belgie" with 32 officers and 3,163 of other ranks of the returning Canadian Expeditionary force, docked at 9 o'clock this morning. On board were Second Canadian General Hospital, Second Clearing Hospital, Third and Seventh Canadian Stationary Hospitals, Canadian Light Horse and five army troop companies of skilled mechanics, viz: Kingston; 2nd, London, third, Toronto, being included. Lieut.-Col. Sanford Smith commands Light Horse and Lieut.-Col. Reason is senior medical officer aboard.

**ITALIANS REFUSE TO BUDGE ON FIUME QUESTION**  
PARIS, April 23.—Italian delegation to the peace conference reasserted today its determination to stand firm on question of Fiume, indicating that unless council changed its position delegation would not return to the conference.

**ORLANDO THREATENS TO RETURN HOME**  
PARIS, April 23.—Premier Orlando threatens to return to Italy today unless there is a satisfactory adjustment of the Fiume and Dalmatian questions. Premier Lloyd George is trying to persuade the Italian leader to remain in Paris longer, while he continues his efforts to reconcile the opposing viewpoints. It became known today that Premier Lloyd George tried unsuccessfully during the discussion last night to find a basis for agreement between the differing viewpoints of Wilson and Orlando on the Italian situation.

**GERMAN DELEGATES TO BE RECEIVED APRIL 28**  
PARIS, Apr 23.—The German government has been informed by the Allied governments that they are ready to receive the German delegates at Versailles on April 28.

**TRAGEDY DISCOVERED AT THE WINDSOR AT MONTREAL**  
MONTREAL, April 23.—The body of a woman who had been stabbed to death and an unconscious man registered under the name of A. Lambeth, Toronto, were found this morning in a room in the Windsor Hotel.  
The man is believed to be an Austrian and the young woman an Italian or Syrian. She had been shot once and stabbed several times. On table was a pile of letters to people in Toronto and St. Catharines. A note read: "We are dying for love and sickness." Money was left for postage on letters.

## MEN OF THE FAMOUS SECOND WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW AFTERNOON

### Forty of the Belleville Boys and Thirty From the Surrounding District Due to Arrive Tomorrow (Thursday) at 4.50 p.m. Via Grand Trunk Railway.

Definite word was received this afternoon that the Belleville boys who saw service in the famous Fighting Second battalion and who arrived at Halifax on Sunday via the "Olympic" will reach Belleville Grand Trunk Station at 4.50 p.m. tomorrow.  
Ald. Chas. Hanna, who is in Kingston today, stated in a telephone message to The Ontario this afternoon that the special train bearing the Second battalion was not expected at Kingston until six o'clock p.m. today (Wed.) Kingston is the point of demobilization for the Second and that city is preparing a tremendous reception for the returning heroes.  
The local men will have to go through the formality of securing their demobilization papers, therefore it will be necessary for them to remain in Kingston all night.  
Special cars will be attached to the regular train leaving Kingston at 2.30 p.m. and due to arrive at Belleville at 4.50 p.m.  
Mayor Platt and the Reception Committee

## GRAND BAZAAR OPENS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

### Academy a Scene of Splendor—A Fine Display and Program—Some of the Attractions.

St. Michael's Academy is the centre of the grand Easter bazaar held under the auspices of the ladies of St. Michael's parish to raise funds for the erection of a new hospital in this city. The bazaar opened on Tuesday afternoon with a big attendance of members of the parish and the public in general and today and tomorrow the function will be in full swing.

A glance around the spacious hall reveals attractions everywhere. First and foremost is the astoria in charge of Miss A. Hurley. The east side of the hall has been turned into a tea and lunch room. Every thing in this department is home-made, bugs, bread, cake and so forth. The young ladies of the congregation serve lunch.

The candy booth decorated in blue and white is in charge of Miss Rita Hughes, Miss Flora Patterson and Miss Eva Poppin.  
Posters, Samson and Kitcheson wards have a booth selling beautiful fancy goods and articles. Mrs. Laferty and Mrs. Hughes are in charge. The decorations are in mauve and white.

Mrs. Flagler and Mrs. T. Collins are in charge of the flower and bellini ward booth, which is adorned in green and white streamers. The articles offered are fancy work and dresses.  
Coleman and Murney ward ladies have black, yellow and white decorations on their booth. Those in charge are Mrs. (Dr.) Coughlin, Mrs. Fanny, Mrs. Meagher and Mrs. Poltz for the erection of a new hospital in this city. The bazaar opened on Tuesday afternoon with a big attendance of members of the parish and the public in general and today and tomorrow the function will be in full swing.

**BELLEVILLE TO TAKE UP HOUSING SCHEME**  
The city council met last evening at 7 o'clock and concluded the session shortly after eight o'clock. Besides passing the accounts and resolutions, there was considerable other business.

Mr. J. B. Franco, secretary of the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Association, wrote the council urging co-operation in the movement for a clean-up week commencing on May 5th. Referred to the Fire Committee.

The Board of Health wrote council relative to the satisfactory manner in which the garbage had been collected during the past year and suggested making arrangements whereby the services of Mr. Thomas Harris as collector could be retained.

Council was asked to concur in a petition to Parliament to continue in force the order-in-council authorizing the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine.

A motion prevailed to concur in the petition.  
Petitions were presented for the construction of sewers on Isabelle St. on Queen street from McDonald St. to Hencker Ave. on Henry street from Coleman to Cedar. Referred to the city clerk, assessor and city engineer to report upon.

Petitions were presented asking for the construction of ersatzable pavements on the east side of Harvey street, west side of Hencker Ave. east side of Hencker Ave. west side of Olive street. Referred to city engineer, city clerk and assessor.

**Legislation**  
Ald. Rigg asked if the city was going to play a role in the new "No" and several others.  
Ald. Hanna moved that the council take the following resolution: That there is a building scheme at our feet and that it behooves the council to appoint a housing commission, consisting of the whole council. Carried.

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good shape financ- Board according to rt for 1918, has a fit in the Bank of 000, and our taxes be reduced next great room for im- village and it reas- to take the initiative for the private to follow. The ef- reaching, and it take the matter up very citizen who is progress and pros- ge. who live but from the town have may well be proud of four boys, three King and country, never return, hav- on the battle fields edom's cause. Lloyd battle of Arras in Pte. Wilson Moore one of the big bat- ago and as a result ad his right leg am- rned home last fall Toronto qualifying the problems of life. The third boy, Pte. home last week, ving in Uncle Sam's time the American ized and like his he call to arms. Af- training at various A. Pte. Moore pro- with his Division, ed valuable service, of three years and Moore returned to the village on Tues- his home coming was

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oughout the country ble condition. erious wreck on the Wednesday last. A with wood, which ed" ahead of the rd and they were ts to the Junction. came up from ine was cleared for. The disabled en- to Trenton on Mon- times.

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