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## HUN SELF-CONDEMNATION

The Germans are convicting themselves out of their own mouths. Not that there is any particular need for such evidence, but it tends to corroborate established facts. A late edition of Maximilian Harden's paper, the Berlin Vorwaerts, has the following:

"We were told that 'the German Government did not know about the Austrian ultimatum beforehand.' It is a lie. We were told that Berlin exhorted Vienna to exercise moderation.' It is a lie. Berlin, on the contrary, incited Vienna. Kaiser Wilhelm declared in a proclamation that 'the enemy had attacked us in deep peace.' That is an unfounded, barefaced, infamous and shameless lie.

"This gang of miserable mass-murderers who, during a revolution, got off cheaply owing to the people's generosity, are still planning re-establishment of their bloodstained rule, befouled by lies. The people chased them away in shame and disgrace. They ought to thank God on their knees that they got off so cheaply."

## WHAT WILL WOMEN DO?

Thousands of Canadian women found themselves during the four and a half years of war.

While the men went to war or threw themselves into the work behind the war—the work of farm and field, of office and factory, of store and counting room—the women were not idle. Far from it!

They knitted socks and other garments. They made surgical dressings. They gathered materials for the relief of human suffering in hundreds of ways. They served and they saved. On countless days they have served tempting meals without meat. They saved sugar and fats and their families kept strong and well on substitutes. Many of these women had little leisure before the war; yet somehow they found that they could keep their homes going admirably, and still give much time to useful service to the nation and its fighting forces.

They contributed work—loyal, loving, devoted work. But they did far more than that. They contributed to that most precious of all war resources—morale. They contributed patriotic spirit and fervor. They gave their men, smiles on their faces, while tragically clutched savagely at their hearts. It has been splendid! The Dominion could not have carried on as it did without its women and their sacrifices, and devotion and loving hearts and flying fingers and busy steps. They have learned the glory, the warmth, and the joy of service. Though many of them had learned these, the greatest of all lessons, before the war, they never as a body had occasion to learn it until now.

It is good that they should have learned it—good for them, good for the Dominion, good for the Empire and good for the future.

Soon the war emergency will have passed, and the war work will be ended. "What are the women going to do then?" You hear the question every day—from men, and from women, too.

Is the great, splendid lesson of service going to be lost in the peace time to come? We do not believe, we cannot believe, that it will be. For the women of Canada will not forget. This tenderness and this spirit of patriotic and humane helpfulness are not going to pass away.

The women of Brandon and of Canada at large, will never be contented to drop back into the old ways. Canada will never be contented to drop back into the old ways of selfishness,

idleness and dissipation.

The call for service will not cease with the signing of the peace compact. It will have but begun. There is so much to do to make life freer and fuller and fairer, and better and sweeter and happier and there will always be much to do. And Canada's womanhood, strengthened and ennobled by the lessons of four and a half years of war-time sacrifice and service, will be doing it.

## BOLSHEVIKI METHODS

The strike of policemen, firemen and employees of other civic departments in Montreal, though not prolonged, gave the Canadian Bolsheviki an opportunity to display their fearful craftsmanship. The result startled Canada. Had the strike been prolonged what would have been the result?

The unrest that is sweeping the world is affording an opportunity to the enemy within our gates, who feared to show his hand during the war, to strike foul blows. It matters not to him what the occasion is, so long as excited crowds assemble. From the safety of the mass he can hurl a stone or a torch and under cover of mob rule deliver fearful blows at civilization, the civilization that afforded him opportunities denied in the land of his birth.

One thing is certain, Canadians cannot tolerate Bolsheviki counsels or methods. That way, lies madness. If strikes are to be made the occasion for rioting and looting, patriotic Canadians must not countenance strikes. Under the circumstances the worker, or the employer if he is being unfairly used, should have some means of securing redress rather than the strike of the lockout.

pneumonia and twenty-seven deaths. Six hundred and fifty-five employees were vaccinated. Among these vaccinated employees but four influenza cases developed, and one pneumonia case, which, it was clear, had been infected before vaccination. There were no deaths.

Not a single case of influenza developed among 141 Chicago policemen who, being engaged in influenza work, were all vaccinated.

Influenza has come back in some communities. It may come back in Brandon, and at any rate there will be more or less of it around all winter. The part of wisdom is to get vaccinated.

## BRITISH TROOPS IN ADVANCED POSITION GERMAN TERRITORY

London, Dec. 14.—An official statement on the operations of the British army of occupation issued on Friday night says:

"Our advanced troops yesterday crossed the Rhine and commenced the occupation of the Cologne bridgehead. By the evening they had reached the general line of Ober-Cassel—Siegburg—Odenthal—Optaden."

## BRANDON POULTRY CAPTURED PRIZES AT CHICAGO SHOW

Fifteen Awards Given to the Thirteen Birds Shown From This City

Brandon must be represented at the International Stock Show in Chicago. Although the McGregor cattle were not exhibited this year yet Brandon poultry fanciers did not lose the opportunity of endeavoring to put Brandon well to the front, if only in a small way as compared to other years, and succeeding in bringing home the honors.

Thirteen birds were shipped from Brandon and the following prizes have been awarded: White Rose Comb Bantams—Cock, first; hen, first and second; cockerel, second and third; pullet, first and second, Capt. Georgeon, Black Rose Comb—Cock, third, Captain Georgeon, Partridge Cochins Bantams—Cockerel, first; pullet, first, Shetler and Kievel, Partridge Cochins—Cock, first and second; hen, first; pullet, first and second, Shetler and Kievel.

The above winners will all be on exhibition at the great Winter Fair held here in March and it is confidently anticipated that many other birds of equal quality will be in competition.

## MILITARY POLICE RECALLED TO DUTY

London, Ont., Dec. 14.—Twenty-four military policemen who were discharged two weeks ago because it was believed that the whole machinery of the Military Service Act was to be abandoned, have been recalled to duty. Capt. Asa Minard, District Inspector, was engaged in clearing up his office when word to resume activities arrived. It is believed that the order is in support of Ottawa's announcement that draft evaders and deserters are to be apprehended and punished, notwithstanding the arrival of peace.

## BOLTON GIVEN \$400 AS GRATUITY FOR SERVICES IN EPIDEMIC

City Council Also Recognizes Work of Y.M.C.A. Officials in Fighting Influenza

## SOLDIERS' BURIAL PLOT

The members of the City Council adopted a benevolent attitude at the regular meetings of the Standing Committees on Friday night when \$400 was voted as a mark of appreciation of his services during the Flu epidemic, to Dr. E. S. Bolton, Medical Officer of Health, and another \$200 to the Y. M. C. A. in recognition of the services of the officers of that institution on the same occasion.

When Ald. Coleman brought up the matter regarding Dr. Bolton and suggested that the Council should vote an amount as gratuity to the Medical Officer, the alderman was reluctant to mention any particular amount. But the unanimity with which his colleagues met the suggestion encouraged Ald. Coleman to include in his motion the amount of \$400 and this was cheerfully agreed to by all the aldermen present.

Work of Y.M.C.A. Officials  
It was later in the meeting that Mayor Cater suggested that the City hand over \$200 to the Y.M.C.A. in recognition of the services of the officials of that institution during the Flu epidemic. Again the aldermen, bearing in mind the time-worn adage: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," fell in line, and with warm verbal tributes to the splendid work rendered by Mr. W. S. Maguire, N. H. MacBeth, R. B. Hunter and others, voted over the sum stated.

Prior to this action, Dr. Bolton was at the meeting for a short spell and enlightened the aldermen with an account of the present situation regarding the Flu epidemic.

## Defeating the Flu

The Doctor volunteered the pleasing information that only two new cases of Flu had been reported during the day. The situation appeared to be greatly improved. He had made it his business to make a round of the theatres on the previous night and was agreeably surprised to find that there were only small attendances in each case, so there was not much danger to be apprehended at that account. He was doubtful if the Collegiate would be vacated in time for the reopening of the Institute for school purposes on December 30th, though it is quite possible that it will not be required for hospital purposes after next week. He did not, however, propose to jeopardize the matter of hospital accommodation. With regard to the diet kitchen in the Central School, he suggested that the Council engage a vacant building in a central location and secure someone who would be able to make up soups, etc., as there would be people who would require help for some time. He pointed out that as soon as the schools opened, they would be deprived of the help of teachers in the capacity of nurses.

## Free Hand For Doctor

The Council decided that the Medical Health Officer continue to have a free hand in anything that he may deem necessary to keep the Flu at bay.

## Echo of Collision

Despite its generous moods, it was with a spirit of stern justice that the council dealt with a letter from Dr. Bolton enclosing an account for \$19 said to be due for damages to his car by the street railway sweeper.

Superintendent Boden submitted a report on the case. This indicated that two witnesses, Mrs. Rose and Mr. William Currie, supported Mr. Roy, the foreman's contention that the auto drove into the rear part of the sweeper by coming out of the Reliance Garage; that the collision occurred through the negligence of the driver of the auto, and that the driver of the sweeper was in no way to blame.

The Council decided to disclaim liability.

## Burial Plot For Veterans

Ald. Grantham submitted the report of the committee who were deputed to select a plot as a burial place for veterans of the war. A remark that the place was set aside for the burial of returned soldiers "and their families" brought out a protest by some of the aldermen. It was insisted that it would be a calamity to divide families when the last call comes; that if a soldier was buried in the plot, it would constitute a cruel hardship if his wife should not be placed in the same plot but had to be buried elsewhere.

It was suggested that it would be well to see what the Great War Veterans had to say regarding the matter, but some of the aldermen held that the Council was giving the plot and should have the say as to what was to be done with it.

Then came the point as to whether army and navy veterans of other wars should be allowed the privilege of free burial in the enclosure. The Council thought otherwise, and stipulated that the plot be set aside for the burial of those who participated "in the great war of 1914-1918."

## Is there a Santa Claus

How many times has the question been asked? There was once a little girl whose name was Virginia, who sought high authority for an answer to the question. She wrote a letter to Cradles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, saying: "Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" The famous editor was pleased to tell her the truth. This was his reply, printed in his paper:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe unless they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real of children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real as chiming. No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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## DUKE WAS TAKEN TO WRONG CHURCH

Halifax, Dec. 14.—All Halifax is talking of an incident of which has unsuccessful.

added no little to the enjoyment of the Governor-General's recent visit. On descending from the train last Sunday the party's chauffeur was ordered to convey them to the cathedral. By mistake he took them to another Anglican church, St. Paul's, the congregation of which is credited with being in terms of friendly rivalry with that of the Cathedral of All Saints. But St. Paul's is one of the oldest churches on the continent, rejoices in a royal pew, and was quite equal to the occasion. In the meantime the official service at the cathedral, at which the Archbishop of Nova Scotia was the preacher, and which was attended by all the local dignitaries, military, naval and Governmental, proceeded without the expected guest.

His Excellency worshipped at Fort Massey, the Presbyterian church, attended by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in the evening.

## NOT OFFICIALLY KNOWN THAT BORIS HAS QUIT THRONE

British Authorities Not Informed As to Whether Bulgaria's King Has Abdicated

London, Dec. 11.—Reuter's Agency is officially informed that nothing is known officially in London about the reported abdication of King Boris of Bulgaria. The revolution there has

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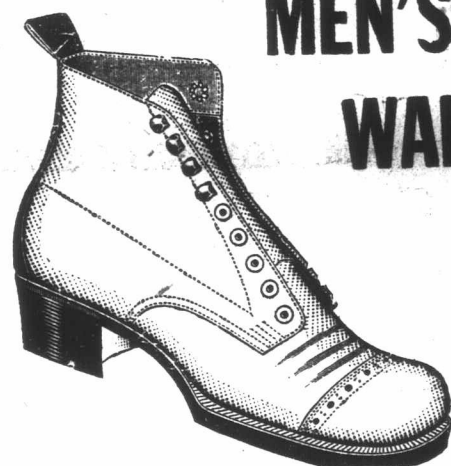
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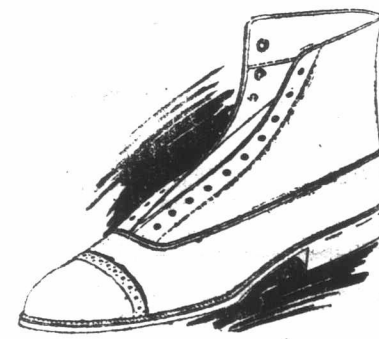
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