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London, Feb. 19.—Flying has become so safe and easy that in peace time every one who can should take it up as a means of travel and recreation, according to General T. S. Branker, director of air organization for the British army.

"Flying today is so easy," said General Branker, "that most people are in danger from over-confidence. Half our accidents arise from this cause. Training in aviation, from the military point of view, is getting more and more complicated, but actual flying, from the practical point of view of getting from place to place, has become almost as easy and safe as automobile driving or bicycling."

People generally ought to learn the elementary principles of handling an aeroplane. The only factor against general private use of aeroplanes, especially in Great Britain, is the uncertainty of the weather, but with experience and reliable engines it is possible to fly in almost any weather short of a blizzard or a hurricane or a violent thunderstorm."

Foresees Developments.—General Branker foresees the development of more and better qualified instructors, more reliable engines and slower and more deliberate training after the stress of war is over. "At present," he explained, "there is of necessity a good deal of undue haste. The supply of aviators is forever trying to catch up with the demand, and the demand is forever increasing, both in numbers and quality."

Asked whether any ordinary person could become a really good aeroplane pilot, General Branker said: "The most unexpected people make good pilots, and very often the most promising ones never attain more than superficiality in the air. Any sound man with sound nerves—and women, too, for that matter—can make a good, useful pilot, but it is only the exceptional individual who will make the really brilliant fighting pilot. Even the physically unsound man may be a good pilot, like the late Lord Lucan, who had a wooden leg."

As for the best age for training in flying, I think they should begin as young as possible. Generally speaking, eighteen is rather young for the great strain of active service, and I prefer a man of 25 or 25 years for army aviation work. A man of thirty-five to forty, who has lived a hard life and is a good horseman, will probably develop into a good pilot quicker than the man of 25 to 30 who has spent his life in an office or in doing nothing, but, as a rule, the older man will not stand the strain of active service as long as the young man."

Like Horsemanship.—The quality of horsemanship is a useful one in any would-be aviator. The requirements are just the same—good hands, a good head, steady nerves and judgment. Flying is perhaps a little easier than riding, because one sits in a comfortable arm chair in a quiet machine. No national temperament is so well suited to flying as the British, is General Branker's opinion. "The Englishman is certainly the finest aeroplane pilot in the world. The old British characteristics which make masters of the sea are also in the air—and they will make us masters of the air, in spite of all the many objections to progress which will assuredly spring up as soon as peace is declared."

Turning to the question of casualties in aeroplane training, he said: "A good many deaths are reported in the papers, but when compared with the numbers in training and the number of hours in the air accomplished every day by the pilots, the fact must be fearfully faced that no progress can be made without a certain cost in human life. The extraordinarily few cases of breakage in the air speak well for British construction and inspection. The most common cause of accident is engine failure, followed by an effort to turn sharply into a possible landing place and losing speed on the turn, which results in a nose-dive. Even good and experienced pilots are prone to do this, and the only cure appears to be the avoidance of engine failure. This will come in peace, when we can devote more energy towards real reliability in the engine instead of extreme lightness and exaggerated performances."

Knights of Pythias Hold Anniversary Celebration.—Amicus Lodge, No. 20, Knights of Pythias, held its open night last evening in the S.O.E. Hall when about 150 were present. Last evening was the celebration of the 53rd anniversary of the order, and the 42nd anniversary of the insurance department. It was stated that to the end of December last the membership was 750,000. The past chancellor's jewel was presented to W. L. Tobias. A short address was given by Grand Chancellor E. R. Hurst, who spoke on the history of the order. A remarkable fact was disclosed last evening when it was stated that during the presentation of the Canadian war pictures at the Regent last week, under the auspices of The Toronto World, one of the members, Past Chancellor C. P. Hewlett, who was killed last September, was plainly recognized.

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CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ARE CALLED BY GOVERNMENT

Will Work in Accordance
With Wishes Expressed on
National Service Cards.

That the government intends to make the national service scheme serve its purpose was manifest in Toronto when four of the best known customs officials in the city received a call to proceed to Halifax and were on their way within a few hours. The call came as a result of the signing by the men of the cards sent out by the government by which set the men signified their willingness to go elsewhere to work at the same work in the service of the government.

The men to whom the call came are Messrs. John Horne, Sam Chulow, A. W. Harper and Arthur Tallow. The summons came without any previous intimation and took the men by surprise, but they were able to get away on the midnight train for the east. Mr. Horne held the position of express officer in the fact the North American, who was chosen and envy those who were so lucky.

TARIFF REFORMERS IN BRITAIN ELATED

Announcement Regarding Imperial Preference Creates Considerable Sensation.

OPPOSITION VOICED

Free Trade Newspapers Show Perturbation and Give Warnings.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—All the morning newspapers today make a feature of the imperial preference report as the chief news of the day, and also devote their leading editorial articles to it.

The discussion follows the old lines of cleavage. Papers which formerly supported Joseph Chamberlain's tariff reform policy had the committee's recommendations with enthusiasm and, in the words of one of them, "the breath of the new dawn—the dawn of the day in which a truly national, a truly imperial, policy can flourish."

The opponents of the tariff are correspondingly perturbed. They declare that the difficulty of establishing a tariff is even greater now than formerly, because of the interests of the allies and the necessity of avoiding anything suggesting a post war threat against neutrals. In this connection one of these newspapers says:

"Our cause already has suffered a good deal in the estimation of Americans because such a threat seemed to be held out by the resolutions of the tariff conference."

The opposing papers also warn against the danger of erecting post war barriers even against Germany and Austria, whose custom they say is valuable.

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THE FORMAN MYSTERY

By GEORGE HUGHES.

(Continued From Yesterday.)

Detective Barton cross-examined her, and she answered his numerous queries in a straightforward manner, her story being practically identical with that told to Warren earlier in the evening. Barton tried everything he could think of to shake her testimony, but without success, and she related to her room with the message that Miss Forman was required in the long-room.

When Edith Forman appeared five minutes later every head in the room turned toward the door, and three pairs of eyes focused themselves upon her. She had removed her street attire, and was now clad in a simple white blouse and black skirt. Her dark hair was coiffed high upon her proud head, and the pallor of her face was a striking feature.

Two detectives made no pretence of hiding their feelings, and gazed at her with a frank glance of admiration. She advanced into the room with stately grace, unhurried, and with never a glance at the clasp of her sister. She faced Warren and the two officials without a word.

"We would like all the information you can give us relative to the death of your sister," said Warren. "I know very little about the affair," she replied, "except that I came home from the recital at the conservatory of music shortly after eleven o'clock, to find my sister as you see her now. This person," indicating Warren with a nod of her head, "and Nora, our servant, were conversing in the hall when I entered the house. Probably they will be able to give you more information than I can."

Warren's ire was aroused at her opprobrious reference to him. He glared at her, and for a moment, then, "Have you any idea as to whether anyone called upon your sister last night—gay, a friend, or to be exact, a man?"

"Not to my knowledge. She was not in the habit of entertaining people here—least of all men. She was not overly strong, and mixed in company very seldom."

"Um!" Barton paused again. His brow wrinkled in cogitation, and he pursed his thick lips in thought. Suddenly his brow straightened, and his lips receded to their normal shape.

"Have you any idea as to whether your sister had, at any time, incurred the enmity of anyone who might seek her life in revenge?"

"Not the slightest."

"Indeed, no!" And Miss Forman's eyes reflected strong emotion as she said this. "I am a widow, and, however, and was gone before Warren could fully interpret it."

Barton was plainly perplexed at his failure to secure something in the nature of a clue thru his queries, and with an abrupt "You may go," he dismissed Miss Forman.

She departed from the room in the same unhurried way. Barton's eyes followed her until she disappeared into the hall.

"Funny!" he ejaculated, as the door closed behind the girl. To Warren he said, "She's the limit! To judge by the look of her while she was in the room, you would think that she didn't know her sister was lying there. I've got an idea that she knows a lot more than she cares to tell. However—Waller, let's lift the girl onto the couch there and get back to headquarters. We can't do anything more here. We'll have to wait till daylight."

The detectives stooped and lifted the girl from the floor and deposited her gently upon the leather couch nearby. While they were crossing the space Warren noticed a piece of paper fall upon the carpet from somewhere above the door. Curious as to what it could be, he picked it up. He saw that it was a small piece of note-paper, of the kind generally used for correspondence. It was folded small and sealed, and with much content with human hands. Wondering what it could possibly be, Warren opened it. Written in ink, in a hand that was small and uniform, was the following message:

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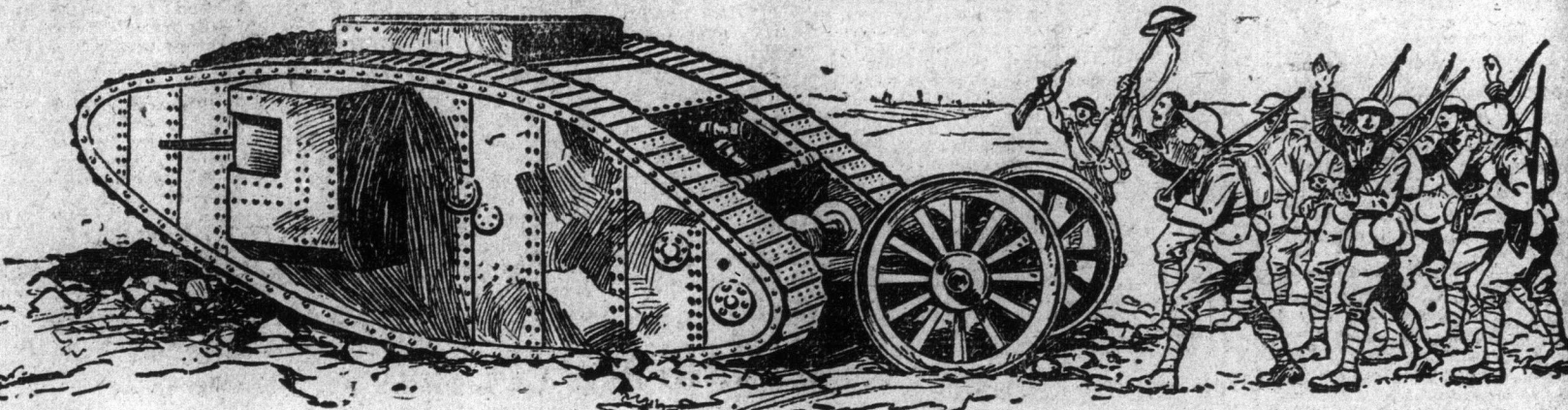
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The Canadian Army in Action And the Advance of the Tanks

Official Moving Picture of the Battle of Courcellette



"A Tank is walking down the High Street. The army is cheering behind."—Philip Gibbs in London Daily Telegraph

Motion Pictures of the Canadians in action and the first introduction of the Tanks—one of the most dramatic occasions in the war—are being shown this week in Toronto at two convenient downtown theatres—the Globe and the Rialto—at popular prices!

This is the film recording Canada's biggest military engagement to date. Read what Gen. Turner says about the Ontario battalions:

"Please convey to the Ontario Government the deep appreciation of all ranks of the Canadian overseas forces in Great Britain for their message of sympathy and continued confidence in their loyal efforts for King and Canada," said Gen. R. E. W. Turner in a message transmitted to Premier Hearst. "I desire to add to the above my deep personal appreciation of the splendid behavior of the Ontario battalions that I have the honor to command, viz.: in the 3rd brigade and second division—no finer incentive to gallant deeds is needed than the magnificent example of one battalion that lost all its officers going over the parapet at the Somme on the 15th of September last, but still continued on under the non-commissioned officers and

gained, consolidated and held all its objective under intense artillery fire.

"The measure of success must not always be judged by the number of prisoners captured, as it was found later on the same day that the Ontario trenches, captured from the Boches were filled with German dead—a splendid proof of their ability with the bayonet."

"Ontario has good cause to thank God for her noble sons."

These are the soldiers shown in this film, and this is the battle—September 15—of which Gen. Turner speaks. You owe it to Ontario's sons to see these pictures that you may understand and appreciate what they have done and are doing for us.

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