

HOW TANKS WERE NAMED

The following are extracts from an article on the "tanks" in the Strand Magazine by Col. R. D. Swinton, their inventor.

"Why 'tanks'? Why should a fighting automobile have been so inappropriately named? The reply can be given in two words—for secrecy. In its experimental stage the machine was known as a 'land cruiser' or 'landship.' But it is a military machine, and it is always called in the text books—has immense value in war; and it was naturally realized that the greatest results to be expected from the employment of this new weapon would be attained if it could be launched unexpectedly, so that the enemy might be caught unprepared to meet it."

Various rumors about the new machine were current amongst those who got wind of them. One was that they were intended to carry water for the troops across the deserts of Egypt and Mesopotamia. A second limited at snowploughs for use on the Russian front.

One good point common to both the German home-made equivalent terms of "tank" is that they do not lend themselves to the making of lyrics, for neither "Panzerkraftwagen" nor "Schutzeigrazenverlehtungsmotomobil" is likely to be used as the refrain of a topical song in vaudeville.

The machines were yet otherwise miscalled. During the summer of 1916 an enemy agent, trying to tap the wires in England, might have been mystified to pick up some such messages as "Twelve Willies reach you today," or "Send tails for six females."

To help conceal the destination of the tanks at the stage when any allusion to their purpose was precluded, they were painted with the inscription: "With care, to Petrograd," in large Russian characters. This, of course, was merely following up the line suggested by the snow-plough fiction.

It is true that certain people who are not soldiers have played a very large and valuable part in creating the tank. It is also true that others who are soldiers have not done so. But the first to appreciate the necessity for it, to urge its provision, and to insist upon the feasibility of its construction, were in fact, soldiers.

So far as the writer is aware, the first definite proposal for a fighting machine was that of the appearance of the Hornsby-Ackroyd Caterpillar tractor which was tested for military traction purposes in England in 1906-1907. It was made by a military officer and was carried up to the stage of the preparation of sketch drawings, when the project died for want of support. Like Mr. Wells, he was ahead of his time.

The tanks are divided into males and females. The male is par excellence the machine-gun hunter and destroyer. He carries light, quick-firing guns capable of firing shell, and is intended to be to the machine gun what the torpedo boat destroyer was destined to be to the torpedo boat, or the ladybird is supposed to be to the aphid. The female, which, in accordance with the laws of nature, is the man-killer, carries nothing but machine guns for employment against the enemy personnel. Her special mission is to keep down hostile rifle fire.

The tanks have supplied the touch of comic relief and excited the mirth of the British soldier, always blessed with a keen sense of the ridiculous. They acted as an antidote to the effect of the "Jack Johnsons," "Whizz Bangers," "Sausages," "Rum Jars," tear shells, gas shells and all the other frightfulnesses of the unspeakable Boche. They counteracted the weariness, the hunger and thirst, the dust, the mud, and all the squalor and filthy discomfort of war.

CENTRE

Mr. C. Gilles returned home on Saturday from a successful hunt and bagged a fine deer.

Mrs. Tom Loni, Ameliasburg, spent a couple of days with Mrs. D. T. Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Calman, Hillier, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilles.

Mrs. L. Lander and son Oral spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gilles.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spencer, and Miss A. Spencer, Picton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Stafford.

Quite a few Sunday School workers attended the S. S. Institute meeting at Mountain View on Tuesday.

Nelson Parliament M. P. made a business trip to Picton on Saturday. Douglas spent Saturday night at Crofton.

WHEN NEW OBJECTIVE IS REACHED BELLEVILLE WILL CELEBRATE

The greatest enthusiasm prevails throughout the entire County today because of Hastings having passed the objective set for it by the Victory Loan organization. This objective was not placed haphazard but is according to the total assessment of the County, therefore, we have cause to celebrate, as some of the richest centres in Canada are still away behind their objective. Of course, they will catch up before the campaign is over, but by that time Hastings County will have passed the new objective that they have themselves placed. One Million Dollars, and be well on the way to a further objective. Everyone must put the shoulder to the wheel, because while we have done well other counties in this district have done far better, so we must have a let-up. Belleville has brought more than double its objective. The county can do likewise. When the Million Mark is passed the Committee hopes to pull off a celebration the like of which has never been heard in this good old city since the old boy's reunion. Every one with an automobile should get ready to decorate it, and there'll be noise galore. A parade will be held on the night this objective is passed, with plenty of red fire and noise. Merchants are also expected to decorate for the occasion and every householder should put a flag in the window.

Many amusing experiences are enjoyed by the canvassers on their rounds. One canvasser reports a visit to a home when the man of the house was holding a baby in his arms, the mother being away from home. After the canvasser had taken his application for a Victory Bond he was about to leave, but the applicant decided that he wanted another one for the mother, and as the canvasser produced the application blank the baby reached out and took possession of it with the automatic decisiveness which is the right of his babyship. There was nothing left to do but buy a baby

bond for baby which was quickly done. Now every member of the household holds a Victory Bond.

McCutcheon of Marlinton is some hustler. Yesterday he came across with another \$5,000. He never misses a day. Yesterday was rather slow because of it being nomination day but not so for Mr. McCutcheon, he nabbed off \$500.00 at the nomination at Tweed. That's the speed that puts the objective behind. Point Ann is coming across it. Geo. Reid and Henry Denyes have thrown under cover and pulled \$13,700 yesterday. They are some hustlers.

The Eastern District has passed its objective of \$6,126,000, and Frontenac was the first county in the Province to pass its objective. Belleville was one of the first cities to do it.

One canvasser while selling the head of the house \$4,000, was approached by the daughter who asked for \$2,000, then the hired man modestly asked for a thousand, and while the canvasser was writing the application he changed his mind and told him to stretch it to \$1500. He stretched.

Victory Loan Report to Nov. 19, 1917

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| Belleville | \$31,300 |
| Trenton | 2,050 |
| Marlbank & vicinity | 5,000 |
| Hungerford & Tweed | 2,000 |
| Madoc | 9,400 |
| Marmora & Deloro including townships | 7,000 |
| Stirling & Rawdon | 9,700 |
| Stidney | 8,050 |
| Thurlow | 13,700 |
| Tyendinaga | 1,200 |
| Huntingdon | 1,700 |
| North Tudor, Limerick & Cashel | 850 |
| Coe Hill & Woolaston | 5,650 |
| Bancroft | 800 |
| Total for day | \$98,200 |
| Yesterday's Total | \$664,000 |
| Grand Total Nov. 20th | \$762,200 |
| Belleville Total | \$362,150 |

To the Electors of West Hastings

I am writing this letter to explain my reasons for refusing to accept the Liberal nomination for West Hastings. My reasons are as follows:

1st. My health is such that I could not stand the strain of an active campaign.

2nd. I was absent from my business for three years and feel that I cannot spare any more time from it for the purpose of fighting an election.

(Sgd.) E. D. O'Flynn.

EVERY RIDING BUT TWENTY TO SEE FIGHT

Few Candidates Are Elected by Acclamation on Nomination Day — Leaders Have Contests—Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Opposed.

With few exceptions the coming election will see a contest in every constituency in Canada. Yesterday was nomination day throughout the Dominion, and 20 out of the 234 ridings have elected their candidate by acclamation. One of these was in Ontario and three in Saskatchewan. Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier each have an opponent, the latter being nominated in two places, Quebec East, and Ottawa, W. S. Fielding is returned by acclamation in Queens-Shelburne, N.S.

An outstanding feature in Ontario was the retirement of Hon. George P. Graham in Essex, who sent a letter to the returning officer stating that for political reasons he had decided to resign. This was one of the surprises of the day.

In Durham, Hon. N. W. Rowell is opposed by George Jones, who is a business trip to Picton on Saturday. Douglas spent Saturday night at Crofton.

Labor candidates have been nom-

inated in numerous constituencies, and in Quebec there are many "Liberal-independent" in the running. South York is the only constituency in Canada where there are five candidates in the field. The situation there and in West Hamilton is similar as the old Conservative members are running in these two ridings as Unionists, with Unionist opposition as well as Labor.

In Manitoba Robert Cruise, former Liberal member for Dauphin. Hon. Dr. Beland, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany ever since the war commenced has received an acclamation in Beauce. Officials returns indicate that there have been twenty acclamations throughout Canada. The Unionists elected without opposition are Glen-garry and Stormont, John McMar-tin; Queens-Shelburne Hon. W. S. Fielding; Yale, British Columbia, Hon. Martin Burrell; Dauphin, Man., Robert Cruise; Last Mountain, Robert Johnston; Maple Creek, McFar-qu'Appelle, Levi Thompson; Weyburn, Thompson.

There is a possibility that in addition Hon. Arthur Meighen may be elected by acclamation in Portage la Prairie, Man. The nomination papers of his opponent have been declared irregular by the returning officer and are held in suspense. The following Laurier Liberals have been elected by acclamation: Dr. Beland in Beauce; Papineau in Beaurivage; Brouil-lard in Drummond-Arthabaska; Dr. Fontaine in Hull; H. A. Fortier in LaSalle; L. A. Pacard in Megantic; Delisle in St. Hyacinthe-Rouville; Dr. Deslauriers in St. Mary's, Mont-real; Hon. Jacques Bureau, Three Rivers; Dr. Prevost in Terrebonne.

CAPT. DUNKLEY WOUNDED

Capt. A. W. Dunkley, formerly classic master at the Oakwood College Institute, Toronto, has been seriously wounded in the upper left arm by a fragment of shell, and is now in hospital at Cambridge, Eng-land. Capt. Dunkley enlisted with the 201st Battalion, Toronto, but went overseas with a draft in Octo-ber of 1916. After spending sev-eral months in England taking up special courses, he reverted to lieuten-ant to get to France, crossing in August of this year. Capt. Dunkley was a popular member of the staff at Oakwood College, being a well-known football player and an ath-lete. He was born in Picton, is a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, and was on the Harvard College staff for a time before go-ing to Oakwood, where he taught for a number of years before going over-seas.

Capt. Dunkley is a brother of the Misses Dunkley of Picton.—Gazette.

CR. LAWRENCE WOUNDED

Campton, Ont., Nov. 19th, 1917

From Ottawa, Ont.
To Mr. D. Lawrence:
"Sincerely regret to inform you 230930 Gunner Fred B. Lawrence seriously wounded Nov. 9th, ad-mitted to hospital. Gunshot wound in thigh and hand. Will give fur-ther information later."

Director of Records
Fred was with the 38th Battery, 10th Artillery Brigade and 3rd Canadian Division in France when wounded.

Yours truly,
F. M. Lawrence.

LETTER OF THANKS

On Saturday last Miss Kathleen Arnott, of the Hydro Switching Station, received the following acknowledgment:

2nd Canadian Command Depot, Bramshott, Hants, England, October 30, 1917.

To Miss Kathleen Arnott:—
Dear Miss Arnott:

In acknowledgment for the splendid parcel which I received yesterday October 29th that was sent April 21st, I wish to heartily thank you and the rest of the Bel-leville ladies who so kindly donated towards it. Although it has been travelling for the last six months, I received it as sound as the day it was packed, and although I am not in France at the present time, I can assure you every article was very acceptable.

I am now in training at the 2nd Canadian Command Depot and expect to be ready for France again in the near future.

Thanking you all once more I re-main

Yours Sincerely,
J. A. Hooper, 472636
F. Company 46 Batt.

BELLEVILLE BOY DIED IN HAMILTON

The death occurred very suddenly at noon Monday Oct. 29th at Ham-ilton Military Hospital, of Pte. O. Herrington, eldest son of Delbert and the late Martha Herrington formerly of Belleville.

Being a general favorite with all who knew him his death came as a great shock, although he had been in poor health for some time.

Besides his father, he leaves to mourn his loss two sisters, Mrs. C. Colard, of Galt, and Mrs. Fred Stibbard, of Toronto, also one brother, Roy, of Galt.

REPORTED MISSING BELIEVED KILLED

"Deeply regret to inform you Pte. Than Leary, Infantry, previously re-ported missing, believed killed in action on August 19th," says the director of records. The deceased soldier is survived by his father and mother and three brothers, Ben-jamin, James and Leary, and one sister, Mrs. George Harmer, all of Nanawee. His wife and one child live at Verona. Deceased was born at Nanawee twenty-five years ago. He signed up with the 146th Bat-talion, and went overseas and was in the trenches some time. He leaves a large circle of friends.—Express

The members of the Great War Veterans Association assisted by every member of every chapter of the Daughters of the Empire and supported by our bankers, merchants and manufacturers are at work like beavers to make the great benefit performance of Mme Gardini and her company at Griffin's Opera House on the evening of Nov. 23rd, a grand success and as at this date there are only a comparative few tickets remaining and as the out-look orders are coming in rapidly, it is a safe prediction that Mme. Gardini will face the largest elite audience which has appeared at the Opera House this season.

There is not a dotting father or a loving mother in Belleville who has a daughter who is musically inclined who should neglect the opportunity of the great musical event of the season, the appearance of Mme. Gardini, the grand opera artist of world wide fame and Frederick O. Trell, the eminent pianist, who will appear at Griffin's Opera House on the evening of Nov. 23rd for the benefit of the Great War Veterans Association, to pass unheeded as it will afford an opportunity to see and hear the greatest artist now before the public, and is in itself a liberal education in being able to get the method which has made them popular among the music-lovers of the entire world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson VIII.—Fourth Quarter,
For Nov. 25, 1917.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Pa. ciii.—Memory Verses, 2-10—Golden Text, Pa. ciii, 2. Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

This is a part of the fourth book of Psalms, ending with the one hundred and sixth, and corresponds in some measure to the book of Numbers, which tells of the forty years in the wilderness with the many vicissitudes. It begins with Ps. xc, the prayer of Moses as he saw the thousands falling around him day by day; but in the last one, as the wilderness story is reviewed, it is written that God saved them for His name's sake and many times delivered them, although they believed not His word and hearkened not to His voice (Pa. cxi, 24, 25, 43). The sustaining truth in all the dark-ness is the final coming of the king-dom, when the Lord shall come to judge and reign and build up Jerusa-lem, never to be thrown down again (xcvi, 13; xcvi, 9; cii, 13-16).

Our present lesson begins with the forgiveness of sins and ends with the story of the angels who do His pleas-ure. David is called the sweet psalm-ist of Israel, and he tells us in his last words that the Spirit of the Lord spake by him and gave him his messages (I Sam. xiii, 1, 2). This is truly a psalm of thanksgiving in which he calls upon his soul and all that is within him to magnify the Lord. I heard the late George Muller once say concerning Lam. iii, 24, "The Lord is my portion, saith my soul." It is my soul that says it, not merely my lips, and unless our souls utter the words they may count for nothing in His sight. The forgiveness of sins is the beginning of all true happiness, and through the finished work of Christ as our substi-tute, our sin offering, this great pro-clamation should be made to every crea-ture (Eph. xxiv, 47, 49; Acts xiii, 38, 39). Our iniquities and transgressions are by Him forgiven, put as far away from us as the east is from the west, cast behind His back, cast into the depths of the sea, blotted out and shall not be remembered (verses 2, 12; Mic. vii, 19; Isa. xxxviii, 17; xliii, 25).

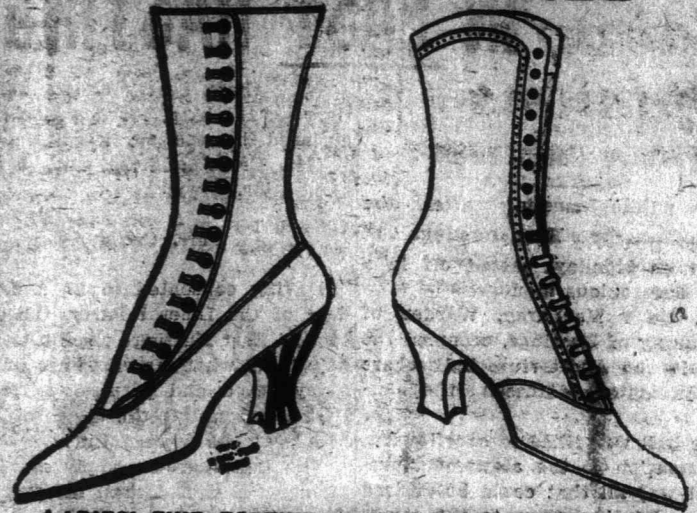
How many figures He uses to assure us that they are gone and can never be found. And if this does not fill us with joy and peace (Rom. xv, 13) it must be because we do not believe it. As to healing all our diseases, God said to Israel, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and, "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" (Ex. xv, 26; xiii, 25). We know that all whose sins are forgiven will surely have redeemed bodies in the resurrex-tion of the last, which shall never know sickness (Phil. iii, 21), and even now He may give us wonderful foretastes. A life redeemed from de-struction makes us think of I Thess. i, 10, "Who hath delivered us from the wrath to come." The loving kindness and tender mercies and good things of verses 4 and 5 are all included in the "With Him freely all things" of Rom. viii, 32. The numbering of youth takes us to Isa. xl, 31, and onward to the time when we shall be like Him (I John iii, 1, 2), which suggests that as He was not over thirty-four when He died and rose again the oldest of us shall be about that age in the resurrex-tion. Righteousness and peace shall then be fully manifest in His kingdom (verse 6; Isa. xxxiii, 17).

He could tell Moses of His ways, which are as far above ours as heaven is above the earth, but Israel had to see His doings, and only when they saw did they sing (verses 7-11; Isa. lv, 3, 9; Ex. xiv, 30, 31; xv, 1). How full of comfort are the words of verses 13 and 14 with Isa. lxvi, 13: "Like as a father pitieth and as a mother com-forteth, with the added assurance that He knoweth our frame and re-members that we are dust. There is a great deal of comfort for tried ones in Ex. iii, 7, "I have seen." * * * and have heard. * * * for I know." I have a good deal on some words I mem-bered as a boy in Sunday school from what we then called "paraphrases":

To human weakness not severe is our High Priest above.
His heart o'flows with tenderness, His bowels melt with love,
With sympathetic feelings touched, He knows our feeble frame,
He knows what sore temptations are, for He has felt the same.

All things seen are temporal, all flesh is grass, but the word of the Lord endures forever, and His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting (verses 15-18; Isa. xl, 6-8; Ps. xc, 1, 2; I Cor. iv, 18). His throne and His kingdom should be our constant meditation (verse 19); and that does not mean any so-called throne or kingdom in the hearts of people, but a literal kingdom on this earth which shall include all nations, and He shall be the one King over all the earth and shall cause wars to cease, and the nations shall learn war no more, and then shall Jerusalem be the throne of the Lord and all the na-tions gathered unto it (Ps. lxxii, 11; lxxvii, 9; xlii, 1; Zech. xiv, 9; Isa. lii, 4; Jer. iii, 17). He will also occupy His throne in heaven and share it with His church, and then shall all these holy angels of verses 20-22, who love to minister to Him and to His people, praise Him as never before (Rev. iii, 21; v, 9-12; Heb. i, 14). May we more and more love to hear His word and do His pleasure, and become so oc-cupied with Him and His affairs that all else shall seem as nothing.

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