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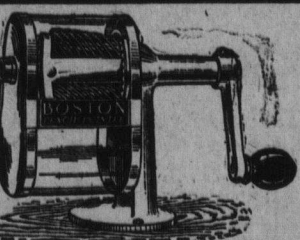
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FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR

Large Audience Attended Meeting in Imperial
Theatre Yesterday Afternoon — Rev. (Capt.)
G. A. Kuhring Presided — The Hun Shown in
True Colors By Rev. H. A. Goodwin, Who De-
livered a Very Able Address.

An official service, commemorating the fourth anniversary of the war, was held in the Imperial Theatre yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. Long before that hour crowds were pouring in to the building and many who came late had to be turned away. The audience was quiet and reverent as befitting the occasion, breaking into applause only during Rev. H. A. Goodwin's able address. Rev. Mr. Goodwin showed the Hun in his true colors and he held the undivided attention of the large audience until the last word.

Before the service the members of the Great War Veterans' Association met at their headquarters on Wellington Row and marched to the Imperial Theatre via Union and Charlotte streets. At the junction of Union and Charlotte streets the parade divided, a detachment going to the Cathedral, where a special memorial service was held. A large detachment came over from the West Side and marched to the Imperial, where special seats had been set aside for them, as well as for the detachment from the Great War Veterans' Association.

Just before the meeting commenced at four o'clock a religious selection was given by the City Cornet Band, under the direction of Frank Waddington. The curtain then fell and the invited guests took their places on the stage.

The guests included the Hon. William Pugsley, Lieut.-gov. of the province, the Hon. Sir Douglas Hazen, chief justice; Brigadier General A. H. Macdonell, commanding military district No. 7, and staff, His Worship Mayor Hayes, R. W. W. Frink, president of St. George's Society; David Hipwell, president of the Imperial League; the Hon. Gordon Johnston, representing the Great War Veterans' Association; J. Hunter White, representing the Associated Charities; John E. Wilson, president of the Belgian Relief Committee; Senator Daniel, Col. E. T. Sturdee, president of the Navy League, Lt. A. J. Mulvihill, Lt. Col. Powell and staff, Commissioners G. F. Fisher and E. J. Hilyard, R. W. Wigmore, M. P., Revs. H. A. Goodwin, R. T. McKim, F. A. Dowling, William Townsend, H. L. Emswiler, N. McLaughlin, J. V. Young, F. J. M. Appleman, T. J. Delnatte, Henry Penna, S. F. Dawson, R. H. W. Plunkett, H. C. Fraser, L. A. Tedford, J. C. B. Appel and others.

The meeting opened with the playing of the Allies' national songs. O Canada, Star Spangled Banner, National Anthem and the Marseillaise, by the band and the fine music was highly commented on. Hon. Capt. Rev. G. A. Kuhring, the chairman, then made a few opening remarks. He first warmly thanked the Imperial management for their kindness in loaning the theatre, the ladies who volunteered as ushers and the City Cornet Band for offering their services. In referring to the City Cornet Band he mentioned that thirty-three members of their organization had joined the colors and were fighting to uphold the cause of liberty. He urged that the audience subscribe liberally during the offertory as the whole of it, above the necessary expenses, was to go to the Red Cross. In closing he stated in a few words that they were gathered together to ask God's help and guidance on their holy cause as well as to commemorate the 4th anniversary of the war.

After the singing of a hymn, invocation and the Lord's Prayer, the service was given by Rev. L. A. Tedford, followed by a scripture reading by Rev. J. Charles B. Appel. Following another hymn the audience repeated the Apostles' Creed and Rev. F. S. Dowling gave a prayer in accord with the meeting. After the singing of another hymn the speaker of the afternoon, Rev. H. A.

Goodwin, was called on. He spoke as follows:

There is nothing that will enable a nation to fight longer and harder and to stand steeper, than to know she is right. There is but one supreme fact that could hold the great British Empire together in this crisis against the enemies of the world for four weary years, that is the conviction a man has who will protect his own great British Empire, and before all humanity if he neglect to protect his honor and his household against the depredations of civilization. Is she weary of the conflict? Yes, she is weary and worn with battle with a thousand wounds. Is she longing for peace? To the British heart no sweeter words could be spoken in heaven or in earth than the message of a righteous and a permanent peace.

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has done to Russia, to Rumania, to Belgium, we see her full purpose in this war. As she is carrying up Russia and distributing the territory and resources of that nation for the benefit of herself, her friends and allies, she has carved up Rumania, and swallowed up Belgium, there are no braver expressions of hypocritical piety on the part of Germany than that which our eyes to the fact that what she has done to these nations, so she will do if she can, to France, to England, and to Canada. Now we read of Germany and her most worthy ally, "the unspeakable Turk" quarrelling over the distribution of the spoils of battle. It is a case of "war among thieves" quarrelling over the spoils. Think of that unthinkable thing at the settlement of war, Germany, and Turkey, and Austria, disputing among themselves as to which portions each shall get of England, of United States and of Canada. And let the molten lava of passion burn in your veins; and let every mother that becomes a soldier, with one united voice, "this shall never be." In the final settlement Germany will not be quarrelling with her friends over the settlement of our possessions. She will be mightily pleased to hold on to what she had when the war started. No, no, we don't want any of Germany's territory; and we don't intend that she shall have any of ours. When we meditate upon that impossible thing of falling under German rule, there is not the life of any of us too valuable, or too sacred to sacrifice that the world should be saved from such a curse. That is why Canadians must fight on, gathering up the manhood of our country, the resources of our people, and standing together with the family of nations who are opposing the tyranny of holy bigotry cry out to our enemy "stand back. We are a free people, and a free people shall remain."

Great Britain fought for a principle in South Africa, she conquered that country, but she established a government for that people on the broad principles of justice, equality, and freedom. It is in striking contrast to the government of tyranny and injustice, and today smarting under the memory of wrongs endured by the people of those two provinces are turning to England, and calling for help to free them from their oppressors. It is in the light of this contrast that we Canadians love more dearly to breathe the air of British freedom, and must fight on to the last man to protect our heritage of British liberty and justice.

We stand today in the midst of a crisis in the world's history. We are at a crisis in our own history. To hate of the world and of Canada are in the balance. Some of us have all but forgotten the incidents out of which the war began. In a sense it makes but little difference today what started the war. But in the midst of the strife of nations the question is, what are we now fighting for? We can rightly answer, for honor, for liberty and for Christian civilization, but towering above every other consideration is the fact that today we are fighting for our existence, and there is no retreat. We have to fight on, and fight on until we win victory comes. Because defeat means the crushing of nations, and the ruin of civilization under the iron heel of German despotism, while victory means a free world, peace, the peace of the world, and the rule of the will of Christ. We have to go forward to victory or backward to servitude, by the spirit of our fathers in the century past, bled upon the fields of battle that the heritage of freedom might be ours. By the spirit of the Man of Galilee who bled that the heritage of peace and goodwill might be ours. We shall fight on until we make secure for our generations to come the heritage of a goodly land, and the character of a righteous nation. Is the price we are paying too great? We shall always remember with horror the tragedies of suffering and of death which mark the price we are now paying. But is it too great? Had we stood on England's soil in the 17th century and watched the little band of "Cromwells" from St. John as they swept over the bloody fields of Naseby and Marston Moor, we might have said the sacrifice was too great to satisfy the impulse of a religious fanatic. But standing with England today, liberty-loving England, democratic England, we look to the days of Cromwell and at this distance we say the price of blood was not too great that England and her colonies might be to the world an example of liberty and of justice. We are too close to this present struggle to measure the value of its results. We can see but little else than the horror of events, but in the after years, in the perspective of history, when we are removed a pace from the noise of the strife, and the scenes of suffering the world refined through the fire of this furnace shall then know that the stupendous price we are now paying is not too great for all the benefits that shall be enjoyed by succeeding ages.

Four years of war. In that time we have measured the strength of our Canadian people. When the war-cloud broke out in 1914 we were a nation of farmers, and merchants and mechanics, and thought only of peaceful industry. But the call of stern duty aroused our spirit, and from our farms, our shops and offices the manhood of our country poured forth. They marched, and their country singing "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and "God Save the King." By the kindness of Providence they passed the seas in safety, and presently Germany fell back at Vimy Ridge, St. Julian and Passchendaele, and when the Kaiser asked his generals the reason of their defeat, they answered "Why the Canadians were there in the fighting line." There is no soldier who stands the battle line that causes greater fear to the German heart than the Canadian soldier. The dash, and daring and valor of the Canadian army have brought great pride and honor to all Canadians. We are justly proud of our soldiers. They have knelt us to the mother heart of England. They have lifted us from the position of a mere colony to nationhood. They have won for us the respect and honor and admiration of all the world. God bless our Canadian soldiers. They fight valiantly

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But while we sorrow we lift our faces in pride that the spirit of heroism has not died out in our Canadian people. No deeds of valor in the ages that are gone outshine the deeds of daring and heroism of our own Canadians in these days of war. No spirit of decay is evident in our midst. We are Canadians and British and we have inherited the best spirit of our fathers. This glorious heroism is not a thing more evident than in the nursing sisters who are in the army service, and the patient mothers and wives who remain at home. Our country shall never measure its debt to the mothers of our nation, who while the affections are torn in anguish, and the nerves racked with suspense and fear, yet they suffer silently and live with outward cheerfulness that our sons might fight the battles of our Empire. The honor of victory, when it comes will rest alone with the soldiers in the field. But not less will that honor rest upon our patient mothers and wives who in supreme sacrifice have made their contribution to the world's victory.

Shall we win? We shall win because we are right, the signs of victory are already in the air. Because we believe in an Infinite Power that lives righteousness, so we believe the cause of right shall not suffer defeat. We shall not forget when Europe compared to the English fleet was shattered by the mighty storms of the sea, and cast in broken refuse upon the shores of Ireland. Jehova fought for Israel in the days of her need. Jehova fought for England when her enemies conspired her destruction. And Jehova will fight for England today, for our cause is a just cause and we shall win. For Britons, for Canadians never, never, never shall be slaves.

During the taking of the offering the City Cornet Band played "Kylie Gloria, from Mozart's Twelfth Mass." The singing of the National Anthem and Benediction closed the meeting.

E. H. Cameron.

Fredericton, Aug. 3.—Eldon Hedley Cameron, of Grand Falls, who had been in Victoria Hospital for some time, died last evening, aged 74 years. His wife and two children survive; also four brothers and four sisters.



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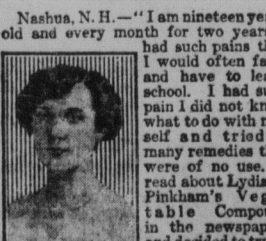
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