

## Don't Forget Men Who Were Prisoners of War, Escaped Officer Pleads

Flight Lieut. Beverly Robinson Says "Any Peace That Favors Germany Passeth All Understanding"—Recounts Indescribable Cruelties Suffered by Prisoners.

"Any peace that favors Germany, to my way of thinking, will be a peace that passeth all understanding," declared Flight Lieut. Beverly Robinson, the only Canadian-born officer to escape from Germany during the war, to an audience which sat entranced in Wesley Hall for more than two hours last evening, while he told the illuminating story of his life in German prison camps for a period of two and a half years, of the knavery and brutality of commandants and other officials, of the atrocities perpetrated upon prisoners of war and especially the privations of the unquenchable spirit and dauntless courage of the Canadians, and of stirring episodes in connection with attempts to escape.

It was a thrilling story, a heroic story that was told, a story revealing heartrending glimpses of tragedy, but never for a minute was it permitted to be a sombre story. Always, just around the corner of a sentence, there was a laugh lurking, a humorous incident to throw upon the scene in sharp contrast to the pathos of the horror, the poignant understanding of a difficult situation, typically English and irrepressibly mirth-provoking.

So delighted was everybody with the lecture that before the evening was brought to a close Lieut. Robinson was invited to return to the city upon an open date, April 1, to afford those who heard him last night an opportunity of learning still more about conditions in Germany during the war, and to give a second chance to the citizens who missed him to learn at first hand about the real character of the German people and the quality of Canadian, British and allied prisoners of war.

**Hesitates to Speak.**  
"Whatever the discomforts and sufferings of war may have been, I hesitate to speak of them," said the lecturer, "because they were as nothing compared with what the men were put upon to endure. The life of the officers improved after the first year, that of the men grew steadily worse. Some of the worst cases of abuse of the men occurred within the last six weeks of the war. Think, if you will, what it would mean to live in the midst of pestilential filth, during a hard winter with no fuel, or only sufficient fuel to burn about one hour a day. Try washing your clothes in icy cold water, and see how you like it. What would you think of working in salt mines twelve or fourteen hours a day, beaten to work and beaten back again? How would you like to be strung up by the wrists, feet scarcely touching the ground, and asked you not to forget the men who have been prisoners of war? With all they endured, they stuck it out and kept hopeful all the time."

**Brave Deeds in Action.**  
"As a rule, brave deeds are done in the heat of action. Every good Canadian knows the brilliant history of the

Canadian corps in the war. But every one does not realize that some of the bravest men of all were taken prisoners. The spirit that endured insults, humiliations, prison camps, and came through smiling, was just as brave as any that inspired to brave deeds in action. Canadian officers and men taken prisoners of war took the offensive spirit with them, and retained it until the last."

**Real Problems.**  
One of the mirth-provoking incidents related was that of a commandant who had been accustomed to Russian prisoners, suddenly confronted by a new problem, 200 Canadians. Hopful that he might find among them some experienced farmers, he asked them in turn why they had come before becoming soldiers. One said he had been an acrobat, another a circus clown, a third, a trombone player, and so on, until the last, six feet four of brawn and muscle, who announced he had been a lion tamer. The lion tamer and others played sick until the puzzled commandant was replaced by a more experienced one, who insisted that the lion tamer should go digging potatoes. The lion tamer, instead, insisted upon digging his own grave, which he was required to fill in again, whereupon he nailed up two sticks in the form of a cross set it up, and delivered a funeral oration for himself.

Just before being taken a prisoner of war, Flight Lieut. Robinson was on a special mission. He was intended to deliver the largest bomb that had been put together to that time, on Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, in command of the German corps opposite the Canadians. Only the squadron commander and Lieut. Robinson knew of this, and even then it was a secret. The bomb was hidden in a closet, and they had not mentioned the name of the Bavarian commander, calling him the "Man of Evil Habits."

Not suspecting that Lieut. Robinson was the British officer involved in the plot, the commandant of the first prison at St. Quentin boasted to him that he knew about it, and that he hoped it would be pulled off, as the Germans had prepared an effective answer. Within record time, the Canadian-born officer prisoner, real back word to his commander, through writing a card to his man of evil habits, had changed his address.

**Tells of Hallucinations.**  
One point to which the lecturer drew special attention was an experience which had been his own. He attempted to escape from Strehlen, one shared by numbers of other prisoners under similar circumstances, and which he believed explained the "angels" and "visions" said to have been seen at Mons. Hallucinations took the form of imagining he saw marching armies, which disappeared as he approached them, villages on either side, him, and a forest of all strange faces in the trees. He was almost caught in one place by mistaking a real German for one of his visions.

Finally, with a friend, he escaped from a prison, 20 miles over the border into Holland. This is the greatest and most thrilling lecture I have heard on the war, during the whole of the war," said Rev. Dr. L. N. Tucker, chairman of the evening, at the close.

The vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by E. W. Grove, president of the Dominion Council of Associated Clubs, C. E. F., and seconded by Dr. D. H. Arnold.

Previous to the lecture, a civic welcome was extended to Lieut. Robinson by Mayor C. E. Senior and Miss Land, Layton's singing of "The Home Land" (Allison), to the piano accompaniment of Mrs. A. J. Jones, was a much appreciated feature of the evening.

**WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB TO ENTERTAIN MISS JULIA ARTHUR**

Great Actress Coming to the Majestic Next Week.

The Women's Canadian Club of London will tender a luncheon to Miss Julia Arthur on the occasion of her appearance in London next Wednesday with her great war picture, "The Cavell Case," in which she plays the leading role. The picture is to be seen at the Majestic Theatre for the first three days of next week, and Miss Arthur is touring the country in the interest of the various war charities for which she has given her services.

Arrangements for the luncheon to Miss Arthur have not been completed, but it is expected she will make a brief address to the members of the club. It is likely that the Canadian Club and other women's organizations will attend the performance at the Majestic.

Miss Arthur is probably the foremost Canadian actress. She appeared in many notable productions, and before her marriage was leading woman with Sir Henry Irving.

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## ILL-NOURISHED BABES OF RUSSIA DIE LIKE FLIES, SAYS LECTURER

Dr. Clinton Babcock Pictures Conditions Under Czar.

**CANNOT QUESTION FUTURE**

May Be Known as the Country Which Made Socialism Safe For World.

It was not a particularly large audience, but it was an appreciative one, that gathered in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium last evening to listen to Dr. Clinton Leroy Babcock of New York lecture on Russia—the earthquake. Dr. Babcock spent a number of years in Russia some time ago, and he gave his hearers an insight of the country as it was in pre-war days and to the events that led to revolution in that country. The size of the country was touched on. Russia had one-sixth of the land area of the globe and one-quarter of the arable land. To cross Russia from end to end would be the same as taking a trip from Vancouver to Toronto and return. There were 100 different races and 200 different languages spoken in the country.

Russians had but two things in common, ignorance and poverty. There were 180 million of them, 150 million being illiterate. How They Lived.  
"Think of these people, down trodden and miserable. Is it any wonder that they went mad at the taste of freedom? It is a wonder that they have not been worse," declared the speaker, who went on to describe the conditions under which the peasants lived when he was last in Russia from 1911 till 1914. The ordinary peasant's home, he said, was about the length of a box car and twice as wide. It was divided into two compartments, one for the chickens, pigs and other animals and the other for his family. From 6 to 15 people generally occupied the other half of the house. Fuel was expensive, and the windows of the shacks were always sealed tight in the fall and never opened till spring. The food was pitiable, generally thin potato soup and black bread. When times were good, cereals were used in the manufacture of the bread, but as was too often the case, straw and bark made up the larger portion of the ingredients. A rich peasant sometimes had a piece of fat in his potato soup, but this was the exception. On feast days dry fish of uncertain quality was sometimes to be had.

**Children Die Like Flies.**  
Children die like flies. It was no wonder when their nourishment was a piece of bread previously chewed to a pulp by the mother and placed in a little brown cloth bag for the child to suck, while his mother worked in the fields. It was no wonder the population was broken down.

Dr. Babcock could see little difference in the principles of the Kerensky and Bolshevik regime. The former had the Russians went at things slowly, while the Bolsheviks rushed along. "What will the end be? I cannot tell you," said the speaker. "Will they be a democracy? I do not think so. There is no one in sight capable of such a tremendous job of welding Russia together, nor will the Bolsheviks choose to run the country. An earthquake doesn't last forever, neither will the Bolsheviks."

**Made Socialism Safe.**  
"The peasants own their land together, and the great mass of the people have not as yet been affected by the Bolshevik Government," continued Dr. Babcock, who went on to state that he doubted the advisability of forcing our laws and customs on these people. Our democracy had its flaws.

"What will be said 100 years hence of Russia?" said the speaker in closing. It may be this: she made Socialism safe for the world."

Dr. E. E. Braithwaite, president of the Western University, presided at the lecture, which was given under the auspices of Western University Alumnae Association.

This afternoon Dr. Babcock will speak in the Auditorium at 4:30 o'clock, taking as his subject, "Satan's Seat and its Builders." This evening at 8:15 o'clock he will speak on "The Art of Looking at Pictures." Both today's lectures will be illustrated.

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