

1,604 SOLDIERS OF CANADA HAVE BEEN KILLED IN PICARDY

Hon. Martin Burrell Gives Statement of Sacrifices and Glory Achieved to Rouse Thousands of Slackers To Do Their Duty.

OTTAWA, Aug. 20.—Hon. Martin Burrell, acting minister of militia, in a statement issued tonight to the Canadian Press, referred to the recent Canadian offensive and expressed in no uncertain tones the Government's views in regard to the amnesty for deserters, which expires at the end of this week.

"Since the first of August," said the minister, "the Canadians have marked their entry into the fifth year of the war by achievements which have confirmed the reputation of the Canadian corps as the most formidable fighting force of its size on the western battlefield. The recent advance made by our men has been important in its results and brilliant in execution. In the past three weeks they have captured ten thousand prisoners, one hundred and fifty guns and thousands of machine guns.

During this same brief period they have suffered 10,942 casualties, including 1,604 killed and 1,471 men having been killed in action.

Needs No Comment. No comment can be so strong as this simple statement of facts. The figures carry their own story, both of valor and grief. They are at once an evidence of the unshaken resolve of our countrymen to crush the foe of our common liberties and a challenge to ourselves. We dare not, and we will not, fail to support them in their great task. Across the sea we have much cause for gratitude and pride. Within Canada itself, we have reason also for pride.

The call for an expeditionary force for Siberia to assist Russia in the fight against her German foe has evoked a response throughout the country, showing that four years of effort and sacrifice have neither exhausted our

energies nor deadened the national will to carry on.

Thousands Have Failed. "Thousands of our young men have been enrolled during the last few months, most of whom, it is hoped, will become reinforcements for their fellow-countrymen overseas. They have answered their country's call for duty, though such an answer in thousands of cases has meant heavy sacrifice for them and their friends. I have to say with profound regret that there are thousands of others who have failed their country in their country's need—thousands of men having been notified to report for duty have refused to obey the law, and have thereby become criminals in the eyes of the law, dishonoring both themselves and their country."

"During the past few months nothing has given me greater anxiety than this condition of affairs; a condition the continuation of which would be intolerable. Many of these men, however, are not deserters, but are men who, through lack of training, discipline, or duty, have deliberately committed themselves outside the law. Many May Be Misled. "I am convinced, however, that thousands of them have been misled by persons who have encouraged and persuaded them to disobey the law, and who in their fuller knowledge are more guilty than those who are now deserters, and who may not have surrendered themselves and to those who shelter deserters after that date. "Canadian soldiers both abroad and at home have an enviable record for discipline and for bravery. No large body of soldiers can, however, be entirely free from discipline breakers, and we have likely had to impose punishments of ten years' penal servitude on a number of those who have failed to stand up as units to fight the Hun."

Determined to Punish. "It is inconceivable that, while pun-

ishing the soldier for breaking a military law, we should not punish the man who refuses to become a soldier and is thereby guilty of breaking the fundamental law upon which all military regulations and discipline are based. Those who have any doubts on the matter, I cannot too strongly emphasize the determination of the Government to carry out the terms of the proclamation. Court-martials have now been constituted in all the military districts, and the law will be rigorously enforced, and the extreme penalty imposed on those who fail to surrender. "It is gratifying to know that many of those men are now reporting for duty. It is equally gratifying to know that the press of all nationalities, and large numbers of influential persons are doing fine service to the state by warning those who have ignorantly transgressed, and by advising them as to the course they should now pursue.

Should Head Warning. "I hope and believe that the warning and advice will be heeded. The state gives privileges to all alike, and it demands an equality of sacrifice and service. Without such equality the state cannot exist."

"Since August, 1914, more than 40,000 Canadians have made their way to our frontiers, and our laws, and our liberties may be preserved. It would be well for those who hitherto disobeyed the laws of their country to realize that it is the plain duty of those upon whom the people of Canada have placed the responsibility of governing the state to see that the burdens of the war are equally borne and that duty will be discharged."

REAL SOLDIERS IN GERMANY HAVE NO DELUSIONS RE U.S.

Gen. Von Blume Joins the "Defeatists."

ANOTHER LAUDS SAMMIES

Gen. Von Liebert Says Allies Owe Recent Successes to Americans.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 20.—Professional soldiers like Gen. von Blume and Gen. von Liebert, unlike so many other German war critics, do not seek to belittle the significance of the appearance of the American army on the western front.

Gen. von Blume, who is on the retired list, writes an article on the subject which appears in the Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung. He frankly admits that "we have to recognize that the Americans, all in all, have done very smart work, and it would be a very serious thing if the German army command had to face an American fighting army of millions." This prospect the German public must not on account be permitted to ponder over, and almost immediately after the article appeared a semi-official statement was issued to the effect that the "exaggerated reports about the size of the American army in Europe merit no credence and only exist in Yankee imagination and Entente propaganda." The statement said further that the "military question, which is already acute, will become more serious for the Entente when America has to ship her crops to Europe."

Gen. von Liebert, who was former German commandant at Lodz, and who is now military critic of the Tages Rundschau of Berlin, tells the public that they American army has actually become a big factor and the debarkations in France are proceed-

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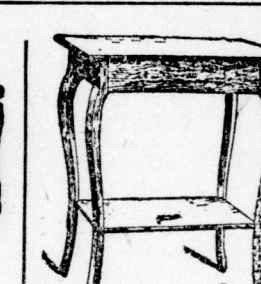
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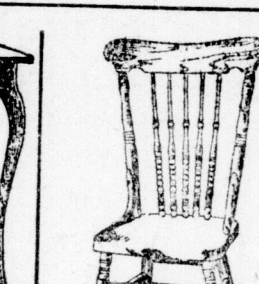
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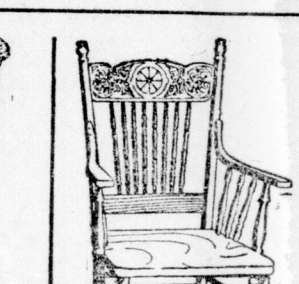
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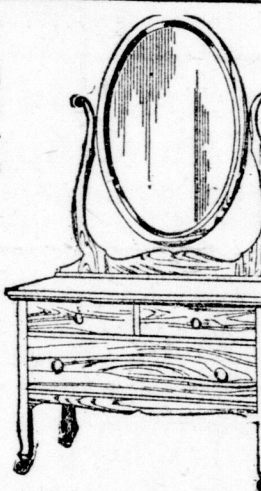
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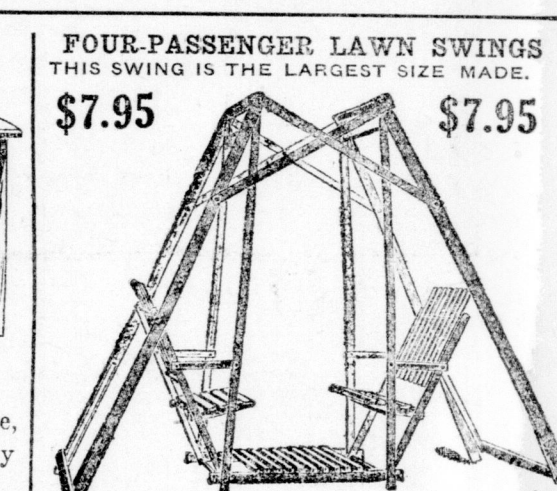
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At a great mass meeting 2,500 delegates gathered. The delegations represented women of the American army, nurses, various French organizations, the Scottish Women's Hospitals, Canadian nurses, Russian and Rumanian nurses and the Polish Society, while representatives from English aid societies also attended, as well as members of a host of other American societies, and Australian, Irish, Montenegrin and Italian organizations.

BONAR LAW AND BOXING CHAMPION ENTERTAIN THE CANADIAN EDITORS

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(Canadian Press Dispatch from Reuters' Limited).—Today the Canadian Press delegates visited the House of Commons in the absence of the prime minister they were received by Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, who conducted the party to the cabinet council room, where he gave them a most interesting resume of some historic decisions taken there. In the evening Jimmie Wilde, fly-weight champion of the world, gave a private exhibition of boxing in the ballroom at the Savoy Hotel.

SOFT COAL SHIPMENTS VIA LAKES BACKWARD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—With a comparatively short period remaining of the Great Lakes navigation season movement of bituminous coal is 8.8 per cent below schedule, the fuel administration today announced. An extra effort is now being made to speed up shipments of coal on the Great Lakes before winter sets in.

DIED IN EUPHEMIA TP. NEWBURY, Aug. 20.—Dugal McTaggart died at his home in Euphemia Township August 12, after an illness of one week. He was 89 years old.

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