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IN FLANDERS FIELDS

An Argument for the War Loan

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row. That mark our place, and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly. Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the dead; short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

THE DEATH OF ROBT. LANCASTER

A familiar figure passed off the stage Saturday night last, when Mr. Robert Lancaster of Bronson, succumbed to an illness extending over a period of several months. The late Mr. Lancaster had been a resident of Dunganon Township for over thirty years, coming here as a foreman for the firm of Bronson & Weston, who carried on an extensive lumbering business in this part of the county for a great many years with headquarters at Bronson, where they had a splendid farm. Mr. Lancaster purchased the farm, a block of land comprising about 1,200 acres, when the firm ceased lumbering operations, and since that time had been closely identified with the social and political life of this district. He held the position of reeve of the township of Dunganon for a number of years, and with Mr. W. J. Douglas represented this division as county councillor during the entire period that that system of electing county councillors was in force. He was also honored with the position of warden of the county.

HOW CHAPLAINS AID THE TROOPS

Serve out Refreshments—Colored Chaplain with Railway Battalion Also Called Upon to Minister to Other Duties. London, Nov. 20.—Owing to the shortage of chaplains among the Canadian Railway troops at the front, a colored chaplain, the Rev. F. A. White, who has been granted special permission to accompany a

AS BUSY EYES SEE IT ALL

Canadian General Electric will be Recovered Soon. The body of Mrs. Thomas Powell was found in Lake Timiskaming near the Halleybury shipyard. She left her home Sunday morning saying she was going for a walk.

Three persons were badly injured and a new auto wrecked when a H. C. & B. freight car struck the auto at the "39" crossing on the H. G. & B. line. The auto was driven by Wm. Cosby, of Welland, who was accompanied by his parents, three sisters and a friend.

Rev. Wm. McIntosh, B.D. of Bond Head, has been called to Napier, Ontario, late of Gore Bay, has accepted a call from Bala, and Rev. Thomas Davison, M.A. of St. Ann's and Wellandport, has been called to Arlie and Blackhawk.

A Stratford jury returned a verdict for Mrs. Annie McTavish against Chief of Police Lannin, for slander, and \$500 damages was assessed against him. On a charge of improper search both Lannin and Police Sergeant Altchison were found guilty, and \$20 damages was assessed.

The presence of the Prince of Wales at the Italian front has already had a most pleasant effect upon the nation.

The London Graphic reports that the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, separated for many years, are now at Blenheim Palace.

A loan of \$310,000,000 to France to cover expenditures in this country during November and December has been made by the U. S. Treasury.

American army aviators have participated in bombing raids over Germany, and have been doing observation duty at various points on the battle line.

France's confidence that the Teutonic drive into Italy has been stopped is expressed in a War Office statement cabled to-day to the French Embassy at Washington.

The Argentine Congress will grant authorization to the Government to arrange for a Military Mission to France and a Naval Mission to England or the United States.

Demands for wage increases averaging forty-two per cent. are involved in a secret vote being taken this week by conductors and brakemen on all railroads in the United States.

The Russian Embassy and all the Russian officials in London "wish it known that they do not recognize the authority of a band of traitors who have temporarily gained the upper hand in the capital and call themselves the Russian Government."

Great Britain's declaration in favor of the Zionist movement to establish a state for the Jews in Palestine, carries with it the provision that the movement shall not in any way conflict with the rights of non-Jewish communities now existing in Palestine.

AGRICULTURE OUTLOOK NOT ENCOURAGING

Canada Must Produce More Food—Production Cannot Be Increased Without More Experienced Help—Urgent and Sane Action is Needed. In the days of her invasion, France rushed men from the fields to the front; and, threatened with starvation, rushed them back again.

There has been a disastrous delay in making a clear announcement as to the intention of the Government in regard to drafting men from the land for foreign service. Within a few days the extent of the foundation for the 1918 crop will have been decided for it lies in the autumn plowing. The weather has been unfavorable; and the prospects of further labor shortage through the draft have, it is feared, led farmers to hesitate in turning over land which they may not be able to cultivate.

Last winter multitudinous promises of labor for the farm were made in the cities, particularly in Toronto; but when the time came for making good, the labor was not at hand. As a consequence, the farmer has no faith in help from this source. Even if the men could be driven to the land from their high wages and short hours in the city, their lack of skill would render them inferior implements to increase production.

There has been much newspaper talk of commandeering those who are not fit for the front line trenches for farm work. But the rejects of the draft will not make good in the places of the experienced farmers that may be taken under the draft.

Farming is technical, a fact which editors of our city newspapers, who are apparently the real governors of the country, have failed to realize.

Acute Situation. Before the war the farm labor situation was serious; since the war it has become acute. The majority of those who went to the front were, as is well known now, of British birth; and no one more keenly felt their loss than the farmers, inasmuch as for years they have been largely dependent upon men of British origin for their hired help.

Comment has been made upon the difficulty of recalling battalions in the rural districts, and this has been taken as an indication that the man on the land has not volunteered for service overseas—a wholly unwarranted conclusion. From the writer's farm five men went in the first contingent and all of them enlisted from Toronto. This is illustrative of what happened all over Ontario. The attractions of city life during training led the men to prefer the city rather than rural battalions and swelled the city enlistments.

Following the first contingents which went overseas came the demand for munition workers—and a further drain upon farm labor. In some cases men who had been employed on the farm and were totally unskilled in shop work received as much as \$5 and \$6 a day in the munition factories—a wage which would have more than eaten up the total receipts of the average farm, even at the present prices of food products.

Men Needed For Home Trenches. Men are required in the trenches of France and Flanders. Recent events in Russia and Italy tell this story and tell it with alarming force. But men are required for the less spectacular, but quite as necessary, plowshare-made trenches at home. And men are required for the making of munitions. Between the three uses the Government must select its way with careful discrimination. Greater confidence would exist in the soundness of the decision if there were more farmers in the Government. With agriculture the basic industry of the country, with more than half of the population classed as rural, it would have seemed possible to select men for cabinet positions from the land, who would have aided in steering the Government in hot pursuit, he reported. From Sloatsburg he telephoned that the two men had borrowed the hotel owner's automobile and had driven northward at high speed.

Chief Perry asked the Montreal Police to investigate. The prisoner in Patterson, who says his name is William Curtin, a machinist, asserts he was working in a Holyoke machine shop when arrested by McDonald as a Canadian deserter, despite the fact that he had never been out of Holyoke and Enfield in his life. He wonders what his wife and children think of his absence and if he is to be shot at sunrise.

COULDN'T FIND SPIES. Sergeant McCurley went to his home and Sergeant McDonald and I, after looking up our prisoner here, went to the United States Hotel. The chauffeur went with us and put the machine in the garage. Now I've been hunting spies ever since, but couldn't get any. Several days ago, Sergeant McDonald says that our uniforms and my rifle are giving us away; that deserters recognize us and get away. So we changed to civilian clothes the sergeant, getting them somewhere. That also enabled us to get all we wanted to drink.

Sergeant McDonald and Sergeant McCurley told me this morning to stay at the hotel that they were going up in the mountains to get some spies and would be back.

That was about all Private Wall knew of the matter, except it was useless for him to repeat how on Thursday he had marched Sergeant McDonald to police headquarters at Patterson with "Sergeant's" pistol and wanted him locked up for intoxication. Chief Perry smoothed out their troubles on that occasion and they left the station with their arms about each other.

Nor did he know that yesterday afternoon Sergt. McDonald had called Chief Perry by telephone saying he and Sergt. McCurley were in Tuxedo; had caught two spies, and soon would be back. Chief Perry quickly telephoned to Chief Bush at Tuxedo to arrest McDonald and was informed that McDonald and an American sergeant after sending a telephone to the Military Police at Montreal to meet them with a carload of spies at the border, had abandoned an automobile they had brought from Patterson and had taken another to Sloatsburg. Chief Bush last night

twisted trail of SERGT. McDONALD. The following story from New York so closely parallels the reported escapade of a bogus military policeman in Eastern Ontario a few weeks ago that the chief actor in both adventures is probably one and the same person:

New York, Nov. 22.—A man describing himself as Sergt. McDonald, of the Canadian Military Police, and accompanied by a private of the Canadian Army and a sergeant of the United States Army, left a prisoner in a cell at Patterson Police Headquarters, last Tuesday, directing that he be detained for them for deporta-

LABOR MEN WILL SUPPORT GRAHAM

Organization Completed at an Enthusiastic Rally last Evening—Representatives from all the Factories in Belleville Unanimously Support Graham's Candidature. The working men of this city were out on masse Wednesday and discussed their attitude in the present election campaign. Without one dissenting voice the verdict was an enthusiastic endorsement of Mr. R. J. Graham, the people's candidate, as one man put it—"This is to be an election when the laboring men's votes will be a big factor," and as far as he could see there was only one candidate in the field worthy of their support and that was R. J. Graham. So it was up to them to get together and pull together that the result might be to their entire satisfaction. These remarks were heartily applauded and given the serious consideration of those present.

Mr. B. Sanford who was in the room was unanimously appointed as chairman of the evening with Mr. W. Gould, as secretary.

Mr. Sanford in his opening remarks said there never was a time when the working men should be more united than from now until the 17th day of December. He had never worked for a candidate that he had more confidence in than Mr. Graham. Every laboring man he had talked with was for Graham and he thoroughly believed that to send him to Ottawa would be in the best interests of labor and a great benefit to the country at large.

Mr. J. Weir made the statement that the hardest day's work he would ever put in would be on Dec. 17th and it would be in the interests of Mr. Graham.

Mr. E. Rowsome said every man with a franchise should get on his thinking cap at a time like this and realize that Mr. Graham has the interests of the workingmen at heart and get out and work for him morning, noon and night to make his election a sure thing.

Various methods as to the strongest and most effective organization were thoroughly discussed with the result that strong committees of from two to four men each were appointed in every factory in Belleville. These men will thoroughly canvass the situation and report to Mr. Graham's central committee. Ward committees will also be appointed at some date in the very near future. These committees are to act independently of but in conjunction with Mr. Graham's organization already formed on Tuesday evening. This action on the part of the labor men makes Mr. Graham's candidature a truly union one, as he will have the support of all clear-thinking Conservatives and Liberals and these two backed up by the laboring men makes one of the most unique and strongest combinations ever lined up behind a candidate for this riding. The result should and will spell success.

CAMPAIGN NOTES. Mr. Graham's committee rooms will be open every night from now until election day.

Erroneous Report Contradicted. A report is being circulated about the city that Mr. Porter was in contract for desiccated vegetables from the Dominion Government for Gramhams Limited.

The report is absolutely untrue. Mr. Graham has had no war contracts from the Canadian government. His dealings have been entirely with the British and French governments, the Hudson's Bay Company being the direct contracting medium. Mr. Porter had about as much to do with securing these contracts as had the King of the Canibal Islands.

The only help that Gramhams Limited remember to have received from Mr. Porter is a speech delivered by the member for West Hastings in the House of Commons in the session of 1908.

That speech Mr. Graham recalls with grateful appreciation. But that is another story that will be given later.

ITALIAN SHOT

Toronto, Nov. 20.—Frank Marietta, an Italian workman, was shot four times and instantly killed by a fellow-countryman so far not apprehended, in the Grand Trunk shops here on Monday.

Feevish, pale, restless, and sickly children owe their condition to worms. Mother Graves, Worm Exterminator will relieve them and restore health.

YESTERDAY'S CASUALTIES

Killed—Daniel Bridgeman, Peterboro; Henry Atchison, Cornwall; A. Sharris, Peterboro.

Wounded—C. A. Wells, Port Hope; A. F. Miller, Trenton; A. Charman, Peterboro; W. F. Amond, Brockville; O. M. Blair, Brockville; Herbert Bowers, Belleville; J. E. Owens, Campbellford; Sidney Holmes, Pictou; J. C. Stoughton, Bancroft; W. H. Chamberlain, Belleville; R. K. Basting, Kingston; A. McTaggart, Thomasburg; W. M. Robinson, Lindsay; F. Lepalm, Queensboro; H. A. Smith, Kingston; J. G. McAfee, Deseronto; F. Meeks, Peterboro; J. E. Keating, Havelock.

LL—Lt. A. G. McGie, Belleville.

T. H. Bailey, Belleville; H. Lebar, Peterboro.

TRAVELLERS IN CENTRAL ONTARIO WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE THE NEW THROUGH SERVICES WHICH ARE BEING OPERATED BY THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY BETWEEN PICTOU, BELLEVILLE, KINGSTON AND TREWED, VIA TREWED, HARROW, MILLS, OR TACKER. TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE FOR KINGSTON 8:00 A.M., OR TACKER 5:45 A.M.; AND FOR PICTOU 10 AND 8:25 P.M. FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS SEE LATEST TIME TABLE FOLDERS, COPY TO V. NICOLSON, TOWN

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