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THE ARMY OF THE FUTURE

By Mr. Austin Hopkinson, M.P., who served as a Private in the 1st Royal Dragoons during the War.

Ex-soldiers are far too ready to think that they have "done their bit" and that when they leave the Army no further duty lies upon them. Against this spirit I have protested to the best of my ability, for it is to the men who have been through the mill that the Empire looks for help to a better future. Who are better qualified than we soldiers to give the lead? We have fought successfully against a vile creed which would have poisoned civilization, and if we have really learnt the lesson of the trenches, we are in honor bound to complete the great work which we there began. Up to the present we have done little since we left the Army except demand more and more benefits for ourselves at the expense of others. To be candid, we are really making ourselves contemptible in the eyes of our fellow-citizens, and it is quite time for us to stop shouting and set ourselves to solve the problems which confront the Empire.

Now of all the problems that of Army reform is the one whose solution is most clearly a matter of duty for us. The old Army was a marvellous fighting force, but the Army of the future must be better still, and we can make it so. To my mind the essential point is that, whatever the size of the Army, there must always be more youngsters wanting to enlist than there are places to be filled. To attain this end we must take account of both moral and material factors.

As for the latter, the military authorities have for some time past adopted a most enlightened policy, and there is little doubt that, if backed by the pressure of public opinion, they are quite prepared to go much further still in the direction of making the pay and other conditions of a soldier's life as attractive as possible. The "wet" can't see the loss of his fascination for the soldier of today, simply because his life is rapidly becoming more human and more full of other interests. But the greatest step of the Army of the future was taken when it was realized that education could make the Army the real university of the people. Listen to what a recent order says: "Educational training is not to be regarded as a secondary consideration, not for spare hours as a form of recreation, but as an essential element in the making of a soldier and an army." There! What about the stick-in-the-mud War Office now? The sentence I have quoted will be a revelation to those who have hitherto failed to note the progressive views of those in command.

Civil education will shortly include compulsory training in continuation schools up to a much later age than hitherto. The boy whose parents cannot afford to keep him unless he earns money for the family will go from elementary school to the workshop, continuing his education up to the age of eighteen by classes held in working hours. He will then enter the Army university, and while guarding the safety of the people, will acquire that general and technical knowledge which will make him a prince in the labor market when he returns to civil life.

When once this system is in full swing and experience has improved it till all works smoothly and effectively, the rich man's son also will come in, and we shall have a mighty instrument for annihilating the class selfishness of ever.

The ranks of the Army will supply its officers, for those who desire to win

commissions will take up those literary and historical studies which fit a man for command, while those who intend to return to their trade will naturally prefer to study technical subjects. And watching over the interests of the young men serving will be a great organization of veterans formed on a territorial basis advising the lads of their own district as to enlistment and preparing a place for them in civil life when their period of service has elapsed.

Organization, liberal expenditure, and hard work, can do much to make into a reality this Army of my dreams, but it will be a lifeless corpse unless we ex-soldiers can make our brotherhood so loved and respected that every father and mother in the land will hope to see

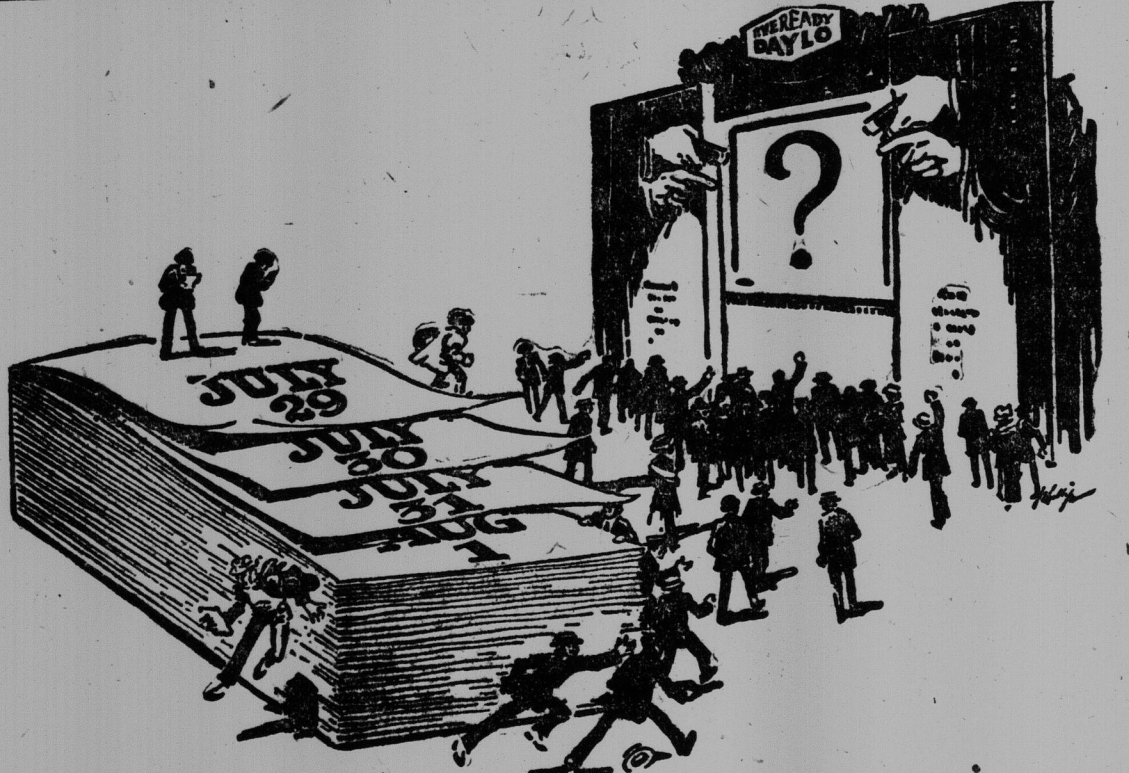
their sons take up for a time the glorious task of guarding the people.
AUSTIN HOPKINSON.
House of Commons, S.W.
Milner's Liniment Relieves Diphtheria.
UNDER OBSERVATION.
Toronto, July 26.—According to a statement today by Hon. W. E. Rancey, attorney-general, Arnell Love, who last week confessed to the murder of his mother in 1912, for which crime his father was hanged at Owen Sound, is "under observation." Mr. Rancey declined to say where the young man was confined, and also declined to give his opinion of the "confession."

SHIPPING
ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, JULY 27.
A.M. P.M.
High Tide... 9.21 Low Tide... 8.34
Sun Rises... 5.10 Sun Sets... 7.50
CANADIAN PORTS.
Quebec, July 26.—Ald. Sir Turett Cape, Squire, Cabotville, Glasgow.
Old-Stra Canadian Volunteer, Montreal; Manchester Mariner, Montreal.
MARINE NOTES.
The steamer Bathurst en route to Glasgow from this port with a cargo of lumber is reported to have arrived at St. John's (Nfld.).
The five-masted schooner Jane Palmer, said to be the largest schooner that has ever come to St. John, which while bound from Norfolk for Buenos Ayres, put into Boston Bay last Monday in a leaking condition, was towed into the inner harbor on Friday. The captain conferred with the owners and also noted a protest, saying that the vessel had left Norfolk on July 14 and began to leak the next day.
The term schooner Patricia, Alden now on passage from Boston to Windsor with cargo of fertilizer will proceed to St. John after discharging at Windsor and load cargo of lumber for Havana, Cuba.
The term schooner Barbara W. now discharging cargo of salt at New York from Turk's Island, will go to Port Greenville (N. S.), to paint, after which she will proceed to Hillsboro (N. B.), and load plaster for Newark.

CONFESSES SEVEN MURDERS AS HE NEARS GALLOWS
Negro Sentenced in California, Admits Killing Victims for Money.
Los Angeles, Cal., July 27.—Mose Gibson, a negro, sentenced to hang for the murder of Roy Trapp, of Fullerton, a California rancher, has confessed to seven murders, including the slaying of J. R. Reavis, of Orange County, Cal., according to Sheriff J. E. Jackson.
Sheriff Jackson has just returned from taking Gibson to the penitentiary at San Quentin.
The murders to which the sheriff said Gibson confessed were:
Roy Trapp, rancher, Fullerton, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erhardt, Phoenix, Ariz. last month.
J. R. Reavis, restaurant man of Baton Rouge Junction, La., twelve years ago.
A woman at Orange City Junction, Fla., killed in November, 1919.
A watchman at Sugar Mill at Grapewick, St. James Parish, La., murdered in November, 1920.
A storekeeper at Wagoner, Gr. Co., Okla., killed in November, 1920.
Admissions that he committed "thousands" of burglaries, obtaining sums from a few cents to \$100, was made by Gibson, according to the sheriff.
Gibson was arrested at Topo, Ariz., the murder of Trapp and for at assault on Mrs. Trapp. He was brought here, pleaded guilty to the murder charge, and was sentenced to hang Sept. 24.
The negro killed most of his victims with a hammer, he asserted.
Mr. and Mrs. Erhardt were killed, according to the confession, after the negro had served a jail sentence at Douglas, Ariz. He said he killed the couple to obtain money. Remis also was killed for money.
Two of the burglaries were committed in one night in June, 1913, in Omaha, the sheriff said. Gibson was arrested after the first and escaped, although handcuffed. With the manacles on his wrists he committed the second, he said, to obtain money for having the handcuffs filed off.

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San Jose, Cal., July 27.—A thirty-piece band was in attendance at the funeral of Jose Castro, aged inmate of the County Hospital here, whose body was found in a pond in a downtown park. Five years ago Castro deposited in a local bank money to cover his funeral expenses and contracted with an undertaker to provide a thirty-piece band and a hearse drawn by six white horses. Owing to the dearth of white horses the undertaker will be unable to comply with that part of his contract. An automobile hearse will be substituted.



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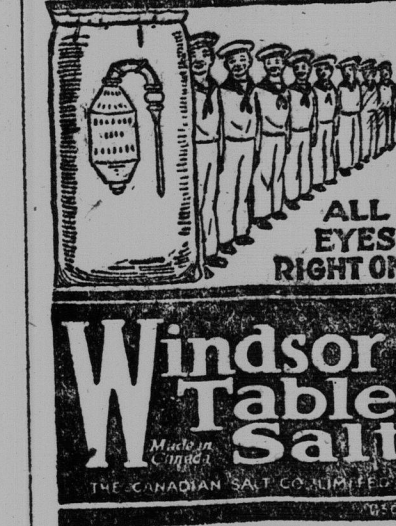
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