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Canadian Base Headquarters, Vladivostok, Siberia, April 11.—The Canadian Red Cross is playing an important role in combating the typhus plague in Siberia. Already large quantities of hospital supplies have been shipped into the interior for use in typhus hospitals, and every demand

for assistance is promptly attended to. The field for work in this direction is practically unlimited, according to Col. John Dennis, C.M.G., Red Cross Commissioner.

It is somewhat surprising that the typhus epidemic is taken so coolly here, and this probably due to the fact that the Allied forces have not as yet suffered from the plague. In Vladivostok itself there are hundreds of cases of spotted typhus among the

Rumanians, and every day or so several cases are found in the railway station, which is packed with refugees, who eat, sleep and have their being in the building. An effort was made by the British and Canadian Red Cross organizations, acting jointly to establish a hospital here for the treatment of the disease, but the Russian authorities decided that they would prefer to attend to the matter themselves, and the project was abandoned. Every precaution has been taken to safeguard the Canadian troops against infection from the typhus-bearing cots, and street cars, and crowded places have been banned.

A typical appeal for help was that sent to the British consul here by the vice-consul at Irkutsk, and passed to the Canadian Red Cross Commissioner for action. It read as follows:

"I beg to enclose list of drugs, etc., which has been handed to me by the civil representative of the government, residing in Irkutsk, and which are badly wanted by spotted typhus pa-

tients in the various prison infirmaries in the town.

"There are 690 patients suffering from typhus in the prisons alone. Most of them are Red Guards and in spite of the linen recently received (from Canadian Red Cross) for which the Government representative asks me to convey his heartfelt thanks to that organization, I wish to add my support to the appeal now made by the authorities here for more linen to be sent through as quickly as possible. There are several cases where prisoners have not had any clean underwear, etc., since last May and their condition is pitiable in the extreme. It is extraordinary that the epidemic is not more serious than it is, and preventive measures should be taken at once to cope with the disease.

There are no drugs or linen in the town and I sincerely trust the Canadian Red Cross will give the matter its very serious consideration if only for the sake of humanity.

As soon as this message was received a carload of goods was shipped to Irkutsk to relieve the more pressing need, and further shipments are in course of preparation. But this is only one appeal of many.

The Canadian Red Cross is also well represented on the Allied relief train which left a couple of weeks ago in charge of Capt. F. A. Dallyn of Toronto, hydrologist of the C. B. F. (Siberia). The purpose of this train is to cope with all infectious diseases and full supplies of inoculating serum were taken as well as delousing apparatus for the checking of typhus. Many of the supplies were given by the Red Cross.

## MILLIONS OF BRITISH ARMY SHOES SEEK FEET OF CIVILIANS

Government to Distribute Excess Military Footwear for Use of Farmers and for Outdoor Workers.

Millions of pairs of military footwear are looking for jobs in England on account of the unexpected termination of the war. Fortunately the jobs are there, and it appears the British government is losing no time in bringing shoes and jobs together. We read in "The Manchester Guardian":

"It is a well known military maxim that an army which is improperly shod at once loses more than 50 per cent. of its fighting efficiency, however well it may be equipped otherwise. It has been British policy throughout the war to keep her fighting men thoroughly and continuously equipped with good footwear. As a result millions of pairs of used boots have been declared surplus by the army authorities and handed over to the Disposal Board, of which F. G. Kellaway, M.P., is chairman. The policy that is being adopted with regard to these surplus boots is as follows:

"In the first place they are collected at depots in London, Manchester, Southampton, Leeds, Huntingdon, Aldershot, Stirling, Dublin and Belfast. At these points they are carefully examined by experts and many that may seem suitable for further military wear are immediately returned to the army. The remainder are carefully sorted into five grades, ranging from grade 1 boots—which have been discoloured through some slight technical fault, and which are otherwise perfectly sound and serviceable for heavy agricultural or industrial wear—down to grade 5, which consists of the residue of practically worthless boots. In some cases the uppers of grade 5s are being used for the manufacture of clogs.

"The boots, having been graded, are offered for public auction in towns throughout the country in small lots of twenty-five pairs, thus enabling the humblest retailer to secure a supply for his customers.

"The Disposal Board is already in touch with agricultural societies who require supplies of boots for their members, and in particular it will welcome applications from organizations of farmers, allotment holders and discharged service men, who will be given every facility for making purchases.

"It is interesting to note that of the thousands of tons of boots that are becoming available, some may be sold for the use of the large refugee population in Belgium provided of course, that the requirements of our own home markets have been fully satisfied."

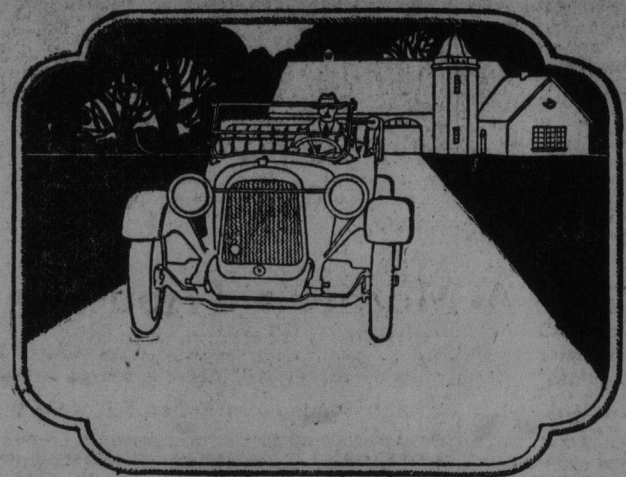
## FRENCH SPIRIT BEAT TEUTON AT THE MARNE, VON KLUCK'S DEFENCE

"How did you lose the battle of the Marne?" This point-blank question was recently put to General von Kluck in a Berlin drawing room. The somewhat old general, says the Paris "Matin," smilingly consented to give his version of this old story, as he called it.

"I lost perhaps," he said, "because I was not able to follow my own ideas. Contrary to what has been said, I was not the author of the plan of campaign called the march on Paris. I never thought the fall of that town would force France to capitulate. But I was overruled, and, besides, a German flag containing 400 square yards of bunting had been prepared which it was intended to hoist on the Eiffel Tower. At one moment all seemed going well, and the Kaiser was in raptures. As for me, I was quite surprised.

"After Charlot I expected a stubborn resistance, but I learnt hourly that the French armies were falling back in disorder. The entry into Paris was fixed for September 2. But August 31 we found that this army which had been all topsy-turvy had suddenly changed in appearance in a few hours—infantry, gunners and sappers all having got back into their right tactical places. To push on in the face of this surprise was folly, and in spite of pressing advice, not to say orders, I had to give up the idea."

The reason above all others of his defeat was "the special aptitude of the French soldier for rapidly pulling himself together. That men who had retreated for ten days and were lying on the ground half dead with fatigue should at a bugle call set to their rifles and attack was a thing on which we had never counted. We made a mistake, and it was not the only one. Perhaps we were too knowing."



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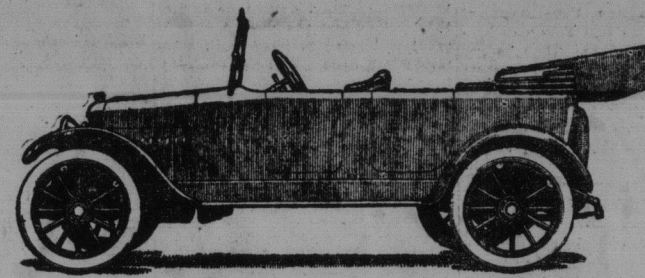
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