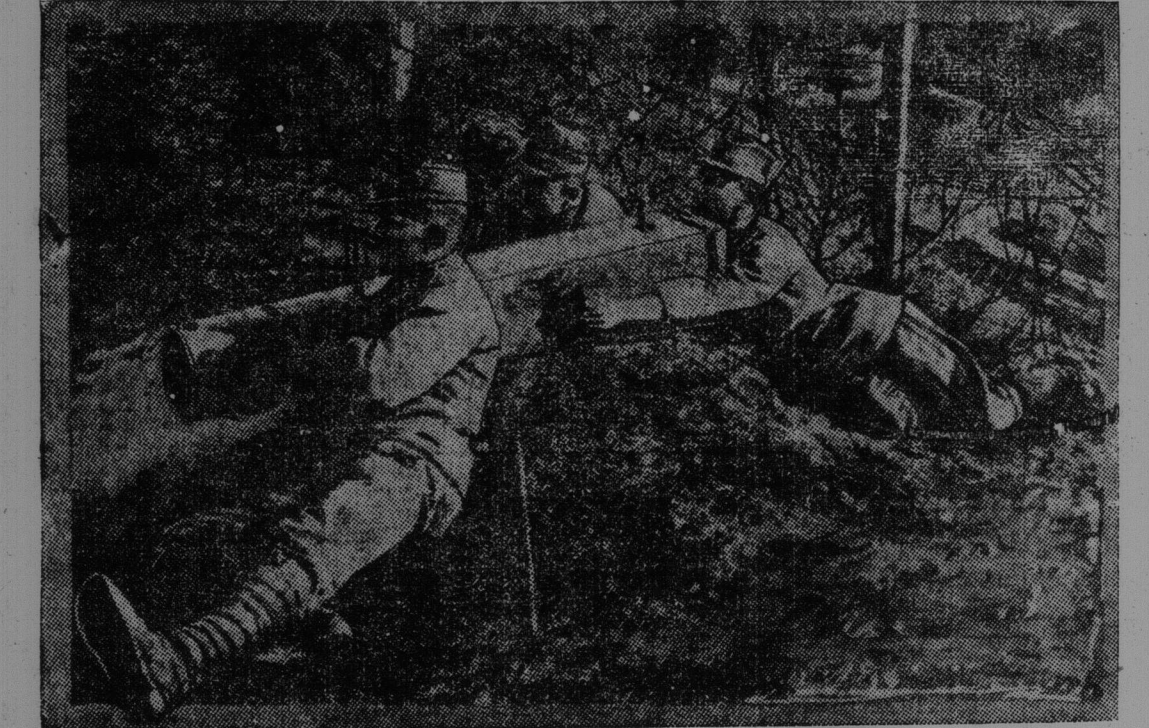


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Long distance camera capable of photographing objects eight miles away, is being used by the Austrian army on rivers shown in this picture.

Military System Upside Down?

A Comparison With Form Of Civil Government

For Decentralization

Suggestion That Local Control Would Solve Some Pressing Man-Power Problems in Canada — Co-operation the Key-note

(Toronto Mail and Empire.) In a recent article, "Canada and National Service," predicted that the results of emergency organizations to procure the man and resource power of the country must be disappointing because they were compelled to tackle the situation practically upside down, being without the fundamental basis of obligation coupled with decentralized co-operation. Obligation was the special theme of that article, and it now follows, therefore, not without interest to find out what is meant by "decentralized co-operation" and what can be accomplished by it.

The Tendency to Centralization. In "Canada and National Service" the case is thus stated: "We of the British Empire boast that the local government of the parts has tended to contentment in the whole. Canadians would be loath to exchange their decentralized form of government for an autocracy such as that of Germany. It may be wondered how townships and counties, to say nothing of our provinces, would like their local affairs all run from Ottawa, and if they were, what would be the result as regards expense? Canadians often wonder, undoubtedly how it is that there has been so little interest taken in our military affairs. We have hardly recognized that from the days when each parish had its officer collecting the names of those whose duty it was to serve and he armed, there has gradually been withdrawing from local control and local influence and local co-operation until the military organization and fabric of the militia is centralized in the hands of one political chief at one centre. Not only does this constitute an extreme contrast to the model of Switzerland, but it is a steady and constant falling away from the old principle of decentralized co-operation which obtained in Canada from the earliest days of its settlement. The shirking away has taken place as we have indicated, from the 'Captain of the Parish' (of the old French-Canadian system) from the provincial organization into a centralized, unsympathetic autocracy with all its accompanying extravagance and inefficiency results.

Going the Wrong Way. It should be absolutely clear that either the system of organization and local control of the British Empire, and of Canada in its civil departments, is all wrong and based on a wrong principle, and that the centralized autocratic basis of the militia should be also the basis of the civil government of the Empire and of the Dominion of Canada. It is all wrong and should be re-organized and re-arranged from top to bottom, and made to conform, in its principles and practices, to those of the civil conditions, and to those principles which underlie and govern the military organization of Switzerland, and which, moreover, were in existence and carried out with gross advantage in our own country of Canada previous to Confederation.

Borrowing the descriptive co-operation of the communes (townships and counties) and cantons (provinces) from Canada and National Service, and applying it to our conditions, it might be said by way of a fair-tale description: "Each province has its military department and the basic structure of the military system of the country hinges on the civil conditions, and to those principles which underlie and govern the military organization of Switzerland, and which, moreover, were in existence and carried out with gross advantage in our own country of Canada previous to Confederation."

An Esprit de Corps. Each such division is under a commandant (appointed by the provinces with the approval of the Dominion). He is responsible for the proper use of the service rolls, keeps track of the men liable for military service and calls them out for service. These divisions are subdivided by the provinces, as necessary, into sections, and each section is placed under the direction of an area officer (to use the Australian name).

LORD CECIL DEFENDS UTTERANCES ABOUT A PEACE OFFENSIVE

Minister of Blockade Speaks Very Definitely

London, May 17.—After a brief general discussion in the House of Commons yesterday, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, gave an explanation of his "peace offensive" interview given to the press on May 8, and in which he said a "peace offensive" would be directed very largely against England, and that the Central Powers would put out offers which they might think would be attractive to the British. He said that a peace offensive was entirely different from a peace offer. A peace offensive would be designed to help the German armies in the field, and he believed that one would be forthcoming when he gave the interview. "As to the suggestion that I intended to convey the idea that any offer that Germany might make would have to be rejected," he said, "I say there is not one syllable that I uttered which could be construed by any fair minded man to mean that. I repeat that any offer that is made, come from what sources it may, provided it has a reputable and trustworthy source, deserves consideration by the government."

Philip Snowden, Laborite, made an attack on the demands of Italy, saying that they were "selfish and unreasonable." Replying, Lord Robert Cecil said that he was forced to repudiate that sentiment with all the strength he could muster. "The attack is without foundation and undeserved," he said. "For what purpose it was made, except to assist the enemy, I cannot understand. We believe the aims of Italy to be as high and pure as those of any other belligerent and we value her assistance to the greatest possible degree. We are determined to preserve our allegiance with her, as we are with all the allies." Referring to Russia, Lord Robert said: "We have no quarrel with Russia at all. On the contrary, with the Russian people we have always desired to be on the closest possible terms of friendship. No one can deny that we can and should support and assist the Russian people to preserve Russia as a great power in the world, and in the period after the war."

Lord Robert denied that Great Britain had any quarrel with the Bolsheviks over their domestic policy, saying: "That is a matter for Russia, and Russia alone. We value her assistance to the greatest possible degree, and we are determined to preserve our allegiance with her, as we are with all the allies."

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A REVERSION OF TYPE. Airedale Dog Lived Wild for Years in Yellowstone Park. An instance of a dog's return to the savage state of his wolf ancestry came to light in February in the Yellowstone National Park, when Scout Anderson's report of a trip into the Buffalo Park country contained, under the heading of "predatory animals killed," a mention of one mountain lion, one bobcat, four coyotes, and an Airedale dog. This dog, which probably wandered into the park from some farm or settlement a few miles over the border, has been living in the Yellowstone in a wild state for several years. Whether or not he fraternized with his cousins the wolves and the coyotes cannot be known certainly. Lord doubt he was as they live at the expense of young and weaker deer and elk, and smaller prey. Probably he lived alone, against all animal kind as they were against him. There are well-authenticated instances of dogs thus returning to the wild. It speaks well for his tenacity and strength that, alone of his kind in a country where all kinds of wild animals live still their natural lives, he survived. He may have been a dog of good pedigree. Anyway, the dog has been seen at intervals for several years, and was officially classed among the animals which, alone all Yellowstone's animals, are sought and killed because destructive of the harmless animals which make of this national park the best-populated wilderness department of the interior.

"A SOUTHERN CINDERELLA" IN EAST ST. JOHN. Several young ladies of East St. John staged the play "A Southern Cinderella."

The proceeds are for patriotic purposes. Those who took part were: Misses Edith Magee, Olga Magee, Maud Josephy, Emily Eckbrecht, Molly Eckbrecht, Violet Foley and Margaret Foley.

"Nifty" clothes with unnecessary embellishments are under a war ban across the border.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. John Blakely.

General regret was expressed Thursday, May 16, when it became known that Mrs. John Blakely, of Enneskillen Station, had passed away at the St. John Infirmary. She was a person of a kindly disposition and her memory will be revered by many. The deceased was formerly Miss Ida Donovan, of Petersville (N. B.). She is survived by a sorrowing husband and five children. The children are Gertrude, of Bangor (Me.), Regina, Alice, Marie and Andrew, at home. She also leaves five brothers and five sisters. The brothers are James, of Fairville; John, George, Daniel and William, residing in the States. The sisters are Mrs. T. P. Breen, of St. John; Mrs. John Mooney, of Gaspereaux Station; Mrs. F. M. Hanley, of New Jersey; Mrs. F. J. Jenney and Miss Alice, of Winthrop (Mass.).

The funeral will be held from St. Ignatius church, Petersville. Interment will be made in the Catholic burying ground.

Thomas M. Borpee.

The death occurred at Eastport (Me.) on Wednesday, May 16, of Thomas M. Borpee, a well known citizen of this city. Mr. Borpee was ill but a short time and was eighty-one years of age. For many years he was employed by the Canadian government railways, and a few years ago was superannuated. He was visiting his son, H. F. Borpee, at Eastport (Me.) when the end came. He is survived by five sons—Lockwood and Thomas, of Boston; H. F. Borpee, of Eastport (Me.); Frank, of Moose Jaw, and Fred, of West St. John. Four daughters also survive—Mrs. A. Williams, of London (Ont.); Mrs. Murray Long, of West St. John; Miss Minnie, of Boston, and Miss Joseph, of this city. The funeral will be held on Saturday and the body taken to Fredericton for interment.

George Bayle, Sr.

Newcastle, May 16.—(Special)—George Bayle, sr., of Chaplin Island road, died suddenly of heart trouble this morning, aged seventy. The surviving children are Joseph, Nellie and Sadie, at home; George and Patrick, of Grand Marais (Mich.), and Mrs. William H. Bayle, of Chaplin Island road. Thomas Bayle, sr., is a brother of deceased. This is the fourth death in about a year. Thomas, in France, Mrs. Frank D. Ryan and their father and mother.

Archie H. Magee.

Moncton, May 16.—(Special)—The death of Archie Hamilton Magee occurred this afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. E. Dickson, Moncton. Mr. Magee was employed by the C. P. R. telegraph office here for a number of years before removing to Moncton where he was employed with the Great Northern (Telegraph Company) and had been a resident of Port Arthur for the past three years. He was recently appointed manager of the C. N. telegraph office at Port Arthur which position he held until seventeen days when he was forced to resign owing to ill-health. About four weeks ago he came to Moncton with the view of regaining his health but continued to grow weaker. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Magee, of Moncton, and besides his parents, his wife and infant daughter, he leaves three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Dickson, Miss Margaret Magee and Miss Mary Magee, all of Moncton, and one brother, John A. Magee, a resident of Sydney but now in Moncton having been called here owing to the critical illness of his brother.

Daughter in St. John.

Woodstock, May 16.—Mrs. Catherine S. Boyer, widow of T. J. Boyer, for many years proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, died suddenly today, aged seventy-three years. She was getting ready for an automobile drive when she died from heart trouble. She is survived by a stepson, George W. Boyer, proprietor of the Aberdeen Hotel, one daughter, Carrie, both of Woodstock, and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Scamthorn, of St. John and Miss Burpee, of McAdam.

Felix Martin.

Moncton, May 16.—This afternoon at the home of his father, Dr. E. Martin, of the C. G. R. offices, Felix Martin, aged twenty-three years, passed away. He had been a student at St. Joseph's College and would have been graduated this year but was compelled to give up his studies. He was an active participant in college athletics. Besides his parents he is survived by his brother, Edmund, a dental student at Laval.

ART CLUB CLOSES SEASON

The St. John Art Club held its annual conversations in the Art Club hall last evening and brought the season to a close with a very successful entertainment.

The following programme, arranged by Miss A. E. Haggarty and Miss B. R. Holt was then carried out. The tableaux were very prettily arranged and were viewed through a golden frame. Girl with Cherries. Marie Ginter. Nona Lisa. Sadie Cohen. Little Miss Maid in Canada. Daphne Peterson. Irish Girl (song). Gretchen Skinner. For Him. Florence Henry. Somewhere in France. Gertrude Lahey. Red Cross Nurse. Miss Carleton. Conservation Girl. Florence Ord. Munition Girl. Miss O'Leary. Sweet and Low. Daphne Peterson. Piano solo. Miss Forbes. Soldiers of the Soil. Miss Pendleton. Trisilla at the Wheel. Miss Mahony. In Plunder's Fields. Florence Ord. Highland Lassie. Miss MacKay. The singing of the National Anthem terminated a very pleasant and interesting evening.

ALEXANDRA TEMPLE ROLL OF HONOR.

The honor roll of Alexandra Temple, a close with a very successful entertainment. The names on the honor roll are: Ralph Black, J. Roy Bell, James C. Bond, R. Murray Cowan, Foster E. Duval, H. Bernard Ferris, Walter L. Jones, Rev. J. James McCaskill, Walter Miller, Thomas H. Pyle, Arthur L. Spry, Russell Short, George H. Todd, James Thompson, Gilbert Vincent, Bennett W. Wilson.

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