

OVERSEAS LETTER

My Dear Miss Hurley,—
A voice from far away! A very gratefully tone one, too, coming from the hearts of one at the heart of things, who appreciates the continued thoughtfulness of Belleville's best and kindest citizens. I received your fat box of socks some little time ago and found in it a very welcome help, for our company of stalwarts, most of whom are from that portion of the country of which Belleville (whether they admit it or not) is really the center. "Trench feet," during the past winter, has been practically unknown, and its welcome absence has been definitely attributed to the generous supply of soft, warm socks, contributed by those unwearied, kindly women, organized into units such as yours. You are, in a very real sense, helping to win this horrible struggle. Have you ever heard of even civilian "morals" being temporarily eclipsed by the possession of a pair of hot, uncomfortable feet? Is there anything worse under Heaven, let me ask you? There is not! Compare them, the lot of a perfectly safe, care free, lightly dressed "civvie" so situated and that of a thickly booted, heavily loaded soldier, carrying full pack and rifle plodding along for miles in the mud (or the dust, which is nearly as bad) and think what comfortable feet mean to him! Most soldiers are far from being skilled in the art of darning, and when they do attempt to close the gap, generally contrive to assemble about half the foot into a woolly protuberance, about as conducive to comfort as prohibition is to the quenching of thirst. I am at a school for the present,

studying ways and means of annihilating the overly eager Hun, and the first day I arrived, who should I collide with but our old friend Newton Alford. He's fine, as all the rest of us are, and we often speak of our mutual Belleville acquaintances and memories. We've decided that a week in Belleville just about now, would be a gift of the gods, with some of Dickens' ice cream in place of nectar, on that very pleasant Olympus. I'm trying to think what ice cream really is like, and find that I simply can't visualize it. I am quite convinced, however, that there is such a commodity, as I have in me a firm conviction of having eaten it, in some former state of existence, probably in my Canadian era, about a million hours ago. Do not labor under any false impression that we are in time, far from it! We live wonderfully well, but it is a rather crude though satisfying menu, which falls allots to us, and quite robbed of those former finer excitements, which now appear delirious luxuries, in proportion to your utter absence I'm sure I have your profound sympathy! I trust that you will convey my very sincere thanks to the kind ladies whose labor made possible your very welcome and generous gift. The solid thought of all that loyal help and support across the seas, goes a very long way in these tiresome and dangerous days. With my best wishes to the Belleville Women's Red Cross and Patriotic Association, singly and collectively and also my kindest regards to Miss Hurley, their efficient and charming secretary. Very cordially yours, Dan A. Cameron.

CELEBRATED THE MARNE AND PICARDY OFFENSIVES

Kaiser's Effigy Burned at the Market Place Last Night—Belleville's First Celebration of Victories—Thousands Watched Parade and Heard Addresses on Market Square—Enthusiasm and Thanksgiving

The old Kaiser's effigy was burned while thousands laughed, rejoiced and jeered on the market place last evening, when Belleville citizens held their first demonstration to mark the victories of the Marne and Picardy. How many people were assembled down town at 7.45 is a matter of guess work, but at 8.30 at least four thousand must have been in the throng that filled the market square. Arranged on short notice, the celebration was just what the people were wanting—an opportunity to express their gratitude and confidence and joy in a jubilation. Four years with confidence and with determination, the people at home like the boys at the front, have been on the defensive. Now when the tide has turned and Thor's blows have weakened and the Vulcan smashes of Poch are smashing through the Hun armour the public could refrain no longer from giving vent to its feelings. A vile looking, offensive man was found by the Fifteenth Band and discovered to be the Kaiser's double. He was the victim for last night's sacrifice. He was the goat. By 7.45 Front street was lined with people. Scores of automobiles were on the streets, many of them decorated and every one showing a flag or morn. Some had bunting, Union Jacks, Stars and Stripes and various decorative materials and various flags were not absent. The market square was the scene of particular activity—the center of the burrah. At the appointed moment the bell in the city hall tower began to ring out its hoarse tones over the buildings and house tops and at once increased the activities of the crowd. Bridge St. Church's mellow bell put on unwonted speed and raced the city bell. Whistles blew, brass bands sounded their horns, one jolly citizen struck up a fife and everybody talked or shouted. But a quarter of an hour was needed to organize the parade. Ald. Chas. Hanna was marshal of the proceedings. Chief Newton and his police force headed the parade, Mayor Platt and aldermen followed in the city float, and Mayor Ketcheson, a crowd of veterans in Dr. Gibson's Packard and scores of decorated machines followed Johnston's pipe band led by the stalwart W. D. Ketcheson, wearing a peerless silk hat and carrying a flag, stirred the crowd. The fire department's red wagons had put on extra attractive banners, and bunting. Mr. B. A. Sanford fol-

lowed in a float wishing a luciferous abiding place for the Kaiser. The Ritchie Company, Mr. W. A. Rodbourne, Mr. W. Osborne, The Lewis Co. and many business firms had floats in the procession. Boy Scouts on bicycles and a little girl on a gaudily decorated pony were features of the triumph. The ears of the Emperor of the German people—the monarch of Potsdam—must have burned in reality as they did in effigy when his detested likeness was put in the consuming fire. The market square was the stopping place of the parade after Front street between the upper bridge and Dundas street had been traversed. Could the Belleville boys at the front have a picture of the crowd assembled there, it would surely do them good, adding strength to their arms in these propitious days. The like of it has not been seen in years. Ex-Mayor H. F. Ketcheson, was chairman of proceedings. The platform was the steps at the east of the market buildings. The 15th band occupied the center of the square surrounded by citizens. The band played and the crowd sang "God Save the King." "We are met together," declared Mr. Ketcheson, "for a little celebration and to give expression to the feelings of our hearts. It is a wonderful sight to see thousands of the people of Belleville here tonight. Our men at the front are winning and winning fast. A great victory has been won on the field of battle. Through four long years we have kept our lips firm. We remember that it took sixteen years to down Napoleon. It may take six years to do the Kaiser. We have been fighting against a machine, a country and men that consider not men, women, children or anything sacred. We joined the conflict for the right. We have fought that way and we will win." (Cheers.) Lt. Col. E. D. O'Flynn was greeted with ringing applause as he stepped forward to speak a few words. He caused a laugh as he said: "This victory was not won by talking and you're not here to hear me make a long speech." Turning to the war he declared: "We've been the anvil for four years. We're now the hammer and the other fellows are going to take the blows. We are not going to do it half-heartedly, but will finish it so that the children of today may not have to go through what the men over there went through." Col. O'Flynn paid a tribute to the people at home. "The men who return will

thank God for the Canadian women. Write over there and tell the boys that at this time we are confident that victory is going to be ours." The crowd struck up "He's a jolly good fellow" as Col O'Flynn stepped down. The band played "O Canada," "The Maple Leaf" and "Rule Britannia," the people joining in the music. Mayor Dr. E. O. Platt struck a responsive chord as he said "If the old Kaiser could hear us tonight, he'd dig in his hole in Potsdam and stay there forever. For four years long we have not had a time, to cheer, but now we can cheer for victory. I don't wonder you're cheering tonight. We are getting out of the tunnel. We are going to win. "This morning a bunch of Bellevillians captured the Kaiser. We'll burn the greatest brute this earth ever produced."

This was the signal for a remarkable outbreak. The crowd cheered and rushed to the south side of the city hall. There on a rope was the effigy of Kaiser Bill, with a fuse carrying the spark that was to destroy him, his withered limbs and his detested moustache. The fuse burned slowly and it looked for a while as if Ald. St. Charles put it. He won't burn. The devil doesn't want him." But it was only a matter of time to dry the Kaiser's double, which had had its spirits dampened by the allied successes. The black object hung fifteen feet in the air, the arms being tied behind the back and it looked as if the "Crown Prince's" parent might escape the brimstone. Since the fuse did not work, Holy Will was lowered and a match applied to his awarted, wasted side. There was no longer any hesitation. The fire recognized that it had the right to get and started in to destroy the effigy. The Kaiser's dizzy side burned first, then his head. A charge of powder had been placed in his cranial and suddenly the helmet and head were blown up as high as the roof of the city hall building. One boy got the helmet as it came down and wore it as a souvenir, although it looked very much like a helmet worn by a Belleville policeman some time ago. Nobody discovered the "kaiserlich" moustache. This had been singed, before the explosion. The figure was jiggled about and finally was cut down after the Union Jack and the pennants of the various battalions that have left Belleville were run out over the smouldering effigy. As the heap of kaiserly remains burned on the roadway, boys threw stones into the blaze, expressing their contempt for the ashes of the effigy. Although the formal proceedings were over the crowd hung around the streets, cheering and singing for some time. It was Belleville's first summer carnival or first night out and it was enjoyed.

The Ritchie Company took special pains to decorate the front of their store for the occasion with flags. The window display was one of the finest ever seen here in its appropriateness and the simplicity of its conception. In the background were the Stars and Stripes, in the center Britannia, on the right the British bull dog, on the left the Canadian at Ypres, "saving the day," and in the front a Union Jack and Lloyd George's declaration. "We are smashing through." Chief of Police John Newton with Sergeant Harman and Constable George Ellis headed the parade. Along the route the Chief sang "Rule Britannia" and stirred the crowds that lined the streets to enthusiastic singing. The mascot of the fire department in the parade was Miss Violet DeMarsh riding her pony, decorated for the occasion. She aroused the children along the route.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Coulson, formerly of our village are spending the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Pitman. Miss Echo Ashley of Toronto is a guest of Mrs. George Wickett. Mr. Elder of Toronto spent a couple of days last week with his family, who are spending the summer months at Mrs. Charles Hetherington's. Mr. and Mrs. Clare Coulson, and Miss Grey of Beamsville are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Gowzell, Jr. Mrs. S. Patterson, Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cummings, Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pottman, motored to Prescott and spent a few days with the former's son, Mr. S. Patterson. Mr. John Holgate of Bowmanville and sister, Mrs. Perringier are visiting in our village. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demorest spent over Sunday with relatives in Stirling. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter, also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter and son, Lorne were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rose on Sunday last. Quite a few from this vicinity took in the Oak Lake camp meeting on

Tried to Foment Riots at Montreal

Montreal, Aug. 13.—The military authorities here were Friday officially informed that last Thursday night a band of about 100 men gathered at the corner of Windsor and St. Catherine streets in this city with a view to raiding certain restaurants in that vicinity. They tried to obtain the aid of returned soldiers in their plan to emulate the recent riots of a similar nature in Toronto. The returned men however refused to join them and sent word to the Great War Veterans' Association Headquarters that an attempt to rioting was being promoted. The association at once sent out men to the spot to persuade any returned soldiers to have nothing to do with the attempt. The Dominion and civil police were also informed with the result that no disturbances of any kind took place and the only knowledge of the attempt to foment riots came through military headquarters here.

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3,920 Men From That District—Wastage During Month is 4,226
Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Recruits to the number of 13,941 were secured for the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Canada, the United States, and England during the month of July, according to the official statement of the Militia Department, issued today. During the same period the total wastage was 4,226, leaving a net gain for the month of 9,715 men. Enlistments in the Canadian Expeditionary Force since the beginning of the war have reached a total of 566,528. The statement shows that Canada furnished 12,155 of the total number secured during July, the United States 1,772, and England 14. Of the men enlisted in Canada, 11,037 entered the infantry, 23 the artillery, 353 railway, construction and forestry battalions, and 742 miscellaneous units. A total of 366 infantrymen were secured in the United States during the month, miscellaneous units obtained 1,241 men, and 165 recruits joined railway construction, forestry, and artillery organizations. The largest enlistment during July was in Military District No. 4, of which Montreal is the headquarters, where 3,920 recruits were secured. The figures of wastage during July show that the infantry suffered to the extent of 3,242, and other arms 984 men. Of the infantry wastage the statement shows that 2,361 men were discharged in Canada, 23 in England, while casualties overseas totalled 558. The number of discharges in Canada from units other than infantry was 357, in England, 36, and casualties overseas totalled 591.

Commended by the Government

Organization of Resources Committee, 43 King St. West
Toronto, Ont., Aug. 8, 1918. D. H. Ackerville, V.S., Belleville, V.S. Dear Sir, I was much interested in reading your letter of July 2nd to the Belleville paper dealing with the proposition of organizing parties to pick wild berries. The plan suggested by you is I believe being carried out in a small way here and there throughout the province "and is deserving of wide publicity" so that next year we may equip ourselves better to handle the proposition. We have developed good community gardening schemes and we have a fair start here and there in the province in company farming. We may extend our organizing activities very perceptibly in the direction your letter indicates. Should your scheme work out successfully in Belleville we would be glad to have word from you concerning it. Yours very truly, S. B. McCready, Assistant Secretary.

How to Avoid Typhoid Fever

"Typhoid is contracted solely by the mouth. If you do not put the poison of typhoid fever into your mouth you will never contract typhoid fever. Therefore watch your mouth. Do not eat or drink anything (water, milk, oysters, fresh vegetables or anything else), unless it has been first 'botted,' broiled, baked, roasted, fried or otherwise thoroughly heated through and through. Do without all food or drink which has not first been thus heated. (Canned or bottled foods or drinks, other than milk or water, are not included in this.) If living in the same house with a typhoid fever patient, do not handle your own food, or food intended for anyone else, even if it has been heated, except with hands that have been thoroughly washed with soap and very hot water. (Preferably also with antiseptic—ask your physician about the antiseptic to use.) Wash before every meal in this way and before cooking, serving or eating anything or putting the fingers in the mouth. If there are flies about see that all food and drink is protected from them at all times. Flies often carry typhoid poison to foods and drinks. The poison of typhoid fever does not show itself for two weeks after it enters the body. Therefore for the next two weeks, typhoid cases may develop from typhoid poison already taken in. But any case which develops on and after August 15th will be solely owing to neglect of this notice and failure to carry out minutely the direction here given."

Soldier Commits Suicide

Pte Fred Lepointe, aged 17, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself with one of his puttees in a cell at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, where he was being held on a minor charge of theft. He was last seen alive by the sentry who was detailed to guard the cells 25 minutes before his death. The body was removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be held.

Would Germany be so Lenient?

Alien enemies, and not the returned soldiers, are now said to have been responsible for the riots that occurred in Toronto on Friday and Saturday recently. In that event the public will doubtless demand that all alien enemies be immediately interned. Canada has been altogether too lenient with the foreigner who has found a haven of refuge here. The time has come when the government must separate the sheep from the goats.

Sandwiches of Gold are Smuggled by Germans

Big Trade by Those who can Get Precious Metal Across Border Into Hands of the Huns
Arnhem, Holland, July 29.—Correspondent of the Associated Press. Smuggles have done a big trade here for some time past in sending into Germany gold coins of all nations. The coins are eagerly bought up by dealers of indeterminate nationality, mostly of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and The Hague, at a premium which has reached 70 per cent. of the face value. In Germany they fetch dou-

But Returned Men Were Advised to Keep Away

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Dutch to Make Mediation Offer to Belligerents?

Such is rumor in political circles—19 German Officers are Retired for Failure. Baker Hastens the Draft Bill. London, Aug. 13.—Rumors are current in Dutch political circles that Deputy Nolens, who has been charged with the formation of a new Government, intends to prepare a way for peace by suggesting to the new Cabinet that it make an offer for mediation to both belligerents, according to Amsterdam despatches to the Central News. In this connection, the intended inclusion in the Cabinet of the Dutch Minister to the Vatican is considered significant. The Nieuwe Courant of the Hague warns the Government against any such attempt, saying that it might bring Holland into difficulties with the group which does not desire mediation.

Allies Would Save Russia From Huns

But Japan Feels Intervention Should Be Backed by Larger Forces
London, Aug. 9.—British representatives at Vladivostok, Murmansk and Archangel have published a "declaration of the British Government to the peoples of Russia." The declaration says that the allies are coming as friends to "help you save yourselves from destruction at the hands of Germany." It declares that allied troops are entering Russia to help and that not a foot of territory is desired, and states there is no intention of imposing a political system upon Russia, which must work its own form of government. "Japan does not believe the forces which it is planned to send into Siberia will be sufficient aid to the Czech-Slovaks, Baron Goto, Japanese Foreign Minister, told me in an interview today. Japan has not changed her position as stated last March regarding intervention, said Baron Goto, "but willingly conformed to the American desire for a small force with restricted activities."

End of the Tunnel is Nearer, Declares Mr. Lloyd George

Every Right to Feel Confident—Will Be No Vengeance When Final Triumph is Accomplished. London, Aug. 13.—"We have a right to feel confident in the good news; the end of the tunnel is nearer," Premier Lloyd George declared Friday in a speech at Neath. "We are fighting for the right. God, in His righteousness, will see us through. When victory comes there will be no greed, no tearing up, no vengeance. I have no apology for the part I have taken in this conflict. I propose to fight through to the end. I don't think I've been too optimistic."

Sudden Revolution Expected at Moscow

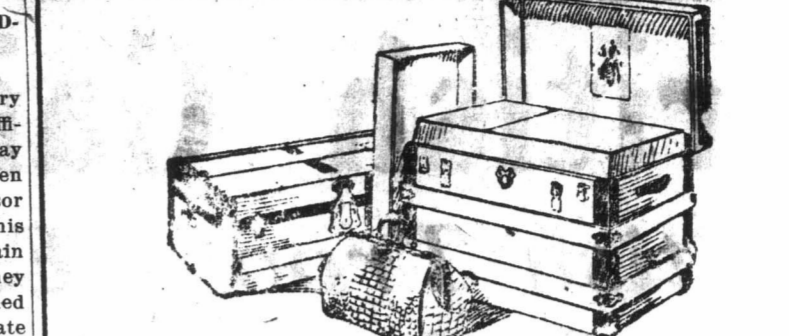
Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—Police vigilance in the streets of Moscow and Petrograd has been intensified, according to Moscow despatches to The Weser Zeitung of Bremen. Strong infantry and cavalry units patrol the streets day and night, arresting all persons unable to show identification cards. Extensive measures have been taken to prevent a sudden revolution. Guns have been placed in all the squares and machine guns on all the corners. Militia forces in cities have been considerably strengthened. "The situation in Moscow is less severe than ever since the Lethish reforms, the strongest supporters of the Bolsheviks, have been sent to fight the Czech-Slovaks, according to the Vorwarts of Berlin. The newspaper adds that they have been replaced by less reliable guards, and that the Bolshevik Government appears to be badly shaken.

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Cranks have broken the heart of many a minister. The Rev. G. H. Bray, of Gravenhurst, got off easy when the crank of his motor boat only broke his wrist.

JULY AND AUGUST CLEARING SALE



OF TRUNKS, SUIT CASES AND CLUB BAGS

In order to make room for our Fall Goods we are putting on a Sacrifice Sale. We have a large assortment of Trunks, Suit Cases and Club Bags. Good strong trunks, with or without straps from \$3.25 to \$13.50 or without straps from \$2.00 to \$25.00. Also Wardrobe Trunks in all sizes. Suit Cases, with or without straps from \$1.25 to \$16.00. Club Bags in all colors, \$2.00 to \$25.00. CALL AND ASK TO SEE THEM ATTRACTIVE WINDOW DISPLAY

VERMILYEA & SON

Slater Shoes for Men—Queen Quality Shoes for Women

UNITED HAVE CRO

(From the An Crop Wheat Corn Oats Barley Rye All Cereals Potatoes Hay, tame and Cotton, bales

Midsummer from the harvest increased yield 1900,000 bushels of the long drought wheat suffering life, the chief food needs, and permit ment in future of the continuance of els for export, wended. With an harvest indication of 200,000,000 bushels civilians will not price for wheat. The quality of w Corn, the foot the same size as ahead of last year occurred to the qu tember. The qua try, the actual fe els, while the qu look is for a crop to an increase of This year's re er winter wheat abandoned on acc Oats, second human food supp and by unusual h crop suffered a de 000 bushels now a large crop last ye ing the needed d poor quality of o the generous crop which 35,000,000 wheat shortage a Barley, both or 15,000,000,000 consumption of the flour. The propo as the Governme used in the brew and the barley co stufs. Rye, of whic annually, has bee a yield of 74,000 a breadstuff, now sumpion has bee supply, and enlar Potatoes, nex a yield of 400,00 the production w the pre-war aver there was an exc who withheld the some loss by in hardly prevail th abundant. One of the the raising of be the war, and the bulk of the crop poor, both in qu age, there is a qu than last year. been doubled in A prodigious 400,000 tons of the last season. The drought cond

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Mrs. Jas. Galloway, John St. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dawkins, Burk's Falls. Miss Ida McCrudden, of Montreal is the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. McMurray, Bridge St. West. Mr. Philip Harrison and Miss Mabel Harrison left today for a vacation at New Liskeard. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ashley, Napanee spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Ashley, Hillside St. Mrs. (Col.) L. W. Marsh left this morning for a few weeks camping at Wesley McCoon Lake.