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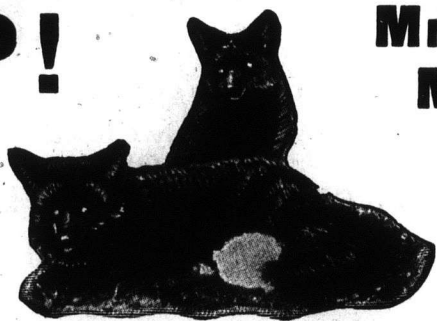
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"Now, don't you cry," said Samuel. "I'll go this minute and cut another tree."

So Samuel started off, and Charley with him, and then I made Flory and Janey go upstairs. "You two have just got to go upstairs and stay there while I fix a surprise," said I. Surprises were a favorite amusement with us children. Flory and Janey laughed and ran off upstairs in a minute.

I set some molasses on to boil. Then I got the money out of the secret drawer and made six little parcels of it, rolled as tightly as I could and wrapped in letter paper. Then as soon as the molasses was boiled I made popcorn balls. Luckily I had enough corn popped. When I called the girls downstairs I had two plates of corn balls. The balls in one were of extra size, with strings attached all ready to hang on the tree, and in six of them were hidden the little rolls of money. The balls in the other plate

"Come down here a minute," said Samuel, and I went down to the sitting room. "I want to ask you a question," said Samuel. He tried to smile, but he was very pale and looked as if he was as frightened as I was. I trembled so I could scarcely stand. I was so afraid he would ask me right out, "Where is the money?" but he did not.

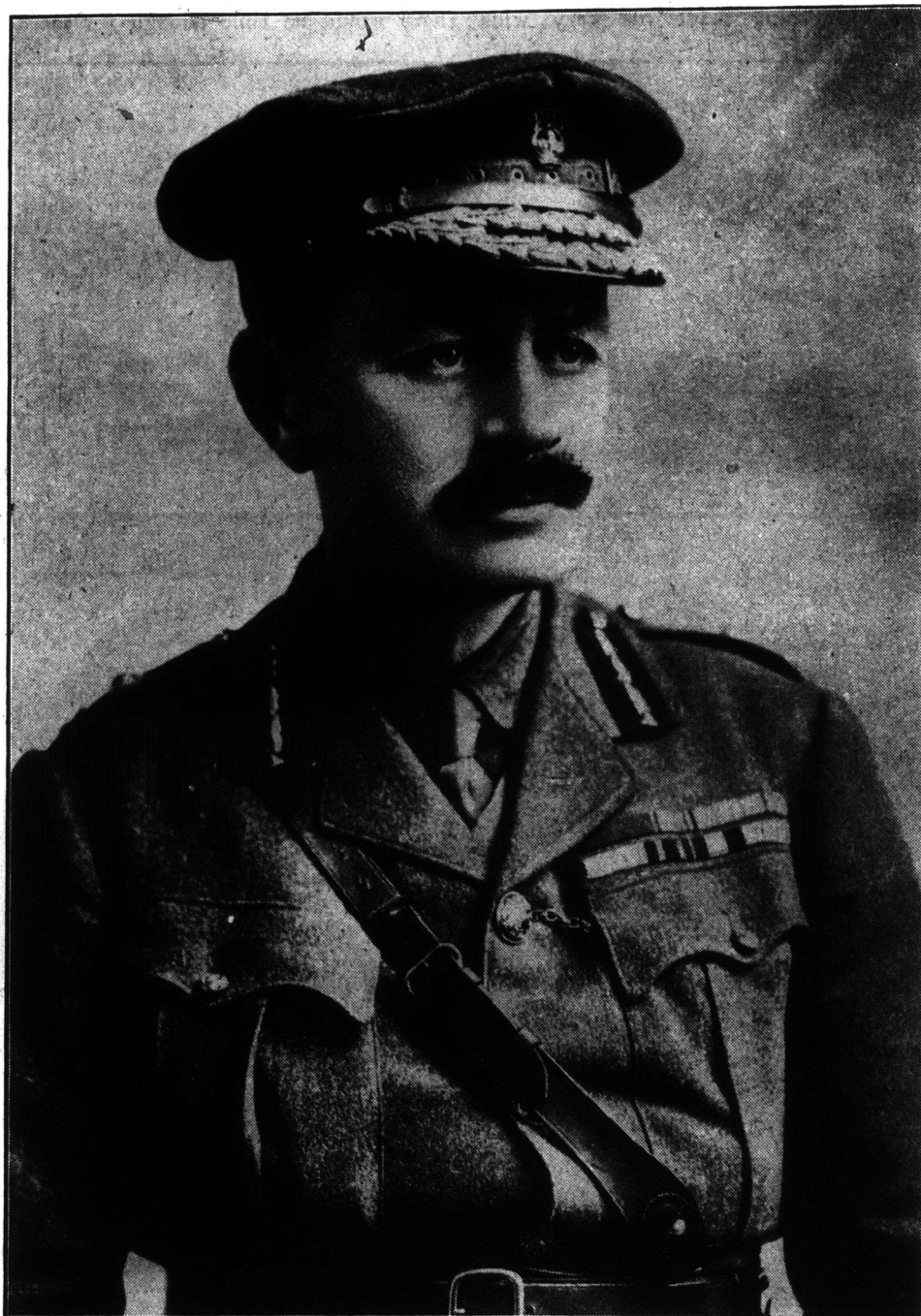
"I only want to ask if your father left some money in the house when he went away," said he, looking away from me as if he were ashamed.

"Yes, he did," said I. I had to or tell a lie.

"Well," said Samuel in a queer, shaking voice, "I would like to borrow that money for a little while. I need some money right away, and as long as your father ain't using it—"

"I would rather you waited and asked father," I said. "I don't think father would like it if I lent his money."

"I will make it right with your



Lieut-General Sir Julian Byng, K.C.B., who, under the supreme command of General Haig, commands the British forces who broke through the Hindenburg line to a depth of five miles along thirty-two miles of the old Somme front. The attack was begun without artillery preparation, and the Germans were taken completely by surprise. The British infantry and tanks pressed on and captured the second system of German defences. The new drive stretches from St. Quentin to the Scarpe.

Lieut-General Byng formerly commanded the Canadian Corps. He is the seventh son of the Earl of Strafford, and joined the army thirty-four years ago. On the outbreak of the war he was made commander of the Third Cavalry Division. Later, he was given command of the Cavalry Corps, and then of the 9th Army Corps.

were smaller, and those were to be eaten at once.

When Samuel and Charley came home I gave them some of the little corn balls and when Samuel had set up the tree I hung on the others. Then I thought the money was safe, but I wondered all the time what I should do if Samuel should come to me and ask me right out where the money was, for I did not want to tell a lie.

That night we all went upstairs, as usual, but I did not go to sleep. It was not very late when I heard Samuel moving about below, and presently he came to the foot of the stairs and called me.

I went to the door. My heart was beating so hard it seemed to choke me. "What do you want?" I made out to say as softly as I could, so as not to wake the children.

father," said Samuel. "Did your father tell you where the money was?"

"Yes, he did," I answered. I had to or tell a lie. I trembled for the next question.

"Where did he tell you it was?" asked Samuel.

"In the chest in the dark bedroom," said I. That was the truth, and it did no harm.

"Whereabouts in the chest?"

"In the secret drawer."

"Oh! So there's a secret drawer? Did your father tell you how to open it?"

I said he did.

"Well, you just come in here and show me how to open it," said Samuel.

I went with Samuel into the dark bedroom and showed him how to open the drawer. I could see nothing else to do. I stood back while he opened it. I won-

dered if it out as if I covered the all of a sudden made my sleigh bells ring to the said I.

Samuel rushing through the back door.

I ran and there was home sooner saw their sobbed and about it in they thought mind. Father never heard balls and s When father