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MURDER AT SEA

The unwritten law of the deep from time immemorial has been that the captain of a ship must defend with his life the passengers entrusted to his safe-keeping, and be himself the last to leave the ship.

By the laws of civilized nations the lives of those traveling on unprotected ships have been considered sacred.

It has been left to modern German Culture to introduce Murder at Sea. We remember the Lusitania, Falabar, the Belgium Prince, but at this moment, we particularly think of Captain Fryatt, in command of the passenger ship, whose only offense was that he sought to save the ship from the hungry maw of the Prussian Wolf in endeavoring to save his ship from being submerged. He was sent through the farce of a mock trial, condemned to death and was shot. Had he been a naval officer, seaman, or soldier, he would have been made prisoner; because he was a merchant seaman, his life (according to the law of German civilization) must be forfeited. He is only one of many; thousands have been torpedoed again and again, and after reaching port they sign on and are out again on the Long Lone Trail.

For the merchant seaman there is no patriotic allowance, separation or pension for his dear dependents; this is one of the objects the Navy League is seeking to provide for. In the Officers' Training Corps. Many of the students at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons have enrolled in the Officers' Training Corps of the Toronto University. Among the number is Douglas Johnston, former captain of the A.H.S. cadets. This Corps is not in the overseas forces, but is for the purpose of giving students military training with their academic course. Dental students have a predilection for the Royal Naval Air Service, and several have been accepted as cadets.

HOME-STAYING OFFICERS

Montreal Herald: It is constantly being asserted that Canada's war effort is weakened by the too many instances of officers flourishing in khaki all through the war—here or in England, without ever getting to the front—except on a tourist jaunt—and without risking themselves where shots are fired in anger. The Toronto Star is the latest to demand that the Government take action in the matter and see to it that in so far as the home-staying officers are performing useful services, the posts they occupy should now, after three years of war, be filled by men who have actually been in the fighting, who know what war actually is, and who, although unequal to further war service, are best fitted for service here at home and more deserving than any others. Is it true that there are a large number of such officers? If it is not, then it is time that the Government gave the public some information on the matter, in order to dispel statements calculated to hinder our war effort. If it is true, surely it is about time a remedy were provided. Of course, it may be that a considerable number have not gone to the war because they have not been allowed to do so. In that case, unless they are being trained in the reserves with the actual idea of active service, it is time they were relegated to civil occupations and joined ranks of producers, making way for men who have been on active service and are not fit for active service any longer.

GET INTO PRINT.

The following from an exchange applies to every business man in this district:

No business man should allow a newspaper in his village to be printed without his name and business mentioned somewhere in its columns.

This applies to all kinds of business, general stores, dry goods, groceries, furniture dealers, professional men, and in fact, all classes of business men.

This does not mean that you should have a whole or a half, or even a quarter of a page ad in every issue of the paper, but your name and business should be mentioned, if you do not use more than a two-line space.

A stranger picking up a newspaper should be able to tell just what business is represented in a town by looking at the business lineup in the paper.

Are you represented in The Reporter? Why not?

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Editor—Would you kindly allow me a short space in your valuable paper to make certain corrections in regard to reports that are being circulated in connection with the delay of the issuing of the licenses for the netting of whitefish in Charleston Lake. I learn that as Secretary of the Charleston Lake Association, I am reported as the cause of the delay of these licenses.

In July and on the 13th of October this year, I wrote the Department inquiring as to their intention regarding the issuing of licenses. Nothing but an acknowledgment was received until I received a letter dated Nov. 19, which I will quote:

"I must apologize for not having answered your letter of the 13th ultimo sooner but the Department has been making inquiries into the matter re the issuing of licenses for the netting of whitefish in Charleston Lake, and has at last reached the decision that they feel in the interest of the public that it would be quite proper to issue licenses in this lake, and applications for licenses, for domestic purposes only, are now being granted."

I acknowledged this letter on the 21st and stated "I hardly expected that on account of conditions that the Department would withhold licenses this year."

Learning that there had been a delay in the issuing of licenses, I wrote the Department on Nov. 26: "I am in favor if the Department decide to issue licenses that they should be issued when the season for whitefish is on. As I understand the situation the parties were told that licenses would be issued, but up to a few days ago, none had been issued. The Overseer accepted the payment for the licenses and the parties selected their sets, but the permits were not issued. Some of those expecting their licenses, went on and fished. I hear that some of these intend to ask for the return of their nets."

This, Mr. Editor has been my position, and should any desire to see the full correspondence with the Department, they may do so.

Thanking you for this space,  
S. C. A. LAMB

AN APPEAL FOR SAILORS

On December 8 and appeal will be made throughout the Dominion by the Navy League of Canada to raise funds for the relief of British and Canadian sailors and their dependents, and for the Sailors' Homes, Institutes and Hospitals in Canada and throughout the Empire. It is earnestly hoped that the appeal will meet with a generous response.

The Navy League of Canada is a branch of the Navy League of the Empire, and in addition to the object expressed in the appeal now being made, its work includes the spreading of knowledge and inspiration regarding the British Navy and the British Mercantile Marine. It is supported by many of the most famous men and women in Great Britain, while its Canadian branch is under the patronage, and has the hearty sympathy of the Duke of Devonshire. The present war has brought home to everybody as never before, the immense value, and indeed the absolute necessity of Britain's naval power. But for the British Navy, the Canadian farmer would have his crops on his hands to-day, the Canadian manufacturer would have a closed shop, and the Canadian business man would be almost without business to do. An appeal on behalf of the men of the navy, therefore, should, and will be received with ready sympathy by the Canadian people, who now realize that the foundation of the Empire's strength is in the Empire's ships.

But not less heroic—perhaps almost more heroic—than the work of the navy in the war has been the work of the sailors of the mercantile marine, who have risked their lives, and are risking them daily and nightly in order to keep the commerce of the Empire moving. These men have no government separation allowance or Government pensions, and their families and dependents deserve the support of every citizen because of the work the merchant sailors have done.

Branches of the Navy League are handling the appeal where such branches exist, but the Daughters of the Empire everywhere throughout Canada are also identified with it. Patriotic bodies of all kinds might well make a special effort for December 8 on behalf of the Empire's sailors.

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DEATH OF EDWARD DUFFIELD

About noon on Saturday, Dec. 1, an aged and much respected resident of Athens passed away in the person of Mr. Edward Duffield, after an illness of several months from a complication of diseases pertaining to advanced years. Deceased was born in Wexford county, Ireland in February 1837, and therefore, was nearly 81 years of age. He came to Canada with his parents in 1851, settling at Oak Leaf. Fifty-five years ago, he was united in marriage to Mary Richards, of New Boyne, and for 23 years, Mr. and Mrs. Duffield very successfully managed the hostelry, "Lake View" at Charleston Lake, and were known far and near for their kind hospitality and genial ways. After disposing of the hotel at Charleston, they moved to a farm near Addison, where they resided for several years, until failing health forced Mr. Duffield to give up farming, when they both took up residence in their fine home on Prince street, Athens.

In religion the late Mr. Duffield was an Anglican and in politics a Conservative. Besides his sorrowing wife, he leaves his little granddaughter, Miss Mary Wills, who has always resided with them, being a daughter of Mrs. W. Wills, of the Redan, whom they adopted into their home when only a child.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence to Christ's church, where service was conducted by the Rev. Rural Dean Swayne. The sympathy of all is with the bereaved friends in their sorrow. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Yorke, who resides near North Augusta, all his other sisters and one brother having predeceased him.

ROD AND GUN FOR THE MONTH

Of particular interest is the December issue of Rod and Gun in Canada, which is already on the newsstand. Among the good things which this number offers are "A Naturalist's Christmas" by Bonnycastle Dale; "In the Sky Pastures," a story of mountain goats and cougars in the Selkirks, by H. C. Haddon; "My Bob," a realistic story of a dog's experiences with his master on the firing line, by Vincent Perry; "The Jumper," a New Brunswick guide's story of the French river drivers of that province, by Leslie Marvin Hayward; etc., etc. The Kennel department this month contains the list of awards given at the Western Dog Show at London and the New Brunswick Kennel Club Show at St. John. The other departments, notably, Fishing Notes, Guns and Ammunition, and Along the Trap Line are up to standard and the whole number one that any Canadian sportsman will find of special interest. Rod and Gun is published at Woodstock, Ont., by W. J. Taylor.

MRS. CYNTHIA MUNROE DEAD

The death occurred at 11.30 on Monday night of Mrs. Cynthia Munroe, of Frankville. She was 60 years of age. Her husband, Israel Munroe, predeceased her some years. She had been in poor health for some months, but in the end, death came suddenly. She leaves two brothers and two sisters. They are: Messrs. Thomas Weatherhead, in Western Canada, Miles Weatherhead, living in Elizabethtown, Mrs. E. Derbyshire, Kingston; and Mrs. McEwan, Jasper. She was a Methodist in religion and was for a number of years a teacher in the Sunday School as well as an active worker in the W.M.S. She was greatly respected by all who knew her.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, Rev. G. W. Comerford conducting the services. The pallbearers were: G. M. Leverette, S. Montgomery, J. Borthwick, W. H. Montgomery and J. Coad.

Among those who attended the funeral from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. E. Derbyshire, Mr. and Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Partridge, Kingston; the Misses Weatherhead, Ottawa; and Mr. H. Lyman, Brockville.

HARVEST IN FLANDERS

(Louise Driscoll, in N.Y. Times)  
In Flanders fields the crosses stand—  
Strange harvest for a fertile land!—  
Where once the wheat and barley grew,  
With scarlet poppies running through,  
This year the poppies bloom to greet  
Not oats, not barley, not white wheat,  
But only crosses, row by row,  
Where stalwart reapers used to go.

In Flanders fields no women sing,  
As once they sang, at harvesting.  
No men now come with scythes to mow  
The little crosses, row by row.  
The poppies wonder why the men  
And women do not come again!

In Flanders, at the wind's footfall,  
The crosses do not bend at all,  
As wheat and barley used to do  
Whenever wind went running through.  
The poppies wonder when they see  
The crosses stand so rigidly!

O God to whom all men must bring  
What they have done for reckoning,  
At harvest time what byre or bin  
Have you to put these crosses in?—  
What word for men who marched to sow  
Not wheat, but crosses, row on row!

Alas! Our tears can never bring  
The men who came here harvesting  
And come no more! We do not know  
What way the singing women go,  
Their songs are still! But crosses stand  
Row after row in Flanders land!

OUR INDIAN BRAVES

According to the 1916 Report of the Department of Indian Affairs, there are 159 reserves in Ontario, and 26,305 Indians in the province. Of this number, 6,648 are males between the ages of 16 and 65.

At the time the report was compiled, it was officially stated that 1,200 Indians wore the King's uniform. Since then probably four or five hundred more have followed their example. This would mean that one out of every five between the ages of 18 and 45 were serving their King and Country.

They make the very best of soldiers. An Indian company is always noticeable on parade, and their endurance on the march, obedience to discipline, and supreme indifference to hardship, make them model soldiers. Several of those who have reached fighting ground have received Honorable Mention, and a few the D.S.O. medal. A unique procedure with them is the fact that the young braves are accompanied by some of their chiefs, some of whom are 80 years of age, and no young warrior would disgrace his chief readily.

According to the report, the various bands voted \$2,075 for Red Cross, Patriotic Relief, etc.

The numbers belonging to the various religious bodies are as follows: Anglican, 6,433; Roman Catholic, 806; Methodist, 4,517; Baptist, 1,190; Presbyterian, 23; other Christian beliefs, 516; pagan, 2,695.

In Ontario there are now 80 day schools, 7 boarding and 4 industrial schools, a pitifully small number when we remember that there are 159 reserves. Of the 80 day schools, 36 are undenominational, 24 Roman Catholic, 12 Anglican, 3 Methodist. Of the boarding schools, 4 are Roman Catholic, 2 Anglican, and 1 Presbyterian. There is 1 Roman Catholic, 1 Anglican, and 1 Methodist, and 1 undenominational industrial school each. There are altogether 3,634 children attending school in the province, but only an average of 2,083. All boys in these schools are taught sewing, knitting, and household duties.

Merchants are beginning to see that there is no necessity for the credit system. There may have been some excuse for it in pioneer times; but there is none now.

Frankville

Dec. 3.—Rev. G. Comerford returned from a hunting trip near Lavant, bringing one deer with him.

Some of our boys here will soon be wearing the King's uniform.

Corp. Kenneth Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, is reported wounded.

Mrs. Morley Holmes spent last week-end in Brockville visiting friends.

Mr. Perry Lake, Newboro, has been officially advised that 639475 Pte. William Lake was admitted to No. 6 Field Ambulance Depot on November 6, suffering from a gunshot wound in the right hand.

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