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keenly at his officers and aids. Then he addressed a young captain of the Rainbow Division.

"Captain Frye," he said, "you look as if you had such a man in mind. Am Jright ?" The Captain saluted. He was one of the youngest officers present but the regiment he commanded had

already made a brilliant record. "I balieve I have the very man we want, General, — Private Joseph Smith of B. Company. He was a skilled carpenter before he enlisted. He is only twenty years old but brave, cool and quick. If anyone

can carry out your plan he can." The General touched a bell and a sergeant appeared.

Sergeant Mullen," said the General, "please summon Private Joseph Smith of the 87th Regiment, B. Com-

pany." Fifteen minutes later Private Smith was ushered into the presence of his commanding General. The boy stood at attention. Tall and slim, clear eyed, and with just a little color coming and going in his cheeks, he listened while the General outlined his plan. "You think you can carry this

through. The boy was modest. "I will try, Sir.

Good ! be ready as soon as it is dark. You will receive a set of carpenter's tools, and remember that everything depends upon how quiet you can be. In some way you must cars and attention he recovered work on those defenses without mak. ing a sound. fatal.

Among his comrades the boy was already a hero. Everyone of the men in his regiment would have given all they possessed to be in his shoes. Many wondered why they had not chosen carpentry for a trade so that they might have been eligible for just such a chance. At seven o'clock they bade him goodby and good luck and, fully equipped for his task, he set forth.

touched the green and red ribbon on his breast, and under it the crucifix But before he left, it happened which they had allowed him to con-tinue wearing. that he had some ideas of his own. Asked by his Captain, who had un-bounded coefficience in bim, if he had "Send them home, Monsieur l'Abbe," he said. Then his mind wandered. "The shadow-of-the anything to suggest, he modestly replied that he thought two men flag-is everywhere-save on-the ould be more successful than one. would be more successful his enter-Cross," he said. prise, he himself could stay behind flag and buried him in the little cemetery behind his sector. on guard while the other soldier went back to summon their regi

ment. The idea appealed to the Captain who speedily carried it to the General by whom it was readily endorsed.

The heavy fog was everywhere, but the boy's sense of locality was strong. Slowly, making no sound, he mounted the hill followed by his companion. They paused now and then to listen; for well the boy knew that, because the fog was too thick for flash light to be of any use, the sentries and men at the listening posts would be doubled.

He possessed one advantage which curiously, he had not thought to tell his commanding officer, chiefly because military discipline required a soldier in the ranks to answer ques-From the grandparents the ente

boy had learned the language. It took the boy and his companion half an hour to climb the hill; but in later years, after the Lord had boota var the land

Once more the General looked counted his own. When he know given an example in this matter. that the man was near the extreme east end of the wall he began to saw Recounting the number of sad cases of death and degradation, they have a: the panel, his perfect tools making almost no sound. Alternately saweditorially warned young women not to accept invitations from strangers, ing, stopping, listening and counting, he kept on for another half hour and even to be careful about accept-ing attentions from people with whom they are acquainted only casually or not at all. until the four sides of the thick panel were completely severed from It has often been remarked that young people on vacation seem to ta door. He was about to take it out of its

think that all laws and precautions are suspended or abrogated for the socket and prepare to enter when there was the sound of a quick step advancing from the west, just as the time. As a matter of fact, this is precisely the time when they ought sentry, coming from the eastern end of the yard, reached the gate. to be more on guard than ever, for they are away from their own neigh. borhoods and separated from those

The sentry challenged : "Halt, friend, and give the coun-

who ordinarily would keep an eye ter-sign." ' The answer came terse and sbarp. upon them knowing what the world "Dammerlicht" ("dim light,") and the newcomer passed on. is and how weak a thing is human nature. Vacation time is to be com pared to a time when fatal or

Quick as a flash the boy knew what langerous disease prevails. he could do. Taken by surprise, the splendidly disciplined Germans rallied, while Another danger not to be over-

They brought the Croix de Guerre

pered the messages he would send his mother. His restless fingers

They wrapped him in the American

" VIGILATE "

cause?

Maria.

looked is choosing for a vacation a wave after wave of troops dashed up the hill and through the open door place where there is no church or priest. If you take your vacation victory. in a summer-resort where you cheering their way to victory. Within an hour the combined French cannot hear Mass or summon a and American troops had taken the priest in case of sickness, you are taking a chance no one has a right farm and were pushing back and Germans on the road beyond. "Where is Private Smith?" the Commander asked. "He must be recommended for honors." They found him, after quite a long search, a mile beyond the farmhouse, farm and were pushing back the lying face downward beside the road, in the hollow of the land. With

priest. This is a statement of common sense facts. The newspapers with consciousness and lingered for a week before his wounds proved their accounts of outrage, disgrace and even murder prove it.

"Watch ye therefore, because ye know not what hour your Lord will and pinned it above his heart, and come." Watch against enemies out-side, against the evil propensities of he smiled and was happy; had he not fought and fallen for a glorious your human nature-and lastly and most emphatically, watch all the A French Abbe who loved America also came and to him the boy whistime.-The Pilot.

#### SAINT ANNE'S SHRINE AT BEAUPRE

MIRACULOUS CURES WROUGHT BY DEVOTION TO MOTHER OF BLESSED VIRGIN

By N. C. W. C. News Service Twenty miles from Quebec, in the

quaint little town of Beaupre, stand the shrine and the basilica of the good Saint Anne, the great wonder-The Abbe received from the nurse the crucifix and Croix de Guerre aud working benefactress of the afflicted wonderingly he gazed on the beautiamong men. ful figure on the Cross. What Nearly three centuries have passed since the devout settlers and mission-Nearly three centuries have passed carved it? It was perfect, even to aries from France introduced into three tiny drops of blood near the the New World their special devotion

pierced heart of the Christ. The to the mother of the Mother of God, Abbe did not know that these so miraculous were many of the crimson stains were the life blood of results of this devotion to St. Anne the boy .- But his mother knew .that thousands, even before the days Georgina Pell Curtis, in the Ave of the steamship and the railway, annually made the pilgrimage to her shrine. With the advent and develop. ment of modern methods of trans. portation the shrine became more accessible until now every year scores of thousands of American and It is related that in one of His con-Canadian pilgrims journey to the shripe of Beaupre.

ferences with His disciples our Lord warned them: "Watch ye therefore, formation—he spoke and understood Lord will come." There are in the during July and August and the derman. His mother had been the daughter of German American par-soiemn warnings given by the Lord greater than usual, especially during to His disciples. In many cases His the annual novena period which followers paid only little attention at closes on the feast of St. Anne, July 26th.

the time the words were spoken, but On the very day, March 13, 1658, on half an hour to climb the hill; but at last they were at the ton and had defuly skirted the tall rocks. Now, looming high and grim through the fog, was the formidable defense, extending in a straight line for nearly two hundred feet from rock to rock. At the extreme end, furthest tran where they strain defunction of the strain of the st ion and to heal him. Louis Gu mont. an

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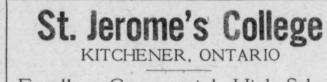
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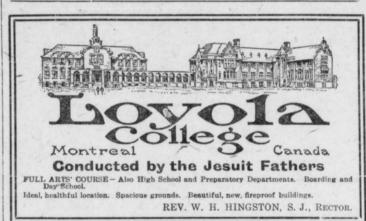


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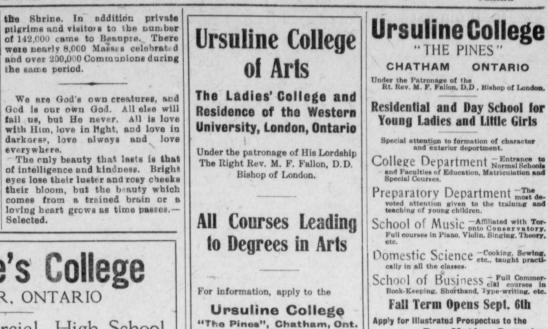
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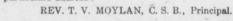
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made a sheer descent to the valley

Bidding his companion, who had watch against ccasions of sin, been made subject to his orders, sgainst bad companions and waywait for him behind the rocks, the boy began slowly and without making a sound to creep back and forth in front of the defense, feeling his way and pausing many times to lister, every nerve and sense keyed he calls out: "Who goes there?" to the highest pitch. Five times he made the passage

below the wall before he was satis-fied. He soon found that the listening posts were at each end of the finable longing for amusement that barrier, close to two small doors in may be dangerous. A man or woman door seemed to be without any obser in base impulses that contain the vation post, but it was guarded by a sentry whose measured tread back and forth could be heard distinctly. one else in the world approaching

and forth could be heard distinctly. The young soldier thought rapidly and then decided on his course. To work at the locks of the door from without was useless; he knew it must be barred and bolted from within. It remained, therefore, for him to cut out a panel in the door if he could, squeeze his way through of certain days. The need of vigiand open the door from the other lance never ceases. We must be side. It was the only course that vigilant all the time if we are to

held any possibilities of success. He noticed with satisfaction that imagine that there are times when He noticed with satisfaction that the fog was growing heavier every moment. Even if any one looked over the top of the wall they could not possibly see him, so until the veil lifted he was safe. His first act was to walk the length of the wall from the central door to the listening post on the east, and count his stars. This done he can be a let up, just as a man there can be a let up, just as a man there can be a let up, just as a man there can be a let up, just as a man there can be a let up, just as a man there are times when there can be a let up, just as a man there can be a let up, just as a man there can be a let up, just as a man there are times when there are times when there can be a let up, just as a man there are the sea and time." He calls it "a good time" when in reality it is far more likely to be a bad time for him. No sensible householder would admit that he need take precautions against

count his steps. This done he re-turned to the door, knelt down and opened the knapsack that held his tools. Selecting a saw that was

sharp as a rezor and run by a small electrical apparatos, he applied his car to the door and listened. In five minutes the sentry passed and the boy counted his steps as he had

int of ext ortain ar inhabitant of Beaupre, came forward Take this word, amplification. below, so smooth and straight that it "Watch." How are we to interpret and placed three stones in the could not be scaled. The great it? First, we must be on guard foundation of the new church. the fact that here was the colly open-ing for several kilometers that led from the plain below to the country the mass de out guard in gainst enemies outside, just as a big for several kilometers that led his purse and safety. Everyone the fact that below to the country knows that there are numerous the fact that below to the country the found the first of a long behind the farmhouse where the Germans were firmly entrenched. So the Christian must be on the

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