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### HOLD-ER-UP.

Perfect peace reigned supreme within the City of St. Johns, the sun in its setting glory cast elongated shadows across the fields and thoroughfares; and looking west one beheld the lofty edifices silhouetted against a vari-coloured sky.

The populace, suffering from the heat of the day, had variously disposed itself to cooler haunts and a chosen few lingered in the cooling breezes that were periodically wafted over the great Richelieu River to the St. John's Yacht Club, when suddenly a warning blast disturbed the peaceful quiet.

All eyes were turned up the river in the direction from whence the sound came, great consternation and confusion of knitting needles and briar pipes, according to the weakness displayed by the sexes present was evident. Even the guinea fowl at the Hotel de Windsor (still enjoying life in spite of the paymaster's declarations to the contrary) ceased its melodious chattering. The bugler at the Engineers Training Depot stopped in the middle of his fanfare calling the naughty naughty soldier boys to report. The bull frogs had already quit croaking so were not affected. The City steamroller had stopped grinding puffing and snorting on the Rue de Richelieu and was not disturbed at all.

Not a sound was heard immediately following that blast.

In the clear twilight the eye could discern a tow on the river. Borne on the slow current the tow approached the Yacht Club midst a deathly stillness broken only by the chatter of the ladies and the suick, suick, of the aforementioned knitting needles.

Risking his life, but fulfilling the traditions of his forefathers a single mariner was seen to put off in a boat; uncoiling with one hand a rope, while he rowed hastily towards the pier with the other two. Scrambling ashore he bravely slipped the noose over the nigger head and at a given signal those on the leading scow hauled in the slack. It was evident, even to a second hand clothes dealer nearby, that the strain was too much for a rope so enfeebled as the one now in use and with a loud report the hawser parted.

'Hold-er-up'!! Hold-er-up!! travelled along the tow as each skipper of each barge took up the awful cry.

A churning of water at the tug's stern a creaking of ropes was the result and joy came to the hearts of the onlookers when they realised

that all was not lost, and that the 'tow' was still under control.

Another rope was soon landed and operations again commenced, but in the meantime some of the ladies on the second barge called for a boat to take them ashore for the purpose, we will assume, of getting down town before the stores closed. A fair amount of calf was displayed in getting the ladies into the boat and when we tell our reader that the small boat went down considerably at the advent of each lady, he will realise what that statement means.

However the ladies were landed on the shore safely and the small boat was heard to say 'Thank Goodness!'

Hour sped after hour, the darkness soon obliterated the terrible scene and relieved the awful tension of the anxious crowd now gathered; especially as they realised the swing bridge was not open. 'Hold-er-up!—Hold-er-up!' could be heard through the stilly night. The creaking and groaning of a thousand ropes continued into the dead of night.

The anxious watchers dispersed one by one retiring for the night to toss on their pillows thinking of the terrible plight of those brave mariners if the bridge didn't open its portals.

Early next morning joy took place of anxiety when they saw the tow safely moored to the city dock.

### Seadog.

### ANOTHER BARR MYSTERY.

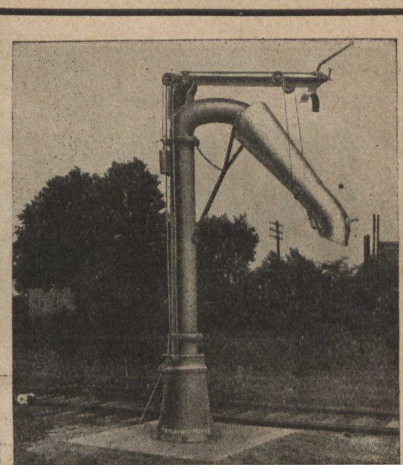
Staff Sergeant Barr is up to his tricks again. He reports one of his hens laying a hard-boiled egg. When asked how he knew it was hard-boiled, he said that he'd dropped it on the ground and it didn't break.

We realise that goose is somewhere near the roost and we have been fooled when we were kids over the china egg but when Barr comes to us with a story of this kind we look deeper for a solution.

Our old friend the Staff Sergeant is never happy unless mixed up in some mystery, and the deeper the shrouding the better he likes it.

We have no information to hand for our readers at this time of going to press, but our sleuths are busy on the scent of this 'Barr mystery'. Probably we would be correct in calling it another bar mystery instead.

Next week, dear readers, look for some startling revelations in this connection and watch Jimmy closely.



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