

SHRAPNEL, ANCIENT AND MODERN

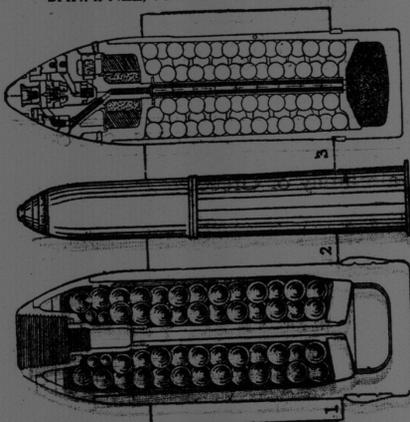


Figure 1 shows the shrapnel shell as it was first produced, when it was invented to offset the advantage taken by forces which, following lessons learned in the Crimean War, refused to stand in close formation and permit themselves to be cut to pieces by round shot. This is a hollow steel projectile, packed with bullets, and containing a charge of powder in the base. A time fuse ignites the charge during flight, and the bullets are projected forward spreading outwards as they go. An eighteen-pound shell covers a tract of ground three hundred yards long by thirty-five yards wide with 805 heavy bullets.

AN OPEN LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

This is the first time I have ever written you a letter though as the father of a growing family I have at different times answered letters addressed to you. But today I am really, truly writing to you myself. I am taking my typewriter in-hand to write you these few lines to let you know what I would like to have you do for me this Christmas. Do not be afraid. I am not going to hang up my stocking. My stockings are so big that the children always steal them. I hang up on Christmas Eve. But that isn't what I want to tell you. It has occurred to me that as most of the toys you buy are made in Germany, you might be a little puzzled about what to give the children this Christmas, since the Germans have gone out of the toy business for the time being. But even if they were still providing toys you could do what I would like to see you do. I have noticed that it is your habit to begin filling a stocking by putting a large orange in the toe of it to keep it open. Now, oranges cost good Canadian money that goes away to far countries, and never comes back. Don't you think that this year when times are hard you could put an apple in the toe of every stocking instead of an orange. I have figured out that it would take about 12,000 barrels of apples to put an apple in the toe of every child in Canada. Your big strong reindeers, wouldn't mind hauling around a little mallee like that. Besides, if you ask your doctor he will tell you that apples are really better for the children than the oranges for they not only contain delightful flavors but also have a food value. All the children except those who know that apples are not so expensive as oranges will like them every bit as well. Then see the colors you can get in apples. You can get them green and yellow and pink and red and purple and I am sure you will find a block of apples that will give you every color you could make a stocking full to show all the colors of a rainbow, and the colors are all harmless. They are even more harmless than the paints used on the animals in the Noah's Ark in my childhood. I can still recall the disappointment that overcame me when I found that the yellow tiger in the ark did not taste very good. I remember the taste and somehow I always associate it with turkey and plum pudding. I should hate to have my children or other children have such a flavor to remember at Christmas time. That is why I want you to give them nicely colored apples for the stockings. I feel that if you look and create an appetite instead of spoiling it.

Moreover, my dear Santa, if you put an apple in every child's stocking this Christmas you will put a roll of bills in the stocking of many a father, including myself. The Canadian money producer is dying. Feeling that it is better to have the money in the hands of the people who are very wise, I leave it to you to do as you see fit. Yours hopefully, PETER McARTHUR.

BIRTHS

DENNISON—At Moncton, on Dec. 15, to the Rev. F. P. and Mrs. Dennison (of the Tabernacle church), a daughter.

MARRIAGES

YOUNG-NYE—At Mission church, St. John Baptist, by Rev. H. A. Collins, Dec. 15, Lynnwood B. Young, of Halifax, N. S., to Emma K. Nye, of St. John. (Providence, R. L. papers please copy)

DEATHS

SEELY—In this city on the 16th inst. Elmer Peckham, youngest son of Roy and Hazel Seely, aged eighteen months. Notice of funeral later.

DEERING—In this city on the 15th inst., Patrick Deering, leaving his wife one son and two daughters to mourn. Funeral on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock from his late residence, 27 Meadow street to Holy Trinity church for requiem high mass. Friends invited to attend.

BRADY—In this city on the 15th inst., Emma, wife of John W. Brady, leaving her husband and one child to mourn. Funeral on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 2 Short street. Friends invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM

PORTER—John Porter departed this life on December 13, 1914. Gone but not forgotten.

FAMILY

"He kissed her while she was asleep in the hammock." "Did she wake up?" "No; so he kissed her several times more." "Always said she was a foxy minx."—Kansas City Journal.

WHY SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO ST. JOHN; READ THIS TO THE CHILDREN

Whew-w whistled the North Wind, as he swept over the sea and plain. He had just come from the North Pole, where he had visited the King of Toyland; Santa Claus being away, Mrs. Santa had been showing him through the wonderful factory, where hundreds of elves were busy making toys for the little earth children. They were all so very, very busy with their hammers and saws, and glue pots, and they hardly had time to say how-do-you-do to the North Wind when he came whistling over their chimney tops and banging their doors, and hitting their ears, and laughing when he saw them all jump around and work still harder to keep themselves warm. For the North Wind is a merry fellow and likes to keep people busy, and just as a joke, when he was leaving, he took the great sack that he carried and filled it with snowflakes, for he said: "I will scatter these around the town this night, and when people will realize that Christmas is here."

As he got nearer to the earth, he saw a tiny speck in the distance, and he saw it was almost as fast as he was traveling himself, and when it got nearer he saw it was old Santa Claus traveling home in his sleigh drawn by the reindeer. So the North Wind swooped down on the ice and waited, and presently Santa Claus drove along, and then the North Wind saw that the old fellow's eyes were snapping with rage, and that he looked as cross as two sticks. "Now, North Wind, I had never seen Santa Claus in a temper before and wondered what could possibly have happened."

"Why," he called out, "whatever is wrong, Mr. Santa, I have never seen you with a frown before? I hardly knew you." Santa Claus climbed out of his sled and rubbed his hands and stamped around for a minute to get warm, and then he said to the North Wind, "I'll tell you, young fellow," he said to the North Wind, "I have been distributing toys to the children for a hundred and forty years, and I never knew until this Christmas that I had an enemy."

The North Wind looked puzzled. "You must be mistaken," he said. "How could anyone possibly be unfriendly to good old Santa Claus?" "Well," said the old fellow, "there is a person on earth named Common Rumor, and he is jealous of my popularity and has several times made me a person on the North Wind. When I kind suggestions to the children. When I drove along to the North Wind, he was hiding behind a tree and as I passed he reached out and fired his pop gun at me, but he did not hit me or not he took to his heels and sped on ahead of me. He got to town first and told the children that I was a bad fellow and that there would be no Christmas this year, and the children are all talking about it and some of them are grieving because they think I am a bad fellow and don't know how to let them know I am not hurt."

When the North Wind heard this, he looked at old Santa for a minute and thought he had an idea. "Just a moment, I have an idea. Suppose you go to town in the daytime this year, just to let the children see me, and then they will know it is not true that there will be no Christmas this year."

LOCAL NEWS

DAMAGE BY STORM Yesterday's storm caused a wash-out about 700 feet in length at Katy's Cove, St. Andrews. Passengers and mails had to be transferred at Bar Road. Temporary repairs have been made and traffic has been resumed to St. Andrews.

WAR NEWS. Piece lined men's underwear, 89c. a pair at the "Great Transfer Sale," 307 Union, Opera House Block.

OUR SWITZERLAND. Illustrated lecture by the Rev. Dr. Hutchinson in the Natural History Museum this evening, free to the public.

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The \$100 shares of eight per cent debenture stock of Gibbon & Co., Limited, will soon be selling at a premium.

GRANDS OF GRANDS would appreciate our warm felt shoes or slippers for Christmas. at 87-89 Wexley's Cash Store, 248-247 Union.

ORDER OF OWLS. Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock a reception will be held in the Rest in honor of Rev. William C. Pink, who is leaving with the second contingent. All Owls are requested by the present Arthur J. Hodges, secretary.

THE "GREAT TRANSFER SALE" is now in full blast. You still have a chance to save 80 to 90 per cent on your Christmas shopping—207 Union, Opera House Block, Open nights.

Mrs. Herbert Sprague wishes to thank the doctors and nurses of the hospital for the kind treatment she received while there.

PHILLIPS CANDY STORES. Nelson's 40c. chocolates 25c. lb.; peppermint chews, 12c. lb., Wednesday and Thursday, Union, Main, Garden streets.

Photos—Still making sittings for Christmas delivery—Eugene, 468 Charlotte street.

TO LOAD DEALS. Norwegian bark "Bellegade," Captain Ellingsen, will arrive at Halifax on Monday, December 14th, at 10 o'clock.

IMPERIAL IMPORTANT. Tomorrow, Wednesday, night, the Imperial programme will start at 7 o'clock and at 9 o'clock will be given over to the General Hughes reception.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. George West, of Centreville, announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Jessie May, to Rev. J. W. Robinson, of the same place, at the Centreville United Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, December 9th.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, newly chosen leader of the provincial opposition, is in the city today.

His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Wood is in St. John today. He had nothing to say regarding the government situation.

Miss A. Bellars, of the staff of the Barnado Home for Boys, arrived in the city on Saturday on the steamer Mississauga, and left on Sunday evening for the branch of the "Home for Outcasts" at Ottawa, which she will be in charge of.

William A. Cruikshank, private secretary to the lieutenant-governor, arrived from Fredericton at noon today.

Mrs. Adelaide Mary Plummer, who addressed a meeting in Stone church school room last evening in the interests of the Red Cross Society, left for Moncton this morning. While in St. John she was the guest of Mrs. James F. Robertson.

Rev. C. P. Carleton, of Johnville, came to the city today.

Alfred Boyce, of North End, returned home on holidays this morning from Toronto, where he has been attending the Ontario Veterinary College.

C. M. B. A. LECTURE

Rev. Walter P. Donohoe, of St. John Baptist church, delivered an eloquent lecture last evening in the rooms of the C. M. B. A. The subject dealt with the time of the Magna Charta as compared with the present day. A large number of people were present and judging from the applause, all greatly appreciated the interesting discourse. Grand Deputy Waisa was in the chair and on behalf of the gathering and the members of the Branch, tendered the speaker a hearty vote of thanks.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON BOARD OF TRADE REPORT

The managing secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, Delaware, in acknowledging the St. John Board of Trade report for 1914, says: "The publication shows a great deal of activity in your organization and contains statistics relative to the amount of business done in your city, and is a credit to you and the other officers associated with you." President Higgs of the Charlottetown board of trade remarks: "I take this opportunity of congratulating you and your co-workers on the fullness of this report. You are certainly doing good work in the interest of St. John."

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SOCCER GAMES MAY BE ABANDONED

Many of the Football Players Have Gone to the Front

New York, Dec. 15.—A cable from London to the Herald says that following the decision of the Scottish Football Association to cancel the Scottish football games for this season, strong rumors are gaining ground that the remaining league games may be abandoned.

TWO MORE COLD DAYS, SAYS WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 15.—Two more days of cold weather for the eastern section of the country are predicted. Below zero temperatures were reported from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and the northwest, while below freezing temperatures were reported from all other states east of the Mississippi as far south as Florida and the east Gulf states.

THE MARCHING MUSIC

To music by the band of the 62nd regiment in the church parade on Sunday attracted favorable comment, and reflected credit upon Bandmaster N. E. Perkins through whose efforts it has been brought to its present state of efficiency. The band has been considerably enlarged since its organization began at St. John and is now up to its full strength. One of the features of its programme in recent parades has been the playing of the 62nd B. Battalion March dedicated to the battalion by Mr. Hession who composed it, and who is being complimented upon its success.

Western Majority Contest

Edmonton, Alb., Dec. 15.—In the bitterest election fight ever held in Edmonton, W. T. Herty yesterday defeated Joseph Adair, for mayor, by a majority of 5,500.

LOYALTY.

If you work for a man, in Heaven's name, work for him. If he pays wages, work for him. If he gives you a letter, work for him, stand by him, and stand by the institution he represents. I don't work for a man, I would work for him. I would not work for him part of his time, but all of his time. I would give an undivided service or none.

If you are a pinner, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

If you must vilify, condemn and eternally disparage, why resign your position; and, when you are outside, damn to your heart's content. But, I pray you, so long as you are a part of an institution, do not condemn it. Not that you will injure the institution—not that; but when you disparage the concern of which you are a part, you disparage yourself.

And don't forget—"I forgot" won't do in business.—Edward Hubbard.

Mrs. Ormond was very busy with several guests and little Austin was left to his father, who decided to take the boy to Sunday school. It was quite a little walk, and Mr. Ormond endeavored to improve the time by teaching Austin the golden text, the words of which were:

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Austin repeated it obediently after his father several times, and seemed to have mastered the correct wording. During the Sunday school exercises the teacher turned to Austin and said: "Now, let me hear if you can say the golden text."

Mrs. Ormond who was seated nearby heard the question and listened attentively to his son's answer. Austin hesitated for a moment and then answered: "Whatsoever a man sows always ripens."

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PLANS FOR THE VISIT OF GENERAL HUGHES

A public reception will be tendered to Major-General Hughes, minister of militia, in the Imperial Theatre tomorrow evening at 9 o'clock under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club. The theatre will have no public performance after that hour. Members of this club and of the various chapters of the Daughters of the Empire, the Red Cross Society, Soldiers' Wives' League, Patriotic Citizens' Committee, the Belgian Relief Committee, and members of other patriotic groups, which has come into operation since the outbreak of the war, are invited. They can secure tickets tomorrow morning at Gray's and Lindy's, 50 King street, and Richey's or E. G. Murray's on King street. The main body of the theatre will be reserved for them.

A special meeting of the Men's Canadian Club will be held in the Masonic Hall, Cornhill street, on Wednesday evening at 6:15. Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence, will be the guest of the club and the speaker of the evening.

DRILL HALL FOR SACKVILLE

Sackville Tribune.—Lingley Hall, which has been used by the students of Mount Allison as a gymnasium, is to be utilized for a drill hall. The federal government has granted the flat fee of \$12,000 to help with the expense of the building reconstruction.

ALLEN WIRELESS PLANT

London, Dec. 9.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—At Cromer, on the Norfolk coast, the British government has lifted up on a gentleman's estate a wireless station which for weeks has been trying to check up the whereabouts of a German sending station, believed to be not more than sixty miles away. Often after midnight this apparatus attempts to interfere with the British station's sending.

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