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## SIX ALLIED COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THIS GROUP



These soldiers, representing six allied countries, were released from German prison camps and are recuperating at Layton, Switzerland. From left to right—English, Italian, Serbian, Belgian, French and Scotch. All are totally incapacitated for further active service.

## 1,500 SURVIVE OUT OF 10,000

### Armenian Victims Exiled From Palestine by Turks Making Way Back

Jerusalem, April 18.—Fifteen hundred Armenians, survivors of the many thousands of victims exiled by the Turks two and a half years ago to the wilderness east of the River Jordan, have been found making their way towards Jericho, the town recently captured from the Turks by the British.

The exiles, who were dragged by the Turks from the cities of Adana, Khama, Marash, Aintab, Urfa and Kessab, had been compelled for months by Ottoman troops to break stone on roads. The Armenians are being brought to Jerusalem in British motor trucks.

Six thousand Syrian refugees from Be-Salt, twenty-two miles north of the Dead Sea, are expected to arrive in Jerusalem this week.

In connection with the refugee situation here, the Rev. Stephen Van R. Trowbridge of Brooklyn, representative of the American Commission for Armenian and Syrian Relief, said:

"We will equip expeditions to meet the exiles and will provide industrial relief if additional funds can be sent from the United States. Nine hundred Armenians who were rescued by Arabs at Tawfile, between Mann and the Dead Sea, will be removed to Port Said.

"For months from twenty to thirty of the exiles have died of starvation each day. The original number was 10,000. From Tawfile a message has come through saying: 'The price of a life is the price of bread.'"

## BATTLE MAY GO ON MONTH OR MORE

### French General Says Allies Will Win—Will Exhaust Strength of Enemy

London, April 18.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Telegraphing from headquarters this evening Reuter's correspondent says: "I interviewed one of the foremost French generals and he declared unreservedly that there was nothing disquieting in the present battle situation, but that on the contrary we have every ground for confidence both in Picardy and Flanders. The Germans would continue to fling wearied divisions into battle until the moment of exhaustion arrived. He said that after four years we are within sight of this decisive point."

"He declared that as the Germans have still got in France unused reserves and fresh divisions the battle would proceed and the next shock must be expected as soon as the flood pouring in through Hainaut towards Hazebrouck was checked. The battle might continue a month or more, but the Entente would continue until the enemy reserves were exhausted, and his numerical superiority worn down to the vanishing point. Then our turn would come, with the help of American divisions."

### CONVICT'S HEROIC SACRIFICE. Served Seven Years of Life Sentence, Released to Go to War.

Kingston, April 18.—Word has been received here of the heroic conduct and death on the battlefield of a prisoner who, after serving seven years of a life sentence, was released from the penitentiary some months ago to go to the front in France. He did his work well, and was shell-shocked and twice wounded, and when the time came to make the supreme sacrifice he died like a man, gladly yielding up his life.

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, TEMPLE OF HONOR

At the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Temple of Honor held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Roberts, Douglas avenue, last evening the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. F. Roberts, president; Mrs. W. H. White, first vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Myers, second vice-president; Mrs. Fred Miller, secretary; Mrs. J. W. Letteney, treasurer; Mrs. Brookings, organist; Mrs. F. Hoffman, auditor.

## STAR AIRMAN OF BRITISH FORCE

### Captain J. B. McCudden On y 23 Years Old

#### A MARVELOUS RECORD

### Has Accounted for 54 Enemy Airplanes, Including Four in One Day—Has Won Victoria Cross and Other Honors

London, April 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Every honor for valor that a British officer can gain has been won by Capt. James Byford McCudden, star British airman, who has just been awarded the Victoria Cross. His other distinctions include the Distinguished Service Order and bar, the Croix de Guerre, Military Cross and bar, and the Military Medal.

McCudden, who is now twenty-three years old, entered the British army as a bugler eight years ago. He went to France as a private in the original expeditionary forces. Having had some experience in the air he was pressed into service as an observer at Mons and gave valuable information of enemy movement during the retreat. From a sergeant he was promoted to a commissioned rank as an observer and quickly won fame for his handling of a machine gun in aerial fighting. He has had more than 100 flights without ever having sustained a wound.

Fifty-four German airplanes have been accounted for by him. Of these forty-two have been destroyed, nineteen of them on the British side of the lines. On two occasions he totally destroyed four two-seater enemy airplanes in one day, and on the last occasion all four machines were destroyed in one hour and thirty minutes.

With his squadron he has participated in seventy-eight offensive patrols and on at least thirty other occasions he has crossed the enemy lines alone either in pursuit of or in quest of enemy airplanes.

"This officer is considered," says the official London Gazette, "by the record which he has made, by his fearlessness and by the great service he has rendered to his country, deserving of the very highest honor."

## DEFEAT PROPOSAL TO MAKE PRICE OF WHEAT \$2.50

Washington, April 19.—Proposed increase of the government guaranteed price of wheat to \$2.50 was defeated last night in the House, which rejected by a vote of 167 to 98 a senate amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill making the change.

This action sends the question back to conference and the senate now is expected to recede. Under the food control act, the price of 1918 wheat was fixed at \$2 a bushel, but by proclamation last February President Wilson fixed a minimum guarantee of \$2.20 at the principal interior primary markets.

### PUBLIC BATH HOUSE. Bequest of \$15,000 to Kingston By Late Capt. George Richardson.

Kingston, April 18.—The late Capt. Geo. Richardson, who was killed in action, left \$15,000 for the erection of a public bathing house. The city now purposes to avail itself of the bequest, and plans have been prepared for the erection in front of MacDonald Park, of a splendid building, cottage-shaped, with a spacious observation tower at a good elevation, with commodious dressing-rooms, and also for an improvement of the water line and the approach to it.

### Three of Family Drowned. Taunton, Mass., April 18.—Three members of the family of Charles T. Williams, two boys and a girl, were drowned while boating on the Taunton river last night.

Military "vice squads" are inspecting New York in common with every other big city in the states.

## THE FURLOUGH MEN

### Discussion in Parliament at Ottawa; Lively and Heated Debate

Ottawa, April 19.—In the House of Commons last night, M. F. Nickle, Unionist member for Kingston, read an article setting forth that married men of the "original firsts" had been allowed to come home on three months' furlough on the distinct understanding that they would return to duty at the expiration of that time, and that that understanding would have to be carried out. He thought this seemed to indicate a lack of control by the Canadian government over Canadian soldiers.

"I thought we were allies in this war and not vassals," he exclaimed.

To this Hon. S. C. Mewburn, minister of militia, responded that the furlough granted married men had been the result of consultations between the overseas minister of militia and the army commanders. It was understood that when the first contingent returned to duty other men would be granted furloughs. There was thus a question of keeping faith with men who were in the trenches and would later be given furloughs. "It was not a question of war office authority," said the minister, "we have control of our men."

Replying to Col. J. A. Currie, the minister intimated that it might be possible to grant extensions of leave to men whose stay in Canada had been abbreviated by delays in crossing the ocean. Lively and heated comment took place upon the establishment of a director of public information and upon the appointment of M. E. Nichols, late of Montreal, as director. It began when Hon. N. W. Rowell explained the organization and purposes of the new bureau in which Mr. Nichols was assisted by Mr. Lesueur of Toronto and Frank Yeigh of Toronto, as superintendent of the war lecture bureau.

Sir Sam Hughes interjected several sarcastic comments during the delivery of the minister's statement and when it was concluded took the floor. Mr. Nichols, he said, was a half-brother of Sir Thomas White and had edited the Montreal Mail and News, which he used to promote the ambition of the finance minister to be prime minister and to attack Sir Sam as minister of militia. Sir Robert Borden declared that the minister of finance knew nothing of Mr. Nichols' appointment as director of public information. He also said emphatically that Sir Thomas White had nothing to do with the editorial department of certain Montreal papers.

### Railway Matters.

Ottawa, April 18.—During consideration of the consolidation of the railway bill, on motion of Sir James Loughheed, an amendment was made providing a penalty against railways for the issuing of passes except to legislators, railway employees and a few other classes.

Peace River, April 18.—Scolding has started in Peace River district. Reports indicate that the ground is in excellent condition, and that the increase in acreage will be from fifty to one hundred per cent.

### SEEDING IN WEST PROCEEDING APACE

In Full Swing in the Winnipeg District—Started in Peace River.

Winnipeg, April 19.—According to reports by farmers, seeding operations all through the district are now generally in full swing, and the work is making good progress. Although no figures are as yet available, it is believed that the district will show a very appreciable increase in the acreage sown.

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### JUST ANOTHER SCARE.

Formaldehyde Used to Kill Smut Has Not Sterilized Grain.

Edmonton, Alta., April 19.—Investigation has proved that the rumor that quantities of formaldehyde used in killing smut in grain seed was treated so that it will kill germination, turns out to be another scare report. Careful tests of seed treated with the formalin shows that the germination qualities are not impaired.

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### FOR HOME RULE AND IRISH CONSCRIPTION

Augusta, Ga., April 19.—Augusta citizens of Irish birth or extraction at a meeting last night adopted resolutions favoring home rule and conscription in Ireland, and calling upon the Irish people to use every means in their power to further the cause of the allies. Irishmen throughout the United States were urged to take similar action.

### METAL BED COLLAPSES INTO SMALL SPACE.

A new collapsible bed that folds up compactly is illustrated in the May Popular Mechanics Magazine. Lazy lones, at its ends and underneath, connect the sides. The upper halves of the ends are hinged to the springs, which in turn are pivoted so that they are swung into a vertical position when the sides are brought together.

### SUBSTITUTE FOR LEATHER UNHARMED BY WATER

The extremely high price of leather has been a factor in producing a new substitute which is already being used extensively in making workmen's gloves, and other articles and is proving to be more durable than the split leather used for that purpose, says an article in the May Popular Mechanics Magazine. Unlike leather, this substitute does not harden after being wet, but dries soft and pliable.

### THREE'S A CROWD.

Rookie—There's a young lady wants to entertain a soldier from this camp every Tuesday night, sir. She says she will serve cake and hot chocolate and will sing and all that. Shall I go? Sergeant—... What's her address?