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**THE SITUATION**  
 Further activity of the Japanese, in connection with the Allies, would each day seem to be getting closer. They have already done much good work, but the present plan is to have them participate in a more direct way. Siberia is the sphere spoken of in this connection, and the anticipation is that they could help save the Siberian Railway and keep very large quantities of supplies from falling into the hands of the invaders. Their presence would also constitute a rallying base for the very large number of Russians, especially the Cossacks, who undoubtedly would like to strike a blow against the threatened Teuton thralldom. The United States authorities, at first reported to be against a Jap entrance into the fray, seem now to have changed their minds. Without any doubt their more marked co-operation in the East would be of the greatest possible value. A despatch to-day announces that the German armies have been ordered to ease the Russian advance, but General Hoffmann, who is in command of the invasion, yesterday said that he would continue to go ahead until peace was actually signed. Muscovite soldiers are reported to be refusing to fight and to be fleeing as a disorderly mob.

The British repulsed an attack near St. Quentin with marked losses to the foe and the French also repulsed enemy attacks in Lorraine.

The official report shows that last week fourteen British vessels were sunk or over 1,600 tons, and four under that figure, as compared with twelve and three the previous week.

Some nurses perished when the hospital ship Glenart Castle was ruthlessly torpedoed, a fact which will give greater piety to the rejoicings of the Kaiser and his gang.

Mr. Balfour in a keen analysis of the recent speech of the German Chancellor showed that it did not hold out any idea of peace except on Teuton terms and he reaffirmed that the war could only come to an end when the rights of the weak had been made as safe as those of the strong.

**LOOKING TO CHRISTIANITY**  
 The veteran editor, Henry Watterston, in the Louisville Courier-Journal, writes as follows:  
 "Surely the future looks black enough, yet it holds a hope, a single hope. One, and one power only, can arrest the descent and save us. That is the Christian religion."  
 "Democracy is but a side issue. The paramount issue, underlying the issue of democracy, is the religion of Christ and Him crucified; the bedrock of civilization; the source and resource of all that is worth having in the world that is, that gives promise in the world to come, not as an abstraction; not as a huddle of sects and factions; but as a mighty force and principle of being."  
 The word of God, delivered by the gentle Nazarene upon the hillside of Judaea, sanctified by the Cross of Calvary, has survived every assault. It is now arrayed upon land and sea to meet the deadliest of all assaults, Satan turned loose for one last, final struggle.

"The Kaiser boldly threw down the gage of battle—infidel Germany against the believing world—Kultur against Christianity—the gospel of hate against the gospel of love. Thus is he Satan personified—myself and God, merely his way of proclaiming it—for his 'God' is Beelzebub, the angel of destruction, his creed the devil's own, his aim and end a hell on earth. Never did Crusader lift battle-axe in holier war against the Saracen than is waged by our soldiers of the Cross against the Germans. The issues are indeed identical.

"If the world is to be saved from destruction—physical no less than spiritual destruction—it will be saved by the Christian religion."

**AFRICA WAS IN THE GERMAN PLAN**  
 General Smuts has had exceptional opportunities to judge of the true character of German ambitions in Africa, and he has no hesitation in declaring, that under the thin guise of colonization, Germany promoted aims that were purely military and whose ultimate object it was to secure strategic positions for the exercise of world power. As a matter of fact, there is a super-abundance of German testimony to the same effect. The African ambitions of Germany occupied an important place in

the policy of her government in regard to Asia, and Northern Europe. The Mittelafrika movement in Germany had, indeed, reached national dimensions even before the Middle-uropa movement took definite shape. One pivotal point of the movement was that African colonies are the necessary bases of German "world-policy." Thus German colonies in Africa were to play a vital part in destroying the strategic unity of the British Empire and in completing the "freedom of the seas" according to that phrase in Germany. A typical exponent of this policy is Herr Kolbe, who anticipates the time when the mouth of the Cross River to the mouth of the Orange, will be in German hands. Herr Kolbe asks the world to recall what deeds were done by the Emden in the Indian Ocean and by the Karlsruhe in the Atlantic, without any naval base, without possibility of replenishing in port their supplies, ammunition and food, so that it may realize what the fortification of half the west coast of Africa would mean for Germany and for England. Another influential writer on colonial questions, Herr Zimmerman, has declared that German Africa would make his country a world power by enabling it to exert decisive influence upon the world-political decisions of its enemies and of other nations; by exercising pressure on all developments of policy in Africa, Asia Minor and Southern Europe. Dr. Solf, the Secretary of State to the German Colonial Office, has demanded a solid colonial empire in Central Africa, to include the Cameroons, the Congo, Portuguese West Africa, German Southwest and East Africa and portions of Portuguese East Africa and Rhodesia as the minimum of satisfaction of German ambitions in that part of the world.

**AN ENQUIRY NEEDED**  
 Not long ago the Courier made reference to the fact that the Canadian Daily Record, issued under the auspices of the Militia Department to soldiers overseas, omitted the names of soldier candidates in Ontario, including that of Lt.-Col. Harry Cockshutt, in North Brant.

The Toronto Telegram, in a recent issue of that paper, gives photographic reproduction of the contents of the publication in question in this regard, and says among other things:

"The Great War Veterans have already asked Sir Robert Borden for an explanation as to the treatment accorded to the candidates endorsed by the G. W. V. A. in the official publication of the Union government. Major Carson McCormack's supporters in Parkdale could not believe the reports that Major McCormack's name had been left off the list. A copy of the special edition number of the Canadian Daily Record has confirmed their worst fears. Major McCormack's supporters are indignant at the trickery that loaded the dice against their candidate and against every other soldier candidate in Ontario. The election courts are closed, but the privileges and election committee will be open as soon as that committee is appointed."  
 The whole matter is certainly one which calls for a rigid investigation. This paper does not believe that the Union government, as such, would stand for any such omissions. Who then was to blame? That fact should be certainly ascertained and proper steps taken. As far as Harry Cockshutt's candidacy in the North Riding is concerned, word has been received from more than one soldier voter that it was thought that he had dropped out.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**  
 This winter is hanging on with the pertinacity of a puppy to an old rubber.  
 If the Mikado's men get into the Russian scrap, a large sized kick will likely soon be put in the present glee of the Teutons with regard to what is happening there.  
 It has been proved that Trotzky, when he was a journalist in New York, borrowed money from the servants of the Russian Minister and forgot to pay them what he owed. He's a back door artist all right.

**AIRMAN MISSING**  
 By Courier Leased Wire  
 Nottingham, Eng., Tuesday, Feb. 12.—(By mail)—Lieut. Cyril Ball, brother of the famous Captain Albert Ball, who brought down 47 German airplanes, and was killed in action last May, is officially reported as missing.

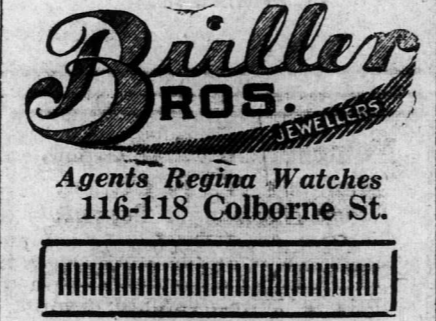
Lieut. Ball, who was only 18 years old, also was an airman. His father has received a letter saying that the young man is believed to be alive, but a prisoner. Ball was on patrol with a squadron of British machines when a great air battle ensued and was last seen engaging a German airman at a low altitude.

**LONDON CLEARINGS**  
 By Courier Leased Wire  
 London, Ont., Feb. 28.—Bank clearings for week ending to-day, \$1,641,930; for February, \$7,471,874.

**"Regina" Watch Contest**

**THE LADIES' WATCH RAN 36 HOURS, 4 MIN., 38 SECONDS.**  
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Will lady kindly bring in coupon and get the watch.



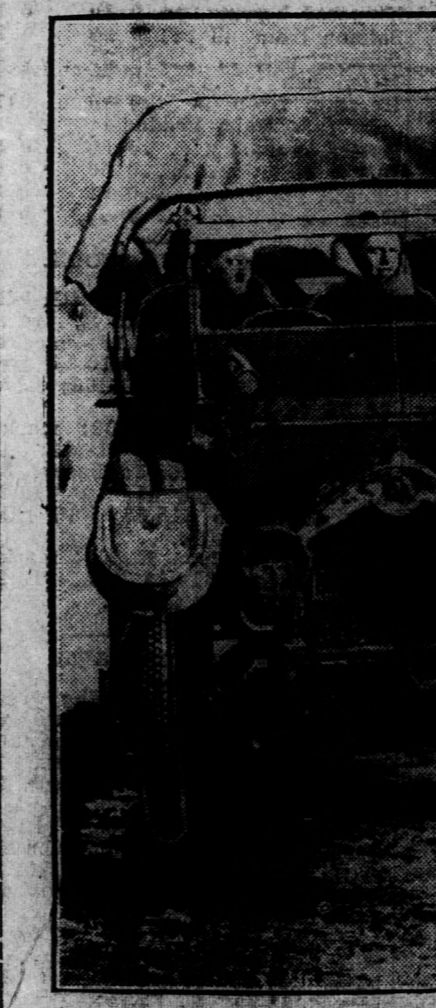
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**SLACKERS TAKEN AT RINK.**  
 By Courier Leased Wire  
 Montreal, Feb. 28.—A squad of Dominion police, assisted by soldiers, quietly waited last night in Jubilee Rink for the conclusion of a hockey match, to round up men evading the Military Service Act. When the crowd of spectators started for the door they were held up by the authorities. There was almost a riot, but the police and soldiers more than held their own and withstood a "rush" successfully. Some of the hockey fans jumped from windows, only to be gathered into the arms of soldiers stationed there in anticipation of this. Sticks were used by the soldiers with effect. It is said two men were injured jumping from the rink windows. The "haul" was six sleigh loads of men, who were immediately hurried to the barracks. Just how many of these will get into khaki cannot be ascertained.

**BORDEN AT WASHINGTON**  
 By Courier Leased Wire  
 Washington, Feb. 28.—Sir Robert Borden, Canadian Premier, conferred to-day with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo regarding the transfer to Canada of British credits granted by the treasury. Some information regarding the arrangements probably will be disclosed in the monthly announcement of new British war credits. Sir Robert conferred also with Bernard Baruch, of the War Industries Board on establishment of greater co-ordination between the two governments in purchasing war materials here.  
 After a final conference late to-day with Earl Reading, British ambassador, the premier will leave for Ottawa.

**ITALIAN WAR STATEMENT.**  
 By Courier Leased Wire  
 Rome, Wednesday, Feb. 27.—The Italian War Office statement to-day reads:  
 "Between the Adige and the Brenta there was activity by hostile reconnoitring patrols. They were repulsed everywhere by our outposts. There was a lively struggle between the opposing artilleries of greater co-ordination between the two governments in purchasing war materials here.  
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**PERSONAL**  
 Mr. Barber, formerly of Colbeck and Barber, this city, and now a business man of Regina, is in the city on a few days' visit.  
 Mr. W. S. Brewster is on a business trip to New York.



HER WORD IS LAW TO TRAFFIC AT THE FRONT. This pretty young French girl is a traffic officer on the Western front. At the town of Arras she controls the Canal and road traffic at this point. She is shown in this photograph holding up a motor truck. This British official photograph is the first to show women doing this sort of work near the front.

**A.M.C. Officer is Arrested**

By Courier Leased Wire  
 Toronto, Feb. 28.—Captain G. S. T. Bailey, of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, who yesterday made startling charges at the Dominion Alliance convention as to the condition of the soldiers at the front at Christmas, was to-day arrested by the civil police, charged with making statements derogatory to the King's troops and calculated to injure recruiting. In the police court he was remanded without bail. A fine of \$5,000 is provided for conviction on this offence. Bailey is an officer who got only as far as England.

Captain Bailey came from the vicinity of Cochrane, Ont. He went overseas from the London Military district, but on arriving in England, it is said, he was found to be physically unfit for service in Flanders. In addition to fine of \$5,000, imprisonment for five years may be given for the offence with which Captain Bailey is charged. The alleged mad of the men were drunk at Christmas.

an enemy ammunition store was hit successfully by our aviators. Tuesday night our flying squadrons bombarded efficaciously the structure at Dulzaco and Pergine. Numerous hostile machines made incursions over the plains. They dropped bombs on inhabited localities between Treviso and Venice and with particular fury over Venice."

**VOTE FROM ENGLAND**

Continued from page one  
 190 votes in England and Le Duc, his opponent 83. The final figures are Ames 5,263; Ledue 2,649.  
 The final figures leave Argentine and Brome counties in the opposition. It was thought in some quarters, that they would change over. Slater carried the vote in the county with 64 soldiers' votes in England, has a total vote of 1,684. McGibbon, Liberal, with 6 soldiers' votes, has a total of 2,113 or a majority of 429.  
 The final vote in Brome county is McMaster, Liberal, 1,026; Draper, Government, 1,488, a majority for McMaster of 488.

Word has also been received that Dr. Thompson, ex-member for the Yukon, has received 90 votes against ten for Congdon, his opponent. This with the vote cast in North America gives Thompson a small majority. As the matter of the legality of the soldiers' vote in the Yukon is to be settled by parliament, this seat in the foregoing calculation has been left in the opposition column. If Thompson is considered as elected, the government's present majority is 89.  
 There has been no change in North Brant.

**BRITISH OFFICIAL**

London, Feb. 28.—English troops carried out a successful raid last night against the enemy's trenches on Greenland Hill, north of the Scarpe River, says to-day's war office report. Twelve prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us. English and Scotch troops also raided German positions in the southern portion of Houtholst forest and brought back twelve prisoners and three machine guns.  
 "The enemy's artillery was active in the neighborhood of Havrincourt wood and south of the Scarpe River. The artillery on both sides was active during the early part of the night east of Ypres."

**Impressions at the Front**

By K. I.

You asked me, when I came home on that long-delayed leave, what I thought of the Front. Sometimes your question comes in a letter, couched in another form, and you ask me to describe what struck me most. So many people have seen the Front and have painted or written their impressions, that I will wait no longer, but will answer in my own way.

I will tell you of three recollections which stand out prominently in my mind. They are none them very remarkable. You may even dismiss them as trivial. But they have been photographed in my memory, and I fancy that they each have their moral.

We came up from the Base in the lovely days of June. We are an "Archie" section and our little transport might have been a procession of caravans in holiday time. The lovely forest hills of France lay to right and left of us. Quiet villages nestled in the valleys, the streams trickled lazily over the pebbles, a delicious silence brooded over the country-side.

Presently we rested in the shade of a wood. One of the motors had broken down, and there was half an hour to wait. So we sat down and imagined things.

In the forest there were wood cutters, carting away dead timber. We got up and walked towards them. They were German prisoners. A sentry with fixed bayonet stood by them. One of the prisoners at least could talk English. I asked him whether he was happy in his work. "Oh," he said, "you see we are a way from the war."

Through the trees across the road I caught sight of another prisoner following a horse which evidently had strayed from the camp. He was quite alone and the forest offered favorable opportunities for escape. "Don't they try to escape? I asked the sentry. "Is it safe to let that man wander away by himself?" The sentry smiled. "There's no fear of their doing that," he said, "they're not over-anxious to get back."

One of our gun positions is in a deserted town. It is a land of dreams, for only in dreams have I imagined such a place—the deserted streets, the empty estaminets, the lonely houses, many of them still untouched and a little glass left in the window-panes. And there are no children playing about. Only the ghosts of those who lived there still haunt the place.

Close by stands a church. The roof is shattered, the walls are still arranged as they were for the last service. The high altar is intact, but the floor of the sanctuary is wounded by a great shell-hole.

A corporal came up and asked me if I could go and look at the church. I told him that I could, and wondered if I might do so, too. It was only a few yards away. I started to hear the whistle for action I hesitated a moment and then followed him.

The atmosphere was quite ghostly; here certainly hovered the spirit of the old worshiper. I squeezed my way through the door-half jammed with debris. A statue of St. Hugh with both arms broken looked at me sadly. A pale Madonna gazed down at the ruin beneath her, but still clasped the child to her bosom. A Christ crucified laid head-downwards in the dust. And above where the roof had once been, the clouds drifted idly across the sky.

And then I heard the strangest of all sounds, the supreme contrast to this dream-like desolation. It was the sound of an organ. My Corporal had found it, in a side chapel, unharmed, and wonderfully in tune. He played, appropriately enough some familiar hymn-tune, tranquil and sweet. Instinctively I look off my abashed helmet. I was in a church.

We pay more attention to the wind in these times than in the days of peace. When it blows from the west or north all is safe and comfortable. But the East wind brings gas, and the gas helmet hangs round one's neck at the alert like an ominous halter.

But the East wind brings more interesting things than gas. Small specks appear in the sky and drop slowly towards the earth. They are toy balloons and tied to them are bundles of paper which twist and turn in the air as though reluctant to come to ground. Some of them pass far over our heads, bound for more peaceful regions behind the lines. Others drop far to the right or left.

We know well what they are. The enemy has sent them on account of the wind. The papers are his cunning propaganda, papers written in the most innocent French. Some contain the names of civilians who have been killed by the bombs or shells of the wicked Allies. Others tell of the noble kindness of the German soldiers to their prisoners. A few are even more outspoken.

At last one falls in the very field adjoining our billet. I think I have marked the spot where it has dropped. In a moment or two I have scrambled through the mud and am on the trail. But I have sadly miscalculated my distance. There is no sign of the propaganda. A cow munches her fodder unconcernedly. I pace the field right and left; up and down—and not a sign of the papers! I cannot have been mistaken. I saw the paper fall. But it has vanished mysteriously.

Then, as a last resort, I approach the cow who lifts her head in annoyance. The mystery is solved. On automatic trails to the cattle the machinations of the Hun! Oh traitorous cow to have swallowed all that German propaganda!

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