

COME! WORK LIKE A LIVE VOLUNTEER

One's quite at a loss to boost the Red Cross,
'Cos words are at times feeble things—
But if you wish to deserve the honor to serve,
Come along with a smile and a swing,
(Right along with a smile and a swing!)

If you happen to pause, just thing of the Cause—
And your Boys, fighting grimly in France.
Then—how can you stint the price of some lint,
The cost of a plugged fighting chance?
(Just the cost of a plugged fighting chance!)

You sent him Abroad and 'twould be a mean brand
(For you know he's a man—that's a cinch—
If HE answered the Call)—it's not playing ball
To fail him with lint in a pinch.
(Will you fail him with lint in a pinch?)

So the only good plan for a Canuck-bred fan—
Well, honest-to-goodness, it's clear!—
Is to swallow your "holler" and pay out your dollar
And work like a live volunteer,
(Yes, work like a live volunteer!)

They're all doing their bit in a trench, and fighting for you and the
French;
They're inscrolling your name in the temple of Fame,—
And—if you want some to live, plug the big "G" in Give—
Then, God trusting, we'll play a straight game.
(And, God helping, we'll WIN a clean game!)
—Sapper BERTRAM H. CARRERAS,
"B" Coy.

THE SLACKER.

Pretty soft for me last summer!
I burned an ocean of gasolene!
Dad's car is sure a "hummer"!—
Fields and roads were green!

Was having such a jolly time
With girls and yachts and things,
That I most forgot "Kid" brother:—
Time had golden wings.

"Kid" was a First-Contingent man.
He's over in France "somewhere":—
(Got broke up at St. Julien—
Ruined him for fair.)

Wrote him a nice long letter
About the fun I'd had!—
Hoped his wounds were better!
Thought that he'd be glad!

I wished he'd soon be home:—
And this "mess", called the War,
Soon to an end would come:—
'Tis such a beastly bore!

(Rather tough on a fellow!—)
What do you s'pose he wrote?
He said that I was "yellow"—
(Awful nasty note.)

He wished the "mess" was over,
That I might get still fatter!
As for the rest of humanity,
He guessed it didn't matter!

Made me pretty sore at first!
Then it made me think:—
That I WAS as bad as the very worst,
Rotten enough to stink.

Lce-Cpl. MILDON.

TOPICS IN BRIEF

General Hell is a prominent officer of the German Army. Wonderful how one can inspire an entire nation.

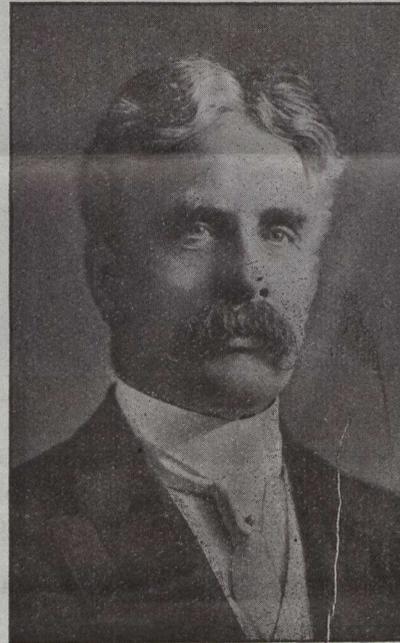
With no less than 7,000 food-substitutes, Germans can not complain of the monotony of their menu.

Russia will please take note that nothing was ever said by the Allies about making the world safe for anarchy.

The British have taken Jaffa, Joffa, or Joppa. The Germans would have claimed the capture of all three towns.

Our respects to General the Honorable Sir Julian Byng, and the hope that, if the war must go that far, the final operations will find him byngin' on the Rhine.

Shall we who have been robbed of our young lick the hands of the murderers? Shall we make terms with hell and balance our gains with those whose hands are red with the blood of our sons.—Harry Lauder.



RIGHT HON. SIR ROBERT BORDEN
G.C.M.G., P.C.,

Prime Minister and Head of Canadian
"Win-The-War" Government.

IN FLANDERS' FIELDS.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from falling hands we throw
The Torch—be yours to hold it high:
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep though poppies
grow
In Flanders' fields.
—Capt. J. McRae.

MILITARY SECRET OUT.

In a letter home a Tommy gracefully mentioned that he had "sent a dozen Germans to h——." The censor scored out the satanic reference and wrote about it: "It is not permissible to refer to the German headquarters."

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