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## ONE MAN'S BURDEN

As was to be expected, the report which came from an American source to the effect that Lloyd George was soon to visit Canada and the United States has met with prompt denial from London. The British prime minister is chained to the post of duty by responsibilities without parallel. He carries an enormous burden today after years of pressure such as perhaps no other statesman in history has had to bear. At the end of July a responsible London correspondent wrote:

"There were various accounts of Mr. Lloyd George's form and appearance during his speeches yesterday, but I think the more general opinion was that he was looking worn and tired. From a quarter where the truth should be known I learn that the prime minister is really suffering from great physical exhaustion and badly needs rest and a change of recuperation."

There is every reason for believing this was true and disinterested comment, but it is known that the prime minister not only has not had the rest and recuperation he needed, but that since July he has been subjected to fresh anxieties from many directions, at home as well as abroad.

Counting the intense activity and anxiety of the war years, and adding to this the difficult and desperate issues with which he has had to deal since the armistice, the mental and physical endurance of Lloyd George causes all the world to wonder not only that he has come through so far but that he has retained the mental virility which still places him in the front rank of the world's public men. Critics he has without number, but the most bitter of them might well hesitate if asked to select tomorrow another capable of doing the prime minister's work and living up to the high average of his wisdom and his activity.

## CANADA'S SOLDIERS

Three years ago this autumn the Canadian Corps was engaged in one of the greatest battles in which it took part in the course of all its magnificent work in France—the three weeks fighting at Passchendaele. This action is the subject of interesting treatment in "The Canadians in France 1915-1918," a book written by Captain Harold Steele, M. C. Captain Steele in his work deals with the battle operations of the Canadian forces throughout the war, giving much attention to the parts played by each division and brigade, and he relates many stories of personal heroism, although he truly says that it is impossible for any author to include more than a small number of the individual acts deserving special mention. The author expresses the view that no battle fought by the Canadians was a greater test of the effectiveness, readiness and valor of every arm of service than the three weeks fighting at Passchendaele in 1917. "In sixteen days," he says, "working to a fixed plan and a time-table to which the courage of the men enabled them to adhere with almost mathematical faithfulness, tried by a whole summer of desperate fighting elsewhere, they advanced their line a distance of over a mile, where every yard of ground was completely devoid of cover, swept by the fire of innumerable machine-guns, searched by the fire of hundreds of guns converging on it from all sides, and dominated by impenetrable pill-boxes, every one of which was held by a ruthless and determined enemy."

As a reviewer of Captain Steele's book says: "It might well have been deemed impossible for living men to make that mile, for any who faced the inferno to survive, but the Canadians went at it, kept at it, and succeeded. It was, indeed, a performance that gave them since right to be considered invincible."

## GOING UP

It is generally recognized throughout Canada that to add \$120,000,000 or \$150,000,000 to the freight rates of the railways would result in a widespread rise in living costs in all directions. The necessities of the railroads are no greater than the necessities of the average Canadian, but just as the country was hoping that living costs were at last beginning to show some downward tendency, there came the alarming demands of the transportation companies, which if granted in full, or nearly so, would tend immediately to check any coming fall in necessity prices, and even send those prices up again. The Toronto Star asks when there is to be an end of the vicious circle. It says:

"In ordinary times, applications for higher railway and telephone rates can be decided on their merits. At this particular period, however, the Dominion Railway Board cannot lose sight of other considerations, chief of which is the desirability of allowing prices of all kinds to come down, as they show a tendency to do."

"Probably we will never get back to pre-war prices. But the cost of most things is still inflated, and the social restlessness that is so general cannot be dispipated until economic conditions become normal and stable."

"For years we have been spinning on an economic merry-go-round, with increased prices, increased wages, and increased cost of material working the

lever in turns. Now that we are dizzy, it is time to stop the whirling. "To increase railway rates at this stage by \$120,000,000 would run up the prices of manufactured goods and food products, and by raising the cost of living, necessitate general increases in wages. Thus the vicious revolution would begin all over again."

"Industrial and social conditions would be greatly disturbed and the tendency to revert to normal be rudely checked by a big advance in transportation costs. With an apparent improvement in sight, the Railway Commission should reject the applications now before it, or stall for time."

The average Canadian gets a lot of advice about accommodating himself to circumstances. Until the government and its commissions set an example and show that the procession of upward prices is not necessarily an endless one, the ordinary man can only regard the conditions of the day with growing uneasiness. "It is," as the Star says, "time to stop the whirling."

## LOCAL NEWS

A very successful masquerade dance was held in Fair Vale on Saturday night. Many people were in attendance and the evening was much enjoyed by all.

A successful fair was held at Pampodun by the residents there on Saturday afternoon and a large number of people were in attendance to enjoy the usual attractions.

About one hundred names were added to the revision list of the city polling districts, last week, but according to Sheriff Wilson the final returns will not be filed before Wednesday of this week.

While making repairs to a blow out in the valve of a sixteen inch main underneath the bridge in front of the Almshouse on Sunday, four government industrial and eight private houses were without a water supply.

The United Farmers of New Brunswick held their annual meeting at St. John's on Saturday night, at which Thomas W. Caldwell, president of the U. F. of N. B., Mr. Pratt of Winnipeg, and Mr. McKee of Toronto, gave addresses.

Harry Coleman, giving his home at St. John's, has been arrested in Montreal on a charge of burglary of \$5,000 worth of jewelry and \$1,000 in Victory Bonds.

A picnic was held on Saturday for the children of the Sunday school of Fair Vale Hall. The picnic was held on the grounds of George Swetka. A large number of kiddies enjoyed the afternoon to the full.

Rev. A. D. Morton of the Nova Scotia conference, who preached his first sermon at the Portland Methodist church fifty-four years ago, preached in that church yesterday morning.

The fair held at Seaside Park on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, was a complete success. The committee in charge was: G. A. Langbein, P. A. Campbell, C. Stevens and Felix McMullin.

A minstrel show was given at Grand Bay on Wednesday evening in aid of the Grand Bay Outing Association and the following took part—Messrs. Doherty and Rowley, Leonard Wilson, Oscar Price, William Charlton, Walter Peters, Steve Rolston and Little Miss Gregory.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Society will open in Ottawa on September 1 and Viscount Cave, P. C., and Hon. W. Howard Taft, former president of the United States, will be the principal speakers. The following from St. John have enrolled for attendance—Dr. J. B. M. B. Taylor, K. C., Mr. W. B. Ted, K. C., and J. D. P. Lewis.

Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, minister of health, has been invited to speak at a health meeting in Halifax, but was unable to accept the invitation. Dr. Roberts has proclaimed next Sunday in this province as Child Welfare Sunday and has asked the clergymen in the various churches to make special reference to this important phase of public health work.

The body which was washed ashore near Chance Harbor on Friday was identified as that of Carl Evans by a wedding ring which, according to Mrs. Campbell, his boarding mistress, belonged to the young man's mother. Mr. Evans was drowned while swimming at St. John's Rest on July 25. The body was placed in Brennan's undertaking parlors, interment to be made in Millville and the funeral held from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Spurgeon Marr.

As a result of being struck on the head by a splinter of flying rock from a blast at the new C. P. R. bridge at the reversing falls, Michael MacDonald of Glace Bay, an employee of the Foundation Company, was killed on Saturday morning. Dr. F. L. Kenney viewed the body and gave permission to remove the body but an inquest will be held later in the week. Mr. MacDonald leaves his mother in Glace Bay, and a sister, Mrs. I. Petrie of Fairville.

On Saturday afternoon a small blaze was discovered in the house of Emily Puddington, opposite the C. P. R. elevator, West St. John. It originated from an electric iron which had been left attached to the current. Another fire on West St. John, at the house occupied by Walter Lockhart, Negro Point, was extinguished. This house was outside the city limits and the hose would not reach. There was also a small fire on the roof of the house occupied by Allan A. Agar, Winter street, which was soon extinguished.

Don't fail to visit the Martello Orphanage, W. B. on Thursday 8-28.



**Rippling Rhymes**  
by Walt Mason  
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**THE EARTHQUAKE**  
The other evening, while I wandered beside a Cheap John inland lake, and on Dame Nature's beauties pondered, the earth reared up and threw the quake. One moment everything was quiet, no leaves were trembling on trees; the next there was the blindest riot, and I was jolted to my knees. Insanely things began to frolic and mountains waited, and buildings too, for when this planet has the colic the strangest marvels come in view. I thought, "It is the resurrection! Gabe must have blown his trumpet notes, and my renown of such complexion I fear I'll line up with the goals. I wish I hadn't lied and cheated, when I swapped hopes, in my youth, and dished up fiction, superheated, when people simply yearned for truth. I wish that I had gone to churches when Sabbath bells admonished me, and heard the pastors, from their perches, hand out the truth that makes men free. And I regret, O like the dickens do I regret the times now gone, when I went out and gathered chickens between the sun and the dawn." Thus my dark record rose before me and showed no gold, but heaps of dross; dark recollections came to bore me, and made me feel a total loss. But presently earth ceased its quaking, my feet grew warmer in a trice, and I remarked, "It's time for taking a nice cold bottle from the ice."

## CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

### FORT GEORGE

On August 20, 1918, Sir George Frost, in command of the British troops then in Canada and at war with the United States, arrived at Saint David's where the British had established their headquarters for an attack on Fort George. His outposts were separated by only four miles from the American forces, which consisted of between 6,000 and 7,000 troops of whom, however, many were sick with the fever and ague. It is doubtful if the United States numbered more than 3,500 fighting men at that time. The British had only about 2,100 troops available for action for their camp, too, was full of sick soldiers.

The very day that Sir George arrived at St. David's it was decided to make a demonstration against the Americans on the possibility that some good opening for a successful attack might present itself in the "show." At daybreak four days later the advance was made and the United States' pickets were driven into the fort with the loss, in prisoners, of between forty and fifty men. On the British side a captain and ten men who had advanced beyond the main force were cut off and compelled to surrender. Prevost, without attempting anything more, returned to Kingston.

After this useless fight, the British gained nothing through it in any way and some soldiers, very much tired, were sent back to the front. The only object of the fight seems to have been to give the appearance of activity on that front. But neither to British nor to the Americans were their gains at all in comparison with the loss in lives and prisoners.

### IN OLD AGE

And what remains? First joy, then, hope, then, fades away. But fears take root and cling. Not so we said, we said, we know.

There is no room for growth of fears Where hope and memories live. To see the stars it needs the night. At even-time it shall be light!

### LIGHTER VEIN

**Cause and Effect.**  
Wife—"It's great to be a man. One dress suit lasts for years and years, while a woman must have a new dress every season."

Hub—"Yes, that's why one dress suit lasts a man for years and years."

### GOING UP

A very junior agent was trying his first case.

"Seven days confined to camp," he said to the judge.

"Beg pardon, sir," whispered the company sergeant-major. "You must give a sentence like that."

"All right, then, fourteen days," retorted the sub.

"But, sir," pleaded the sergeant-major, "it's not."

"Aarf a mo' major," interposed the company sergeant-major. "You must give me twenty-one. 'E ain't a horrid—'e's a hawtner!"

### AN EMBROIDERED

While dealing with the subject, "Idylls of the King," a boy wrote the Guinness record for the longest needlework.

### AN EXPERIENCE

Though warned with him 't might not He ate and almost died; 'Twas only by a hair that he Escaped chop-me-sure!

## STILL SOME PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE EARTH IS FLAT

(London Tit-Bits)

It is just four centuries ago since Copernicus declared that the earth was round, and Magellan proved it by sailing round it, but there still exist at the beginning of the twentieth century a small and select company, known as the Zetetic Society, who uphold the ancient creed that the earth is flat. They devised explanations (satisfactory to themselves) of all the phenomena cited to prove the roundness of the planet, and believed they had irrefutable proof of their theory in the Bedford Canal. There is a stretch of this canal known as the Bedford Level, which is perfectly straight for a little over a mile. Said the Zeteticists: if the earth is round, that stretch of water must show the curve so that one end will be hidden from the other, but in clear weather each end is visible from the other, right down to the water surface.

They took photographs and these did indeed prove that an object a few inches above the water was visible to a lens a few inches above the water at the other end, and of course the Zeteticists would not listen to remarks about the refraction of light.

Another curious speculation about the shape of the earth was that of John Cheape Symmes, an American soldier and aviator, who died in 1889. He believed that the earth is a hollow shell and habitable on the inside, which is to be reached through openings at either pole, where, on an open sea, a ship might sail into the interior of the planet.

He wrote a book, and secured in support of his theory, and in an advertisement which he published broadcast in 1818, he said: "I ask one hundred brave companions, well equipped, to start for Siberia in autumn with reindeer and sledges on the ice of the frozen sea. I engage to find a warm country, a rich land, stocked with thirty vegetable and animal products of men, on reaching about sixty-nine miles north-west of latitude 82 degrees. We will return in the succeeding spring."

Though long dead and forgotten, he created some stir in his time, and a number of men actually set out on his quest, but died, showing the earth as he conceived it.

## MORNING NEWS

### OVER THE WIRES

Police Inspector Swansey of Cork, Ireland, was shot and killed by three assassins yesterday while on his way home from church with his mother and sister. A verdict against him of wilful murder has been returned by the jury.

Property to the value of \$300,000 was destroyed by fire at the lumber yards of the Edward Sinclair Lumber Co. near Newcastle on Saturday. Between 400 and 500 men were engaged in fighting the flames which were finally subdued. It is thought that the fire was caused by a spark from the mill burner carried by a high wind.

The Victoria Jubilee bridge connecting Montreal with the south shore of the St. Lawrence, was damaged by fire yesterday morning. The roadway will probably be out of commission for a week.

The strike at the Springfield mill in settled and the men resumed work this morning. An agreement was reached regarding the firing of the boilers, and increases of pay have been granted.

### END OF A WAR ROMANCE

Belgian Girl Asks \$20,000 Heart Balm at Toronto.

Toronto, Aug. 22—Murielle Van Houde, a Belgian girl, who arrived in this city recently expecting to meet her fiancé, Capt. Walter W. McKewen, M. C., whom she met overseas, has now entered suit against him for \$20,000 for breach of promise.

She is the daughter of a dentist in Brussels and says she met the Toronto man before the war as well as when he served in France. He is a son of Dr. McKewen of this city.

### WOMAN OF 131 NEVER HAD DOCTOR, DECLINES THEM

Highland, N. Y., Aug. 22—Mrs. Lydia Le Barron, said to be 111 years old, spurned offers of doctors' services, although compelled by illness to remain in bed. Friends summoned two physicians, but she would not employ them. She lives alone in a little cottage, raising flowers and vegetables.

"I got along without a doctor all my life," she said, "so why have one now? I'm pretty old, but I'm not going to quit this earth yet."

### PATCH POCKET GO IN BAN ON FANCY STYLES FOR MEN

Chicago, Aug. 23—Ultra-conservatism will be the watchword in clothing styles for men this fall. Patch pockets and long roll lapels will have to go, according to leading clothing manufacturers, to

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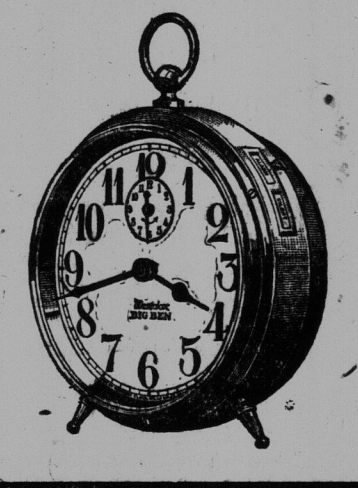
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