

WORD PRISONER IS A MISNOMER

When Applied to the Kaiser's
Soldiers in England

HAVE ALL COMFORTS OF LIFE

Are Allowed to Live as They
Please and Do as They Will—
Those Who Work Paid

London, Dec. 21.—The most enviable role in the war unquestionably is that of the German military prisoner in Great Britain. The remarkable treatment which the Kaiser's soldiers receive after they have been captured by the British troops is one of the greatest wonders of the war.

This was clearly demonstrated during a thorough investigation of a British camp for military prisoners which the correspondent of The Mail and Empire was authorized to visit by special courtesy of the War Office.

The camp visited was at Doverchester, four hours by train from London, where there are at present almost four thousand German soldiers captured on the battlefields of Belgium and France, particularly about Loos.

These men live their own lives, do what they wish with their time and receive practically no orders at all from the handful of British officers in charge of the camp. These officers have wisely adopted the system of leaving the entire discipline of the camp in the hands of the German non-commissioned officers.

There is absolutely nothing in the camp to justify the use of the term "prisoners" beyond the few guards surrounding the enclosure. No orders or restrictions whatever interfere with the daily life of these men. They live as they please and do as they will.

Every Comfort of Life.

The British government provides them with every comfort of life. They are quartered in large, airy houses, specially constructed, well heated and equipped with every modern comfort. Shower baths with hot and cold water, and steam baths are at their disposal as often as they please. Nothing which might add to their personal comfort is omitted.

Wholesome food of the very best quality is supplied to the men in abundant rations and the cooking is done by their own cooks. For this work these cooks, who are also German prisoners, captured at the front, receive compensation from the British government of six shillings a week. All the other men performing work of any description for their fellow-prisoners, such as shoemakers who repair their boots and the tailors who patch up their uniforms, also receive special wages for these services. Not one German prisoner is employed on work of any description beyond the actual cleaning of his own quarters without receiving compensation in the form of weekly wages.

The amazing freedom left to these

men was evidenced on all sides during my tour of the camp. In the sergeants' mess was a Christmas tree prepared by the men. The prisoners have organized a band with instruments generously supplied by the British. On these instruments they play daily their national anthem and German tunes.

The correspondent was permitted to speak at great length to many of these prisoners. Infantry men from all parts of Germany and sailors from German submarines and cruisers, everyone expressed great satisfaction at the treatment he was receiving, and, although unwilling to say so openly, many intimated that they were glad to be away from the fighting line and to be living in such safe and comfortable quarters.

All are Contented.

The correspondent had a long talk with Sergt.-Major Emil Hutter, who is warrant officer of the entire camp, and who was captured at La Bassee. The Sergt.-Major had no hesitation in saying that all the men were happy and contented.

Several told the correspondent confidentially that before they arrived in England many months had gone by since they had received their daily rations such as the British government supplies. But comfortable quarters and excellent food are not all that falls to the happy lot of these prisoners. Few men indeed would not feel at ease, and even proud, to wear the fine-appearing

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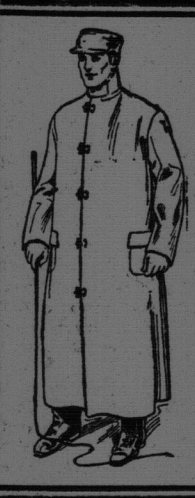
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Col. Wm. McBean, of General Hughes' staff, made this statement here on return from the west, where he was on some military business.

"I am not an authority on the subject, but I do not believe that we could have conscription here for overseas service," he said. "The British North America Act would have to be revised before this could be enforced. We could have conscription for home defence, but I doubt if men could be compelled to go overseas. But we don't need conscription."

"We are getting all the recruits in Canada that we can equip and train," he asserted. "Understand, there is little outdoor training possible here in the winter and the supply of barracks for large numbers is totally inadequate. The men can get no rifle practice except at the indoor ranges during the winter, and the ranges are no good as far as sighting is concerned. They teach a man how to hold a gun and how to operate it,

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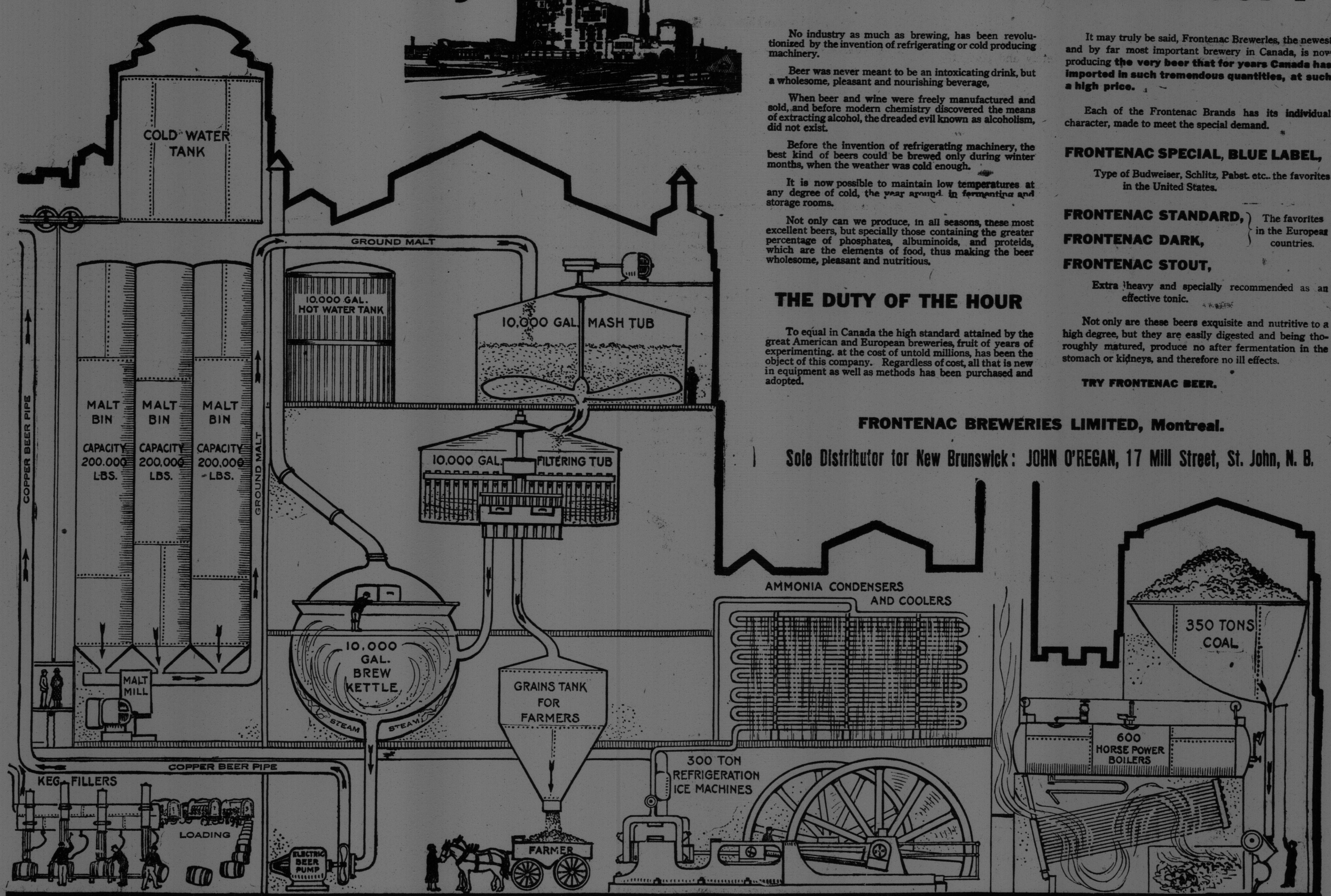
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