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Irish Soldier Tells of Miracle—Though 54 he Likes the Trenches

Dublin, Oct. 31.—Since the war began there have been many remarkable cases of sight, hearing, or speech being lost and found under circumstances suggesting that the day of miracles is not yet passed. Such a case is that of Pte. Stephen Conroy, of the Leinster Regiment, who recovered speech and hearing after seeing a vision by his bedside in the still watches of the night as he lay in hospital in Dublin.

Conroy has a record that might shame many men. He is fifty-four years of age and saw service in different parts of the world. When the present war broke out he was working as a laborer at Mountmellick, Queen's County. He responded to the call, and was sent to France in due course with his regiment in spite of his age.

It was in the spring of this year after long months in the trenches, that Conroy was injured by a bursting shell during an attack on a strong German position. For six months he was treated in hospital, specialists were called in, and everything possible was done for him. He was removed to Jervis St. hospital, Dublin, and a specialist was in constant attendance on him. All to no purpose, it seems, and in due course Conroy was to be discharged to join the army of afflicted heroes who have paid high prices for their devotion to country in the hours of need.

"When I visited Conroy in hospital," says a special correspondent of The Post Sunday Special, "I found him sitting up in bed, surrounded by a wondering crowd of comrades, nurses and doctors, to whom he was repeating for the hundredth time at least the story of the modern miracle which had given him back speech and hearing when he began to despair of ever enjoying those gifts again.

"Sure, and its not me can tell you the rights of it, sir," he said in response to my inquiry. "Only the Blessed Saviour can tell you that. All that I know is that I had given up hope of speaking again in this world, and was turning my thoughts more and more to the time when the Saviour would come to take me home.

"One night I felt a great thirst come on me. I signed to the nurse that I would like a drink. She left the ward to get me one. What with the drought and drowsiness, I felt queer entirely, and it's me that did not know what was coming over me. My eyes shut tight, and I wondered whether the Lord was going to take my sight away as well.

"All at once I opened my eyes again, and as sure as it's me that's looking at you this minute, there was one of the prettiest pictures you ever saw standing 'fornest' me in the room. It was a slip of a girleen, all in white, and with a beautiful wreath of flowers around her head. She was dressed just like they are for communion in the chapels. She was smiling at me, and looking like an angel from heaven.

"At first I thought it was a new nurse or a visitor, but then I remembered that visitors didn't come at that time. Besides this girleen didn't look as if she belonged to this world. She said something to me. At the time I heard the words, but can't mind them now. I could hear her as plain as I hear you, and what was more, I could answer her back, for, without minding my dumbness, I opened my mouth and asked her what there was to do to get back my speech. She smiled more sweetly than ever, and told me to say three prayers. Then she waved her hand to me, and disappeared from the room."

"My Tongue's Loosed: Glory be to God."

"I said the prayers as I was told, and sure it came as easy as a kiss to me. By the powers, I had got back my speech, and I was mad with joy. I started shouting fit to lift the roof off, and the sister who had gone to fetch me a drink came rushing in to see what the matter was. "Sister," says I, "my tongue's loosed. Glory be to God." And there was she like to faint at hearing a man who was deaf and dumb talking as loudly as ever he had talked in his life.

"She was that much scared out of her wits that she could only hold on by the wall and look at me. Sure, it was as big a surprise as anything that was ever heard of in the olden days, or in the days of the Blessed Saint Patrick himself. There was I, who hadn't spoken or heard a word for six months, able to shout as loud as any Sinn Fein speaker trying to make his voice heard above the shouts of the opposition. It's me that can never be thankful enough."

Private Conroy then went on to speak of his experiences in France. "We had lashings of fightings," he said. "We got more than a bellyful every day of our lives. I used to see poor Willy Redmond before the Germans killed him. He always came to me because I was about his own age, and he wanted to know how I could stand the life in the trenches so well. He was a fine gentleman, and the soldiers all loved him.

"I can't tell you whether they will let me back to the trenches," he concluded, "but I'm hoping they will, anythow, for it's a fine life for those who like it."

CIVIL OFFICIALS TO CHASE DODGERS

Military Men on Tribunals to Treat Applicants As Civilians.

One more step towards the enforcement of the Military Service Act was taken yesterday afternoon, when Major-General W. A. Logie and Mr. Glyn Osler, chief registrar for the province, met some hundred and fifty military representatives on the tribunals, and went into a detailed discussion as to the best methods to check up any men who attempt to dodge their duties, as defined by the proclamation issued a couple of weeks ago. General Logie, who presided, pointed out quite plainly that the raising of Canada's army of 100,000 rests in the hands of the civil authorities, and while the military representatives had been appointed to the tribunals to see that the army is not deprived of men by the granting of exemptions which should not be allowed, he emphasized the fact that they must deal with all cases on their civil merits. Men who appear before the tribunals claiming exemption, must be treated as civilians, and the military representatives are asked to forget the fact that they are military men, forget army strictness, and remember that the man applying for exemption does not know anything of military routine. The representatives, he added, are not to attend the hearings with the belief that they must get every man into the army, but they should consider each case on its individual merits, from the standpoint of national interest. Further, the duties of the military men will stop with checking up any men who attempt to beat the tribunals, the work of following up the slackers being put upon the civil authorities. The duties of the representatives, which have already been announced, were discussed in detail, one important point being that they are to be permitted to examine any witnesses who attend a tribunal to support the claim of an individual under oath. Too great weight must not be attached to the written statements of civilian doctors as to the physical condition of men claiming exemption, such declarations not to be given preference to the rulings of a military medical board unless the tribunal decides to order the applicant back for a further examination.

Representatives Busy

Many of the military representatives in the city have already had a busy time of it in their attempts to visit the men who have claimed exemption, though the numbers have piled up to such an extent that they will find it impossible to visit all before November 10. One unusually active representative has already seen over 300, and reports that there is some disposition on the part of men to avoid a free discussion of their grounds for exemption. Such a viewpoint does not affect the representatives, and is only piling up future trouble for the man interested. Ordinarily, if B, C and E men get their cases cleared away with the military representative in their tribunal area, they will not be required to appear before a tribunal, but if they make things unpleasant for the representatives or refuse to answer any questions put to them, it simply means that they will have the further trouble of stating their case to the tribunal. While the representatives are doing their best to see all men claiming exemption, working all day and late into the evenings, there will be many missed, so all who have put in a claim for exemption are advised to learn just who is the military man for their district and make it a point to see him personally. A peculiar part of the present situation is that so far very few Grade A men have reported one way or the other. Many of those asking exemptions are bank clerks, who are supported by their claims by the statements of employers to the effect that already this line of work has been severely depleted of workers by voluntary enlistments.

LT.-COL. GLEN CAMPBELL
A picturesque picture in public life of Canada whose death in France has been reported.

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U. S. GIVES AID TO ITALIANS

Financial Credit of $230,000,000 to be Utilized in Buying Urgent Supplies

Washington, Oct. 31.—The American government yesterday rallied strongly to the support of Italy by taking definite and effective steps to assist that country in the military crisis precipitated by the German invasion of Venetia.

A financial credit of $220,000,000 was granted to the government of Italy by the Government of the United States. The size of this credit, which is to be utilized in the purchase of coal, foodstuffs, munitions and other needed supplies, is the most tangible evidence of the confidence the American government reposes in the ability of the Italian government and people to weather ultimately the storm that has been sweeping across the Valley of the Isonzo, bringing about the collapse of that military front.

In its effort to be of immediate service to Italy, the United States Government, however, did not stop at the granting of this huge credit. Measures were adopted by which the Italian government is to obtain the first 100,000 tons of shipping that becomes available for use in shipment of coal, fuel supplies and foodstuffs, as well as munitions. Preference was granted to the Italians over the French in this allotment of shipping. The Italians, as a result, will have the almost immediate use of twenty-five vessels averaging 4,000 tons each, the first two of which will be available to-day.

By rendering this assistance, the United States has placed itself in direct alignment with the Paris and London governments in endeavoring to supply immediate tangible aid to the Italian government and people. The Italian Embassy has notified the Government at Rome of the steps taken and there is every reason for believing that this help will inspire the Italian people to unite behind their government until the unsettled military situation in the Venetian Plains finds its balance, and the forces of General Cadorna, aided by British and French guns and soldiers, are able to make a stand that will, it is hoped, check the German invasion and mark the beginning of ultimate Italian and Entente victory.

James Williams, C.P.R. agent for many years, died at Orangeville.

Two Woodstock druggists were fined $50 each for selling medicated wine.

Police are investigating the death of a child whose body was found in the river at Wingham.

Music and Drama

FILMLETS

Mack Sennett's great dane, Teddy, is now being employed by the producer of Paramount comedies for bouncing at benefits. When a performer has done his turn and still wishes to linger before the footlights, Teddy hikes out on the stage and gently but firmly drags the actor off. It's better than the time honored "hook."

Several of the extra men who are appearing in the munition plant scene in Marguerite Clark's forthcoming Paramount picture, "Bab's Matinee Idol," are attired as American soldiers, minus the insignia, of course, and other distinguishing marks. A near sighted officer who had scraped through the exams came by the studio recently and espied several of the performers leaning against the wall smoking cigarettes. He came over and was about to reprimand them for not saluting him when he discovered his mistake. What he said further is not recorded.

Reports of serious overloading of traffic are expected from the West during the trip of Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, Paramount comedian, to the land of sunshine, fruit and flowers. Already, it is said, California boosters have prepared to shoot Roscoe and exploit him as a product of the state. Food conservationists on the other hand are much perturbed, though assured that Fatty eats no more than an ordinary man—sometimes. A special bungalow is being constructed for the comedian, against his arrival, with reinforced floors and enlarged rooms.

"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK."

Search has been made in the records for an instance where a city actually was built for children previous to the erection of the one in California for the making of the "Jack and the Beanstalk" picture for William Fox. There have been many things created for the amusement and edification of children, but this appears to be the first time when a complete city—homes, churches, stores, shops and schools—was constructed for the juveniles. The walled city in the Fox fantasy is therefore a distinct novelty for screen use.

The picture will be seen at the Grand next week.

M.H.C. BUYS TEA IN 25 TON LOTS

Patients in Military Hospitals Will Drink up a Small Fortune in Few Months

The Military Hospitals Commission have ordered 50,000 pounds of tea to slack the thirst of returned men. There's nothing drier in prohibition propaganda than the convalescent Canadian. He wants tea good stiff black tea three times a day and the cooks in the convalescent hospitals under the direction of the commission are going to be ready for him.

The 25 tons just ordered will only last a few months with 115 institutions, some of whom are requisitioning tea in ton lots, to supply. There is no limit put on the tea allowed a man; he can drink as many cups each meal as he wants, and after long months of measured rations in trenches and the hospitals in England, he drinks as though he had been raised on salt fish.

Tommy takes his tea with all "the trimmin's," especially sugar. War, instead of weaning him away from his taste for sweet things, has increased his desire for them.

In one instance where the population grew in such proportions that the kitchen facilities were inadequate for a few weeks, it was put up to the men whether they would have tea or soup for dinner and the vote went overwhelmingly for tea.

In Manitoba, 9,191 men have made claims for exemption and 1,285 have reported for service, a total of 10,476.

Cattle are distinctly a glut on the Calgary market.

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STEAMER SEIZED.
(Associated Press).

Mexico City, Oct. 31.—The steamer Esther has been seized at Puerto Pena on the Pacific coast and the arms and ammunition with which she is said to have been loaded, confiscated. It is supposed the vessel was engaged in transporting munitions to rebels in the southern part of the republic.

BRITISH EMPIRE COINAGE.
(Associated Press).

London, Oct. 31.—The presence of so much Colonial silver in circulation here just now has led to a movement for the establishment of a British Empire coinage, whereby coins minted in England, Canada or Australia would be negotiable anywhere in the British Empire. The subject is to be taken up at the next meeting of the Imperial Conference.

INCREASE PRODUCTION.
(Associated Press).

Pekin, Oct. 31.—The Chinese Minister to Great Britain, Alfred Sze, has sent a despatch to the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce urging that every effort be made to increase Chinese production of foodstuffs and material available for clothing during the continuation of the present war.

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