

## WE WANT TO KNOW.

Whether "Knots and Lashings" is running opposition to Jack Canuck?

Whether the Sappers wearing Mary Pickford's initials on their arms escape the more arduous military duties by this sign of foppishness?

Who is the Sergeant Major who eats onions before every dance?

How many soldiers got cold feet from the draft?

What Ikey really found underneath his undershirt?

Who owns the belt which took the stick two days running last week?

Whether the reversion of a corporal to the rank of sapper could properly be referred to as "corporal punishment"?

Whether the fashion of wearing a piece of paper on one's bayonet at "guard turn-out" is likely to become popular this season?

Who ate Billy Bell's pie?

Why shouldn't we be permitted to bail a comrade out of "clink"?

Who was the driver who put \$3,000.00 in Victory Loan bonds?

The total amount subscribed by Officers, N.C.O.'s and men at the E. T. D.?

When the N.C.O.'s dinner parade was given the command "Right turn", whether the N.C.O.'s thought Brackett was kidding them—as they all turned to the left.

Who was the guy in No. I Section A. Coy. who went over to the Q. M. Stores after overshoes and received the boxes the overshoes came in?

## FAMOUS MYTHS.

- 1. Atlantis.
- 2. Robinson Crusoe.
- 3. German World Domination.
- 4. The Overseas Draft.

## THE CALL OF THE "SICK CORPORAL"

On regular days: "Anybody going sick this morning?"

On route march days: "Anybody NOT going sick this morning?"

## ; DRYZNA BACZNOSC !

(COMPANY, ATTENTION!)

In extending to our Polish comrades-in-arms a hearty welcome to St. Johns, between whom and ourselves we hope the happiest relations may continue, we express the sentiments of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the E. T. D.

The history of Central Europe is crowded with the thrilling and grand valour of the Pole; and today the clarion has awakened that wonderful nation to a new hope—a new Poland,—creating history of immeasurable importance.

After the German occupation of Poland, Pinsecki, an influential Pole, was ordered to create a Polish army to fight for the Hun. Pinsecki, in order to prevent undue persecution, started to raise this army, but when news filtered through Switzerland that a Polish army to fight in France, with the Allies, was being formed, he stopped work and disbanded his army.

Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist, is the father of the movement, and as a result of his work, there are today 23,000 Poles in France, 5000 training in Niagara, and 1600 here in St. Johns.

These men have volunteered their services in the cause of repatriation; they are either unnaturalized Americans or naturalized Americans less than twenty-one or more than thirty-one years of age, the limits set by conscription in the U. S. A.

Paderewski has been appointed on a committee formed by Col. House for the purpose of suggesting terms of settlement at the close of the war; and his aim for Polish autonomy is to be strengthened by the creation of an army, the first essential of a nation.

Thirty-seven Polish officers accompany the St. Johns contingent, and some French officers (uniformed in sky-blue). Among these latter is Prince Poniatowski, a Polish nobleman, who has served in the ranks of the French Army from the beginning of the war to July last (when he was wounded) and now holds a lieutenant's commission in that army.

The Chaplain of the St. Johns contingent, J. L. Javorski, is also a French officer and a man of marked ability—and it is the intention of "Knots and Lashings" to get the Reverend Father to tell us more of his country and countrymen.

The roll of a Polish regiment would be a teaser for our N.C.O.'s to "call":—such names as Szezescny and Wezworki being of ordinary frequency. A Canadian officer attached to the battalion suggests that they write an ordinary name, then take some "zeds" and throw them in from a distance. The affix "ski" so frequently used, means "of"; or "from":—as the "De" in French, or "Mac" in Celtic.

Words of command are given in Polish. Quick march:—"W. Pochod". Halt:—"Stanac Stoj." Stand easy:—"Spoczniij." Right Wheel:—"Na Prawo Zachodz." Fall in:—"Zbiurka."

The padre says the language is phonetic. We take his word for it!

Major F. S. Keefer, C.E., Adjutant of the E. T. D., is detailed to take temporary charge of the Polish troops stationed at St. Johns.

## PREVIOUS SERVICE N. G.

Rookie (about to go on his first guard):—"And now, Johnnie, if you aren't in by ten p.m., it's clink for you, and you, Bill, can have five minutes' grace."

Old hand (sarcastically):—"And what about me, 'Greenie'?"

Rookie:—"Hell! I won't even let you out."

## HELL'S FURY BEATEN.

First Sapper (after handling a shovel in the muddy trenches for three hours, on a rainy day): "Do you agree with Sherman now?"

Second Sapper (ditto): "I do not. I think Hell has first-class grounds for a libel suit against Sherman for that remark of his!"

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