

## HIS GLOWING TRIBUTE TO MEN AT THE FRONT

Dr. George Adam Tells Of  
Courage and Sacrifice

### CANADA'S PART IN THE WAR

Pleads for Greater Devotion by  
People at Home — Effective  
Arguments for Support of Y. M.  
C. A. Military Work

The story of the work of the Y. M. C. A. for the men at the front, for the soldiers on leave and for those who return from the battle lines, was told eloquently yesterday by Dr. George Adam of London, England, and Captain George S. Dingle of Montreal. Reinforcing his appeal for funds for this work, Dr. Adam told of the sacrifices of the people of the motherland and contrasted them with the amount that Canada has done to win the war.

Those on the platform with the chairman were G. Wetmore Merritt, county campaign chairman; Premier Foster, C. H. Peters, provincial vice-chairman; John Keefe, Rev. F. S. Dowling, Mayor Hayes, Colonel A. H. H. Powell, acting O. C. No. 1 Military District; Major F. May, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Rev. H. A. Goodwin, G. E. Barbour, provincial chairman, with the speakers.

The Imperial was packed almost to capacity with the boxes well filled. Captain Dingle, in his address, described the spirit and atmosphere which the men were living at the front. Their object, he said, was to kill the Hun and destroy his shelter and there must be something to counteract that feeling of destruction before they go home. This in part was the main object of the Red Triangle Club. Those men are living in military training, hard work, mud, wet, and all that goes with it. This is their atmosphere and the greatest agency they possibly could have to get away from this is given them by the Y. M. C. A.

He said that the Red Triangle Club of the Y. M. C. A. was attempting to retain and build up their spirit so that it would not get dampened and into one way of thinking, so that they might come back stronger, better and brighter Canadians.

In one part of the line, he said, as they come up and down, fully 150,000 cups of coffee were served daily. Captain Dingle referred to the concert parties for the amusement of the men and this must be kept up on a high plane. He told of the training school where these concert artists were trained and rehearsed and how they came out first class artists for the entertainment of the soldiers.

"The soldier at work is not," said Captain Dingle. He said that the problem of entertaining the soldier on leave was the hardest. However, through military headquarters, the problem had been laid before the Y. M. C. A. They secured a solution and now almost ninety-five per cent of the soldiers on leave in Paris were being looked after by the Y. M. C. A. The idea was built on how to see Paris the best and the cheapest, and it was a Scotchman who worked out the scheme, said Captain Dingle.

At the opening of his address Mr. Adam paid a tribute to the work of the Y. M. C. A. "The Y. M. C. A. is a great institution. It has been criticized by some who have spent only a few days at the front. It is losing some of its piety, which is a good thing, for one can smoke in the Y. M. C. A. now, something one could not do before. The Y. M. C. A. is indeed wielding a moral and spiritual influence in the lives of thousands of men.

Of the returned soldier he said that he would come home with a new viewpoint on life, though, perhaps, not in sympathy with formality in churches. The elementary law of Christianity is to fight, to die, to be wounded for another, which the soldier of today is doing, "and for us."

Speaking of Queen Mary and her work in the war, Mr. Adam said that undoubtedly she was "the greatest woman in the world." She was interested in all things pertaining to the welfare of the soldiers. "She goes right to the huts of the Y. M. C. A. with her apron on and serves the coffee."

Speaking of contributions to the Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle fund he said that these should be considered from the sacrificial point of view of "how much of a sacrifice can we stand for the Y. M. C. A. He said Canada had not even started yet to sacrifice in this war.

"Mr. Adam then took up the notion abroad that the Canadians had been picked and thrown into the difficult situations along the various battle fronts. "Why one would be almost convinced that Canada was holding the whole western front. Great Britain is in this war, also. I suppose you know that. Well, the idea that Canadian forces have been put into the difficult places is an absolute lie."

The speaker went on to show that by comparison the British and Canadian armies that the casualty in the Imperial troops was five to one when compared to the Canadian list. In Scotland, with 4,500,000 people, taking the army alone she has contributed one in every seven and taking the army and navy she has one in every five in war service.

In Canada there is one in every twenty in the service "and the slackers are not all in Quebec." (Applause.)

Speaking of the British navy he said that England had doubled her strength at the end of the first year of war. "And where were these extra sailors to come from? Sailors cannot be made in a day. She stripped her coast guard line, he said, and left it protected by the British Boy Scouts. "Just think the coast of Britain."

To bring home the greater sacrifices, Mr. Adam referred to the conscription law in England, taking as it does all males from eighteen to fifty-one years. The unmarried man gets twenty-four cents a day and the married man gets twelve, the rest going to the support of his wife and children. The wife gets in all \$5.25 per week with which she must clothe, buy food and supply all the necessities of life to herself and family.

"O Canada, you talk of sacrifices. It is true you have produced wonderful fighters, some of the best that this war has produced, we have but to recall the second battle of Ypres, the capture of

### "THE RED TRIANGLE."

The National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. was so impressed with "The Road to France," \$250 prize poem by Daniel M. Henderson, of South Orange, N. J., that an appeal was made to the National Arts Club to supply posters containing the poem, to be placed in every building of the Y. M. C. A. in the U. S. A. and in the war zones. "The Red Triangle" was written by Mr. Henderson to further the recent Y. M. C. A. campaign, and is as follows:

Lift up the Red Triangle—  
Beside the thundering guns—  
A friend, a shield, a solace  
To our ten million sons!  
Go build a hut or dugout  
By billet or by trench—  
A shelter from the horrors  
The cold, the filth, the stench!  
Where boys we love, returning  
From out the gory loam  
Can sight the Red Triangle  
And find a bit of home!

Lift up the Red Triangle  
'Gainst things that mar and maim:  
It conquers Boose, the wrecker!  
It kills the house of shame!  
Go make a friendly corner,  
So lads can take the pen  
And get in touch with mother  
And God's clean things again!  
Where hell's destroying forces  
Are leagued with Fetzalan's crew,  
Lift up the Red Triangle—  
And help our boys "come through!"  
DANIEL M. HENDERSON.

### RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Lucy Arsenault.

The death occurred very suddenly yesterday afternoon of Lucy, widow of William Arsenault. Mrs. Arsenault was in her usual good health in the morning and attended church. In the afternoon she was stricken with an attack of acute indigestion and in spite of all efforts to aid her, passed away in a few hours. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. M. A. Duplessis, of this city, four sisters, Mrs. H. A. Jamieson, Mrs. George Cogan and Mrs. Philip Cogan, all of this city, and Mrs. William Blake, of Stellarton (N. S.); one brother, Benjamin, of Loggieville, another brother, Joseph, was killed in France a short time ago, a member of the 27th battalion. Two sons also survive, James, of Orange River, and John, who is in England on service.

Augusta Matheson.  
Many will regret to learn of the death of Augusta Matheson, which occurred yesterday at his home, 71 Somerset street, following a brief illness. Mr. Matheson was a shipcarpenter in his younger days, and at the revival of the industry here he resumed his old work. He was seventy-two years of age. Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Harvey, and three daughters—Mrs. John Matheson, of St. John; Mrs. George Gay, of Saskatchewan and Miss Lena in Winnipeg. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Armelle A. Carney.

One of the most popular young sales girls of the city died yesterday in the person of Armelle A. Carney, daughter of Mary and the late James P. Carney. For eight years Miss Carney was on the sales staff of F. W. Daniel & Co., and the news of her death will come as a decided shock to a large circle of friends. She has been ill for some time. She is survived by her mother, two brothers, Frederick, of the C. P. & N. and William, of the C. & C. P. and three sisters—Mrs. James A. Dussault, of this city and Mrs. Alfred R. Winslow and Miss Alice, at home in the family. The funeral will be held from the residence of her mother, 14 Hanover street, on Tuesday morning at 2.15 to the Cathedral for solemn requiem high mass.

Wilson J. Speight.

Many will bear with regret of the sudden death of Wilson J. Speight, after only a week's illness of pneumonia. Mr. Speight was well known in the North End. He is survived by one brother, John, of Brookville Station, and two sisters, Mrs. Ann J. Stone, of Main street, and Mrs. Joseph Shanks, of Brookville (N. Y.). Funeral from his late residence, 100 Chesley street, Tuesday afternoon; service at 8.30 o'clock.

The death of Clement Shaw occurred on Sunday at the home of M. T. Steeves, Hillsboro. He was thirty-one years of age.

Mrs. George McKnight, wife of former city engineer of Fredericton, passed away at Fredericton last night after a short illness. She was survived by her husband and two children.

Vimy Ridge to know that. Yes, you have sent great staff overseas but you have not sent enough. Canada has grown rich since the war but on the bloodied altars of France and England.

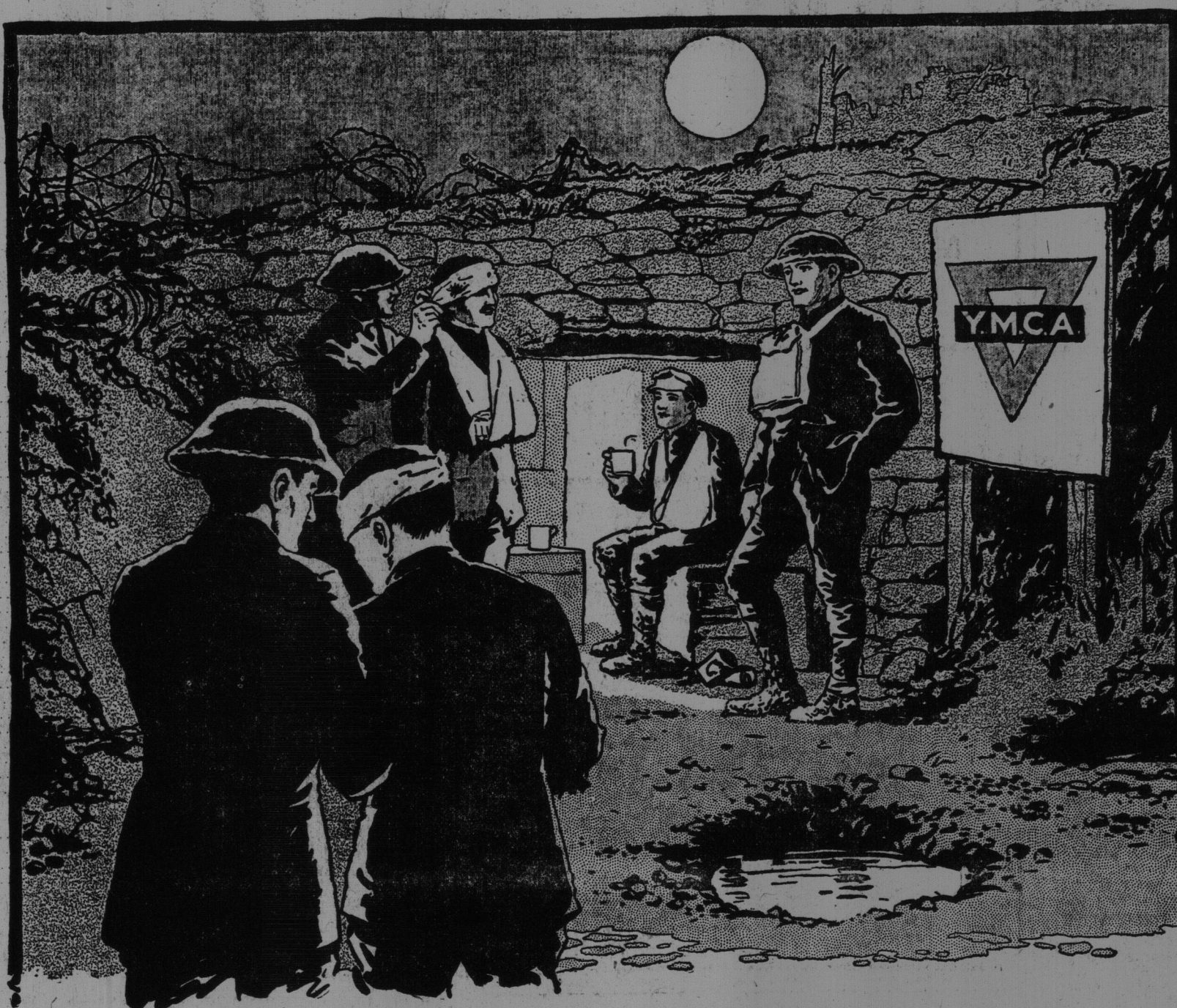
Dwelling on the sacrifices of the women in the war the speaker showed that before the war 200,000 women were working at industrial occupations in Great Britain, whereas now there were 4,000,000 so engaged. Referring to the women in the war the speaker said that he said that they were toiling in the munition plants, working amid acids and fumes, and that they were practically eating away their beauty—their bloom of health and all that women hold dear.

Coming to the boys in France and Flanders, Mr. Adam said he had seen them in the trenches, "going over the top", coming back, in the hospital, under all circumstances and when in their presence "I could not but imagine that I was talking to spiritual superiors. Nature's first law is self-preservation which more or less controls and governs life. In the trenches self-preservation is not the first law of nature but self-sacrifice which, so help me God, is looking out of the eye of every man. Self-sacrifice is a higher law than self-preservation, and for a time I was almost agreed with the German philosophers who teach that 'soldiers are supermen.'"

Chief Justice McKewen spoke of the solemnity of the touching meeting and asked Rev. H. A. Goodwin to close with the simple benediction.

In St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in the morning Dr. Adam spoke on the text "The work of righteousness is peace and the effect of righteousness is quietness and assurance forever." These are the objects for which the Allies are fighting, he said, and it is only through righteousness that they may be attained. Only through the righteousness of the individual can the nation attain to victory. Dr. Adam pleaded for seriousness and sacrifice that the war might be won earlier. Speaking of the work of the Y. M. C. A., he said that it was playing a great part in helping the soldiers to win the war and that a refusal to contribute to its support was "uncommonly like treason."

At this service the minister, Rev. F. S. Dowling, welcomed to the church the congregation of Calvin which has united with St. Andrew's. Captain Dingle addressed the united Sunday schools in the afternoon.



## A HISTORIC HOUR!

EVERYTHING that we have, and are, and hope for, hangs upon the welfare of that human wall of the bravest of the brave—battling "over there" for us at home.

Remember, the flower of Canada's youth is in the midst of danger! Canada's future rests upon the shoulders of those boys—to us they are priceless!

**YMCA**  
**Red Triangle Fund**  
\$2,250,000 May 7, 8, 9  
Canada-Wide Appeal

Into that storm of shells you cannot go. The Y.M.C.A. can and will—even unto death. For Y.M.C.A. men penetrate into the midst of danger and have given their lives to serve the soldiers!

Out of the hell of battle, Canadian soldiers stagger—and are thankful to meet with the aid of the Y.M.C.A.

Be Generous!

Will you help the Y.M.C.A. to meet them with the succor that may

mean life or death to Canadian boys. Help the Y.M.C.A. never to fail them!

We ask it in the name of Canada's sons—will you join in the most heartening message that the folks at home could possibly send, the message that we are behind them heart and soul—with our dollars—giving till it hurts!

Theirs the sacrifice! Yours the gain. Boundless your debt to them. Will YOU help generously? YOU?

Many Give their Lives—All Can Give their Money

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