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FIGHTING CONTINUES FAVORABLE TO ALLIED ARMIES ENEMY CRUMPLED BY SOLID LINES OF THE ENTENTE

RIOTERS OF DE LAVAL AND REMOVAL OF ONTARIO FORCES FROM CITY AT ONCE

Ultimatum Served On Federal Govt. Says Five Days Will Be Given In Which To Withdraw the Troops Sent From This Province—Lavergne Said To Have Intervened At Govt. Request—Soldiers Kept In Barracks and City Is Quiet Today—Lessard Now In Charge.

Quebec, April 1.—Peace has been restored in this city, at least temporarily. The unruly element, which has been creating trouble here has accepted an assurance given them by Armand Lavergne, the noted Nationalist politician, that if they desire to be free from attacks by the military they must discontinue the patrolling of the streets.

Ultimatum to Government. The leaders of the rebellious faction have virtually served an ultimatum on the Government, that out-of-town troops, which include the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 2nd Canadian Infantry, must be withdrawn, and that the personnel of the Dominion police force, which has been sent to the city, must be removed. Beyond this, the ultimatum states that the Government must give two days in which to make the changes desired.

No Soldiers On Street. Today, while the authorities are endeavoring to carry out the ultimatum, the streets are free of soldiers. The Dominion police, however, are still on duty, and are maintaining order.

Lavergne Called In. The intervention of Armand Lavergne in the matter has been a significant factor. He has been called in by the Government to mediate between the rioters and the authorities.

Ontario Troops Arrive. The Toronto and western troops sent here to supplement the local forces, arrived yesterday afternoon. They are being quartered in the city.

Last Night's Trouble. The firing which took place last night, according to the military, was confined to the rioters. It was not done by the soldiers. This assurance was given at military headquarters this morning.

RIOTS MANAGED BY FOREIGNERS AT QUEBEC CITY

Firm and Experienced Hands Are Apparently Conducting the Operations.

PERFECT SIGNAL CODE

Demonstrators Attempt To Raid Mayor's Residence, But Are Foiled.

Quebec, April 1.—Proclamations will be posted throughout the city today by the military authorities, prohibiting the holding of the meeting announced for 8 o'clock tonight by Armand Lavergne.

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec, April 1.—The authorities in Quebec have not yet succeeded in finding out the system of organization of the group of rioters. They are, however, persuaded that the chief organizers are foreigners.

Smashed Street Cars. A passenger on street car in St. John street, named Beland, had his head badly lashed by a brick and a stone when the mob smashed the street car.

GOVT. JOURNAL BLAMES BOURASSA FOR RIOTS; WANTS HIM PUNISHED

Kingsford, April 1.—The Daily Standard in an editorial dealing with the rioting in Quebec, declares that it is not alone Quebec that is on trial.

Ottawa, April 1.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, when asked this morning in regard to the statement credited to Armand Lavergne that he had conferred with the Dominion government with a view to the withdrawal of troops from Quebec, said that he had no knowledge of such an arrangement.

President Stands Pat On Attitude Towards A Negotiated Peace. New York, April 1.—President Wilson has declined his attitude concerning a negotiated peace with the central powers, as expressed in his message to Congress on the declaration of war with Germany.

Woodstock Merchant Dies Of His Injury. Woodstock, Ont., April 1.—J. F. Moore, a well-known clothing merchant of this city, died this morning.

Burned To Death. Rutland, Mass., April 1.—Two men were burned to death and another was injured in a collision on the Central Massachusetts division of the Boston and Maine Railroad early today.

"ARE WE DOWNHEARTED?", SAYS KING, AND STARTS UPROAR

With the British Army in France, March 31.—King George on his visit to the British front in the past week went about quietly giving words of thanks and encouragement. Officers and men when engaged in important work, paused only long enough to salute the King and continued their labors.

Meeting a certain regiment on the way to front lines His Majesty cried out: "Are we downhearted?" The reply was an enthusiastic uproar.

Many pathetic and many humorous incidents occurred amongst the wounded. One wounded colonial, lying waiting a Red Cross train, leaned forward when the King opened the carriage door. The colonial looked critically at the King, then painfully extending his hand he said:

CANADIAN GUNNERS AT WIMY SMOOTHER EVERY ENEMY MOVE

Dominion Batteries Playing Vital Part In Pulverizing Stupendous Onslaught of Germans.

By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent. Canadian Army Headquarters, the world, via London, April 1.—On Easter Monday, a year ago, Canadian soldiers moving nightly to the attack, captured Vimy Ridge. The Easter Monday soldiers of the Dominion are united with the British troops north of the Scarpe, in the defense of the southern flanks of Northern France.

Canadian Morale High. Last night, men gathered around the building of the Quebec Railway on Commerce street to attack of the city. The group of rioters, they are, however, persuaded that the chief organizers are foreigners.

Six Million Dollars In Booze Shipped Into This Province. Montreal, April 1.—During the past few weeks not less than \$6,000,000 worth of liquors have been shipped from Montreal to the United States.

Flag Is Still Flying. South of the Somme where there has been so much hard fighting, the British appear to have the situation well in hand, and the German position is becoming more and more precarious.

No Trouble Likely At City of Montreal. Montreal, April 1.—We do not anticipate any trouble in Montreal, G. O. C. of No. 4 District, this morning, when asked if any preparations had been made to deal with any trouble that might arise in the city as a result of the riot at Quebec.

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THE WAR SITUATION

As Allied troops begin offensive movements on the Picardy battlefield, German assaults show signs of slackening, both in numbers and intensity, and the Germans are digging themselves in.

The German peace drive toward Amiens, Paris and the Channel ports is being broken by the indomitable Franco-British defense and reach the Paris-Amiens railway line on Amiens.

Most intense fighting is progressing south of the Somme, where attempts are being made to break the Franco-British defense and reach the Paris-Amiens railway line on Amiens.

Heavy Cavalry Swept From Forest. Anzac, Canadians, Americans, Heroes of Spectacular Combats.

British Army Headquarters in France, Sunday, March 31.—The British section of the new offensive, which has been going on for the last few days, has been a most successful one.

Brantford Man Dies From Hurt Received As Result of Row. Brantford, Ont., April 1.—A charge of murder was laid against a man who died yesterday afternoon.

French Official Report. Paris, April 1.—The French statement follows: "Yesterday and last night the battle continued with extreme violence north of Montdidier."

French Retake Villages and Gain More Ground. Paris, March 31.—On the southern battlefield the French have recaptured Amiens and Montdidier, and gained considerable ground in the region of the Somme.

Major Ross, D. S. O., Back. St. John, N. B., April 1.—A steamer arrived yesterday with a small party of returned soldiers, among whom was F. W. Grimwood, an Australian aviator.

Local Temperatures. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 69; lowest, 53.

British and French Continue To Throw Off Heaviest Attacks of Hindenburg Near Montdidier and Around Albert—Germans Unable To Make Any Further Progress Towards Amiens Or Oise Valley.

London, April 1.—The Germans made two attacks on British positions in the western outskirts of Albert during the night, and in both cases were repulsed, the war office announces.

Took 109 Machine Guns. London, April 1.—The number of machine guns taken by the British in their attack near Serre on Saturday was 109.

Broke Assaulting Waves. Paris, April 1.—The battle continued with extreme violence last night in the sector north of Montdidier, large bodies of troops being thrown in by the Germans, the war office announces.

Further south the fighting was no less violent, the Germans making incessant attacks in an effort to capture Grivesnes. The French retained possession of the town and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans.

Canadian Armored Cars In It. British Army Headquarters in France, April 1.—Canadian armored motor cars, with rapid rifles, have played an important part in the German rush.

First Onrush Stopped. London, April 1.—The belief is held that the first onrush of the enemy has been stopped. He is engaged in the process of consolidating his positions, and bringing up heavy armor.

Strengthening the Line. With strong reinforcements on command, the hope is expressed here that the Allied line will prove formidable, and that the Germans will dash themselves against it in vain.

Considerable fighting, however, south of the Somme. Today's earlier statement said that the British had restored their line south of the Somme, in the Luce valley, after a vigorous counter-attack.

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LONDON TROOPS IN FAST TRAIN RUSH TO QUEBEC

W.O.R. Men Received Hurry
Call and Quickly
Responded.

MANY WERE DOWN TOWN

Opera House Managers Gave
Warning From the
Stage.

When the call came on Saturday evening to send a draft of 500 men from the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R. to Quebec, the men were scattered all over the city. Major Osborn, who was in charge of the draft, was quick to get the men together. Many of the soldiers were in the downtown theatres and the managers of the play houses at once went on the stage and read a brief order, stating that the W. O. R. men were to be sent to Quebec as quickly as possible. The soldiers complied quickly and, in a few minutes, were all on the ground in a few minutes. They did not get away, however, until about 4 o'clock in the morning, going in a special train, via the Grand Trunk. About 500 men went from London.

May Stay in East.

It is considered possible that many of the members of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R., will remain in the east to complete their training. Some of the men who are not up to category A2 standards may be returned to the depot. As many of the A2 men were on leave, 82 men had to be taken to bring the special draft up to 500.

The rounding up of the men, the issue of their equipment, ration, etc., and the securing of the special train to take them to the east, was a task that fell to the members of the depot and district headquarters. Considering the hands-on work, it was a very excellent time was made, it is considered.

SUBSCRIBERS TO PATRIOTIC FUND INCREASE GIFTS

Preliminary Canvass Reports
Most Satisfactory, Say
Committeemen.

The preliminary canvass to the grand patriotic drive in other campaigns, is going very satisfactorily, according to a statement made by the committee. Some of the subscribers have increased their subscriptions this year, and if the cordial response given by those approached up to the present is any indication of the attitude of the community, the objective will doubtless be reached in the campaign and possibly exceeded.

WEDDING BELLS

GALBRAITH-McCLURE.
GODFREY, March 29.—The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James McCLURE, who were married at a pretty wedding, when their daughter, Mrs. Galbraith, was the bride, was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith, of Tara, Rev. J. H. Osterhout officiated. Lauretta and Donna McCLURE, the bridesmaids, were charming little flower girls. The wedding march was played by Miss Alice Sheppard of Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith will reside at Tara.

TIME UNCHANGED

International Trains Schedules Altered
in States and Not Canada.

By altering the timetables in the United States to conform to the daylight saving plan, passenger trains from the United States, which would have arrived one hour earlier at Canadian stations, are now arriving at their usual times.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Ottawa, April 1.—An increase of \$12,731.08 in the customs collections of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year which ends March 31, 1918, was shown by the monthly report of the customs department. During the twelve months ending March 31, 1917, the total collected was \$15,681,046. For the previous twelve months the amount collected was \$15,340,161.

MONTREAL CONTROLLERS GO OUT OF EXISTENCE

Montreal, April 1.—After an existence of eight years, the board of control's career ended Saturday noon. The municipal elections which will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, are for mayor and aldermen. Instead of the board of control, there will be a commission appointed by the Provincial Government.

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Change in Trains Affects Delivery

Owing to the fact that the Montreal Central Railway Company has advanced its clocks one hour, according to the daylight-saving time, connections cannot be made to deliver the morning train to subscribers in the following towns: Oil City, Oil Springs, Inwood, Melbourne, Southwold and Walkers. These subscribers will therefore receive the morning edition of the paper which will arrive on the afternoon train, until such time as it is able to send the morning paper again.

CITY BREVITIES

HOLIDAY IN CAMP.—Today is a holiday in local camps and also at district militia headquarters, and only routine duties are being carried on.

OFFICERS ARE READY.—Appointments are being made in militia district headquarters from officers here and appointed to the new tank battalion which is being organized.

GOES TO BATTERY.—Lieut. Kenyon Lett, 13th B. C. A., recently of the 1st Depot Battalion, has been appointed to the 4th Depot Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, camp orders.

NOT THE OWNER.—Owing to a misunderstanding, it was incorrectly stated in The Advertiser that the car with the photo of the first touring car in London, that it was owned by Mr. Griffith.

CONDITION CRITICAL.—The condition of Richard Griffith, veteran assistant superintendent of the London street railway, is reported as critical.

TWO MORE EVADERS.—Two men were taken into custody by the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R., today as a result of the work of the police in searching for the draft of the day during the week-end.

STILL MISSING.—The Ford car, 1915 model, stolen from a market garage on the 23rd, has not yet been recovered. The license number is 47043.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.—Dr. Pittin of Toronto Municipal Research Bureau will address the board of trade at its meeting to be held on Friday night next. The officers of the board will be re-elected at this meeting.

SEND TEACHERS TO FARMS.—The Real Estate Owners' Association want to send teachers to the farms for a week or two to help them with their work.

WILL HEAR ARCHBISHOP.—Seventeen of the clergymen of the diocese, it is expected, will go to Toronto on Friday for the visit of the Archbishop of York, who will be in the city for a short time.

SAINTS' CONVENTION.—Mrs. J. Vanbinder of Queen's avenue, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Duesling of Watford, is attending the convention of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, at Independence, Mo.

SPECIAL PATIENTS' SERVICE.—A large number of the soldier patients at the Byrn-Sanderson hospital, who were held in the recreation hall Easter Sunday afternoon by representatives of the Salvation Army, will be given a special service today.

WANTED IN INGERSOLL.—Arthur Craig, wanted by the Ingersoll police in connection with the robbery of the Northway stores, in which John Roberts and Walter Burridge were implicated, was arrested Sunday afternoon on Rectory street. He was returned to Ingersoll today and will be arraigned on a charge of theft.

BOARD NAMES COMMITTEES.—The executive of the board of trade has named the committees for the coming year. The committees will be named on April 5, and the election will be held on May 5. The committees will be named on April 5, and the election will be held on May 5.

WEATHER STATISTICS.—The weather figures for March show that during the month there was a snow fall and 1.7 inches of rain. The highest temperature was 64 degrees, and the lowest 4. In March, 1917, the lowest temperature was ten below zero, and the highest was 64 degrees.

TO RESUME WORK.—Mitchell & Mohan, the contractors on the new sewer on York street, near Dye street, are making preparations to resume the work, which was stopped on account of the snow.

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SERGT. W. BALL,
Vice-President.

OFFICERS OF GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
The Officers of the Great War Veterans' Association of London in the recent memorial home fund campaign, it is now assured, provide at least a temporary soldiers' home for the returned soldiers of the Dominion. The local branch of the G. W. V. A. is steadily growing, and is now one of the best organized branches in the Dominion.

LIQUORS STILL COMING TO CITY IN BIG QUANTITY

Delivery Will Continue Locally
For Some Days Yet.

It is estimated that there is more liquor in the cellars of London citizens than there has been for some time past. The present stock of whisky, wine, and beer, representing hundreds of thousands of dollars, are stored away for future use.

The shipments of liquor into the city on Saturday were in express cars instead of small consignments, as the practice has been in the past.

As far as could be ascertained today the transportation companies accepted all the liquor shipments offered, although they found it necessary to use scores of extra cars.

Deliveries are still being made from the local freight and express offices, and will likely continue for some time to come.

Liquor is reported to be in transit from Quebec points. These will continue to be a big problem for the city.

Providing that the cars were moved from point of shipping before midnight last night, liquor can be made up until the 1st of May.

WINDSOR INDUSTRIAL HEADS WILL CONDUCT CO-OPERATIVE FARM

Commissioner Outlines a
Scheme To Aid Production.

SPEAKS AT LOCAL DINNER

Joint Gathering of Rotary and
Canadian Clubs Hears
Address.

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LONDON ELECTRIC CO. POWER SERVICE WILL TERMINATE TONIGHT

Switches Will Be Pulled at 12 o'Clock and the Plant Shut
Down, Throwing Many Homes in Darkness, Without Any
Action On Part of the Dominion's Power Controller.

The London Electric will give its last service to the city at 12 o'clock tonight, and then go out to shine no more.

Manager C. T. Barnes of the company says the switches will be pulled at midnight, and its machinery shut down.

The closing will leave close to 1,500 homes in the dark, so far as electricity is concerned. The power will be supplied by the city.

There was much hope for the city after the announcement of the London Electric closing. Sir Horace Drayton, Canadian power controller, was the last hope.

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PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING'S USE TO BE DISCUSSED

Disposition of New Technical
School May Be Decided
Tonight.

The advisory industrial committee of the board of education will meet tonight at the Technical School to discuss the disposition of the new Technical School building.

There are two proposals for the committee to deal with, the application of the school as a casual clearing depot, and the proposal of the Ontario Department of Education that the city open towards equipping it.

The committee will likely report to the board of education, which will meet on Tuesday afternoon.

RAIN WELCOMED BY FARMERS, THOUGH IT MAY HALT PLOWING

Badly Needed for Grass and
Grain Crops.

The gentle offering of J. Pluvius in the form of rain, which fell today, will be received with sighs of thanksgiving by the local farming community.

Rain is badly needed in the country, and though it may delay plowing and working with the ground for a day or two, it will be welcomed by farmers far and near.

The ground has been dry for a long time, and a prominent farmer to the Advertiser today, "and this rain is the very thing that is needed."

It will take the frost out of the ground in the shady places where the sun has not shined.

It will also take the wheat and grass growing, and will settle the ground down a little so that it will be more easily worked.

Plowing operations for a day or two, but things will be all the better when it dries up.

THREE BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE AT TOWN OF MERLIN

Eight Thousand Dollars
Damage Done Early This
Morning.

Merlin, April 1.—An early morning fire completely destroyed three main street buildings and caused a monetary loss of approximately \$8,000, when the Dent garage, the Brethour barber shop, a Chinese laundry and the butcher shop of Mr. Mason.

The fire was caused by a gas leak in the Dent garage. A number of people escaped from upstairs apartments. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the Dent garage.

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THE RESULT OF BOURASSAISM.

TRACE the trouble in Quebec to its source and you will come to the editorial offices of Le Devoir, the Montreal newspaper edited by Henri Bourassa. Only a week or two ago he launched a tirade against Britain in which he declared that the British wished to secure Belgium, and that was the only reason the British were in the war. Bourassa has a large following in Quebec. His paper exists and has a large circulation because of its radical character and the cleverness of the man who conducts it.

Until Bourassaism became a force in Quebec there was little talk in that province of separation or secession. Bourassa did not gain recognition for many years, but a short time ago he demonstrated his ability to command a large political following and wrested from the Liberals twenty-six seats. His influence, fostered by a political party, became instantly the most vital in Canadian politics. His chief lieutenants and friends were made cabinet ministers, and when war commenced he adopted a policy of non-participation, designed to cast suspicion upon the motives of the British and to win Quebec from the whole-hearted loyalty to which she gave enthusiastic expression early in the war. Without being once rebuffed, he has pursued this policy, immune from the punishment which would have been meted out to an Ontario publisher, and acquiring a following of intemperants who were also inflamed by the attacks of their counterparts in Ontario.

Bourassa has done everything in his power to alienate Quebec from British allegiance. It has been suggested that to close his newspaper would be to confer upon him a most acceptable martyrdom, but patience has long ceased to be a virtue and a large portion of the Quebec population, has been won away from the moderate policies of Laurier. The malcontents have had Bourassa for their leader; they saw with what audacity this leader sneered at Britain and Canada's part in the war. They expressed themselves freely against those of their own countrymen who urged them to obey the law. They have been worked into rebellion against the operation of the military service act because the Government permitted a Bolshevikism to grow up, and did not stamp it out before by its influence at Ottawa it had overcome the distrust of the people.

Quebec, under its old leaders, would never have tolerated the affair at Quebec city. But Quebec under a protected Bourassaism has come to be a dreadful menace to the welfare of Canada. And from all quarters of Canada will come a demand that the Government take some action by means of which the inspiration of this anti-participation movement will be removed to a place where his insidious doctrine will be confined to four bare walls.

The attitude of the rioters toward Bourassa was given a fairly clear demonstration when they attacked the office of Le Devoir, a French paper of Quebec city, after that newspaper had come forward and said that if Bourassa were in France he would be court-martialed for his seditious articles. This newspaper declares that "his articles are of the most criminal and seditious character, and have done an irreparable wrong to the French-Canadians and the Province of Quebec, a great many of our people being influenced by his crazy doctrines." Bourassa's followers struck back when their master was exposed.

The Canadian Government has with a flourish of trumpets announced the banning of many newspapers and publications. It has been exceedingly careful to strain everything coming into Canada through a fine-meshed screen, but it has not taken any action toward suppressing Bourassa. It cannot assume the attitude that only the French-Canadians would be influenced by seditious articles, for it has been careful to protect susceptible people all over Canada from the influences of alien journals. In fact it is so religiously censorious in Ontario that it clapped an editor at Sault Ste. Marie into jail because he made some indiscreet remarks which compared with any of Bourassa's writings were very mild indeed.

Bourassa has been protected at Ottawa as a gambling house is protected by a corrupt police force. As the French paper, Le Devoir, says, the articles of the fiery Montreal dictator have been of the most seditious character. His crazy doctrines have influenced a great many people in Quebec, and the mob outbreak of the last few days may be laid at his door. It is not the misguided victims of his ultra-intolerance of Britain who should have to stand the punishment. The fountain head of this stream of rebellion is to be found in the editorial offices of Le Devoir. And he sent the poison forth with the toleration of the Government.

A GENERALISSIMO AT LAST.

WITH THE appointment of General Foch as the supreme commander-in-chief of the Allied and American armies in France, the struggle against Prussianism enters a new phase and there is more basis for optimism than ever before. General Foch is known as a brilliant strategist and much of the credit for the victory over the Germans in the battle of the Marne has been given him by the highest authorities. But it is not particularly the ability of the new commander-in-chief that increases Allied confidence in the final result of the war; rather it is the fact that such a position has been created and all the reins placed in one controlling hand.

The chief wonder is that the move has been

delayed so long. Through nearly four years of war the Allies have worked and fought under the handicap of divided leadership. That this has been an obstacle to success has been proved over and over again, yet the difficulties in the way of removing it—national and individual pride and so forth—have appeared to those in authority too great to eliminate. Recently an effort was made to compromise and it resulted in the council of Versailles. Soon it was seen that this, although a help, did not meet the necessities of the case, the council being unable to act as promptly and effectively as could an individual military head. This became so apparent that questions were asked Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons concerning a possible change, and one bluntly inquired if the Allies contemplated the appointment of a generalissimo. The premier's refusal to answer assured many that such an appointment might be anticipated, and their belief has been justified.

One cannot help but speculate on what might have been had the Allies agreed to try the experiment in the early days of 1915 or even 1916. There is ground for believing the Italian situation would never have become as critical as it is, and there would have been a different tale to tell about the Balkans. Even the Franco-British front might have been affected to such an extent that Germany would have been beaten ere this. However, that is in the past, and the present and future are of more importance.

It is significant that the final decision was reached only after the great Teutonic drive had made headway. The utmost strength and unity are required to thwart the schemes of the foe and a generalissimo is the result. It seems to the layman as if it should have been realized long ago, that everything depended on cohesion of Allied plans, and that the way to assure this was the one now taken. There was the Teutonic example to profit by and the advantage it gave the enemy. Now that General Foch has been appointed, it is permissible to hope for and expect some gratifying development immediately and an earlier ending of this war than otherwise would have been possible.

MEN FOR THE TANKS.

ALL HONOR to the members of the Western University Officers' Training Corps, who responded to an appeal from their commanding officer, Major T. J. Murphy, and volunteered for service in the new battalion Canada will organize to operate tanks on the western front.

Like many other men who have been prevented from enlistment, these Londoners proved that when an emergency call was heard they were ready. The man who volunteers today shows his mettle. The organization of a tank battalion means that further British offensives are planned, for this war machine is not used in defensive operations. The task of the tank crew is gruelling and hazardous. The answer of these men to the appeal was a fine thing, and will thrill the manhood of many others. Voluntary recruiting at this time shows the inflexible courage of the race. Men are required for Engineers' Corps and when the appeal is made many will come forward.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Spies discovered in the Curtiss plant at Hempstead, N. Y. Seems as if that idea of decorating a few thousand poles with dead Germans was not so bad.

There is an inclination to regard the smashing of the Springfield dam at this time as a blessing in disguise, but \$78,000 expense is an unpleasant disguise.

Here is April 1 and Hindenburg is not in Paris. This fact does not coincide with German statements that the drive has continued according to schedule.

It may be bad form to wish a fatal ending to any man's illness, but Lenine has pneumonia.

There are no Easter bouquets due the city fathers for their handling of the electricity problem. Such lack of initiative and interest is not encouraging to industries which may contemplate locating here.

EASTER—BE NOT AFRAID.

(Written by Mrs. R. St. John of London, Ont.)
There's something glad and joyful when the sun comes bursting through
And is fixing little love-lights in the sky;
When the wind has caught the mellow and is tossing it to
And is scattering up the shadows lying by.

For the shadows that enfold us and are hemmed about
We need the quiet calm of Easter day.
The sorrow and the hopelessness of all the weary years
At Easter, somehow, seem to chase away.

There's something glad and joyful when you're weary on
When your heart-strings seem so tumbled and dismayed;
When you hear the Master calling, and He seems to take
When He says, dear, "Follow Me. Be not afraid."

Old Fate is ever shunting in myriad twisted ways
And sometimes seems to push you off the track;
But when he has you teasing in a sort of misty haze
At Easter you will feel a coming-back.

When your boys say "Good-bye, Mother, they are calling
And you feel a little twist around your heart;
And underneath his cap-peak a little tearful damp—
It is then that Easter plays her sweetest part.

For you know the loving Master will go with him on the
And, if perchance, the saddest price is paid.
With His arms close wrapped about him there's no victory
When he says, dear, "Follow Me. Be not afraid."

Oh, the bloody fields of Flanders, where Freedom's price is paid;
Where our homeland boys have fought and fell and died;
With a twisted, broken rifle and a bayonet's rusty blade,
Our laddies dear are sleeping side by side.

There's something glad and joyful that the grave is not the
That heaven is reflected in your heart;
That Canada is Canada upon this Easter day,
Is a sort of balm and cooling to the smart.

And when you grow so weary of the pinching and the dross
With sacrificing poverty essayed,
Let Easter find you waiting, simply waiting at the Cross
And you will never, never be afraid.

Wait a Minute!

By J. H. F.

Are we downhearted? Let a regular negative answer that.

A gent named Cokayne has been given a job in England. Cokayne is rather busy here too.

If those French-Canadians at Quebec were as good as fighting the Huns as they are at scrapping with the police, this war would soon be over.

Somewhere wants to sell a six-legged lamb. That gent would get king's ransom for the bird by selling him quarters.

Hamilton will not tax bachelors. Everybody is picking on the poor bachelors these days, so if they had not enough fighting to do now in the army.

The line is holding. That's what it is for. Gen. Foch's appointment will not bring much joy to the Huns who remember the Marne.

Fishing is reported good. The trouble is we can't go fishing.

The spring seeding time is at hand. The Greater Production movement is still in the conversational stage.

Seventy-five persons were killed in a church shelled by the Germans. The most dangerous place in the world is a church when the Huns are in the neighborhood. The never fail to hit one.

The Germans have executed two nuns. That should cause another pious prayer of thanksgiving from the Kaiser.

The Kaiser's wife is one mother about whose sons she need never worry. Their only danger is from booze, and that's no danger there.

Many folks have well-stocked cellars. Other have coal in their cellars. Coal will last longer in the summer than the other stuff.

You have to hand the palm for piety to Kaiser Bill. He certainly can deliver the sanctimonious twaddle with a glib tongue.

About the last thing in the world to worry about is a professional hockey match. If the casual gang were capitalists, the folks ought to raise a pean of praise.

Jess Willard and a person named Fulton are going to fight, we discover by the sport pages. If that's a fight, two fleas would put up an awful battle.

The Canucks are in the big muck. Any time these boys miss the large staff, let us know and we'll be real news.

We used to say something about Russia. Quebec has taken Russia's place.

Trotzky has dropped out of the press these days. The press is becoming more readable.

Bits of Byplay
by Luke McLuke
Copyright, 1917.

Two epigrams met
In a public place,
"While I stood by,
And you can just bet
That it was a case
Of an I for an I."

The Wise Fool.
"There is no use in worrying," observed the Sage.
"And there is no use in telling folks that there is no use," commented the Fool.

Muhl!
"It is good luck to pick up pins," said a superstitious Italian.
"You're wrong," said Peter grins, "Work is in a bowling alley."

Haw, Haw!
"Whiskey is good for a monkey," said the Animal Trainer. "It makes him smart." "That's funny," said the Barkeeper. "What's funny?" asked the Animal Trainer. "It makes a man act like a monkey," replied the Barkeeper.

Bang!
The banana skin on the sidewalk lay. It was covered with a puddle of water. But it was overhead to say: "I am the power behind the throne."

Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Paw, what is a budding orator?
Paw—One who always makes a flowery speech, my son.

Wuff!
Some more advice, I'll give to you, You'll do it good. You don't know. Do not fall in with people who are always falling out.

A Careful Chauffeur.
August—Has just secured a license tag for his automobile.

Firms is Firms.
Long & Short do a general merchandise business at East New Market, Md.

This is Terrible!
We are horrified! Imagine a man who uses liquor passing himself off as Luke McLuke! A source was picked up in Oklahoma City, Okla., one day last week, and when taken to the station house, Sergeant Tom Binkley asked his name.

"My name's Luke McLuke," replied the man.
"Aw, gwan," said the sergeant, "what are you trying to give us? What is the real name when you're sober?" "My name's Luke McLuke," replied the man, "the man that writes all that stuff in the newspapers?" asked the sergeant.

"Donno nothin' about writin'," replied the inebriate. "My name's Luke McLuke."
And they stored him away to sleep it off. It just too humiliating?

Nothing But The Truth.
This rhyme is true, though crude,
To do right we are taught;
But one great influence for good
Is the fear of getting caught.

There is a reason for badness,
And it should be sung;
Some people are afraid to be good,
Because the good die young.

—Greenboro (Gk.) Herald-Journal.

Hooray!
C. A. Hope has just been made a captain in the United States Army. We trust that he can see a hope of putting a hole in the Kaiser's sacrum where it will do the world the most good.

Names Is Names.
Will Cashin lives in Baltimore.

A Liar Has a Whole Lot of Compensation.
Luke McLuke Says.

Another good bet is that you'll never get to the front if you depend on your friends to push you there.

Why is it that the faster a man is the longer it takes him to get home at night?

Men are all alike. They will give away something they have no use for and then expect a lot of praise for their generosity.

An old maid just about as anxious to conceal his ignorance as a young man is to display his knowledge.

Almost any dub of a woman can manage a husband. But it takes a mighty able man to manage a wife.

No man objects to seeing a skinny, flat-chested girl in a décolleté gown, who he objects to seeing so much of her out of it.

Wouldn't you like to have all the money you can get in trying to pick up more? So would we, brother, so would we.

Every man in the world is generous to a fault. But you can make a good bet that it is one of his own faults.

It doesn't take much to convince a wife. But it takes more than her money to convince a man. He is afraid to let his wife know he is a happy coincidence.

Even when a man minds his own business he is apt to discover that his neighbors are doing it for him.

The kind of man who is always squawking because his money doesn't go as far as he wants it to, is usually the same fellow who won't let it go at all.

And when Aunt Jane was taking her afternoon nap, Celia stole to the garden. Tom had been waiting for her.

At the sound of her voice, he climbed up the ladder on his side of the fence, perched on the wall, lowered the rope for her to use and fastened it on the end of his ladder. Celia was a trifle doubtful of the strength of the rope but he reassured her.

"There," she gasped as she reached the top of the wall and Tom assisted her to sit beside him. "I was afraid I would fall every step. What would Aunt say?"

"Wings your aunt!" Tom grumbled. "She's a mean old thing or she wouldn't treat you as she does. One would think you were a child!"

"She's my aunt—blessed, I'm not so old!"

"Now, don't defend her because she is your aunt. Didn't you mean all those things you said about her—or signed about her, I should say?"

"Did you understand those signs?" she laughed.

"Every one of them," Tom answered. "No, every one of them, Tom, are you sure?"

"Well, maybe I didn't, but I understood some signs that weren't about your aunt. Did you understand any of mine?"

"Yes, most of them. Some of the things you said were so daring. Tom, what would Aunt say if she knew you had been making love to me?"

"Hang your aunt!" he exclaimed again.

"Hang your dog, I say!" she said, with a chuckle.

"Wasn't that funny?" Tom laughed. "Why, old Tug wouldn't have hurt Flossie for the world. He was only saying and if your aunt hadn't been so mean they would have been great friends."

"Why, they are now! Every time Flossie is out without Aunt she tries to dig her way into your garden. Old Tug must have made a big hole!"

"Then so did Flossie, for I've had to box my old Flossie's ears a dozen times this week for digging holes under the wall. If he had got through and hurt that poor old dog, I would have ended it for us for sure. Your aunt would probably have had me arrested."

There was a terrible shriek from the front of Aunt Jane's house, and if Tom had not caught her, she would have fallen from the wall.

"Old Tug at Flossie again!" Tom gasped.

"No it's not; there is Tug digging a hole under the wall!"

"It's something worse, then. Come on!" Tom vaulted from the top of the wall, landed in Aunt Jane's garden and assisted Celia to come down the ladder, as her feet touched the ground he seized her arm and they raced across the grass in the direction from which the screams were coming.

"It's Flossie after all!" Celia stopped to regain her breath.

"Sure enough, it was Flossie, but this time her tormentor was a big mongrel dog, and he had hold of her by the throat and was shaking her almost to death. Aunt Jane was looking too terrified to do anything but scream.

"Where's that rake handle!" Tom cried excitedly. "Flossie will be dead in a minute if we don't do something!"

But the rake handle was no place to be found, and Celia and Tug nearly fell over themselves in their endeavor to find it.

"Save Flossie! Save her!" Aunt Jane was screaming.

There was nothing for it, but to tackle the dog bare-handed, but as Tom ran to do it, something soft like a streak of lightning from under the wall and the mongrel dog was rolled over and over. Tug had come to the rescue.

"They will kill my Flossie!" Aunt Jane cried, but the mongrel had dropped the poor dog. The instant Tug's teeth had settled in her throat, Flossie was gone, and she did not desert her rescuer until Tom had dragged the mongrel away.

After it was all over, Aunt Jane took Tug by the neck and hugged him. "You dear old thing," she said, "next to Flossie you are the most wonderful dog in the world!"

"Come, Tug, we had better go," Tom said, as Aunt Jane looked up.

"Oh, don't take him yet! He and Flossie are just getting to be friends. Won't you stay to tea?" Aunt Jane invited. "Celia will be delighted to have you."

"Thank you, I will," Tom smiled, for Celia was talking in their sign language behind her aunt's back.

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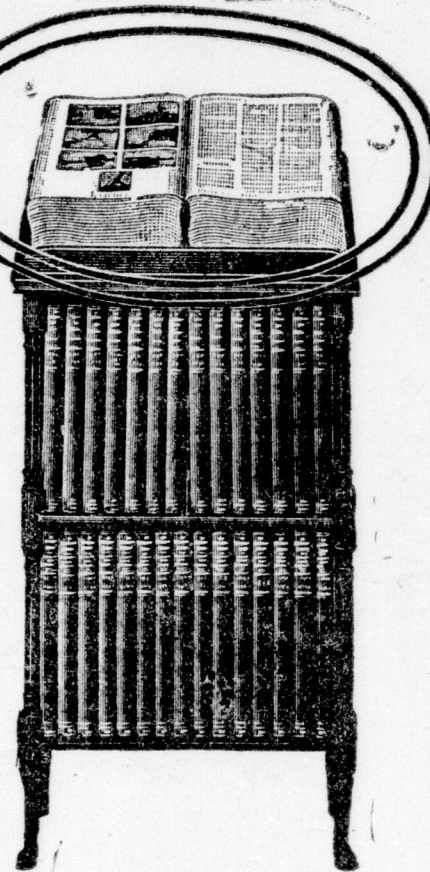
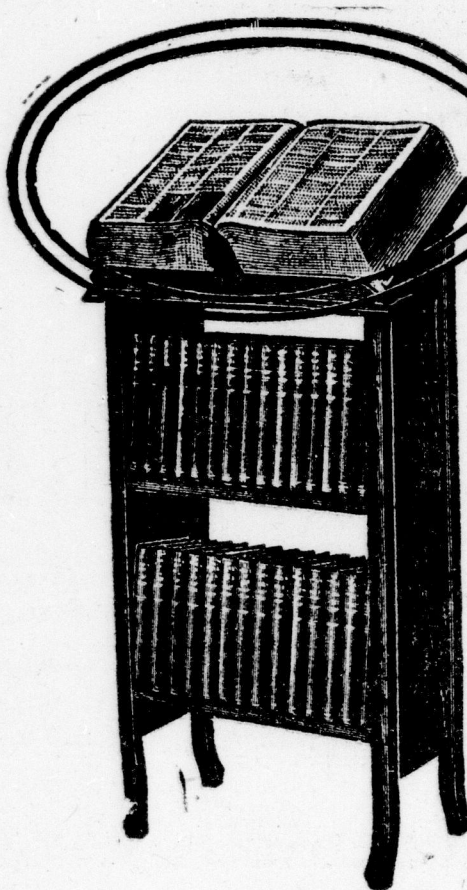
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