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GARRISON THEATRE OPENED WITH BRILLIANT PLAYS

The Garrison Theatre was opened on Monday evening of last week—and while we had been expecting something really good, we were hardly prepared for what they had to offer. We had heard of the plan of the Navy & Army Canteen Board to take over the amusement houses and convert them into theatres for the production of first-class plays and we had kept an eye on the reconstruction of the local Cinema, but it was not until well after the opening day of the local house that we were really convinced. In the opening bill, "The Merry Widow," a cast of thirty-five people was presented—and they were not amateurs. For the second half of the week "Gipsy Love" held the boards and made a decided hit with those in attendance. This week we have the official vaudeville company and its success is assured by the reception it gained last evening. The program consists of nine musical numbers and six "turns." with a complete change on Wednesday evening.

Next week will see the official light-comedy company in "Jane" and "Niobe", two shows well worth visiting, while on the following week we shall see "Seven Days' Leave" as it is now running at the Lyceum Theatre in London. Other features equally good, among them "The Man Who Stayed at Home", which many of us remember as "The White Feather" in Canada, have been booked for coming dates.

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twelve pieces is heard, and this orchestra is chosen from the best musicians of the camp. It fills in the intervals, the opening waits and the closing period with bracing music which makes you sit at attention in perfect enjoyment.

The taking over of the local theatre by the Army & Navy Canteen Board is but a part of the move started some months ago. Since that time nine different houses have been commandeered and rebuilt, while three more are now undergoing the necessary alteration. The work of rebuilding is done by men of the respective camps and the stage hands are chosen from the lines which each theatre serves.

The prevalent idea that the people appearing on the respective casts are amateurs is a mistaken one. They are people who, in civilian life, followed the same work and many of them drew salaries far in excess of what they now receive. Among them will be found several stars—and more than a few of the men have seen their share of the service at the front. All have been used to the large stages of the city, where every convenience was at their command. To make the sudden change to the newly built theatre of the military camp required an effort and, while they have not yet become accustomed to their new surroundings, it is certain that they shall do so shortly—and then we shall have our "entertainments de luxe" even as they have in London.

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Out For Parliament

Lieut.-Colonel Cross, commanding the Saskatchewan Reserve, of this camp, has been nominated as one of the soldiers' representatives in the Provincial Parliament, and his friends have already started an active campaign on his behalf. Col. Cross, having spent several months in the trenches in France, is thoroughly conversant with the desires of the men in the firing line, as he also is in the training camps. He is a popular commander in the local unit and we expect to see him get the most loyal support of his subordinate officers and men. So far as we can learn he is the only candidate in this area. We hope for his success.

Alberta Election

Alberta soldiers' votes in England and at the front have been counted and resulted in the election of Capt. R. Parsons and Miss R. C. MacAdams. Capt. Parson was prominent in "Y" work and is now in the same work at the front. Miss MacAdams is dietitian at the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington.

Private G. E. Harper was third on the list, with Lieut.-Col. Cornwall fourth. The soldiers to vote numbered 13,826, and the total of votes cast was 25,601. But twenty ballot papers were destroyed in the entire election, notwithstanding the difficulties under which many of them were cast.

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A pretty little wedding was solemnised at the Haslemere Parish Church Monday afternoon of last week when Miss Queenie Hart became the bride of R. Q. M. S. Stanley Steed, of the Nova Scotia Regimental Depot, Rev. Wragg officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Ticehurst and was given away by Ma'or Priest. R. Q. M. S. McMillan stood at the side of the bride-groom and blushingly gave him courage while the words were spoken which made him a life time member of a happy partnership. Only the relatives and a few intimate friends were present at the ceremony.

In the evening a party of about twenty-five friends of the bride and bride-groom gathered at the home of the bride's mother on King's Road, where it was found that Mrs. Hart had prepared an excellent wedding supper. Toasts were offered to the life-long happiness of the newly-weds and all extended the most hearty congratulations. The Clansman joins in these congratulations gladly. May the happy couple enjoy a long and blissful trip through life—and may the little ones have the blessing of peace and prosperity.

**Football Team Promises
To Be A Winner**

Notwithstanding the fact that the Seaforth football team has been hard hit by drafts during the summer, it now promises to become as strong as in last season, when it twice won the camp championship. Some more than promising material has been discovered to take the places of the men who have gone and it is now certain that by the opening of the league season they will be in the running.

The team visited Guildford recently, where they met and easily defeated a picked team by the score of 8 to 2. Never from the sound of the whistle was the issue in doubt. Our team started the old-time combination offensive at the beginning of the first period and gave their opponents no rest until the end of the game.

Now that the team is again finding its feet it is up to every man in our lines to get behind it and give the fellows the same loyal support we gave them last season. With the continued support and interest of all ranks there is a good chance to add other cups and other medals to our already large collection. The chance is well worth trying so—here's to the chance.

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Old Friends Gone

Two of our old friends have gone from the lines of the unit since our last issue, one to take up the work of straffing the Huns at the front and the other to help in the training of recruits in Canada.

R. S. M. McCorkindale, reverted to the rank of sergeant at his own request on going overseas, has gone with a draft to the unit which we are re-enforcing. For the past several weeks the popular warrant officer has been on command to the C. C. D., where he has been lecturing on military training and where he made a host of friends as he had from the first with this unit. He is known as a good soldier, a hard worker and "one of the boys." It is with sincere regret that we speak of his leaving, yet we admire the spirit which prompts his action. We wish him every success at the front.

The second of our old friends to leave was Sergt.-Major Thomas, who came overseas with the Lethbridge Highlanders almost a year ago and who has been instructing in squad drill for the past several months. He was known as a hard task-

master on the parade grounds, but he always brought his squads up to standard in a remarkably short time. His voice will be missed along the lines here, but we wish success in his work in Canada.

Great War Picture Coming

The management of the Haslemere Cinema announces having secured the animated history of the war in screen form, the first of which will be shown on the last three evenings of this week. The pictures are said to be the best of the kind yet produced and, beginning at the time of the declaration of war, they show the principal events week by week. Even the mobilisation of the armies of the Central Powers is shown in detail, and the entire series should be of great interest, especially to the men in uniform.

Manager Tompkins, by the way, has just returned from his holidays, but from what he tells us we believe he has been spending his time digging up features for his show house. He certainly has some good ones coming up.

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Echoes of a London Banquet

One night not so many moons ago a party of our Other Ranks and Officers went to London for a banquet and general nice evening with some of the boys then due to go overseas. The party numbered 22 when it left the camp, but when they arrived in London it was found that a count of noses showed but 21 to be present. Our conclusion—someone must have got lost. Details of the trip are lacking but we have been told of one circumstance worthy of mention and which is borne out by abundant testimony. When the party was seated at the banquet table and the meal was ready to be served, the discovery was made that a plate had been laid for the missing man and that his dinner had been prepared. The full bill must be paid, but how? Then came Drum Major Lyons to the rescue. Seating himself next to the vacant place he gave the signal to say he was ready for what might come. When the eats appeared he was there for a double—and when the liquids came on the scene he was ready to drink a toast to Hosie with a vim. From what we have heard of the trip we are tempted to ask the following questions—

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did he really need the coffee he started to search so industriously for at 4 a. m.?

Is it true, Sergt.-Major Ward, that a certain Warrant Officer, in looking for a certain address, preferred the direction of a lady to that of a policeman and had to retrace his steps for some distance?

Where did Q. M. S. Hawkins leave his money for safe keeping and how long did he leave it there?

Did R. Q. M. S. Holmes take along the supplies for the whole party, and if not, why not?

Sergt. Bishop, is it true that you could not find the Y. M. C. A.?

Was not Captain Doane much depressed at losing his adopted son?

Why were the fellows so despondent at the non-working of the bells in the hotel in which they sought shelter?

Did Sergt. Holland parade to the pay master with the party, and who went him one better by parading twice? Information from Sergt. McDermid, please.

Why does Sergt. Bowers object to being crowded into a taxi with a certain one of his comrades who uses his knees to occupy so much space?

Why did the sergeant cook fall out on the fast walk from the station to camp?

Who was the N. C. O. who gave the boy sixpence to drive him from Euston Station to the Gwalia Hotel? Sergt. Forbes refuses to say.

How did Sergt. Wynacht sign his name on the cards that went around?

Does Drum Major Lyons dislike Burgundy and was this dislike the cause of his not being able to find White Chapel?

Who so valiently carried comrades on the Tube platforms and why did he lose all ambition when he found that Sergt. Saunders was next on the free list?

TWICE TOLD TALES FROM THE MEN AT THE FRONT

The London Dailies have been devoting no little space to the quick-wittedness and daring of the British aviators at the front. The story is told of an officer who descended at the feet of a German sentry and, in the purest German, asked to be directed to the headquarters of the Hun commander. The sentry gave the information and the machine again took to the air. It was then that the sentry noticed the marking of the English plane, but the damage had been done and while he was giving the alarm the officer was dropping bombs on headquarters.

Another good one is of a British flying man on scout duty who suddenly spotted a German reserve coming up from the rear of their lines. Coming to a low altitude he opened up with his machine gun. A gunner in the nearest battery noticed a string of Morse code from the reports and read the message. The aviator's instructions were carried out and a few well placed shells completely broke up the advance of the new column.

Another instance is given of a scouting machine located an automobile of staff officers near the Hun headquarters. While the machine was waiting he got in touch with a battery and gave directions of fire. When the Huns entered the car he gave a signal and the first shell made good Germans out of live ones.

The Canadian papers printed columns on the exploits of Canadian piper who got lost in a fog and was taken prisoner. The Huns were having troubles of their own at the time and could pay but little attention to the piper. Suddenly the shrill notes of a Scottish march was heard—and a party of Canadians, directed by the sound, made a charge and took the trench. The piper died from wounds received, but many of the Germans were killed and others taken prisoner.

A scout of the flying corps, while above

the German lines, was attacked by an enemy plane. In the thick of the fight his machine gun jammed and resisted all efforts to put it right. His pilot caused the machine to dive straight for the Hun, then swerved so that they passed within a few feet of the enemy. As they went past the British observer threw his field glasses at the enemy. His aim proved good. The heavy missile caught the German pilot across the eyes and, blinded by the stream of blood, he had to come down, while the Englishmen adjusted their machine gun and continued their flight.

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A neighbouring sergeant quickly jumped to his feet when he got his small dolly which was really quite sweet. Then Sergeant Carson was really distressed when he got a dolly which had never been dressed.

Sergt. Thomson was next on the line and his baby soother was quite devine.

Sergeant McDonald, of Seaforth renown, opened his parcel with a questioning frown. What he was thinking no one just knows, but his present was a dolly in flow-in long clothes.

Then came a captain whose name we must hold and he opened his package with a smile that was bold. His share was a dolly long-clothed and neat and also a pram which made it complete.

Private Antsell, so ready and rough, had his heart gladdened by a powder puff.

Then next on the list was Private Munroe, who got a small dolly with a beautiful bow.

And Sergt. Atkins let out a wail when he found that he had a dog with no tail.

Cprl. Joss and his baby soother, completes the list—tuppence looser.

Things we want to know—

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WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

In one of our editorial efforts of the last issue we wrote of how the people of England have come to understand us and how they have learned of the country of which we are justly proud. This understanding has not been on one side only, for we who have come over the seas to bear arms for the Motherland have also come to understand the people of that land, even as they have come to understand us. In the days before the war few of us had seen this little island which is listed among the great Powers of the world. True, it loomed large in our thoughts, for who had not heard of London and the many sights to be seen, or of Canterbury and its Cathedral, made famous by the murder of Thomas à Beckett, at the instigation of King Henry the Second? Yet with all our study and all our reading and all the stories we had heard of England we had no realisation of the country as a whole—and not until the call to arms went throughout the world and not until we had answered that call could this understanding come.

Our comrades of the first contingent were loud in their praises of the welcome they received, but it was not until we had come ourselves that we could appreciate the hospitality of the English people, or the ready and generous manner in which they extended the hand of greeting and made us feel at home in a strange land. Their cus-

toms were new to us but their ever ready courtesy and comradeship has come to our aid and helped to make us of them.

And aside from the people and the treatment which the accord us, we have come to understand the country itself. We have visited the Metropolis and seen the wonders of which we had heard. We have looked upon the dome of Paul's and been in the Tower. We have stood on the historic steps at Canterbury and have walked through the grounds of Lord Tennyson's home. We have wandered along the quiet walks of the countryside and visited the famous golf links of Surrey. We have dined in the cafes of the city and enjoyed luncheon in the grounds of the country hotels. We have met the British Tommy in fighting garb and have visited his people in their homes. We have heard the words of the statesmen upon whose shoulders rest responsibilities never before known and we have heard the talk of the plain country folk discussing the topics of the day in their quiet earnest way.

All these things and many more have made us appreciate England as it is and when we stop to ask why we are in arms the answer comes readily. "A city which holds the beauties London holds, a country which offers the walks England offers, where the full-leafed trees of the roadways, the blooming flowers of every glade and dell, the murmuring brooks and even the grass at one's feet, extend a friendly greeting; a country which produces the men England produces, whose people willingly make the sacrifices her people are making, for but few families have not sent a father, a son, a brother or a husband to the cause, is worth taking up arms for." And when this answer comes we are more than glad that we are in the service of the King.

THE VISION SPLENDID

The following is an extract from the foreword or preface to a Book of Poems by John Oxenham:

"Is the outcome of this war to be loss or gain?"

Under God it rests with ourselves . . .

So far the world's loss in material things does not bear brooding over. But even therein the apparent loss is not all loss. Our men, we know, are not lost, except for a brief space, to us who are left. To themselves the gain of their translation is good to think upon.

The minor loss in treasure of all kinds may prove gain if it bring us perforce to simpler living. And the Soul of the World has been shocked at last into true understanding . . . It has seen the soul of a great nation (Germany) deliberately poisoned at the fount by the worship of a false ideal.

The one great loss to the world so far: is the loss of the German Soul.

But in certain other directions we are, most of us, conscious of some gain. The heroic endurance of our men, has been rivalled by the heroic endurance with which those at home have borne their losses. It is wonderful—it is magnificent. Much that we hold essential has vanished in the fiery furnace—but it was in the fiery furnace that the Son of God was discovered walking with the captives . . . If this fiery flame free us from the ruinous wastage of drink—from the cancer of immorality, from the shame of our housing systems and bring about a fairer apportionment of the necessities of life—a living wage to all workers, leisure to enjoy and opportunities to possess and progress it will have done much.— If it level the dividing walls and result in a pact of nations which will ensure peace for all time it will have done very much. If it bring the world back to God it will have done everything. God's law is Right,—Right-doing, Righteousness,—Who breaks pays, in this as in all other laws—, but most inevitably in this. We broke in permitting amongst us, without protest, that which made for evil. We are paying. It is not punishment but the simple, righteous working of inviolable law. And now having paid in blood and tears and bitterness of war, now with the

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WHO SAID "GOTT STRAFF", ENGLAND

We may not get the same fare in the army that we get in the civic hotels, but we are at least not underfed. The accompanying picture shows the chefs of a neighbouring battalion standing near a part of the food supply for the following day. They may not be in the white jackets of the cafes but they deliver the goods when it comes to a case of getting up meals for the men in training.

ONE OF THE SEAFORTH CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Once upon a time, not so many months ago, we promised to publish the pictures of the Seaforth Teams which won distinction in the various athletic and military competitions. The accompanying group is the B. B. B. Team which won second place at Aldershot recently and in that competition took first place in musketry by a large margin.



In the next following issues we are to reproduce the Seaforth Instructional Staff, the Headquarters Sub-staff and the Saskatchewan sergeants. The photographs are by Williamson, of Haslemere, and are reproduced in these pages through the courtesy of Canada Weekly.

Why did not Corporal Penney buy The Clansman last issue?

What did the barbers say and why did they give us a quick shave last week?

Who said blue coats were lucky?

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We had a letter from Captain Tupper, who was formerly connected with this unit. The genial chaplain is on duty in France but found time to write for a copy of The Clansman. Needless to say we are sending him copies—and gladly.

We have also heard from Mr. Roper, who, until recently, was our adjutant. Glad to hear that he is happy in his new home and wish him every success. Sorry we had not sent him the paper but, now that we have his proper address, we promise it will come regularly.

We have also had word from Major Johnstone, our old second in command and who held sway over the destinies of the battalion while our commander was at the Senior Officers' school. The popular major is in a convalescent hospital and is getting along nicely—which leads us to hope that we may soon see him back in the lines.

Col. Muirhead is acting brigadier during the temporary absence of Col. Gunn, who is on a tour "somewhere in France." The double duty of running the brigade and attending to his battalion duties certainly has the O. C. on the move, but he is getting away with it in a way that is as pleasing as it is surprising.

We met Mr. Power townward bound on the hurricane deck of a two-wheel, foot-power auto last night. He wasn't going fast but he passed people that were. With him in the saddle we shall have to look to our own "rep" as a rider.

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If the Kaiser will not sit up and take notice when he finds that the administrative staff have had a hair cut parade and are getting up in the middle of the night for physical jerks.

Who was the friend Hack ran into the other night in coming from Haslemere? It's a good thing there were no M. P.'s around or he might have been convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Was there a wedding on the 24th? Ask "Bill."

Who was the N. C. O. who got a week

end leave and did not proceed any further than Haslemere?

Do you know Horn's restaurant in Portsmouth. If you do not, ask Lieut. Dixon to give you a vivid account of his experiences on the 14th inst. It was far too early in the morning to waken him. Who was his companion at the next table and what did the ladies say who supplied him so bountifully with the excellent povender?

Were any of the Staff sore when they had to lose their hair? Queer that a fellow will do things for King and Country that he wouldn't do for anyone else.

Who was the officer that went to a dance on the 13th and was so much taken up with the ladies that he forgot to dismiss the taxi and was it three or four hours that he had to pay? There must have been some Gale blowing at the time.

If "Bill" has satisfactorily explained the new make-up.

Who "Pop" got the stretcher for the other night.

We didn't see Cress at the wedding the other night, but nevertheless—

"If it'sh goin' to be a weddin' let it be a weddin'," Quoth Bill and a few more.

The house is pinched.

If six members of the Administrative Staff did not have a nice family gathering on Thursday night and why "Cog" did not keep his date with the Pinkie.

Two of our N. C. O.'s intended going to London on Thursday night, but the Paymaster changed his mind. Aint it—

Where "Mac" and "Duke" are spending eight evenings a week and if it is going to be a wedding or a funeral.

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Private Latham, of the Seaforths, is said to have made arrangements for a battle with an English star, the bout to be staged in London next week. Details were not obtainable last evening. Latham has the reputation of being an exceptionally fast man and has floored some of the champions of Eastern Canada. His coming battle will be watched with interest by his comrades in this camp.

We met Sergt. Roy Travers in hospital gray last night. Hard luck when a man volunteers to revert to the ranks to go over

and meets with a serious accident when the draft is just ready to leave.

Lieut. Muirhead returned this week from the P. T. course which he has been attending for the past month. He was unfortunate in injuring a leg early in the work and was laid up for some time. Sorry, sir.

Among the familiar faces on the last draft were those of Privates Appleton and Lake, until recently soloists in the band. "Jack" Appleton held the rank of band sergeant, while Lake won distinction by having been chosen solo clarinet in the massed band which went to Paris.

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