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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS

This is the 124th day of the war.

Scotty Mitchell is spending the holidays in town from the Wing dam.

N. P. Nelson, of Quesnel River was a business visitor in town the latter part of last week.

Miss Barton, teacher at The Sisters, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. LeBourdais for the holidays.

Miss Grace Cowan, teacher at the Hilborn school, is spending the holidays with friends in Barkerville.

Work at the Tertiary mine has closed down for the present, only a few of the staff being on the job at present.

Mrs. T. F. Murphy passed through town the fore part of the week en route to Barkerville to take charge of the telegraph and post offices.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hutchcroft and son Beverly, and Rev. W. H. H. Elliott, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Earley, of Dragon Lake.

The music for the Tobacco Fiddlers dance on Monday night will be supplied by the Houser orchestra. The statement guarantees that it will be all one can desire.

D. D. Fraser, of Johnstown, N. Y., a mining engineer, arrived here on Thursday's stage, and will, we understand, be connected with the Tertiary mine at Cottonwood Canyon.

The weather during the past few days has been pretty cold, and was accentuated by a strong wind from the north-west. Wood-piles melted during its continuance like snow before a chinook.

Australia has again defeated conscription, this time more than doubling the majority given against the measure when the first plebiscite was taken. Even the soldiers voted a majority against the measure.

Our citizens were rudely awakened about 7 o'clock last Thursday morning by the clang of the fire alarm. A chimney in Chinatown got on fire, but was discovered before it had time to do much damage.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Quesnel Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund in the office of the secretary-treasurer, G. Milburn, on Wednesday afternoon of next week, January 2nd, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hilborn received a telegram from their son Willie, who is now a scout in the Royal Naval Air Service, conveying the season's greetings. Willie is now in service on the Italian front, having arrived there on the 21st of last month. With his companions, two other Canadians, he was given a great send-off on leaving England. Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Hilborn's eldest son, who is in the same branch of the service, is now pilot on a machine on the western front. For some time after reaching England he was kept at headquarters as wireless operator, but was recently, much to his delight, transferred to active service in France. Both lads were enthusiastic over the air service, and both have made good in it, a fact their many friends here never entertained a doubt about.

Mrs. Maclure and Miss Robertson are spending the holidays at the Australian ranch.

Miss Beatrice Cowan is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. J. Shepherd, of The Kersley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Graham and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Anderson, at Dragon Lake.

The first call for recruits under the Military Service Act will be expected call 20,000 men under canvas on Thursday next.

A. J. Elliott is selling the Boarding School Furniture and Furnishings, by private sale. Call on him and pick up some of the bargains.

We thankfully acknowledge the following subscription to the fund for the relief of the starving Belgians, received since our last issue: Chas. Ware, \$5.00.

A. S. Vaughan received a telegram on Friday from his brother-in-law, Major Wm. Vaughan, senior, on his way up the road, and would arrive here Monday. Bill will get a royal welcome from his friends here after his three years at the war. He is expected to arrive here in time for his Christmas dinner, but could not make it.

The "Christmas Peace Terms."

Washington, Dec. 21st — What purports to be an outline of the Kaiser's much-advertised "Christmas peace terms," has been received via neutral diplomatic channels, and include the following: Britain to pay Germany for her lost African colonies, and the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Rumania and Northern France. The disposition of Alsace-Lorraine to be left to a plebiscite of the inhabitants. The Russian provinces bordering the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea and Prussia to become independent, under a German plan. Poland to be an independent state, under Austrian suzerainty. Disarmament and freedom of the seas and commerce to be decided by a peace conference. Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia. Turkey to remain intact.

Government Majority West of Great Lakes

Winnipeg, Dec. 20 — Incomplete figures from the three constituencies in Alberta which have been in doubt would seem to indicate that Battle River and Bow River have elected the Unionist candidates, while Victoria elected the Opposition candidate. It is not considered probable that returns still to come in from outlying polls in each of these ridings will change the standings.

On this basis, and without the soldiers' votes, the standing west of the Ontario boundary is as follows: Manitoba — Government 13, Opposition 1.

Saskatchewan — Government 16, Opposition 0.

Alberta — Government 11, Opposition 1.

British Columbia — Government 12, Opposition 1.

Total, Government 52, Opposition 3.

Elections take place on the 28th of next month in the Yukon, in the Manitoba riding of Nelson, and in Halifax city (two seats).

East of Manitoba the Government has carried 86 constituencies and the Opposition 90, giving totals of 138 to 93, a Unionist majority of 45.

Died at Stanley

Word was received in town last Sunday morning, by relatives, of the death at Stanley the previous night of Ted Kay, well-known to many of our citizens.

The deceased young man was in his 22nd year, was born in Lancashire, Eng., and came to Canada some six or seven years ago for the benefit of his health. After spending a few years farming in Manitoba he came to British Columbia in 1916, and was a resident here until a few months ago, when he went to Stanley, in the hope that the bracing atmosphere of that district would help him. His illness, however, became complicated latterly with heart trouble, and his rather sudden death on Saturday night was doubtless due to that fact.

Ted was a very likeable young man, and despite a handicap of illness was of a cheerful, if quiet disposition. He made friends of those he became acquainted with, and their deepest sympathy will be extended to his bereaved mother, who has been so assiduous in her care of him. A sister, residing in England, so survives.

The body arrived here at noon on Thursday, and the funeral service was held at the church of St. John the Divine at 3.00 o'clock that afternoon, the remains being interred in the local cemetery.

Out-of-town relatives in town for the obsequies were Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, of Stanley, and James Shepherd, of The Kersley.

New Year's Dance

Everything is shaping up nicely for the dance next Monday night (New Year's eve), under the auspices of the Quesnel and District Tobacco Fund, and it promises to be the event of the season.

The committee in charge are putting forth every effort that all who attend may be able to give a glad reception to the coming year.

The buffet luncheon will be in charge of Mr. A. J. Elliott, and the Houser orchestra will supply good music. Some side attractions will also be introduced.

The dance will be held in the Rex theatre, and the admission is 50 cents each. The proceeds will be devoted to the sending of tobacco to our soldier boys.

Grand March at 9 o'clock sharp. Be on hand for it.

Indians Contribute to Patriotic Fund

G. Milburn, secretary-treasurer of the local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, was handed the sum of \$2.85 last week, collected by Bascor Freddy and Jim Alec from the following local Indians: Bascor 45c, Mrs. Bascor 15c, Andre Harris 10c, Teresa George 10c, Joe 5c, Frank Charlie 25c, Francis Harris 5c, Edward Freddy 25c, Tommy Bedel 10c, Dominick Charlie 10c, Jim Alec 10c, William Tommy 5c, Louisa Lee 5c, Luki Marlow 25c, Mrs. Marlow 25c, Mrs. Adam 30c, Cecilia 25c.

A special came in last Monday afternoon from the south, loaded with express and extra mail.

WANTED—30 cords of green fir wood and 20 cords dry fir wood. Apply, stating price, to the Government Agent, Quesnel.

There was a good attendance at the school concert last Friday night when a very pleasing program of songs and recitations was given by the children, under the training of their teachers. The admission amounted to a little over \$21, which will be given to the Prisoners' War fund.

TELEGRAPHIC

War Bulletin of the 26th

London — There has been a big falling off in British casualties, the dead and wounded for the past week numbering 13,919. This is a considerable decrease, compared with other weeks.

There are no reports from the western front.

Amsterdam — The explosion that occurred recently at the Krupp establishment had its origin in a building where thousands were employed. No lives were reported lost.

Venice — This city remains comparatively undisturbed by the recent renewal of enemy pressure on lower Piave, where his line is twelve miles east of the city. No shells have yet fallen near the city.

Rome — In a succession of brilliant attacks Thursday and Friday, the Italians succeeded in dislodging the enemy from the greater part of Monte Azolone, and driving him back two-thirds of a mile along a three-mile front. The enemy's occupation of Azolone was regarded as a serious menace, as it gave him partial control of the San Lorenzo valley, leading to the plains and to Bassano.

Halifax — The death list here continues to grow, now being estimated at fifteen hundred. Over eleven hundred bodies have been recovered.

War Bulletin of the 27th

London — In their prodigious new offensive on the Asiago plateau, which opened with a terrific artillery concentration on Sunday, the Austro-Germans stormed two of the dominating heights at the head of Frenza valley, and have taken nine thousand prisoners. Berlin announced today. Fierce counter-attacks of the Italians keep the enemy from consolidating. The battle continues night and day, despite terrific hardships.

There was nothing special to report from the British front in France yesterday.

The British have bombed Mannheim, as the initial movement in their reprisals for air raids over England. The attack was successful and many fires were started. Tons of bombs were dropped. Mannheim is a big manufacturing city on the Rhine, and is one of the big supply bases for the western front. One of our machines was forced to descend.

Rome — Fierce fighting is in progress today between Buzo and Montebelluna. Despite violent Italian attacks the enemy still held to two-thirds of the mile gained in Monday's battle. Their advance was made possible by their immense concentration of artillery of all kinds, which smashed the Italian lines.

Paris — There is no news from the French front. No elections will be held in France until after the war.

Stockholm — The Bolsheviks see their power waning, and one minister admits frankly that the government will be overthrown.

Roddy Moffat left for home yesterday, after spending ten days in town.

Elliott is still selling Furniture. If you need anything in this line, see him.

The latest reports regarding the voting in Cariboo still leave over 40 polling divisions to hear from. The vote for Fulton, as counted up to the 21st was 3,501, and for Leighton 2,006. Doubtless all the returns will have been received ere this, but the final vote will not be announced until the soldiers' vote is counted. That vote, in Cariboo, will probably total close to 2,000.

Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Published by authority of Director of Public Information, Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

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" 26	" 1 above	" "	" 10	" "
" 27	" 5 below	" "	" 11	" "

Province of British Columbia, County of Cariboo. We, James Nelson Hills and Allan Paul, formerly members of the firm carrying on business as ranchers in the County of Cariboo under the style of Hill & Paul, do hereby certify that the said partnership was, on the 5th day of December, 1917, dissolved. Witness our hands this 5th day of December, 1917. JAMES NELSON HILLS, ALLAN PAUL. D. BRYANT, Witnesses as to both names. 19-22

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THE CARIBOO OBSERVER.

THE PRIME MINISTER.

Those who give the honor and prestige of the Dominion first place in their thoughts always realized that Sir P. L. Borden chose the right course when he decided upon the formation of a Union Government. His judgment, his patience and his courage have been magnificently vindicated in the result of the election on the 17th.

The Prime Minister has always held a high place in the regard of the people of Canada. In Great Britain he is looked upon as among the leading statesmen of the Empire. The estimate of his worth is endorsed by the verdict of the Dominion. He sees the goal before him and is steadily pursuing it. He sacrificed party feeling when strongly entrenched in power in order to bring to the aid of national purpose all the political elements of the country. The government he has formed is Unionist in every sense of the word. The people's realization of this has been emphatic.

We have not the least bit of doubt that the new ministry will be cohesive, energetic and one of high administrative ability. The well tempered judgment of the Prime Minister, his high ideals, his statesmanlike outlook will be invaluable assets to the country. From every indication there has been since the Union ministry took office, there are good reasons to believe that the country may look forward to the most salutary results from the verdict of the recent election.

THE VOTE OF THE WOMEN.

The women of Canada in exercising their voting privileges on the 17th, made for the first time their influence felt in our national life. It is a reasonably safe prediction that at least eighty per cent of their vote was cast for the Union Government, which is pledged to main-

tain our army in the field. All the women who voted have a stake in the battlefields of Flanders. They were true to their loved ones and will never regret the decision they took. For them all minor issues of the campaign were dwarfed into insignificance in the knowledge that if they failed to vote for the Military Service Act they would be endangering the lives of their menfolk in the trenches.

Now that they have entered Federal politics we may look forward with the keenest interest to the role women will play in moulding the country's future. From this initial experience it will seem right to prophesy they will study with the closest attention all those problems which affect our destiny. That they will bring to bear upon these a knowledge ripened by domestic experience and strengthened by the instinct to do right, is assured. They have already shown that the honor and glory of their country stand high over every other consideration, and from this we can augur the best results from their future participation in deciding the character of our representation at Ottawa.

The whole subject of the exportation of milk from Canada to the United States is being taken up with the United States Food Administration.

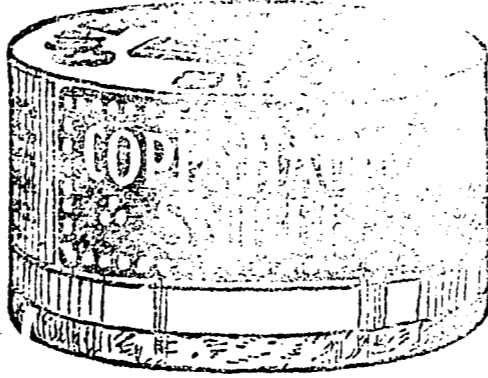
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Peace negotiations are at present following the armistice between Russia and Germany, and if they succeed German prisoners in Russia will be released for war service. The Times military expert is none too pessimistic when he declares the next six months will be a period of great danger. Free peoples will have to stand fast, or they will be vanquished.

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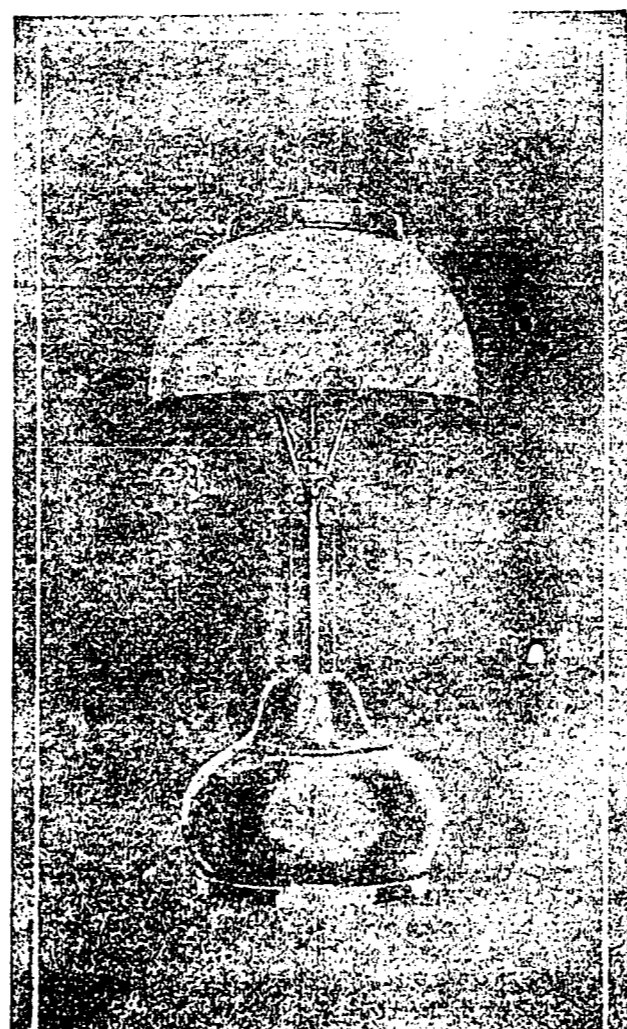
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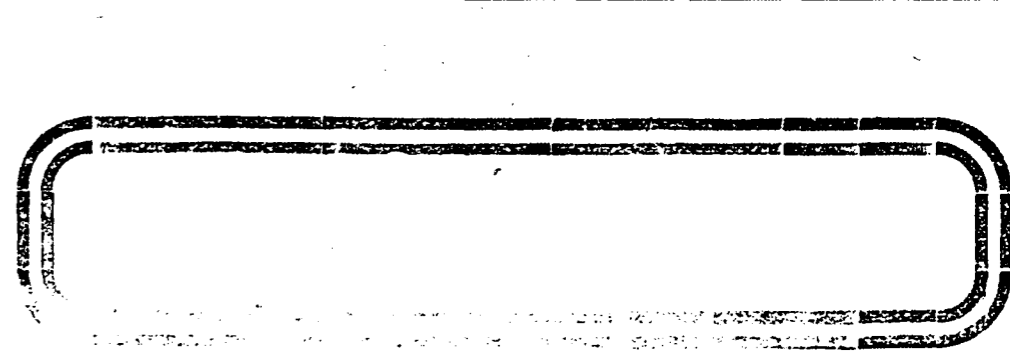


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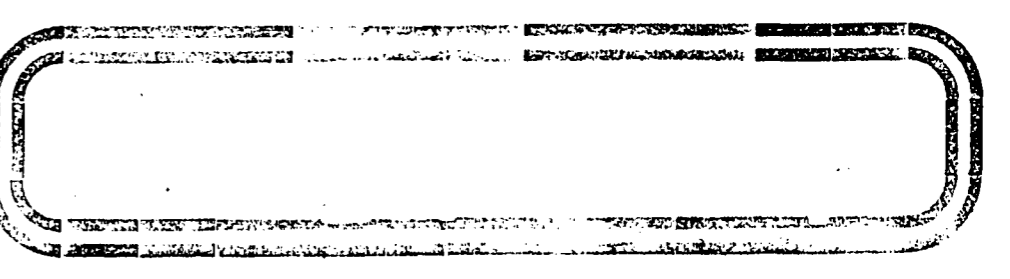
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In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied to shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. Royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined, and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mine, rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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WAR BULLETINS

Friday, December 21

London—Portugese troops near Laventine, north of Arras, last night repulsed an attempted German raid. British artillery was active in Ypres sector, and except for hostile artillery activity at Passchendaele, there is nothing to report.

Fourteen British merchantmen of more than sixteen hundred tons, and three smaller vessels, were submerged last week.

Sydney—Early reports from larger cities make it practically certain that today's vote has gone against conscription. The antis have a majority of one hundred and twenty thousand in the first million votes counted.

Stockholm—The Swedish Government are up in arms against the separate peace move with Russia, saying that it is the gravest danger that has ever menaced democracy.

Rome—The situation on the northern fighting zone has assumed a more serious aspect with the occupation of Monte Azolone by the enemy, where there is only a scratch of hills between him and the plains. Monte Azolone is the last of the heights in that section, with on its side of not more than four thousand feet, and snowless except during a severe winter.

Petrograd—It is expected that a pronouncement will shortly be made of Germany's intention to renounce the Czar on Russia's throne, some other member of the Romanoff family.

Saturday, December 22

London—There are no reports of actions on the western front.

Lloyd George's pledge, supported by the government, is that Britain demands only the elimination of the standing menace of German outposts in Africa. She supports the claims of France and Italy for the settlement of the Balkans.

Athens—French destroyers have sunk two enemy submarines in the Gulf of Taranto.

Rome—At Monte Azolone and to the east of the Brenta we deprived the enemy of a considerable portion of his recent gains. The German official statement today indicates a definite resumption of the offensive of the Italian forces. The Monte Azolone position is one of the gateways to the Venetian plains.

London—The news received in the city is that the forces will be swelled by a total of more than 1,000 men.

Sunday, December 24

London—According to reports from the front, the enemy is still in the same position as on Friday.

London—German raids in several places, German raids in several places, German raids in several places, being the only activity reported.

Rome—Continuing their irresistible counter attacks between the Piave and Brenta rivers, the Italians

have retrieved from the enemy a considerable portion of the ground lost on Tuesday in the region of Monte Azolone.

Paris—There are only two artillery actions reported, one in the Cheval sector, northwest of Rheims, the other in Alsace, in the region of Thurs and Doller.

Melbourne—The majority against conscription in Australia now stands at 173,000.

Washington—In testimony given before the Senate investigation committee, Admiral Capps was charged with holding up for two months the shipbuilding program of the government.

Ottawa—An official announcement has been made that an Order-in-Council has been passed prohibiting the importation into Canada from any country of whisky of all intemperance. The Order-in-Council is designed as the first step towards total prohibition in the Dominion. The manufacture of whisky has already been prohibited, by an Order-in-Council recently passed in connection with food conservation. The new order will also prevent the sending of money outside the country for the purchase of liquor. No liquor may be imported into Canada after December 24th, and after the 1st of April, 1918, the shipment of liquor to any province which has a prohibition law will be a criminal offence.

Toronto—General resentment is expressed at the proposal that Laurier be admitted to the Union Cabinet.

Tuesday, December 25

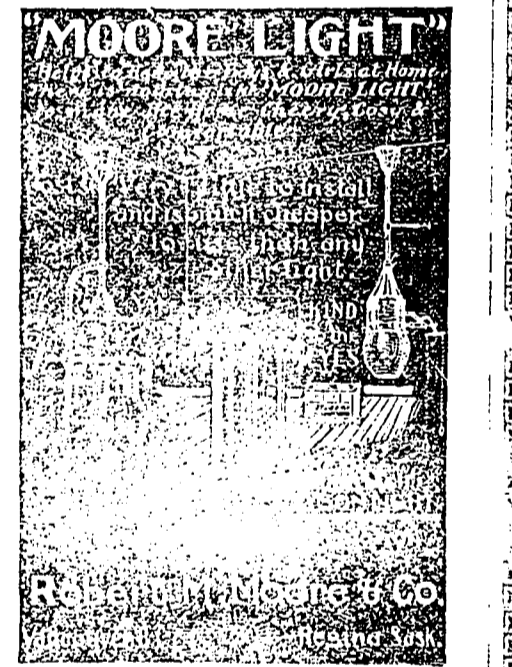
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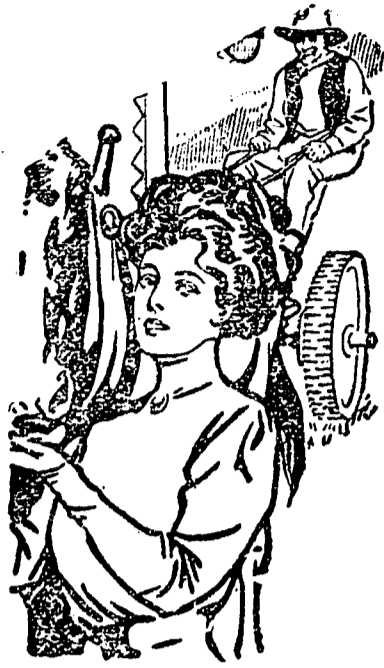


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The train and tram collisions,
The Juggernaut motor-bus,
Bacilli in the cow's milk,
And zeppelins (which are 'wurst').
How awful it must be at night
To be in a feather bed,
Or find for breakfast when you rise
There's butter on your bread.
With all those shocking worries
A man's life must be sad.
To think that I am missing them
Makes me exceeding glad.
Now, out here things are different,
And life is fancy free:
We have no butter on our bread,
Nor cow's milk in our tea.
There are no train collisions
Or feather beds at night,
Zepps never, never trouble us,
But keep well out of sight.
All we have to worry us
Are bullets, bombs and shells,
Bully beef and biscuits,
And nasty, horrid smells.
So to the chaps in England
I send my sympathy,
And ask them for their safety
To come out here with me.

Talk of Secession in Quebec

Quebec, Dec. 21—A proposal that the Province of Quebec secede from Confederation was formally made yesterday in the provincial assembly by J. N. Francoeur, member for Lotbiniere. The motion comes up for discussion on the 8th of next month.

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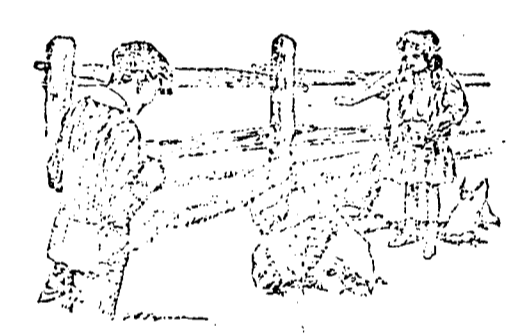
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