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No War Tax on Homestead Land in Canada

The report that a war tax is to be placed on homestead lands in Western Canada having been given considerable circulation in the United States, this is to advise all enquirers that no such tax has been placed, nor is there any intention to place a war tax of any nature on such lands. (Signed) W. D. Scott, Supt. of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, March 15th, 1918.

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EXPLAINING SONGS OF BIRDS

Beautiful Notes of the Nightingale, for Instance, Are Inspired by Paternal Love.

It is generally assumed that a bird sings because he is happy, but science goes deeper for an explanation of the why and wherefore of the bird's song. Nature's optimistic joy in constructive progress is expressed in the singing of the male birds who charm their mates to further their wooing, and continue after eggs are laid to encourage the fulfillment of hatching.

The song stops when the little birds come out of the shell. The nightingale, for weeks during the period of nest-building and hatching, charms his mate and human ears near him with the beautiful music of his love song. But as soon as the little nightingales come from the eggs the song changes to a sort of guttural croak, implying anxiety and sense of responsibility.

If the nest and contents were destroyed the nightingale would at once resume his beautiful song to inspire his mate to help him build another nest and start all over again the loving work of being fruitful and multiplying.

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TERRITORIALS AS KEEN AS MUSTARD

British Generals Speak in High Praise of Kitchener's New Soldiers.

ASK FOR NO BETTER TROOPS

Men Are Wonderfully Intelligent and Acquire Remarkable Skill in Trench Warfare—Hot Bath Every Ten Days for Every British Soldier.

By E. ASHMEAD BARTLETT, International News Service Correspondent, British General Headquarters, France.—At the outbreak of the war almost everyone in England had complete confidence in the British small regular army, and felt certain that it would give a splendid account of itself on the continent. On the other hand there was widespread mistrust of the capabilities of the new territorial army, either for purposes of home defense, or for service abroad. I will give my own impression from what I saw during my visit to the front, and also the opinions of various generals—without mentioning names, which is forbidden by the censor—under whom they have served.

The vast majority of the men who fill the ranks of the territorial forces are drawn from a different class to those who enlist in the regular army. There are clerks from the London financial district holding good positions. There are men who come from behind the counter, and others who fill positions of a highly important and confidential character, such as secretaries, accountants, and mechanical experts. Every branch of trade and industry is represented in the ranks. They are men who have joined the force out of a sense of duty, because they feel that every able-bodied man should play some role, however small, in the defense of his country.

Many have been obliged to throw up employment which was bringing them in large salaries, and now support their homes and families on the king's shilling and separation allowances. Some of the battalions sent to the front had to meet their baptism of fire under the most trying circumstances.

French Is Delighted.

But Sir John French himself is delighted with them. A corps commander said to me: "I consider the territorial battalions under my command the equal of any of the line battalions. Let them send me out as many as they can. I can ask for no better troops after they had a few weeks of experience in the face of the enemy."

A brigade commander spoke as follows: "My territorials are a wonderful lot. I never saw finer troops. The men are wonderfully intelligent. They are as keen as mustard, and are acquiring a remarkable skill in trench warfare."

Take the case of a crack corps, like the "Artists' Rifles." Our losses in officers have been so heavy that Sir John French decided on the novel experiment of

EUGENIC BABIES BETROTHED



Unless there is serious objection by one or both later on, little Alene C. Houck, pictured below, and William C. Flynn, above, both of whom have won many prizes and are eugenic babies, will be married when they grow up. Alene Houck is seventeen months old and William Flynn is thirty-seven months old. Each has won first prize in three successive baby shows in New York and this has caused the parents to plight their troth.

SCOURGE OF CHRISTIANS IN PERSIA



One of the Kurdish horsemen who have been massacring Christians in Persia near the Turkish border.

perment of keeping the whole of this famous battalion behind the line, and training all ranks as officers. As they reached a certain standard of progress they were given commissions and drafted to regular battalions. I made careful inquiries as to how this experiment had worked out in practice. One corps commander told me he had received a large number of these new officers from the Artists' Rifles, and that with extremely few exceptions they had turned out admirably.

A love of cleanliness is one of the strongest traits in the Anglo-Saxon race. The best of troops speedily lose their pride and self-respect if they are obliged to live in filthy surroundings, amidst which it is impossible for them to clean themselves, their uniforms and equipment. The conditions in Flanders throughout the winter have been about as bad as any troops have ever had to face. The army medical corps took the problem in hand and has shown remarkable skill and ingenuity in its solution.

Bath Every Ten Days.

Scattered over northern France and Flanders are many factories for making beet sugar and beer. These possess enormous vats such as most of us are familiar with in breweries at home. As their legitimate occupation, in the case of those situated close to the firing line, is now gone, they have been utilized for the purpose of washing the British army.

This experiment of cleaning every man in an army several hundreds of thousands strong once in every ten days has never been tried before in war. Yet so complete is the organization that, except under exceptional circumstances, every man and officer is sure of his hot bath every ten days. A battalion comes off duty and marches to rest in its billets, the men and their uniforms covered with mud. Above all, it is necessary to change their shirts and underclothes.

Let it not be supposed that the only enemy our men have to face is found in the trenches. There is another,

who carries on a horrible nerve-racking form of guerilla warfare in closer proximity to you after a few days spent in the mud.

His pertinacity and vitality is amazing. He requires ten times as much killing as any German, but our medical service has proved equal to the task of circumventing his wiles. The battalion is paraded and marched to the nearest bath. Often this is under shell fire, and the shrapnel is screaming overhead. But no one heeds such trifles as these. Each man strips and throws his shirts, underclothes, and socks into a heap. His uniform he takes off, and ties to it his identification disk. At a word of command groups of fourteen nude forms with a wild howl of joy rush into each of the steaming tubs. From these arise a chorus of screams and chaff as the men soap or duck each other in soap suds.

Clothes Steamed and Washed. Meanwhile the uniforms are placed in another vat, and steamed for ten minutes. The heat is so great that no evaporation takes place, and they come out perfectly dry. Each man as he emerges from the bath after his allotted span is handed a towel and a fresh set of underclothes.

He then dries himself, puts his new garments on, and claims his uniform, recognizing it by the identification disk. The underclothes, which he took off are then boiled or steamed in great vats, and then handed over to the washwomen who are employed for this purpose at four francs (80 cents) a day. They are then carefully inspected and if found perfectly clean are made up into sets, and are available for the next battalion which comes to be washed.

I was present when a territorial battalion was having its turn. A young printer's clerk said to me:

"This is the day we all live for. It helps you to get back your self-respect just when you feel you are sinking to the level of brute beasts from mud and dirt. I don't believe one of us would surrender his turn for a fiver."

MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL



Miss Justine Johnstone, a well-known model and show girl, has been pronounced the most beautiful girl in America by several artists for whom she has posed, and is referred to as the typical American girl. Her photograph won the \$5,000 prize at the photograph show in New York.

A tourist without money is a trap and a tramp with money is a tourist.

IRISH FOES JOINED BY WAR

Nationalist and Ulster Volunteers Are Fighting Side by Side in the Trenches.

Dublin.—A band of the Irish guards, which even a few months ago would have received an unfriendly greeting anywhere in Ireland, arrived here on a recruiting tour and was enthusiastically cheered as it marched to the Mansion house, playing "St. Patrick's Day."

There was another remarkable scene here when John E. Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, reviewed 25,000 of the Irish nationalist volunteers and in a speech said that of the nationalist and Ulster volunteers, who had organized to fight one another, more than 50,000 were now fighting side by side on the continent, or in training to go there.

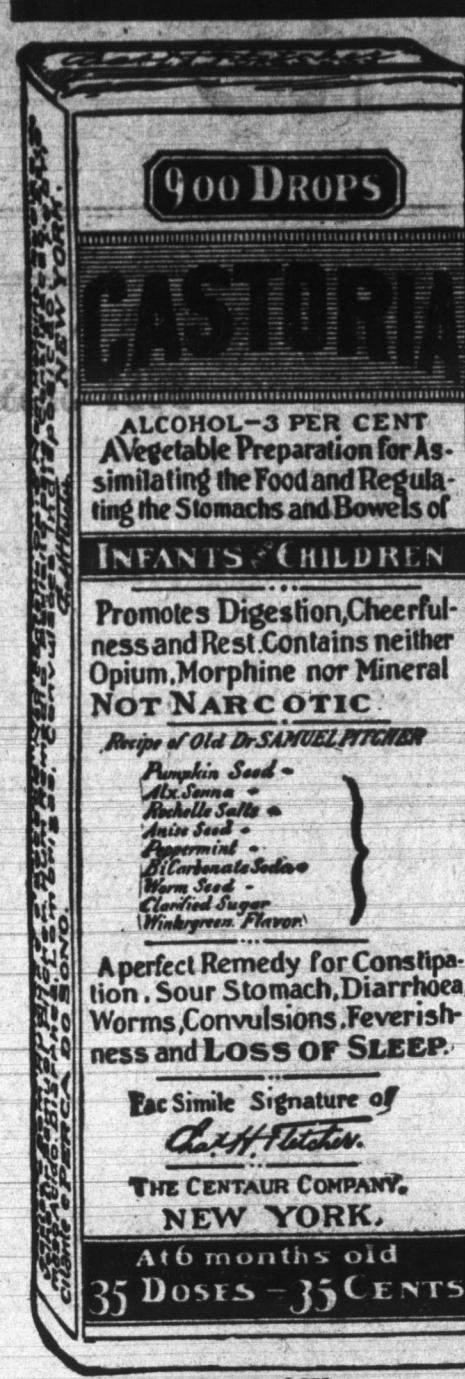
Perhaps for the first time in Irish history such scenes have been witnessed, and certainly there has been a change from the days when an Irishman who joined the army was shunned by many.

BLAMES CAT FOR SHIP'S LOSS

Captain Says Feline on Schooner Was Cause of Collision Off Hatteras.

Newport News, Va.—Capt. Roland F. Quillen, whose three-masted schooner William J. Quillen, was sunk off Cape Hatteras, after a collision with the Norwegian steamer Laly, never again will take a cat to sea. He attributed the accident, which nearly cost his life and the lives of the eight members of his crew, to a gray cat which he had aboard.

"I've shipped for 25 years, and always have taken along dogs," Captain Quillen said. "Just before I started from Baltimore for Mayport, Fla., somebody stole my dog. So I got a cat, a gray cat. Cats are bad luck, I guess. This was my first accident. The cat was lost."



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L. J. BRICKER, Gen'l Imm. Agent St. Paul, Minn.

L. J. BRICKER, General Immigration Agent 60 Northern Pacific Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. I am interested in the opening of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and would like to receive information, rates and booklets.

