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SIR SAM

(continued from page six) tied down, the headquarters staff would have been provided with bakers, the commissariat would have had things in shape, and Camp Borden would have been livable.

Was Due in England.

But that did not suit Sam's book. He was due in England and he wanted to tell them all about it at the Savoy and the Ritz, swell his reputation as a hustler, which he couldn't do if there were no soldiers in Camp Borden. So all raw as it was, Camp Borden was filled with soldiers to sweat in the sun and eat dirt to make Sam's holiday.

The soldiers signified their disapproval, some by rioting, others by taking French leave. At this writing there are more than one thousand illegally absent and workers on the moving picture theatres say that not a day passes that they don't get offers of \$30 and more for their working clothes from soldiers who want to get rid of the khaki and Camp Borden at the same time.

Sir Sam Was "Booed."

Not only was there rioting, but the Minister of Militia himself suffered the indignity of being "booed" by certain of the mutinous battalions, and when he was leaving at the station he was surrounded by a crowd of kickers who frightened him with their baleful eyes.

Brave though he is, Sir Sam retired to a prepared position on the observation platform of his private car from which he addressed a jollying speech to his "boys."

This speech was received with mingled sentiments—cheers (ironical) and hisses unmistakable. After Sam got away the kickers took it out on the ice cream and other dainties awaiting cartage on the station platform. That little speech of Sam's, gauged by its weight in ice cream, cost \$1,800, that being the damage assessed on the battalions which took part in the demonstration. All the incidents related here were witnessed by this writer.

Removing the Kickers.

A fortnight from now Camp Borden will be the same camp, but it will be with a new lot of soldiers. Sam's hurry to give himself and his friends a rare show has given the camp a black eye in the meantime and has done a lot to stop recruiting.

The government is solving the problem Sam's impetuosity got them into by sending the present occupants of Camp Borden overseas in large drafts, ten units at a time. Under Secretary McCurdy's policy is in full swing. He is getting rid of the kick by removing the kickers.

He is in hopes that those who take their places will find a camp ready to live in and will be more amenable to discipline.

Whether the policy of centralization camps in the wilderness, far from the madding crowds, will be continued after the war is another problem. Canada does not intend to maintain a standing army. What, then, is the purpose of these great centralization camps holding anywhere from thirty thousand to fifty thousand?

The Ross Rifle.

The Ross rifle trouble has also come to a head. The weight of evidence is that the Ross rifle is a good target rifle, but not strong enough for active service conditions. The British War Office reported to this effect to the

Militia Department more than a year ago, but the report was pigeon-holed. Even General Alderson's famous letter failed to draw it out. This report indicated among other things that the Ross rifle jammed, that its barrel was over long, that its breach was weak, and that it heated up when in use like a red hot stove—but outside of that it was all right.

The British War Office believed so thoroughly in its own report that Canadian soldiers were relieved of their Ross rifles in England and provided with Lee-Enfields before being sent to the front. In spite of all this the Ross rifle continued to be the Canadian service arm and every fresh contingent allied away with these useless weapons in their hands. When the war began there were probably sixty thousand Ross rifles in stock. Since then three hundred thousand have been issued. This represents a sheer waste of 9 million dollars.

A Good Excuse.

At all events the Minister of Militia did not act on the British War Office report, so there was only one thing left to do—the British War Office acted on it itself.

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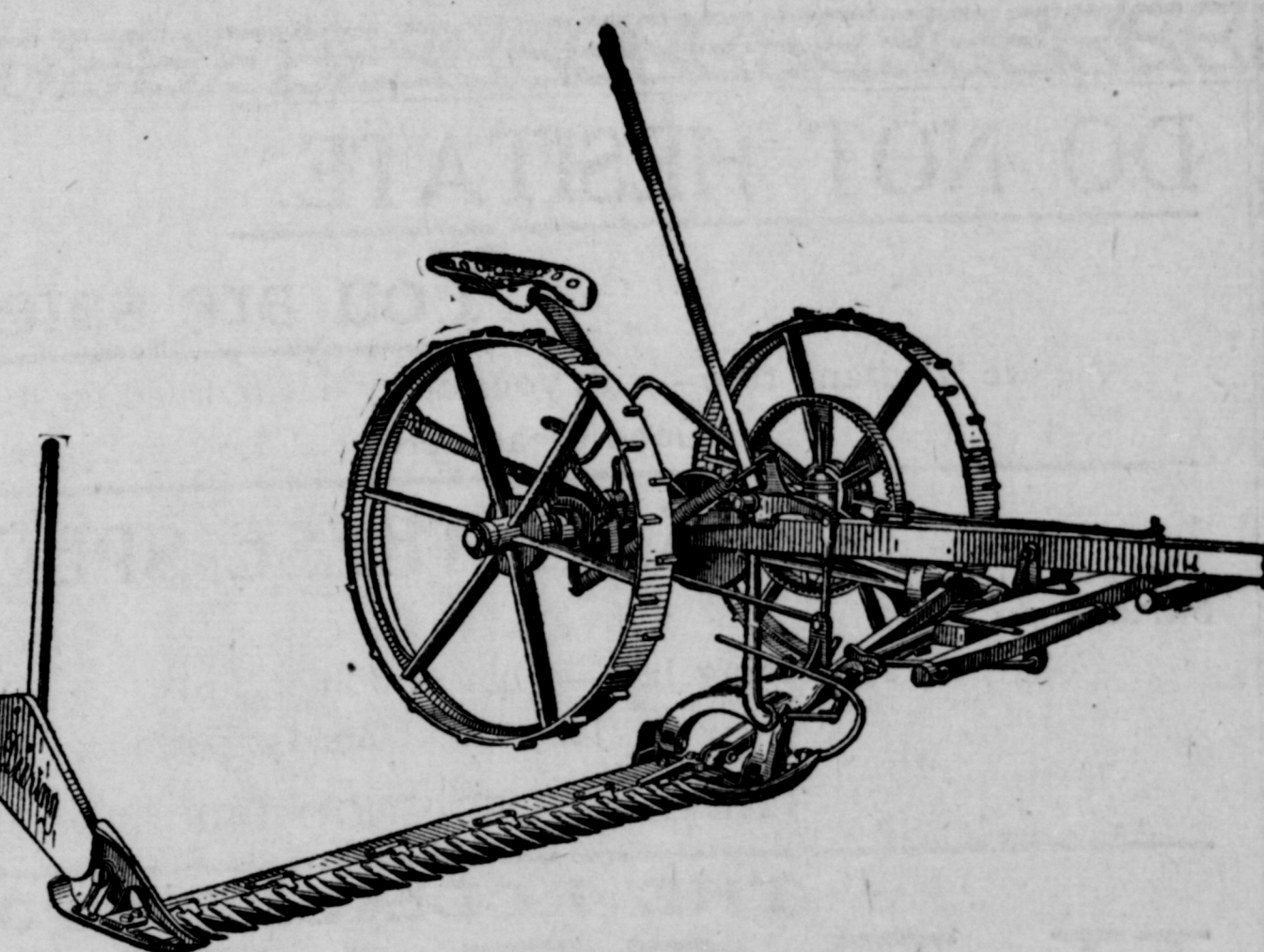
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