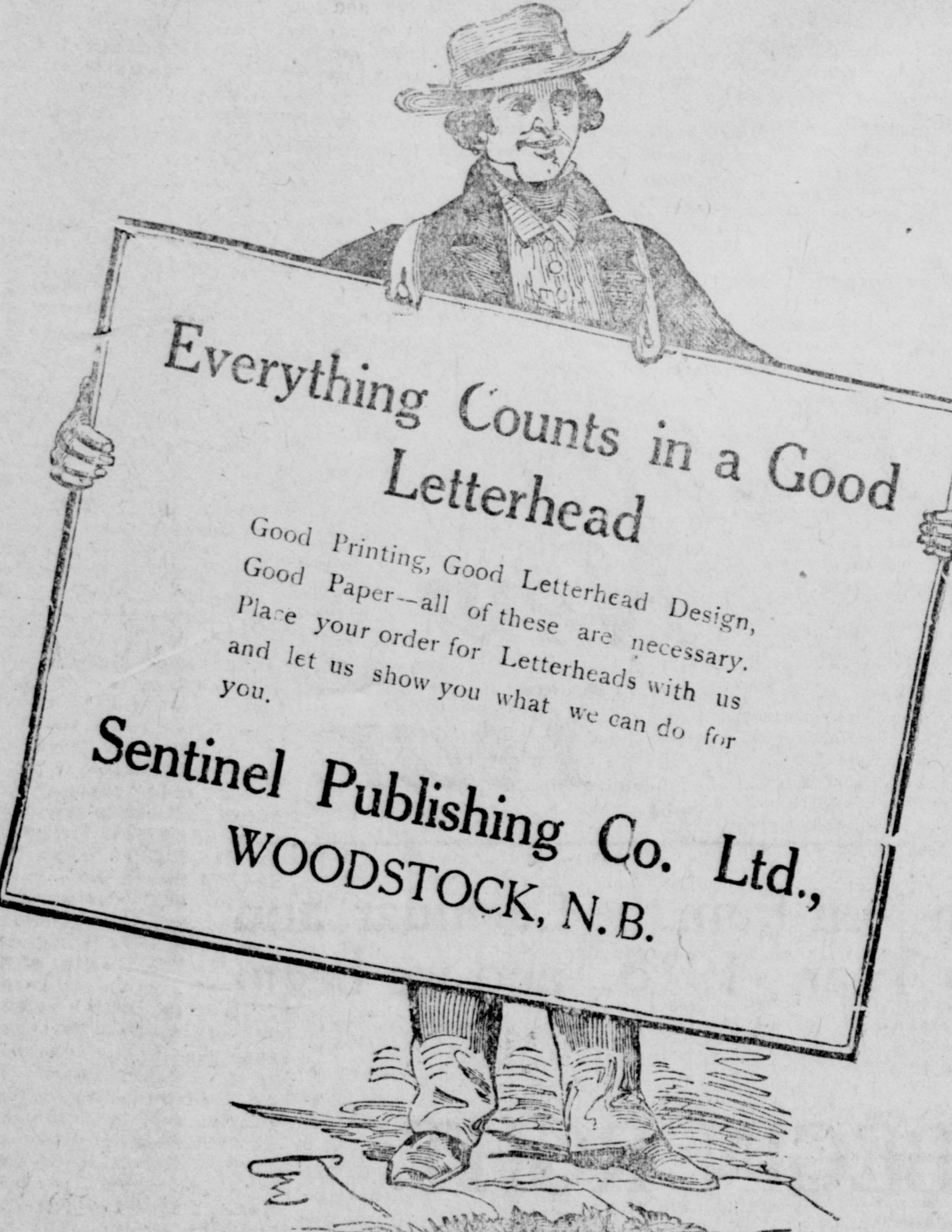
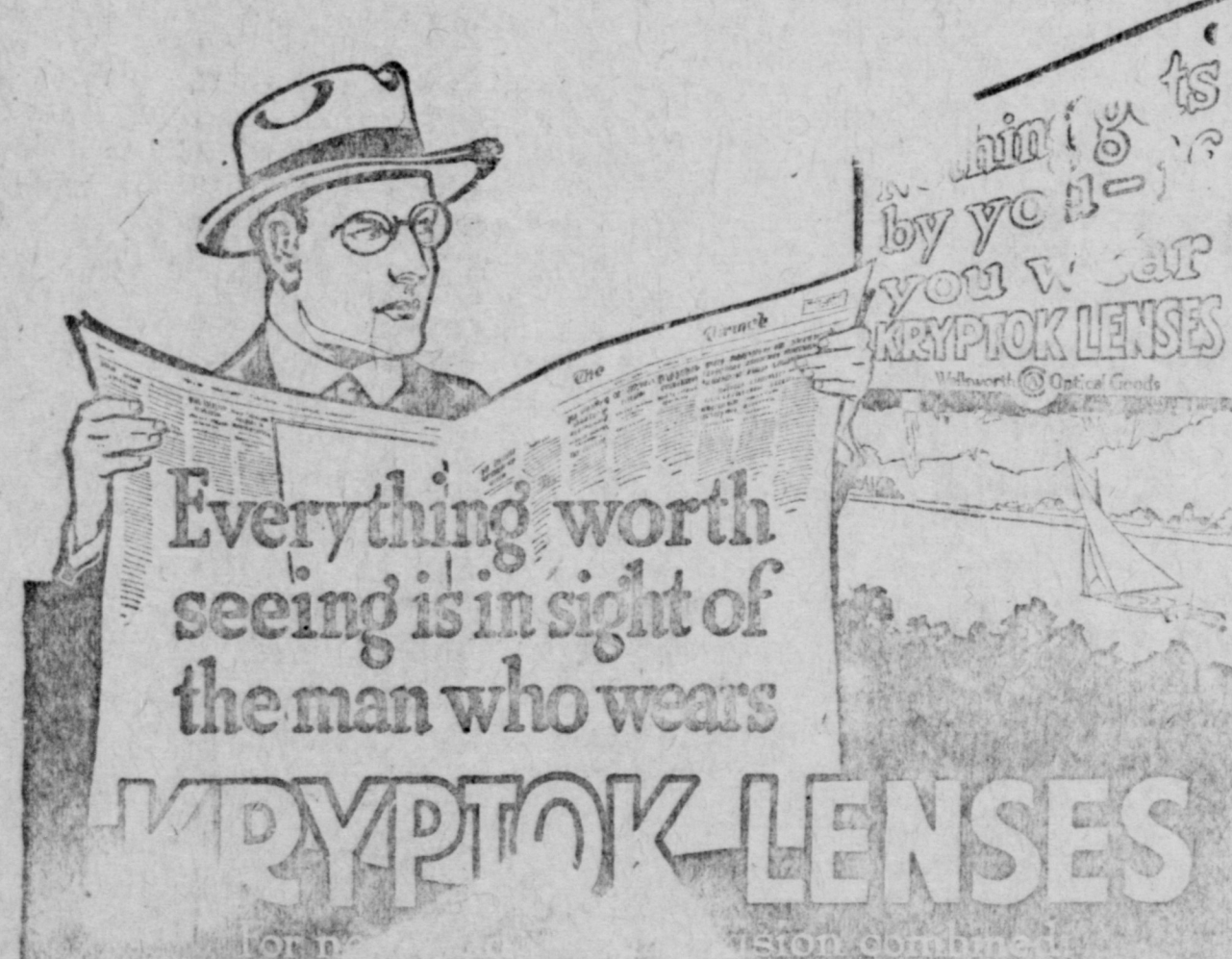




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Reconstructed Belgian Army is Stronger Than Ever Before.

How different conditions are to-day on this western front, especially on that part occupied by the British, from what was the case one year ago can best be learned from a summary of what is now taking place.

A year ago an advance on the Somme began which was a carefully planned and well executed campaign; it was the greatest attempt that Britain had ever made under arms; for the number of men under arms, the number of men and guns taken, and the tremendous artillery preparation beforehand were on a scale never before dreamed of. Hopes were high, and, while results were not all that could be expected, the move was a splendid training for field work, and converted the English amateur soldiers into veterans, who, during this present year, have shown themselves the superiors of the pick of the German troops.

To-day the fighting front extends from the North Sea to St. Quentin, and British guns, outnumbering the German in the proportion of three to one, are throwing high explosives on nearly every mile of the 110-mile stretch. The supply of munitions is almost inexhaustible, and it has been possible to help out Italy and Russia with guns and shell.

Last year the Germans could mass sufficient forces on the western front to hold the British advance; to-day they are being slowly but surely driven back after most desperate efforts to avert the danger. The German man power is no longer what it was and this is shown each day in increasing signs. Possibly the number of men in the field is as great as ever, but the spirit of the troops is no longer the same. Victory goes by no means as certain for them, and this change of view is not so much due to hunger and want as to the successive checks to German arms and the continued pressure and increasing numbers of their opponents.

One great surprise—and a fact not generally known—is that the Belgian army has been entirely reorganized and is to-day larger in numbers, better equipped and more determined in spirit than ever before. It should be remembered that this army in 1914, not 100,000 strong, met the Germans, who had three times the numbers, and held in check for thirteen days the greatest mass of men that had been under preparation for years, with the expectation that it would be irresistible. To-day the army occupies a front of twenty-two miles with several divisions of infantry, cavalry, and artillery.

A Place of Safety.

At a recent gathering, in the Guildhall, when Mr. Balfour was given an official welcome by the City of London, the following notice was on the program: "Should the proceedings be interrupted by the presence of hostile aircraft, of which ample notice will be given, it is suggested that the guests of the corporation should adjourn to the crypt beneath the Guildhall, or to the adjoining crypt under the Council Chamber, until the raid is over. The staircases on the north, south, and west sides of the Guildhall give access to these crypts, which are spacious, well lighted, and in direct communication with other parts of the building." There is something peculiarly precious about the "house agent-like" description of the crypts as "spacious and well lighted." Altogether most desirable places, in fact, three years ago, even the hint of the possibility of such an announcement would have been accounted a most extravagant fight of fancy.

An Athletic Dog.

Apropos of the retirement of the master of the Tower Bridge, in London, some delightful stories are being told of his long tenure of office. One especially, of dog owned by the superintendent of Billingsgate Market, is worth repeating. The dog, it appears, one day had a mind to cross the river to the Surrey side, and, as was usual with him on such occasions, he went by way of the Tower Bridge. Just as he reached the middle of the bridge, however, one of the huge bascules began to be raised, to allow of a boat passing up or down the river. It was a very queer sight, simple for him to have turned back, but he knew all about tower bridges, so he just adjusted himself comfortably on the rising bascule, went up with it, came down with it, and then, as the two sides were meeting once again, leaped lightly across the gap, "and continued his journey without a bark."

Breakfast Under Water.

Admiral Colville has a good story to tell of a breakfast eaten under water in the Dardanelles, which deserves to take its place among the other good breakfast stories. A submarine was proceeding up the Bosphorus when the captain happened to look through the periscope that a floating mine had attached itself to the submarine, and they agreed not to take the crew but to have breakfast and consider what was best to be done. In twenty minutes a plan for removing the mine was matured. The plan succeeded.

Temperature of Earth.

The temperature of the earth appears to increase from the outer surface downwards at the rate of one degree Fahrenheit for every fifty or sixty feet, and at the relatively short distance of a very few miles the temperature must be exceedingly high.

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