

# CAMP BORDEN DESCRIBED AS THE FLAG END OF CREATION

The Vanity of Sir Sam Causing Officials of the Militia Department no End of Trouble--Camp Borden Now at Half Strength--Hundreds of Men are Absent Without Leave--Harvest Furloughs a Great Joke.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Aug. 19.—Camp Borden, representing another million of the people's money thrown to the birds, continues to be the government's nightmare. Things are getting no better fast. Cheer up, the worst is yet to come.

Sir Sam's impulsiveness in hustling thirty-two thousand soldiers into a half finished camp so that he could hold a review for the moving pictures, is causing the Militia Department, the headquarters staff and the Camp Borden authorities a great deal of trouble.

A well defined rumor is afloat that Brigadier General Logie is to be "pro-

moted" overseas, a sort of Irish promotion. If Brigadier General Logie is thus "promoted" to a position of splendid idleness in England, it will be because somebody has to act as goat for Sir Sam's mistakes.

## A Warm Spot.

Of course Sir Sam is not responsible for the fervent heat of July and August, a heat which burned up all previous records, but he is responsible for his own vanity, which causes him to crowd an army into the hottest spot he could find in the two hottest months in forty-five years.

Camp Borden is no more acceptable to the soldiers now than it was a

month ago, when the first riot took place. First riot? Has there been another? Yes. It occurred not long ago and was a very nasty affair. The correspondents were persuaded, or censored, out of saying anything about it, and when it did filter through to the newspaper offices, considerations of public policy held it up there.

However, such is the fact. Two riots in two months—that's going some—eh?

## Now at Half Strength.

At present Camp Borden is getting along on something less than half strength. There are not enough men there to go through the big brigade movements, which was one of the alleged objects in shifting the men there from the other smaller camps. There are seventeen hundred men absent without leave, and a provost marshal has been appointed to locate them and round them up. He has about as practical a job as might be sweeping up all the leaves that fall in Ontario next autumn. There are some seven thousand men absent with leave and these seven thousand absent on leave represent another part of the price discipline pays for Sir Sam's folly.

Leave is an easy thing to get at Camp Borden. The soldiers openly boast that all they have to do is ask for it. Many soldiers will be found who claim to have had three day week-end leaves for three weeks running.

The spirit of discontent must be soothed some way, and the easiest plan is to let the men go visiting. Over-stayed leaves are treated leniently. Almost any excuse for coming back late will be accepted, and excuses that are too thin to hold water are penalized by a trifling dockage of pay.

## Holidays With Pay.

The harvest furloughs are another great joke. Harvest furlough is another name for two weeks summer holidays with pay. City bred soldiers who never saw a reaper and binder in their lives and who don't even want to see one, obtain furloughs with ease and dispatch. All the big cities in Ontario within a radius of 150 miles of Camp Borden are thronged with harvest furloughers, harvesting a good time and giving their stomachs a treat after the bad grub at Camp Borden.

Toronto has perhaps two thousand harvest furloughers in her midst. Of course there may be harvest furloughers in the country where harvests are supposed to flourish, but if so, they have taken cover well, or they can't be seen on account of their khaki being the same color as the ripening fields.

However, one can't blame the harvest furloughers for getting away from the heat at Camp Borden and from the sand flies which conduct daily manoeuvres there, and the mosquitoes who find the electric lights so handy in their tent-to-tent inspection, and the black flies, who come charging in from the swamps—well, Camp Borden has every biting bug known to modern science, and they are all on the job.

## Troops Lightly Clad.

Lately the battalion commanders (Continued on page six)

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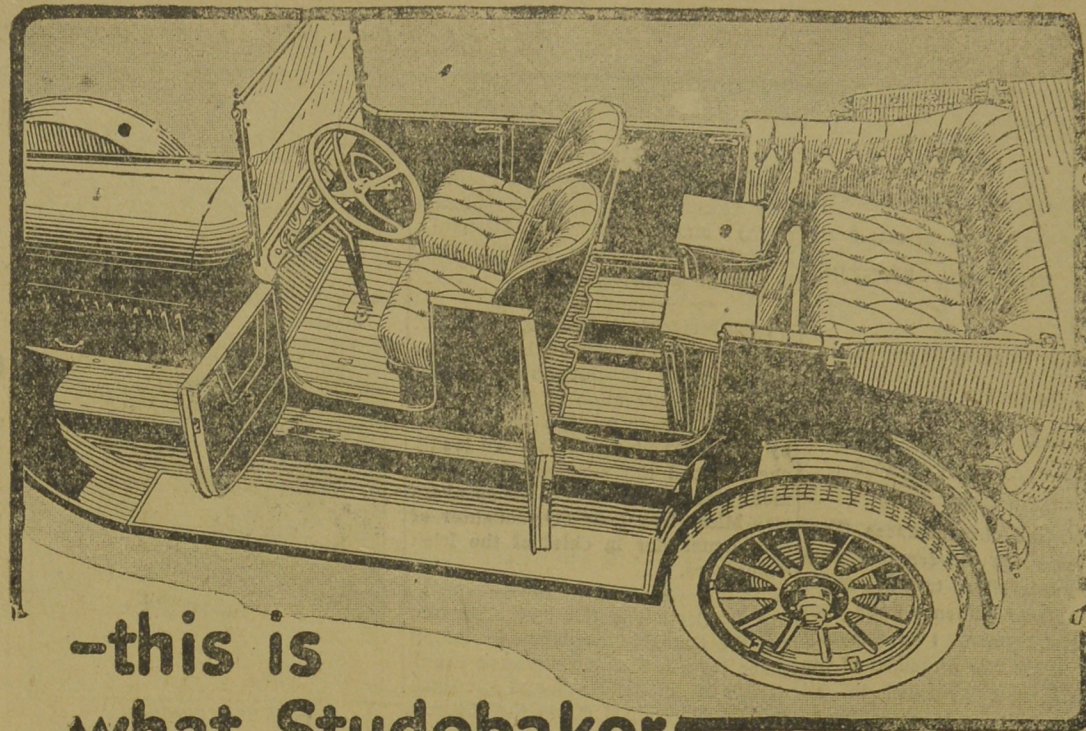
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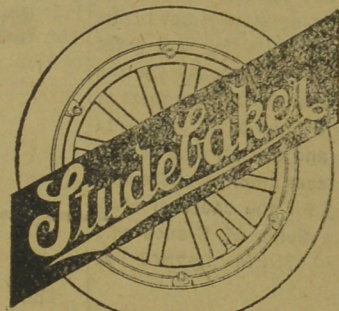
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