

# WAR PROFITEERS HAVE PROVIDED MANY THRILLS

Wall Street Buccaneers Paid \$25000 for the Privilege of Meeting Col. Allison--Sir Sam's Friend Would Have Saved the War Office a Hundred Million Dollars or so Had He Not Been Halted in His Wild Career--A Typist Who comes high.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, June 15.—The other day the British Empire was thrilled by the account of the great naval battle in the Skagerrack, a battle as glorious in its conduct and results as Trafalgar. This battle, in which the odds were heavily against the British, displayed all the old Nelson spirit from admiral to cabin boy.

Time and again His Majesty's ships bucked the German line, the swift battle cruisers gave and took broadsides, the destroyers made their berserk charges, none recked how he perished provided he smote first. Admiral Beatty, with the high courage of the British navy, a courage which is second nature, placed his squadron between the German grand fleet and its base and held the enemy to it at a terrible toll on both sides, until Admiral Jellicoe and his dreadnoughts hove in sight, and sent the Germans scuttling back to cover.

## Gallant Men Died.

Admiral Hood went down with his ship, as many other gallant officers and men did with theirs. Five thousand of the bravest men in England lie at the bottom of the sea—for this is the price of sea monarchy.

But the German navy is bottled up once more. The Kiel Canal is again crowded. Britannia has shown that she rules the waves and intends to keep on ruling them. The only mistake seems to have been the meticulous caution of the British Admiralty which let the Germans put their story on the wires first. It will take the truth some time to overtake the German misrepresentations.

The great battle had its lesson for Canada. What if the German navy had broken through? Where would Canada have been then, with no navy of her own and the Niobe tied up at Halifax and being used as a cookhouse for landlubbers?

However, that is an old story. What really counts is the thrill of pride Canada felt at the great British victory in the North Sea. The German fleet may never come out again—indeed, its coming out at all is in the nature of a last card, and is a sign that the war is in sight of its finish—this demonstration being a sacrifice to German public opinion, which suspects that the German army has shot its bolt on land.

## Gallant Canadians.

Right on its heels comes another thrill. Our brave Canadians, baptized with fire at St. Julien, Festubert and Langemarck, are carrying this country's name to glory again at Ypres.

The casualty lists are long. There are many sad hearts in Canada; but they will not sorrow as those without hope, these fathers, mothers, wives and children who have given their dearest to the call of honor and duty.

Such are the thrills which a war distant 3,000 miles provides for us on land and sea.

Meanwhile, what kind of thrills are being provided at home? Well, we have the Kite inquiry, which concerns a lot of high-binders whose chief object seems to have been to soak the British Empire coming and going. We have Colonel John Wesley Allison, Sir Sam's friend and super-patriot, who, being told to "scratch gravel for himself," did it to such good effect that Wall street buccaneers would pay \$25,000 each for an introduction to him so as to be able to get in on the gravel the Colonel was scratching.

## They All Had to "See Allison."

The Colonel seems to have struck pay dirt from the very first. He made so much money that he could divide a commission of a million dollars with two other profiteers, and then forget the details. Colonel Allison didn't bother about such chicken feed. It came so easy that he could afford to give \$105,000 to his typewriter for ten years work, who says she hardly remembers which bank account she put it in as she has several bank accounts. Even in these war profit days \$10,000 a year is good pay for typewriters and is calculated to make other members of the profession jealous.

However, what's \$105,000 to Col. J. Wesley Allison? Everybody with a proposition had to "see Allison," and

Allison's commission, otherwise his toll-gate was, roughly speaking, ten per cent. All those who refused to "see Allison," or did business with Morgan or who preferred to act as independent competitors, are characterized by the Minister of Militia as "rings." Allison was the one just man. According to Sir Sam, he could have saved the British War Office a hundred million dollars if he hadn't been halted in his wild career.

## Were Overfed.

Another thrill was furnished by the revelations in regard to the Bertram Shell Committee. Messrs. Carvell and Pugsley estimated in the House of Commons that the manufacturing members of the Shell Committee had overfed themselves eighty million dollars—this estimate being partly based on Lord Curzon's remark that the British War Office got one dollar value for every three dollars spent in Canada.

It did better than that. It had also a "per profit" of 31 million dollars, which, so it boasted, it had a legal right to divide, but which it did not divide after Messrs. Thomas and Hichens made a few pertinent remarks about it. Indeed, it will be handed back to the British War Office, whereby the Shell Committee acquires great merit for a somewhat belated act of virtue.

## Prices Too High.

Another thrill is provided by the letter of Mr. A. D. Thomas, which was allowed to go in as evidence before the Meredith-Duff commission. In this letter Mr. Thomas points out to the Shell Committee that Lloyd George considers that the Shell Committee prices are too high, and intimates that no further orders will be forth coming until prices take a tumble.

Mr. Thomas further suggested that prices would yield to a little healthy competition, but the Shell Committee had to have "the infusion of steel manufacturers" reorganized out of it before it began to see things in that light.

The old Shell Committee was certainly set in its ways and did not stop trying to pull the British lion's tail out by the roots until its clutch was broken. Moreover, it took some time to break its clutch, mostly because Premier Borden was on Mr. Thomas' side one day and on the Shell Committee's side the next. Finally Premier Borden had to be led right up to it, and then Mr. Thomas got results.

Incidentally Mr. Thomas suggested that the Government might use the Transcona shops to go into the munition industry itself, and thus bring down the prices, but the Government backed up on that proposition. It was running the war on the lines of the patronage list and it refused to do anything that would put a crimp in the campaign fund. Later on it was obliged to put a small tax on the war profiteers, but it did it more in sorrow than in anger and incidentally took the edge off it by taxing legitimate business also so that the goats could not be distinguished from the sheep.

While our heroes were dying in Flanders and elsewhere the home Government supplied still another thrill by the disclosure in regard to the "defective" cartridges, which were good enough to be bought by Colonel Allison at \$20 and sold at \$25 per thousand to the British Admiralty.

On top of that came another thrill in the shape of General Alderson's letter, which drew attention to a suppressed report on the Ross rifle, which the British War Office complained was brittle at the breach.

One way and another these thrills of disgust with which the Borden Government is so plentifully providing the country, synchronize, as Sir Thomas White would put it, with the noblest performances of our soldiers at the front. It was while our brave boys were writing Canada's name imperishably on the scroll of fame at St. Julien, Festubert and Langemarck, that our first war scandals were being aired and two Conservative members of Parliament were being drummed out of office for getting sticky fingers. At that time it was paper shoes, binoculars, fendered horses and such. These things loomed large at the time, but in the light of later lootings they look like thirty cents.

## N. S. TORY MACHINE HANDS OUT POINTERS

Fenian Raiders and Federal Officials Told That It is Their Fight.

A rather remarkable document is being circulated among the "faithful" by the Conservative leaders in the Nova Scotia provincial election. A copy of it recently fell into the hands of the Liberals and was reproduced in the Halifax Chronicle. One paragraph instructs the workers to "look out for Fenian raiders." By "Fenian raiders" is meant some thousands of men in the sister province who recently received a bounty of \$100 each from the Federal treasury for alleged services rendered at the time of the Fenian scare in 1866. A reference to Federal government officials is also interesting. The document in full is as follows:

Keep Organization Plans, etc., Secret.

1. Of necessity have men on committees who will work actively, thoroughly and well.

2. Organize and reorganize active, canvassing and working committees in all districts. Add additional active workers because there are probably other good men available since the last election.

3. Endeavor to secure several former opponents early in the campaign before party politics has been aroused.

4. Instruct your workers how to canvass:

(a) All our supporters, to be successful must vote the whole ticket. Otherwise a man would be voting against himself. If, however, a supporter of ours will not vote the whole ticket, then get him to plump.

(b) In canvassing our opponents, of course, secure their votes for our whole ticket. If that is impossible, then on some pretext or other get the opponent to split for one or the other of our candidates. In some cases it will be one of our candidates, because of some special interest; in other places our other candidate. Conversions of opponents should be kept private or they will be won back. Instruct your committee to be silent on that subject.

5. Look for Fenian raiders, our own government office holders, and persons who have been employed on government works. Remind them that it is also their fight and get them to work hard.

6. Have district committees make thorough canvasses and also make special reports to the central committee from time to time.

7. Well advertised, well organized and enthusiastic meetings.

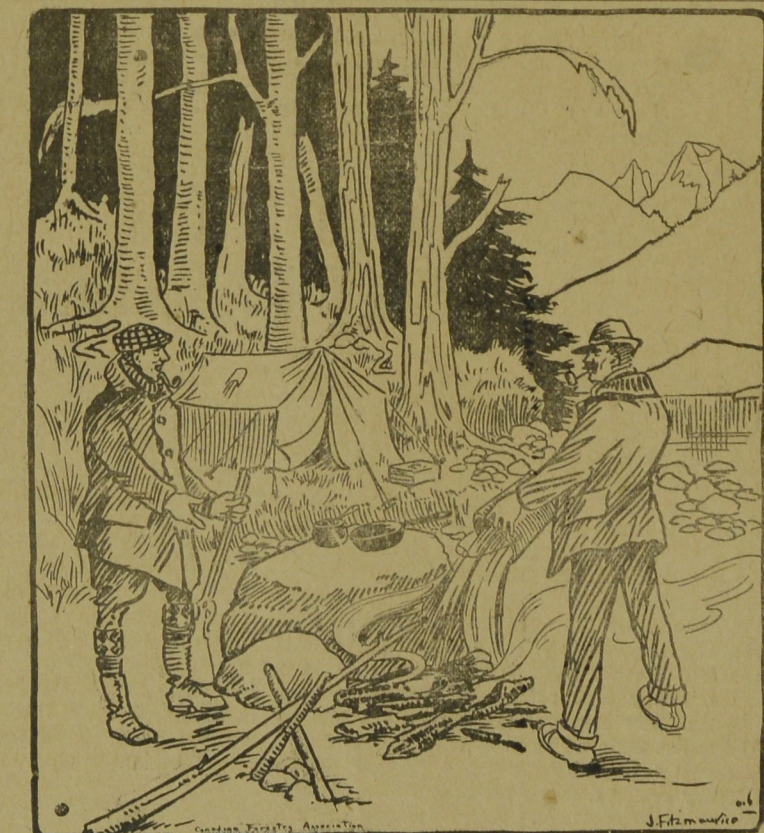
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## HONORED MEMORY OF LORD KITCHENER

Taps Sounded in Honor of the Great Soldier at a New York Bazaar.

New York, June 15.—"Taps" were sounded in honor of "K. of K." at the Allied bazaar last night. The whole throng of revellers, shouting and laughing at one moment, changed instantly into a procession of mourners, says the Tribune. Motor cars were stopped at the entrance and women in evening clothes shivered and bowed their heads side by side with the humblest of Britannia's friends on the sidewalk.

When all activities stopped when the bugle sounded. Twenty thousand faces were turned and twenty thousand heads were bowed toward the front of the grand central palace, where the Rev. Dr. Manning, rector of Trinity Church, read a short prayer in memory of the great war lord. Then an orchestra played England's hymn, "The Land of Hope and Glory."

The New York crowd were so impressed with the ceremony that they forgot to hide their emotions, and when the tune changed to "Onward, Christian Soldiers," everyone took up the refrain. Then was seen the amazing spectacle of a huge New York pleasure seeking crowd singing as they went, "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

At the head of the stairs stood a Kitchener memorial tablet. Many paused in their march to drop a coin into the box labelled "Do your bit for Kitchener's cause."

The Kitchener memorial came at the end of the moment of the Bazaar's great jollification. To celebrate the passing of the first \$1,000,000 mark a festive dinner was given last night.

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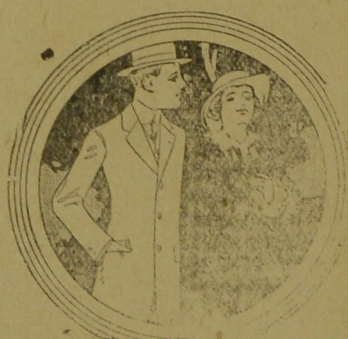
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