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## WAR LIE MONGERS.

The war liar is abroad in the United States and Ananias Clubs are being advocated for the purpose of identification and segregation of circulators of malicious rumors and false reports, tending to alarm the public and hamper the prosecution of the war. It is suggested that a membership list be posted in conspicuous places in every community and that the stories and the names of every story teller be sent to the local newspapers, and to the headquarters of the committee. "We often fail to cross-examine people who tell us alarming tales, and some of us even hesitate to confess our ignorance of the pretended facts. Thus, says a Chicago paper, 'it comes about that many persons, through sheer stupidity or mistaken amiability help to spread preposterous lies deliberately concocted to create demoralization among the people.'"

Fake war yarns, calculated to alarm the people, have been frequently circulated in towns and cities of this province. During the early stages of the war mysterious airplanes were frequently seen and scarcely a week passed when there was not a report whispered about of some great disaster, such as the sinking of a transport carrying Canadian troops. Only a few weeks ago, when the 236th Battalion was on the ocean, somebody started a story to the effect that the transport had been torpedoed and all hands lost. It caused relatives of the men a great deal of anxiety for a time and their fears were not allayed until news came of the safe arrival of the battalion in England.

The New York Times is confident that "scares" of this kind are the product of the actual agents of Wilhelmstrasse. In discussing the matter it says:

"The German agent pervades the land. In every community where he stops overnight a full-blown rumor pervades the town the next day. It came from somebody on the 'inside,' somebody who 'got it straight' and it is whispered from one to another until the whole community is uneasy and agitated.

"Sometimes the rumor is that a transport has been sunk with an American regiment on board. It is usually given with the utmost particularity, including the name of the regiment, the names of the survivors, and other details. This bars all possibility that the rumor is mere accidental rumor of the usual far-time kind, for the particularity of detail argues an author. Sometimes the story whispered by the German agent is that there has been a mutiny; in such cases the camp and the regiments engaged in the outbreak are named. Sometimes he poses as an Englishman or a Canadian with a friend or relative in the army or in the foreign office, and in this case his story is that the British are holding their army at home and making the French and colonialists do the fighting for them; in such cases he particularizes in figures and dates. Sometimes he masquerades as a newspaper man or a government official, and whispers the 'inside information' that Japan is getting ready to declare war on the United States."

Once started, this sort of thing is "assiduously circulated and multiplied by the ready tongue of gossip," as the New York Sun has noted. "The foolish give ear to the gossip and repeat it, wiser ones listen incredulously and forget it." But, the Sun urges, "the proper course is to demand precise proof of the allegations, and if it be not forthcoming, to silence the circulator of evil report by ridicule or by immediate denunciation."

"Every man and woman should be come a detective in the interest of the country, working to lay by the heels this class of criminals," is the counsel of the Louisville Times. And many editors ask their readers to act upon this request of the U. S. Committee of Patriotic Societies:

1. Demand facts and sources of information whenever you hear a story that you do not know to be true.
2. Trace the story back to the per-

son—man or woman—who first told it in your community.

3. Report the names of the persons circulating the story and the nature of the statement.

Montreal Gazette: Though the great explosion at Halifax took place on Thursday morning, it was only on Saturday morning that people of other cities were able to form from the despatches that could be got out anything like a correct idea of the extent of the loss and the urgency of great and immediate relief. Before seven o'clock in the evening an express train of ten cars, loaded with articles urgently needed, was on the way from Montreal, and loads for other trains were being gathered. What was done in Montreal was being repeated in scores of other cities, in the United States as well as in Canada, some far away and some near by, the latter often moving first. The good Samaritans is a great tribe in number and comes forth in strength when the cry of heavy need is raised.

The late Mr. Franklin Walker, of Detroit, who was president of a concern which manufactured a popular brand of rye whiskey, left an estate valued at \$3,761,397.

## Through Our Sieve

Life was just one vote after another.

The ladies were not afraid of the ballot.

Gladys and Pearl didn't see any poles in the polling booth.

Anyway the girls always were the chief attraction of the ballet.

King Cold is the real name of the reigning monarch.

Ain't it a grand and glorious feeling to be called a free and independent possessor of the franchise?

Hash now pretends to be a meat substitute.

Germany now dreads "the day"—of settlement.

Mrs. O'Hovens wants to know if you knit flannel cakes. Nit.

Yarn has gone up two or three hundred per cent. per hank in price, yet the girls eat it up like young robins pulling worms out of the lawn.

The proverb that who so dances must pay the fiddler should now be revised to "who so dances must wind the phonograph."

Trotsky's real name is Bronstein and Levine's is Ulyanoff—all the Russian leaders seem to be men with aliases. Some of 'em ought to have aliases.

## A. C. McCULLOUGH TAKES UP DUTIES

(Continued from page 8.) Poultry Show on January 1st, 2nd and 3rd. He will deliver several addresses during the show one of which, probably on Wednesday afternoon, will be particularly for farmers and farmers' wives.

New Brunswick's Advantages. New Brunswick is recognized as being excellently situated for poultry raising. Its nearness to the British market gives it an advantage over other portions of the Dominion. England is ready to take an enormous number of eggs and the direct steamship connection with the Old Country will enable New Brunswick eggs and poultry to be placed on the market in England in the shortest possible time.

## NOTHING

was capable of healing a bad running sore, from which my husband suffered, until he used Zam-Buk," writes Mrs. B. Ellis of Castleton, Ont. "The sore, which was on his foot and was caused by frost-bite, had penetrated to the bone. The pain he suffered from the inflammation was so bad that he could not sleep. He tried every remedy he had ever heard of

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**ZAM-BUK**

## SOMETHING TRAGIC WAS GOING ON

Halifax, Dec. 13. — In the opinion of Pilot Francis McKay, who was on duty on the bridge of the Mont Blanc when the collision occurred in Halifax harbor on Thursday, Dec. 6, between that steamer and the Belgian relief ship Imo, resulting in the loss of well over 1,200 lives, there was "something erratic going on on board the Imo" just before the collision. This was the statement he made to the court of inquiry here on Saturday when he was cross-questioned by Mr. Burchell, K. C., counsel for the Imo. Counsel was questioning him as to the blasts from the Imo's whistle before the ships struck. The pilot said that he understood from the Imo's two blast signal that she intended to go down the eastern side to pass the Mont Blanc on her starboard side. The signal, the witness said, was not followed out.

Pilot McKay differed from some previous witnesses in his testimony as to the Imo's signalling. He said that he was paying close attention at the time and he was sure that her second signal was two blasts. Instead of the Imo following out that signal, said the pilot, she twisted a little in the channel to starboard, but he heard no three blast signal from her at the time.

In the course of his examination by the court, Pilot McKay said that sufficient room was left by the Mont Blanc for the Imo to pass had she kept on her course. Witness said that he knew the pilot Hayes, who lost his life on the Imo, well, and that he did not think he had suggested the order changing the Imo's course.

## FEW CENTS DESTROYS YOUR DANDRUFF AND STOPS FALLING HAIR

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Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and after the first application your hair will take on that life, lustre and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance, an incomparable gloss and softness; but what will please you most will be after just a few weeks' use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD AT BOSTON

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Boston, Dec. 16. — Nearly a thousand persons attended a memorial service for the victims of the Halifax explosion held today in the Arlington Street Unitarian church under the direction of the federation of churches of Greater Boston. The service was arranged to afford those unable to attend funerals of friends or relatives in Canada a solemn, dignified substitute. The speakers included Governor McCall and Dean Edmund S. Rousmaniere, of the Cathedral church of St. Paul.

Governor McCall described the relief work in Halifax done by Massachusetts and said that the ready response to appeal for help was one of the bright sides of the disaster. Dean Rousmaniere said:

"This occasion is more than an occasion of words of human sympathy. It is an occasion on which to re-dedicate ourselves to the service of our fellows."

"The men and women who died in Halifax fell in our holy cause just as truly as those who died in the trenches," declared Rev. Dr. George Horst, president of the Newton theology school. "Whether the catastrophe was caused by a German plot or by the error of loyal men, it is a part of the war."

Almost every man at some time or other soars to heaven on the wings of love, an dsome have to use their parachutes.

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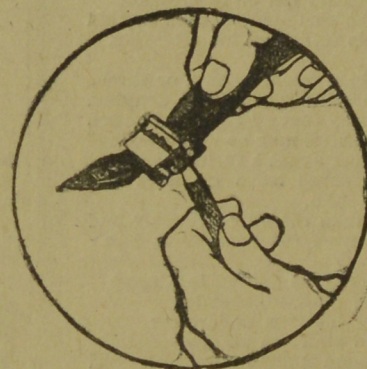
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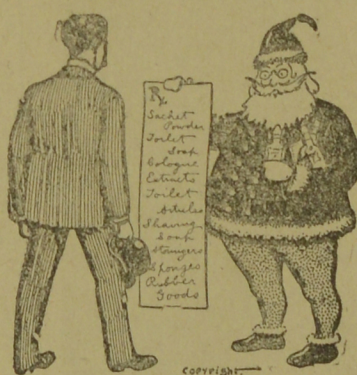
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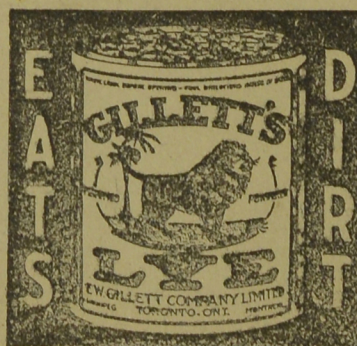
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Ladies' Satin and Silk Pumps,	\$3, \$3.50 & \$4.00	2.00
Ladies' Patent Boots.	\$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50	3.75
Ladies' Patent Boots	\$3.50, and \$4.00	2.95
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Men's Gun Metal Button	\$5.50 and \$6.50	4.65
Men's Tan Calf Boots	\$5.50 and \$7.00	5.50
Men's Patent Boots	\$5.50 and \$6.00	4.00
Men's Tan Patent and Calf Low Shoes,	\$4.50, \$5, \$5.50	3.35
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Boys' Hockey Bals	\$2.50 and \$3.00	2.00
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