

## GOVERNMENT IS IN EARNEST

St. John Telegraph: It may be pointed out that there is yet no reason why anyone should worry about the government's good faith in following up the evidence given at the investigation into certain Valley Railway transactions. Hon Mr Foster has promised that the government will make an honest endeavor to have restored to the province all sums of money diverted from the proper channel or wrongfully obtained. The department of justice has the Valley Railway finding in hand and no doubt is following the proper course as promptly as possible. Meanwhile, attempts to create the impression that Mr Foster is having difficulty in "controlling his colleagues" with respect to the Valley Railway investigation are not worthy of serious discussion.

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## SOLDIER NOW OVERSEAS PRAISES WORK OF Y. M. C. A.

**Says Charges Made Against the Organization Are Grossly Unfair --- Says It is a Godsend to the Boys in the Trenches---Canteens and Shelters Are Pushed Close Up to the Firing Line**

"Unsolicited Testimonials" are too often obvious fakes, but the following extracts from a letter received by a Toronto lady bear the hall-mark of the writer's honest impressions.

5th June, 1918.

Dear Miss ..... Did you observe in the papers some little time ago a report of a convention of the G. W. Veterans Association in which a resolution was unanimously (?) passed condemning the work and organization of the "Y" among the boys out here? To me it appears to be a grossly unfair charge against the Associations, entirely, at least from my experience, without foundation.

Such a charge coming as it does from such a powerful and undoubtedly influential body, is bound to do serious harm to the "Y" and indirectly to other institutions of like nature, and thus to all of us out here. I cannot say how glad I am that this libel, it is nothing more or less, was uttered after the close of the recent highly successful campaign of the "Y" in Canada for increased financial support. If it had been a couple of months earlier

the loss would have been incalculable and we should have been the sufferers.

I am looking at it purely from the self interest or selfish point of view because I fully realize how much we owe to the "Y". It is a perfect Godsend to us fellows. This is not merely my own opinion on the matter. The resolution was discussed among my own comrades and the general consensus of opinion was the same. To us it had all the appearance of a well-designed scheme by some malcontents to hinder and hurt the work of the "Y".

The "Y" pushes its canteens and shelters closer up to the Front here than any other institution I know of, and the Canadian "Y" is no exception. It pushes as far up as the Military authorities will permit and is to be found in all sorts of unexpected places in dugouts, in old cellars in ruined villages within a thousand yards of the enemy, and even in the support trenches.

There "the cup that cheers" is dispensed with unstinted hand FREE to all comers at all hours of the day and night. And until recently, biscuits were as liberally offered, not to men-

## A STIRRING APPEAL BY GEN. GARAUD

On the French Front in France, July 17.—In stirring phrases, imploring them to stand firm, General Garaud, in command of the French and American troops east of Rheims and in the Champagne, appealed to his men before the German offensive began.

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### Negroes Doing Their Bit.

With the American Army on the Marne, July 18.—American negro soldiers are helping to hold the Allied line against the German offensive. They requested the favor of being permitted to take over a part of the line of attack, though they had been holding a piece of a French sector for the last three months without relief.

### SOME HIKE

"Astronomers tell us," said the man of statistics, "that an express train moving a hundred miles a second would consume several million years in reaching a certain star."

The other man sat silent, wrapped in thought.

"Did you hear me?" asked the man of statistics.

"Oh, yes, I heard you," responded the other quietly. "I was just thinking what a predicament a chap would be in if he should miss the last train and had to walk."

What is the Austrian war cry now—"Dinner or Death?"

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tion the indispensable "smokes". Many a night when coming out of the trenches, I have stopped at their shelters for a short rest and a warm drink of tea before pushing on over the other four to eight kilometres which usually lie between us and our billets. Completely worn out, and almost dead beat after a long tour "in" during which we have possibly only had one hot drink a day, that cup of tea and a package of biscuits finished up with a "whiff" which we have probably all been short of several days ago comes as a Godsend, refreshing us as nothing else can. We feel as new men. It is then that we bless the "Y".

Out of the line it is the same. Almost the first thing one thinks of when back in billets is the location of the nearest "Y". In the great majority of French villages where we are usually quartered there is absolutely nothing in the shape of recreation or amusement except the "Estaminets" and these at the best are questionable. The "Y" comes to the rescue once more. They build a hut or obtain the use of one from the military authorities, or put up tents, and immediately arrange for visits of the amateur concert parties and cinema shows which are always free to everyone. Many a pleasant hour have I spent at such entertainments. That they are appreciated by us all goes without saying.

There are other important points that I might mention. The Canadian "Y" by its organization through its canteens is enabled to supply us with innumerable Canadian Home products such as canned fruits, biscuits, chewing and smoking tobacco and such like, which it is quite impossible for us to obtain otherwise. For that alone we are thankful to the "Y".

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All this cannot be accomplished without expense, but I venture to think we at least, are getting ample return from it, and the boys here would be very sorry indeed to lose any of the benefits and facilities which the "Y", through you people at Home, is enabled to afford us. And to come to the financial side of the institution,—the cost of administration—I have just recently seen a certified auditors statement for the past year's turnover, and to me the opera-

tion expenses appeared exceedingly low.

Personally I cannot speak too highly of the "Y's" work among us and practically all the men whom I have met in France have been of like opinion.

(Signed) WILLIAM WALKINSHAW  
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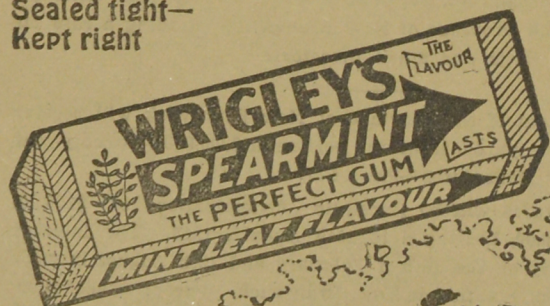
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