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MORE HONORS FOR COL. RALSTON

Halifax, Dec. 28.—Lieut. Colonel J. L. Ralston M. P. P. Officer Commanding the 85th Nova Scotia Battalion, in Belgium has been awarded a second bar to his D. S. O. according to word received today by his wife who resides here.

TIME TO GET UP.

A new bunch of colored recruits arrived at camp late one night. They were startled from their sound slumber by the sonorous and insistent notes of the bugler blowing reveille. None of them paid any attention to it except one darky, who sat up and shouted:

"You'all bettah get up! Dat ain't yoh mothah callin' you boys; dat's yoh uncle talkin' to yoh now."

All is fair in love except the actions of the other fellow.

Horses, Wagons, Harness, etc. For Sale by Tender.

THE most valuable transport and teaming outfit in Eastern Canada, that formerly owned by Kendall Brothers, of Montreal, and used in the work of the Halifax Relief Commission for the past year, is herewith offered for sale by tender.

It comprises eighty-two fine, heavy draft horses, and two driving horses with veterinary certificates as to condition and so forth, 10 double lories, 10 double dump wagons, 9 lumber wagons, 7 stone wagons, 20 double lorry sleighs, 7 stone sleighs, 5 lumber sleighs, 1 Concord buggy, 1 Burlew sleigh, 1 musk-ox robe, 1 single box sleigh, 5 crow-bars, 10 extra chains, 2 sets double reins extra, 12 hames, straps extra, 4 sets extra traces, 4 extra collars, 62 storm blankets, 30 sets double harness complete, 1 single driving harness, 1 single cart harness complete, 10 sets whiffletrees extra, 10 double neck yokes extra, 3 tarpaulins, 10 robes, 4 double stone wagons with boxes, 7 double dump wagons, 11 sets of whiffle trees, 11 sets neck yokes, 11 sets double harnesses complete.

This is a rare opportunity to secure a complete and very valuable equipment, and one that cannot be duplicated today at anything like the price that the owners are prepared to accept for quick sale. Tenderers wishing to make an appointment for examination of the horses and equipment offered should get in touch either by personal call, phone or telegram, with the manager or assistant manager of the Reconstruction Department, Relief Commission Building, Sackville street. The owners do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender, but the bidders may be sure that if the price offered is a fair one that the outfit will be sold, as it is the owner's wish to dispose of it at the earliest possible moment.

The whole can be seen at any time by appointment at the Relief Commission's stables at the Exhibition Grounds, Halifax.

Tenders will close on SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th, and should be addressed to the Halifax Relief Commission, clearly marked on the outside of the envelope, "Tenders for Teaming Outfit."

Last Water Notice

Water Consumers are again reminded that the water rates must be paid by TUESDAY, December 31st, to save the discount.

G. R. PERKINS,
City Treasurer.

WANTED—First or second class teacher for coming term. Apply to C. L. Grant, Secretary Trustees, Grand View, York Co., N. B.

WANTED—Books and magazines for distribution to returned soldiers en route home, in the Military Hospitals or going overseas. Telephone Mr. A. Murray, care of A. Murray & Co. Tel. No. 159, or leave at store for Military Y. M. C. A.

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LIVING COST IS STILL HIGH IN FRANCE

Paris, France, Dec. 27.—Living in Paris is higher now than it has been at any other time since the beginning of the war and with the influx of peace delegations and the coming of winter it promises to be higher still. Many staple articles are difficult to find at any price, notably butter, lentils, rice, macaroni, noodles and potatoes. Eggs are practically unobtainable and when they are to be had are 12 cents each. Milk is exceedingly scarce and costs 20 cents a quart. Most families are unable to obtain more than one pint daily.

Butter sells at \$1.60 a pound, cheese at \$1.10, lard is unobtainable, olive oil is \$2.40 a quart and wood alcohol is \$1.40 a quart, but it is almost unobtainable. Vinegar sells for 45 cents a quart, coffee at 76 cents a pound, tea at \$1.40 and chocolate is 54 cents a pound and exceedingly scarce.

Sugar at 19 cents a pound is limited to one pound a month per person. Sardines are \$1.40 and herring \$1.20 per tin of fifty. Beans and peas cost 70c. a quart, rice 45c. a pound, small oranges 5c. and bananas 10c. each, the best veal \$1.20 a pound, mutton \$1.35 and pork 90 cents.

Coal, the sale of which is limited by cards, is worth \$47 a ton, and it is hard to find a dealer with coal to sell. The restaurants have plenty of food and an ordinary business lunch can be obtained for \$2, but a really substantial meal is likely to run to \$3 or \$4.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH KAISER

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Recalling to the former Emperor, their conversations, the Prince says—"I was deeply impressed with the talk I had with you when we inaugurated the observatory of Ledenberg. When I condemned the militarizing of a people as stunting individual development, you described to me the advantages of such a form of national education outside its military objects, because, as you said, it raised men from the heavens of their bearing. This was your conception of the principle and of a system, the application of which is terrifying the world. Today in the path of your armies are strewn the marks of this education, which betray your true end or your profound error."

TAILORS IN ENGLAND SHORT OF WOOLLENS

London, Dec. 29.—English tailors are scratching their heads, dazed and bewildered.

Hundreds and very soon thousands of men will be clamoring for "cits." The first thought of the discharged soldier is to rush off and deck himself out in a smart civilian suit.

Not many of them will be content to return to their old pre-war outfits, and in many cases these will not be fit to return to, having provided food for moths during four long years.

The shortage of wool is becoming greater and 96 per cent of available supplies are still being taken up for army needs. Therefore it is feared that even after discharge thousands of soldiers will have to keep in khaki for a considerable time.

YOU'VE HEARD 'EM BEFORE

Why is Canada like courtship? Ans.—Because it borders on the united states.

Who is the most polished king in the world? Ans.—Shoe blacking.

What do you expect at a roadside hotel? Ans.—Inn-attention.

What is the coolest costume? Ans.—Air tight.

What burns to keep a secret? Ans.—Sealing wax.

THE HOME COMING OF THE WAR WEARY HUN TROOPS

Were Commanded to Fight by a High Power Which is Now Gone—No Cheering and No Beating of Drums—Finding Empty Cupboards at Home—Termination of Hostilities Will Throw Many Women Out of Employment.

A. R. Decker cables the Chicago News as follows:

"Welcome home" is the sign that greets returning German soldiers at the railroad stations, in the shop windows and under the arches at the head of Unter den Linden.

What a homecoming! Tired from long years of war, hungry and all illusions gone, the soldier is told in the reichstag that he fought bravely but merely because he was commanded to fight by a higher power which is now gone. For the moment all the soldier's foundations for thought are swept away. He believes that the world is turned upside down and loses faith in all traditions, even confusing the good with the bad.

Father and Son Together

At the station wife and children greet father and son returning together, similarly equipped and equally thin and war worn. The father is slightly more bent and a little more wrinkled. These soldiers carry gray packs which are almost empty. They gaze, but glad beyond belief that the nightmare at last had ended.

Home shone like a lighthouse drawing them irresistibly. There they expected to find some sort of magic which would furnish abundant food, peace, calmness, fireside content and warmth.

At the station the father and son trudge through the crowd. There is no cheering and no beating of drums. While they crowd past anxious women and children looking for husband, father, brother or lover they stare into eyes cold from disappointed waiting. At last there is a shrill trembling call and a mother and sister hold son and brother by the hand. What bursts of joy! The mother wipes her eyes with a corner of her shawl and the father gathers the packs, the sister takes the hand of her soldier brother and off they go home, saying over and over. "At last."

Heart Story of Poverty

In the home the soldiers tell the story of the trenches. The mother shows the empty cupboard and the pinched cheeks of the children and tells of the long struggle to keep alive on cabbage soup and a morsel of bread and going months without meat because they were always cooked without fat.

Within the next few days thousands of soldiers are expected to pass through Berlin. Already steps have been taken to maintain order and no alcoholic beverages are sold. However it is expected that the welcome home will accomplish more than all restrictions. I asked one soldier what he wanted now that he had returned and he replied: "I spent four years in

the army. Now that I am free I want nothing."

French Soldiers See Germans Return The other day a German supply train arrived in Berlin. The horses were cadaverous, the wagons were caked with dried mud from long campaigns and on the sides of the wagons was chalked "We come from Flanders." A band and a few infantrymen marched ahead and to greet the soldiers there were a number of women who trimmed the wagons with flowers.

Situation of Women Hard

The situation of the women seems to be worse than that of the men, as there will be 300,000 of them out of employment. The men's waiters union has decreed that there shall be no more women waiters in Berlin, as there were none before the war. Now 60,000 women are unemployed. Some have been placed on the municipal farm, which is reached by a ride of an hour and a half from Berlin, where they sleep. On the farm they receive 4 marks (\$1) a day and food. The main desire of all seeking employment is to find a place with board. In Germany there are about 20,500,000 women of 18 and over and only half as many men over 19.

The employment agency is an old institution and has been in operation for generations, though it was greatly enlarged because of the war. Miss Alice Klausner who is at the head of the organization, has made it very efficient. There is very little waiting by the unemployed who are neatly dressed and have confidence in the efforts made on their behalf. Girls under 14 are separated from the others. The unemployed under 17 receive 2 marks (30 cents) a day and others 3 marks (75 cents).

Soup Kitchen a Model

The soup kitchen is a model institution, being conducted like a large factory. It is filled with kettles having a capacity of 200 quarts, in which soup is made three times a week from vegetables, barley, potatoes, fats and meat. Cabbage seems to be most plentiful this year, while turnips led last year. In nine of the Berlin kitchens they can make 500,000 quarts of soup at one time; now they are making about 150,000 quarts a day. Nothing can be obtained without cards. All must keep within the rations allowed which are one and a half quarts for dinner on a full card and one for supper. One quart at supper contains four-fifths of the ingredients in the dinner soup, which costs 50 pfennig (12½ cents). The quart supper costs 40 pfennig (10 cents). From three to four grams of fat per liter is given once a day. The soldiers used to ask for more.

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