

# THE DAILY MAIL

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## INTERESTING STATISTICS.

The following interesting points are brought out in the January number of the Western Review:

The soldier has 29 chances of coming home to 1 chance of being killed. He has 98 chances of recovery from a wound to 2 chances of dying. He has only one chance in 500 of losing a limb.

He will live five years longer because of physical training.

He is freer from disease in the army than in civil life.

He has better medical care at the front than at home. In other wars from 10 to 15 men died from disease to every 10 from bullets.

This war is less wasteful of life than any other in history. In another word of the Review this quotation is found: "The present fighting is not anywhere near the number of dead recorded for the first two years.

Most of the wounds sustained in the trenches are clean cut and of a nature that a few weeks in the hospital makes the subject as fit as ever. But 300,000 French soldiers have been discharged on account of wounds during the three years of the war. Most of the wounds received in the trenches are on top of the head, simply scalp wounds. Practically speaking, a wound is either fatal or slight, with but few in between these two extremes.

In still another place the following quotation from an article by Woods Robinson appears:

"Our armies in Flanders and northern France last winter in open trenches, in some of the vilest and worst weather troops ever had to face, had less sickness and fewer deaths from pneumonia and other diseases than it used to have in barracks in times of peace, and less than the general civil population at home. As to venereal disease, the figures for the British army in France in 1916 were 2.4 per 1,000. In other words, the average was higher than that believed to exist among men of military age in time of peace."

The government has published complete vital statistics since it entered the war, nor will any government undo several years after its conclusion. The absence of complete and exact information the best that we can say is that these statements are founded upon the observations and opinions of men in good position to observe. They are probably reasonably good guesses. They reassure relatives and friends.

The soldier stands a good chance of coming out of the war not only alive, but free from deforming wounds. If he comes out he will be strong and more robust than he would otherwise have been. If the civil population will keep up the birth rate and keep down the death and sickness rates, the war will not cause a serious loss in man power. This has not been true of the Thirty Years War or any other great war of the past. How different from the great European war of 100 years ago.

**Malix Chronicle:** The Toronto Globe appears to be quite annoyed, if not petulant. Canadians, it says, are tired of hearing that Lord Beaverbrook is the man behind the throne. They have enough respect for Britain to believe that the power behind the British throne is the British people. And again: "Mr. Lloyd George should be told very plainly that Lord Beaverbrook would not be chosen as a Canadian representative in the Imperial government by the people of Canada. If it comes in it should be understood that the man as Bonar Law's man behind the throne, not as Canada's 'powerful minister'."

The announcement is made that the Ministers of the Empire have collected and raised for war purposes in Canada the enormous sum of three million dollars. This is a remarkably good showing and reflects much credit on the chapters of the order, which are found in nearly every city and town in the country.

New York Times: Russia has fallen and for generations to come will

take the place of the Balkan states as a chessboard of international chicanery; for generations to come the empires will be carving her carcass, and it may be provoking each other to new wars over the choice bits. Nothing can prevent it except the complete destruction of militaristic autocracy in this war and the putting in its stead of the self-determination of peoples.

Many friends in this city and all over the province will learn with sincere regret of the death of Mr. John Payne, caretaker of the Parliament building. The late Mr. Payne had been a public official for the long period of fifty-three years, a record surpassed by few men in this country. He was a man of quiet, unassuming disposition, but was thoroughly honorable and trustworthy, and gave close attention to the duties he was called upon to perform.

Quebec Telegraph: We have just received the monthly bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for December issued from Ottawa by Sir George Foster. It is bad enough to receive the December report in February, but it is worse to find that the December report is a review of conditions in November. Reports on November to be read in February, may be the Borden way, but—well, what's the use?

The Boston Herald thinks that the literary achievements on which Marshal Joffre has been given admission to the French Academy lie mainly in his message to his troops at the Marne in which he said: "Any body finding itself unable to advance, must hold its ground and fight till death."

Through Our Sieve

A real hungry man doesn't recognize much difference in breads.

Petrograd seems from this distance, a peculiarly revolting place.

The 5c. bag of peanuts remains at 5c., but some of the peanuts have gone.

Now the Germans would like to hang about a ton's weight of iron cross on Friend Trotzky.

Making the best of things and getting the best of things are two distinct propositions.

If you forgive a friend, be sure you do it in a manner that lets him forgive himself.

A call has gone out in Indiana to conscript the maple trees for their sugar. The front end of the honey bee should be conscripted too.

Again that old announcement is made by the dressmakers—women's suits will be "simple." Not half so simple as the man who is deceived by the word.

Just as soon the farmer finds he can get \$4 a barrel for potatoes he discovers that he couldn't profitably raise them for a cent less.

At 71 Edison is too busy to celebrate birthdays. We are sceptical even about the prophecy he once made that at 80 he would "wear a dress suit and talk pretty to the ladies."

## DAMAGED GOODS A STRONG AND VIVID PICTURE

"Damaged Goods" opened a four days' engagement at the Gem Theatre last night and proved to be all that was advertised, a truly strong and vivid picture. At every one of the three shows yesterday there was a very large audience of men present and splendid comments were heard on all sides and the indications are that the picture will do a record breaking business during the period of its engagement. Today is the last for male spectators. All those who have not been able to attend last night's performance should do so tonight as this is their last opportunity. Tomorrow and Thursday are reserved for the ladies. On this occasion the performance will start earlier than previously advertised. Doors will open at 6.30 sharp and the first performance will begin at 7 o'clock; second at 8.45.

## CURFEW WILL NOT RING

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, Feb. 19. — Curfew bells will not ring in this city, as proposed by the city council, as the city attorney in a written opinion informed the council this afternoon that the proposed regulation to keep children at home at nights would be illegal. Special regulation would be necessary, he stated, for the city to institute the curfew.

## INDICTED FOR DEFRAUDING THE U. S. GOV'T

(Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, Feb. 19. — Max Joseph and Paul Goldmunds, Scheveningen, Netherlands, and New York city, were indicted by a federal grand jury here today for conspiring to defraud the United States government by undervaluing shipments of precious stones imported during 1916 and 1917 from Rotterdam, Holland. The indictment charges that the Goldmunds firm, which had been placed on the British blacklist, employed secret agents to carry the jewels, some of which came from Antwerp and other German conquered territory to this city where they were held at the custom house at less than their real value. It is alleged that the firm's importations of gems have averaged \$700,000 annually for the last two years.

## BUD FISHER TO DO HIS BIT

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, Feb. 19. — Bud Fisher, the famous American cartoonist, is the latest addition to the staff of artists working in connection with the Canadian records of London. Mr. Fisher has been an officer in the American National army for several months, but in his anxiety to get to the front quickly has resigned his American commission in order to join the Canadian forces. Mr. Fisher is in Montreal today completing arrangements and expects to sail for England within a few days.

## FILIPINOS WANT TO TAKE PART

(Canadian Press direct wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 19. — Twenty-five thousand Filipinos are under arms, and are drilling in the hope of being called into the United States army for service in France, according to C. W. O'Brien, who returned today from Manila.

## LOCAL NEWS

Ten Below Zero. The lowest temperature recorded about the city last night was ten below the cipher.

**Masquerade Carnival Last Night.** There was a large attendance at the masquerade carnival at the Arctic Rink last night and there were many beautiful and original costumes on the ice. The judges were Mrs. Nehemiah Kierstead of Fredericton and Ald. R. A. Malloy of Devon. The ten dollar prize for the best combination was won by Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Libby as the Food Controller. The prize for the best lady's costume was won by the lady representing "Spring Styles in Germany." Mr. Fred Segee won the prize for the best gentleman's fancy costume, Miss Florence Gulliver won the prize for the best lady's original costume as "Joan of Arc" and Mr. Charles Williams that for the best gentleman's original costume as "A Flying Machine." The Junior prize was won by the "Charlie Chaplin" costume.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. P. E. Gray of Montreal, is in the city. Mr. W. P. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock, is registered at the Queen. Mr. A. J. McDougal of Ottawa, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. He went to Minto today. Mr. H. B. Maynell of Moncton, is at the Barker House. Mr. E. Atherton Smith of St. John, arrived in the city last night. His Honor Judge McKeown is at the Barker House. Mr. F. B. Contois of Montreal, is in the city. Mr. W. A. Loudoun, Auditor General, is confined to his home by illness.

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G. R. PERKINS, City Clerk.

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