

FINE WELCOME SYDNEY GAVE RETURNED MEN

(Sydney Record)

Should returned soldiers be assessed \$10 a year poll tax for the time they were serving their country overseas?

Should the soldier who "joined up" in the momentous autumn of '14 be forced on his return by the city of Sydney to fork over \$40 of his hard earned pay for the privilege of risking his life for four years in her defence?

The average citizen of Sydney will answer these questions with an emphatic "No!"—and will be moved to indignation that anyone should even suggest such a thing.

But the City Hall authorities by their actions, which speak louder than any words, are just as emphatically of the opinion that he should and that he shall—if they can find the means of dragging him to it.

The particular case which has been brought to the attention of The Record is that of a young man who enlisted voluntarily when but 19 years of age. He has been overseas about a year and it was no fault of his that the war stopped the day he was on draft for France. He returned home and got himself a job, and was just getting nicely down to the work of "reconstruction" when in walks one of the city's tax slenchs with a warrant for his arrest for non-payment of poll taxes during the year he was out of

the city. He took the matter up with City Hall and was informed that "he was liable for the tax and would have to pay it."

Fortunately this particular young man was in a position to pay without inconvenience, but what if it had been some poor fellow struggling along with a wife and family to support and just getting on his feet again after the hardships and dangers of four years in the trenches?

The stony hearted City Hall system is sufficiently well known to warrant the belief that he would probably have gone to jail for it.

The question is, are the citizens going to permit the continuation of such miserable travesties on justice as are reported to be going on every day in this city in connection with the collection of the poll tax?

Is there a man in the city (outside of the City Hall) who believes that returned soldiers should be taxed for the time they spent overseas fighting OUR battles?

Is there a man in the city who would not rather pay a slightly increased taxation himself than permit such flagrant injustice to be perpetrated in a manner that besmirches the good name of Sydney?

"The liberty of the subject," said Ald. Colin McKenzie in a notable speech before the City Council, "is

above any consideration of dollars and cents."

The people of this city would do well to wake up to the most dangerous precedent which City Hall seeks to set up in this particular case.

Because, if a returned soldier of one year's service can be successfully mulcted of \$10, the amount of the poll tax for the time he was absent from the city, the same course of reasoning will make it possible to mulct a soldier of four years' service of \$40 whenever he returns to this city.

A nice welcome for the war worn soldier from the people he went overseas to defend. What is the City Council going to do about it?

CANADIANS COMING HOME FROM SIBERIA

Ottawa, May 13.—The transport Empress of Japan, which sailed from Vladivostok on May 9 with 638 members of the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force on board, will probably dock at Vancouver on May 24th. Of the total there are four officers and 186 other ranks for the Halifax dispersal area; five officers and 56 other ranks for St. John and one officer and one other rank for Quebec.

Many will be glad to hear that there is a decided trend toward the fuller skirt. The tight foundation still persists, but the silhouette in a number of new models is a greater width.

SAD AFFAIR IF MEN WERE 'PHONE GIRLS

(Toledo Blade.)

Once there was a guy which had an idea he could show up a telephone girl like she was as much use as a pink poker chip on a rainy night with no umbrella, so he fixed it up with the manager of the 'phone company, which was also a woman—from Missouri—to let him sit on the stool for eight hours.

Now this guy had his own ideas as to how a telephone board ought not to be run and he run it accordingly. The first gink that got this guy which thought he knew all about phones, etc. had a good stiff voice like a hot poker and he bawled out:

"Give me Main 3ss4ffuefiveun."

"Come again!" says the guy which was at the switchboard watching the lights. "You talk like a thirsty fish with nervous troubles, etc."

"Cut-out-that-stuff!" spilled the he-flapper at the other end who knew he spoke the English language well, because he was raised on it from boyhood. "Give me Main 3sstffuefiveunf!"

"Are you ordering something in a foreign tongue or do you think you are a member of a secret lodge, huh?" asked the guy which was being a telephone operator for experience.

"You-poor-fish!" T.N.T'd the other gink, making a noise like he was entering the home of the poor with a couple of hatchets and infernal machines. "Give me that number and be darned quick about it."

"Don't you darn me or anything," said the guy which was playing telephone girl. "I won't be darned. I ain't paid for that."

"You blankety-blank," choked the other guy.

Gosh-hang you!" spluttered the telephone girl guy—"etc."

"Meet me down town and I'll knock your block off," said the caller.

"You big stiff, you can't do it," said the telephone girl guy.

Thereupon the latter guy got off his high stool and went down town and got his block knocked off.

Thereupon the same guy went back to the telephone office and begged their pardon.

Moral: If the telephone girl knocked the block off of every man who gets smart with her, she'd get in trouble with the boxing commission for putting on fights without a permit.

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MINISTER OF LABOR CLAIMS THAT THE COST OF LIVING HAS DECREASED

Montreal, May 13.—Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, has sent a reply to a resolution passed by the Montreal city council regarding the cost of living.

The Minister says the resolution is in error when it states that the cost of living is constantly increasing.

For February the cost of living decreased ten per cent, the Senator says. He assures the council that the Dominion government has done much to prevent an increase in the cost of the necessities of life, either by fixing the maximum price thereof or by prohibiting the undue storage.

The Minister of Labor points out that more than fifty per cent of the population of Canada are located at urban centres, thousands of whom are now out of employment, while thousands of men and women are wanted for farm work at wages ranging up to \$70 per month with board.

Still, he adds, people insist on remaining in the cities and blaming the government for the high cost of living, when they should be doing something themselves to assist in the production of foodstuffs in the the country.

REMAINS OF MISS EDITH CAVELL REMOVED WITH MILITARY HONORS

Brussels, May 13.—The remains of Miss Edith Cavell, the nurse who was executed by the Germans, which are being sent to England for interment in Norwich Cathedral, were removed from Bussels today. There was a most impressive ceremony, and the streets were draped in mourning. Dense crowds stood along the curbs while military honors were rendered bh British hand Belgian and American troops.

HUN HELMET BRINGS \$40,000 AT AUCTION IN PHILADELPHIA

(Philadelphia Ledger)

Forty thousand dollars for a captured German officer's helmet!

Mrs. Clarence Wilson, wife of an official of the du Pont Powder Company, paid this sum for the helmet at a spirited auction held in the Women's Liberty Loan headquarters in the Lincoln Building today in connection with the Victory Loan drive.

"What am I bid for this offering?" said Richard E. Norton, an associate director of the Liberty Loan committee, auctioneer style as he stood on a chair and held the helmet up before the women who packed the room.

"Will anybody start it? Do I hear—?"

"Twenty-five thousand dollars shout-ed Mrs. Joseph N. Snellenburg, chairman of the women's speakers bureau from the rear of the room.

"I have \$25,000. Will anybody make it \$30,000?" Mr. Norton asked. "This helmet was to have been worn by a German officer on the march through Paris which did not materialize. It is new and has never been worn. It is one of several thousand captured by our own heroes. Isn't it a beauty? Will any one say \$30,000?"

"I will," called Mrs. John H. Mason, associate chairman of the women's committee, from a group in the center of the room.

"Thank you," Mr. Norton said, "I have—!"

"Make it \$36,000," Mrs. W. Harklie Henry, chairman of the central city district was the bidder.

Her words had hardly been spoken when Mrs. Walter H. Thomson, chairman of the women's committee, called, "I'll give \$39,000."

"Will any one make it \$40,000?" Mr. Norton asked, just getting warmed up to the situation. "Do I hear forty—forty—forty thousand?"

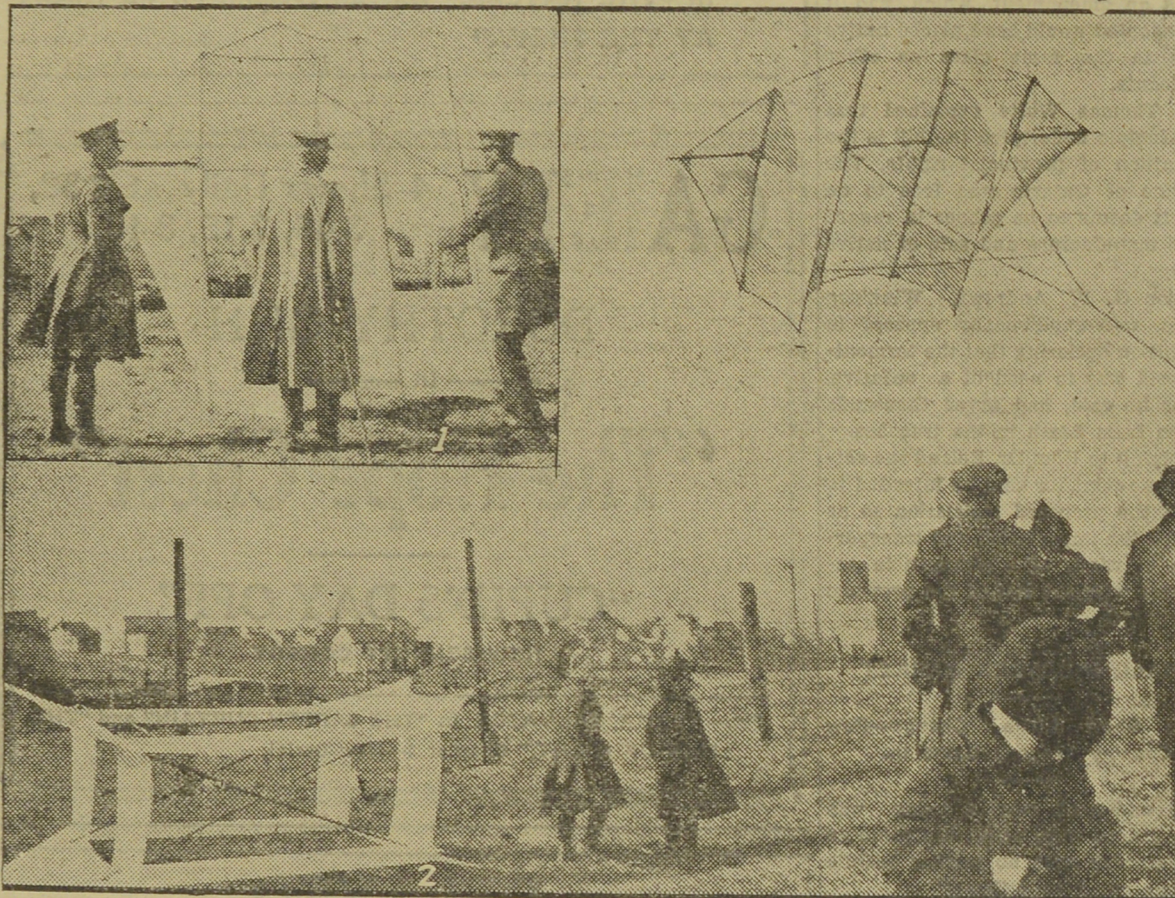
He paused; no one seemed anxious to take it. "Must this helmet be sold for a paltry \$39,000?" He coaxed for a ripple of laughter. He coaxed for five minutes more. He pleaded about what it had cost to obtain the helmets, of the great care with which they had been imported are to be sold to the highest bidder. Then he began to wind up with the usual auctioneer's cry.

"I have \$39,000. Will you make it forty? I have thirty-nine; thirty-nine once, thirty-nine, twice—third and last call—!"

"Forty thousand," said Mrs. Wilson quietly from a chair near the auctioneer.

"Sold for \$40,000," said Mr. Norton, handing the helmet to Mrs. Wilson as her premium for the purchase of Victory notes to that amount.

PREPARING FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC FLYING



(1) Lieut. Harris (on right) explaining Crown kite to St John officers.
(2) Starting large Crown kite—box kite resting on the left.

In future days when one takes a casual flight across the Atlantic, in a Detroit flying flivver, the success of the trip can be credited to the British Air Ministry in general, the meteorological in particular and Lieut. Guy Harris, F.R.M.S., R.A.F., specifically.

Lieut. Harris arrived in St. John recently, the only passenger on board the Canadian Pacific Steamship Montcalm. He is the commander of the Atlantic upper air investigation expedition which under the control of the Royal Air Ministry will chart every air current and make the air route across the Atlantic as sure and safe as the water pathway. Weather news bureaus will also be inaugurated to furnish up-to-the-second information regarding all aerial conditions.

A representative of the press visited the vessel and examined the special apparatus with which she was fitted for the experiments. At first sight it seems to be simple enough, for it consists only of winches, "tre box kites, and a meteorograph, but the meteorograph is itself a complicated and intricate instrument, and kite-flying for scientific purposes it not quite the schoolboy fun that many people imagine it to be. The kites used are of three types, and the largest of these, which measures roughly 8 ft. by 6 ft., exerts a pull in a strong wind sufficient to strain the holding power of four men.

Besides the box kite there is a crown kite, 16 feet long and 12 feet high, with a main plane and two keels; the keel kite is smaller and is used mostly as a pilot kite to assist the others up.

There are two winches, one placed on the fore'side deck for use when the wind is aft, and the other for use when the wind is ahead or abeam, to be sent off on the gun platform in the stern of the ship. By these means the mooring cables which are of fine steel wire very similar to marine sounding cable will be kept clear of rigging and derricks whatever may be the angle from the ship at which the kite is flying.

When the soundings are taken two kites are attached to the cable-end a pilot of light make and 400 feet behind it one of the bigger box kites carrying meteorograph. The air cur-

rents and varieties of atmospheric pressure vary in layers upwards, and soundings can be taken up to a height of four or five miles. The meteorograph, a comparatively small instrument combining three devices in one, records at the same time, by pen points marking a chart on a revolving drum, the humidity of the air, atmospheric pressure, and the speed of the wind, all factors of the utmost importance in the consideration of flight.

If the soundings experiments made from the Montcalm are successful a number of ships will be fitted forthwith with similar gear to that which she is to carry. Soundings in great numbers will be taken, and the information obtained will be distributed by wireless from ship to ship, and to stations in London, Lisbon, the Azores, and Newfoundland. There is also to be an immediate station on a battleship cruising on a definite area between Newfoundland and the Azores. These are the points at which it has already been decided by the ministry to establish ports of call for cross Atlantic air traffic. At each there will be repair shops, spare parts, stores, and petrol for refueling the aeroplanes. The type of machine to be used will be a "flying boat" and thus when the proposed method of gathering news about weather conditions is in full working order, and when in a month's time official cross Atlantic flight by aeroplane begins, as it is hoped it will, pilots will be able to have their machines overhauled to "refill," and to learn the latest tidings of weather ahead at five halts on the journey. Thus the Air Ministry is reducing the risks of flight to a minimum.

It was at first proposed that these atmospheric readings should be made using balloons of the type employed by the Meteorological office in carrying out daily readings over land, but there are many objections to flying balloons from ships. The kite which is made of fine linen stretched between bamboos is strong and serviceable, and can be folded away for storage in a very small place. It is also cheap to make and quickly turned out. It may be remarked that the officer stationed at Lisbon is to be allowed full use of the observatory there for gathering weather news. The official view is

THE BRITISH ENVOYS WERE THE VICTORS

P. S. Mowers cables the Chicago News as follows:

Paris, France, May 5—It is being widely reported here that the only nation in Europe that will be entirely satisfied with the peace terms now being arranged is Britain. Diplomats of all nations are commenting with admiration not only on the individual worth of the various British delegates, but on the consummate skill with which the British team has conducted its negotiations, keeping on good terms with every one and acting as mediator in disputes, yet getting everything Britain really wants.

Island Empire to Realize Aims

Indeed, the island empire apparently is about to realize the aims it has patiently followed through centuries. As one French diplomat said to me, "Lord Robert Cecil's ancestor who was foreign minister under Queen Elizabeth could readily sign this treaty." Britain issued from the war with her sea power undisputed, either as regards the preeminence of her fleet or her control of the principal sea routes. In the colonial field also she practically eliminates competition.

New Form of Protectorate

The mandatory system, which all diplomats agree is simply a new form of protectorate, will result in extending her dominion over German Southwest Africa, thus making the whole of South Africa British; over German East Africa thus permitting the construction of the all-British cape to Cairo railway, and over Mesopotamia and Syria, thus practically linking Egypt to India right across Asia. While it is true that the United States will remain supreme in the two Americas, British supremacy in Europe, Africa and Oceania and Britain's great power in Asia can hardly be questioned. It is all a brilliant achievement.

The smaller the calibre the bigger the bore—this applies to men, not firearms.

Reconstruction

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