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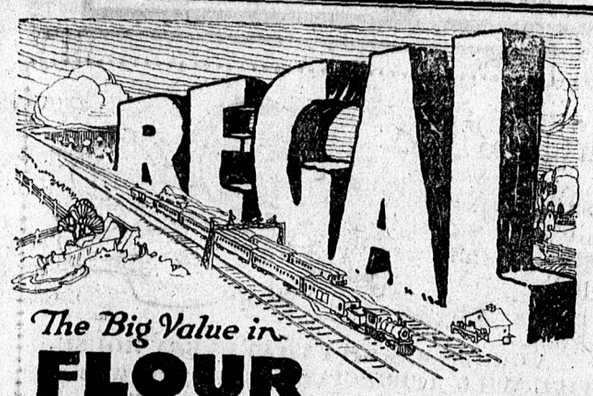

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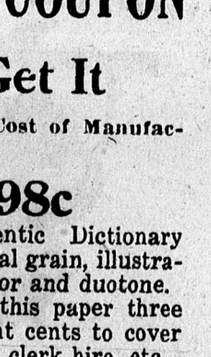

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A GREAT AIRMAN.

Col. Ray Collishaw Has Best Record In R. A. F.

Is Canada going to support her own air force?

This is the question which concerns Col. Ray Collishaw, in some respects Canada's leading flyer, and whose record rivals that of Col. Bishop in the matter of Huns downed and surpasses it in length of service and battles fought.

Col. Collishaw recently came back from Europe. His mission to Canada is to find out if the Government is prepared to support an air force, and if not he will return to England to the R. A. F., where his services are valued.

Twenty-four years of age, a superb specimen of young manhood, and wearing two rows of orders and medal decorations on his breast, the young colonel announced in the most casual manner that he intends to fly from Newfoundland to Ireland next April in a Handley Page machine, "because if I do not some American will, and it seems hardly fair that after Canada had led in the air during the war this should be taken away from us."

"Do the people of Canada know that the first seven of all the pilots in the R. A. F. are Canadians," he said. "We went overseas with no support from our own Government, and received little encouragement there, but in the war the Canadians have taken the first seven places—surely that should mean that we ought to have an air force of our own."

"Who are the first seven flyers of the Empire?" he was asked.

"Well, first there is Col. Bishop, then myself, next Capt. McLaren, then Capt. Baker and Capt Procter, then there is a Toronto man whose name I do not remember at the minute, and in the seventh place Capt. Wheatly," he replied.

Col. Collishaw said that the two all-Canadian squadrons of the R.A.F. are returning to Canada soon. "These are all medal men, and they are all distinguished flyers," he said. "I suggest that the Government take over these two squadrons, which have each three flights, and divide them over the Dominion as the nucleus of the R. A. F. in Canada."

"We have won recognition for ourselves in England, and it seems about time that Canada recognized our existence. For myself it does not matter. I can go back to the R.A.F. in England, and I will, unless Canada has an air force," he added.

"What are the pilots thinking of doing now that the war is over?"

"Well, a lot of them have already taken positions—some of them with Cooke's Tours, I believe. They are wanted by a number of tourist companies, which are already being organized to visit the battlefields in France. It is this way. If a boy was killed at La Bassee, for instance, his father and mother will want to see the place where he fought, and a return trip from London to the battlefield and back in a Handley Page machine means only about four hours," he explained.

"There is one regular transportation company already doing business between London and Paris. They charg £15 for the trip," he said.

Speaking of his proposed trip over the Atlantic, Col. Collishaw explained that the distance is 1,800 miles, and means only about 20 hours in the air. One of the men who is going with him is a Toronto flyer, and three pilots and a wireless man will make the flight.

"Before the war there was an official record of a German flyer who stayed in the air for 27 hours, and I consider that the trip is quite practicable," he added.

"I was in France when the Germans surrendered," he said. "They had it all planned out that they would surrender to their opposite numbers. The fighting machines would surrender to our fighters, and the bombers to the bombers, and so on.

"Well, one big squadron of Huns came over. They were fighting machines and they came in beautiful formation and landed in line at one of our airdromes also in line and taxied up to the hangars. The pilots all got out and stood at attention and then they found that they had surrenderd to the artillery observation machines — regular old tubs. They were very sore about it and all turned and bolted back to their machines and tried to fly away but the old tubs captured them. The German pilots were so sore they simply would not speak to anyone."

At the outbreak of the war Col. Collishaw was in the navy and he wears the Mons Star for service in 1914, which very few Canadians wear. His other decorations include the D. S. O. with bar, the D. S. C., the D. F. C., the Croix de Coronna of Belgium, and the Croix de Guerre with two palms, of France.

In France he commanded the first all-Canadian squadron, which this year holds the record for victories of the whole R. A. F., having downed 220 Huns. The squadron consists of 22 men who actually fly and 27 officers, altogether.

Col. Collishaw is very enthusiastic for the airplanes in civil service in the Province of Ontario. "I do not know what the Government spends each year on fire ranging, but one plane can cover over 30 square miles of territory. Smoke on the ground is very conspicuous when seen from the air."

"In hydrographic survey work nothing could equal the airplane for timber cruising. It should also be most valuable in taking pictures of the forest from which could be estimated the timber and kind of trees in different timber limits," he said.

"What I want most, however, is to get some support in urging the claims of the Canadian flyers on the Canadian Government. That is what I am here for and it seems right to me," he concluded. It is worth noting that Col. Collishaw has downed four more Hun airmen than Col. Bishop. He has won more individual victories than any airman in the Allied armies.

Horseshoeing is a very ancient art. It is represented in a coin of Tarentum of about 350 B.C.

A gossip has few friends, but she manages to get good and even with her numerous enemies.

SOME FAMOUS PUNSTERS.

Symposium Shows It Is Done By the Best Authors.

"The seeds of punning are in the minds of all men," remarked Joseph Addison in No. 61 of his famous Spectator. His coadjutor, Richard Steele, had two years previously in the Tatler announced that he had "several arguments ready to prove that he cannot be a man of honor who is guilty of this abuse of human society." John Dennis, their cotemporary and Addison's savage critic, is said to have been the real author of the dictum often ascribed on Dr. Johnson that a man who would make a bad pun would pick a pocket. If Dennis was right, many of the greatest writers were potential rogues. Shakespeare would be indicted on a hundred counts. Did he not make John o' Gaunt exclaim from his dying bed, just after his magnificent patriotic outburst over the "sceptred isle" in which he dwelt:

Old, Gaunt, indeed, and gaunt in being old.
Within me grief hath kept a tedious fast,
And who abstains from meat that is not gaunt?
* * *
Gaunt am I for the grave, gaunt as a grave,
Whose hollow womb inherits nought but bones.

In England the written pun reached its apogee in the early and middle years of the last century, when flourished Lamb and Moore and Hook and Jerrold and the king of punsters —"by merit raised to that bad eminence"—Thomas Hood. Even the erudite Coleridge was drawn into the net. De Quincey repeats a sickly pun by him as something worthy of record, while Coleridge himself, in his "Biographia Literaria," relates a preposterous story of his hot and suspect youth which some of his biographers have gravely treated as a fact — the absurd point being that the radical young philosopher and a friend, while learnedly discoursing of Spinoza were understood by an eavesdropper listening for treason to talk of one "Spy Nosy."

Coleridge, of course, was a rank amateur of punning. From Hood, the professional, we get the ripened fruit. Let "Faithless Nelly Gray" and "Faithless Sally Brown" alike bear witness:

Ben Battle was a soldier bold,
And used to war's alarms;
But a cannon ball took off his legs,
So he laid down his arms. * * *

But when he called on Nelly Gray
She made him quite a scoff,
And when she saw his wooden legs
Began to take them off! * * *

"Oh, Nelly Gray! Oh, Nelly Gray!
For all your jeering speeches,
At duty's call I left my legs
In Badajos' breaches."

"Why, then," said she, "you've lost the feet
Of legs in war's alarms,
And now you cannot wear your shoes
Upon your feats of arms!"

Poor Ben, the soldier, hanged himself, and "though distress had cut him up, it could not cut him down." Ben, the sailor, Sally's jilted one, had a still sadder fate:

"Oh, Sally Brown! Oh, Sally Brown!
How could you serve me so?
I've met with many a breeze before,
But never such a blow."

Then, reading on his 'bacco box,
He heaved a bitter sigh,
And then began to eye his pipe,
And then to pipe his eye.

Everyone is familiar with Hood's famous pun put into the mouth of a barrister,—"The case is I've no case at all, and in brief I've ne'er had a brief." He sees a deep hole in the ground, and sighs: "It is well!"

To curb his emotions he sat
On the curbstone the space of a minute.
Then cried, "Here's an opening at last!"
And in less than a jiffy was in it."

Next morning twelve citizens came
('Twas the coroner bade them attend),
To the end that it might be determined
How the man had determined his end. * * *

The jury decided at length,
After solemnly weighing the matter,
That the lawyer was drowned because
He could not keep his head above water.

The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table condemns punning with his tongue in his cheek and two and a half pages of horrible examples on his tongue. And was it not he who wrote:

Her waist is ampler than her life,
For life is but a span,

and who told us

How Shem's proud children reared the Assyrian piles,
While Ham's were scattered through the Sandwich Isles!

"These to the printer!" he exclaimed, and in his humorous way he added, as a trifling jest. "There'll be the devil to pay." Equally careless of debts to the devil were Praed, with his:

Where are my friends? I am alone;
No playmate shares my breaker—
Some lie beneath the churchyard stone,
And some before the Speaker,

and his

And mendicants will sup like kings,
And lords will swear like lackeys,
And black eyes oft will lead to rings,
And rings will lead to black eyes,

and Horace Smith, with his

So from the stands the empty carts are dragged,

Any man who calls himself an idiot wants others to question his veracity.

Some engagements end happily, but the majority end in marriage.

Germans Have Got 'Their Tails Up'

BERLIN, Dec 3.—"The German Government will not yield," is the double column headline of the Government organ Deutsche Aloeim Zeitung tonight. Under the subheading, "Maintainence of the peace treaty," the paper says: "We learn from circles closely in touch with the Cabinet that the Government is firmly determined not to yield in the question of the surrender of 400,000 tons of dock material."

The Morgan Post interprets the German Government's attitude as a refusal to ratify the old peace terms while the United States is absent from the various commissions, and admits that the German delegates considered with some justice that they could exploit the uncertainty of the United States' attitude by trying to secure certain favorable modifications, for example, the informal procedure of the ex-Kaiser's trial.

Undoubtedly the Germans have "got their tails up," but developments in Italy may have at least as much influence as the American uncertainty.

NOTED AUTHORITY ENDORSES VACCINE

Emphatic endorsation was given to vaccination by Prof. G. N. Stewart, director of experimental medicine in the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, in an address on "Research in Medicine" before the Royal Canadian Institute on Saturday evening. He declared that of all the discoveries in medicine and the treatment in medicine none was more certain than the effect of vaccine in controlling and preventing smallpox.

He classed the dicovery of the vaccine by Jenner in 1796 as one of the early outstanding advances in medical treatments and as an almost accidental discovery. He reiterated his statement that it constituted one of the surest preventives so far established in medicine.

The speaker outlined some of the great discoveries made in medicine up to the present time, and touched especially on the most important. He pointed out that sometimes medical discoveries were made by acident, but were usually the result of persistent and intensive experiment on the part of a large number of investigators, the additions to the existing knowledge being added together. The accumulated results were not very spectacular, he said, and therefore seldom apear in the newspapers.

Prof. Stewart placed next in importance to the discovery of vaccine the proof that infectious diseases were due to minute parasites, some vegetable, which were called bacteria, and other one-celled animals called protozoa. This discovery sprang out of Pasteur's work in 1863. The various bacteria were isolated first, he stated, in diseases of chicken cholera, then in anthrax. The discovery of the anti-toxins for these followed shortly after, and the bacteria of infectious diseases affecting human beings still later. In 1882 the tuberculosis baccilus was isolated, in 1883 that of cholera, and in 1884 diphtheria, with discoveries in other diseases coming still more recently.

After the discovery of the baccilus the toxin was discovered, and, in turn, the anti-toxins developed, the speaker went on.

Another important advance cited was Lister's introduction of antiseptic surgery and the discovery of the use of anaesthetics. Prof. Stewart pointed out that it was extremely difficult for those living in the present advanced age to realize the advantages which these developments gave in the treatment of surgical cases. "We do not know what it means to perform an operation without these aids," he explained.

Continuing, he stated that the discovery of protozoa had only taken place within the last twenty years, and so far it had been established that fifteen diseases were due to this one-celled animal germ.

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