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Many of the foreigners are extremely bashful about admitting their ability to speak and understand English, when there is work to be done, according to the officers, observes the Boston Herald. On the other hand, if they desire a pass or any similar official boon, their comprehension becomes exceedingly acute. On one occasion, a captain announced:

"Kabbible, you are on fatigue duty; you will sweep the mess hall and the office."

"No spik English," murmured the conscript, with a blank look at his superior.

"Hm—wait a minute."

The officer whispered to one of the sergeants.

"Sure, he understands, all right," the latter affirmed.

The captain returned to the still uncomprehending Kabbible.

"Look here, if you don't sweep this mess hall quickly, you'll lose your pass for the next month. Do you understand that?"

"All right; where's the broom?" the private replied with astonishing facility.

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—DOING SPLENDID WORK.—The April meeting of the Maple Leaf Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Wm. McDonald, Traveller's Rest. There were 28 present. After the business of the meeting a question box was opened. This contributed much to the evening's entertainment, and called forth considerable discussion. Among the questions discussed were: "Would votes for women be a moral benefit to the country?" "Should husband and wife have separate purses?" "Some folks knit and some folks sew, what are others doing?" Thirty-one pairs of socks, 1 hospital shirt and 9 comfort bags were handed in. \$100 was voted for yarn, leaving cash on hand \$39.52. Next meeting to be held in Traveller's Rest Hall.

—NEW ANNAN INSTITUTE.—The regular meeting of the New Annan Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Moase, on April 11th. There was an attendance of 36 members and visitors. An interesting paper on "What women can do on the farm," was read by Miss Wright. A program of instrumental music, songs and dialogues was carried out. Luncheon was served by the hostess and a collection amounting to \$8.17 was taken up. After a vote of thanks had been tendered the hostess, the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

TRANSPORTATION AMERICAN ARMY

Secretary Baker Says They Must Have Ships if Soldiers are to Get Over

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The shipping and transportation situation is the key to the future size of the American armies, Secretary of War Baker informed the Military Committee of the House.

Speaking for an hour and a half on his experience and his recommendations resulting from his recent trip to France, Secretary Baker declared he has no recommendations in regard to the size of the army, and that he will have none until he gets more complete figures on the transportation question.

"It is useless for us to send men to the training camps," he told the committee, in effect, "when we have no way of transporting them to France. The transportation question is the neck of the bottle and everything must pass through it. It dominates the question of the size of the army, as well as the question of how fast we should send men to camp."

One hour and twenty minutes of the hour and a half which Mr. Baker was with the committee behind closed doors was taken up with his general description of his trip to France.

All Depends on Shipping

At the end of that time members of the committee called on him for specific recommendations in regard to the size of the army, saying they were not interested in the descriptive matter, but in the purely military recommendations that he might have to make.

Secretary Baker then told the committee that shipping was the key to the whole problem of the size of the army and that he desired to study more closely some figures that had been submitted to him since his return.

He said that when he had thoroughly studied these figures he would return to the committee and make specific recommendations in regard to the size of the army. This will be within four or five days, he said.

Among other things, Secretary Baker revealed to the committee in confidence the rate at which this country is sending troops to France. The number was smaller than most committee members had anticipated would be given, they said. He also gave the figures on the number of American soldiers now in France and told of the numbers and disposition of the American troops along the Picardy battle line, sent there as a result of Gen. Pershing's offer to Gen. Foch.

Secretary Baker said there was not an officer or a man he had met in all of Britain, France or Italy, who had uttered to him, or who had appeared to have the least pessimism in regard to the ultimate result of the struggle on the western front. He said every military man he saw was confident the Allies would win sooner or later, although most all confessed they did not see how it would be done.

Discussing the aviation situation in France, Secretary Baker said American aviators had done some remarkably fine work.

He declared that the number of American airmen was rapidly becoming sufficient to provide all the necessary fliers for the American sectors of the front and that the men were equipped with the latest type fighting machines.

CROP CONDITIONS NEVER BETTER

CALGARY, April 29.—Crop reports being received from all parts of the province indicate that conditions were never better, and it is estimated that the average increase in acreage seeded will be in the neighborhood of 20 per cent.

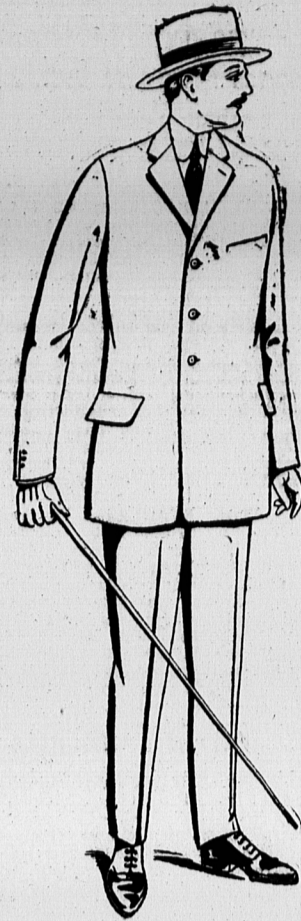
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Brothers Meet in France

The following letter was received recently by Mrs. James D. Lamont, St. Catharines, from her son Donald, who enlisted in the No. 6 Signalling Corps at Halifax and when he got to England enlisted in the 10th Canadian Siege Battery. He was before enlisting Principal of Crapaud School, Jimmie, the brother referred to, left here a year ago in the 4th Siege Artillery Draft, afterwards transferred to the 25th Canadian Battalion and has been in France since last November.

Everett the younger brother left here with the 98th Siege Battery under Capt. Prowse. He is now in the 3rd Canadian Ammunition Column:

France, March 27th, 1918.

Dear Mother:—

This is one of the few mornings when we have nothing to do. I am making use of the time in writing you. Three of us are in a comfortable dug-out ten feet beneath the surface of the ground we have boards and sheet iron beneath us to keep off at least some of the dampness. We have an old can for a stove, but have some difficulty in getting fuel as wood is rather scarce up here.

I feel in good spirits since yesterday, for I had a good talk with Jimmie. At noon yesterday, while we were eating our dinner about two miles from here Jimmie's Battalion passed by. As soon as I learned the number of the unit I went to the roadside and waited until his company came along. The first fellow I recognized was Cecil Devereaux, the late Inspector's son. A little behind him was Jimmy, whom I easily picked out, despite the changed appearance caused by his wearing the steel helmet, for he was taller than most of the fellows with him. I called his name and he fell out of the ranks for a few minutes talk.

No doubt he was surprised to see me. In the evening his battalion marched past our positions on its way to billets, for it has just come out of the line. I walked down the road with him for about two miles. We had a good old chat. I gave him the letter I got from you two days ago. He had received the picture of Everett and I, Jimmy certainly looks well. He is quite fat and as brown as a mulatto. He had received parcels not long ago. As he is not more than three or four miles away, I may see him again in the near future. During my trip down the road with him I found that Everett's section is about three miles from here. I will look him up at the earliest opportunity. I have. On my return last night I found three letters and a card. There was a letter each from Jimmy, Everett and an old friend from Dunstaffnage and

the card from Jessie MacLaughlin. The previous day I had six letters among which were yours and Emma's. You acknowledged receipt of parcel from Edinburgh. On the same day, the box of fruit cake and ginger cakes arrived in good condition, considering the amount of shifts it had had. I finished the cake this morning. It was certainly a treat to get such a variety to the army food. The latter is very good but at times the quantity seems rather small. I notice though that very few of the fellows fail to gain in weight. The outdoor work keeps us in good physical condition.

When you send the next parcel, please send some socks. I have only one pair besides the army issue and the latter are of such poor wearing quality. I am fairly well supplied with other necessities.

Everett received the pictures we had taken when we met in Lydd. I sent him a field post card last night. I shall write replies to the letters of this week as soon as I can. Jimmie said that he got a parcel from Emma and four parcels that you sent him. It came at a very suitable time when he was out for a rest.

The 2nd Battery to leave the Island has one of its sections quite close to us, too close in fact for they do their best to keep us awake at night, for we have not as yet become accustomed to the noise of gun fire. Now I must close this letter. Address my mail the same as before but put B.E.F., France, after the name of the battery. Better make sure that you put the word "Canadian" along with the Battery name and number.

Best wishes to one and all. Take care of yourself during the damp spring weather.

Your loving son,
GR. DONALD F. LAMONT,
No. 2100881,
10th Can. Siege Battery.

Sad Death Of Gunner Darrach

The P.E.L.H.B., Fort Ives mourn the loss of one of their valuable and most popular members of the battery. Gr. Oswald Darrach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nell Darrach, Clyde River, P. E. I., who died at the military hospital, Halifax on Friday morning at 5 a. m.

Gunner Darrach took sick on Monday morning and on Wednesday night took a bad turn for the worse, and was sent to the Military Hospital, where he passed away.

When the news reached the battery of his death, everyone received a sad shock at the unexpected passing of their dear comrade which they held in their highest esteem.

He was of a cheerful disposition and a clever young man about his

work, always with a good word for every body. He was a good living fellow and a model for the rest of his comrades who do not hesitate to say that Gunner Darrach departed from this world without a single enemy.

His many friends which he made while in Halifax are surprised to hear of his death, and is a hard blow to them as well as to his parents and the members of the battery.

Capt. Bayer, officers, N.C.O's., and men desire to extend their heartfelt sympathy to his parents in their sad bereavement.

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