

Mr. H. R. Large Returns From European Trip

In conversation with Mr. H. R. Large, recently returned from a visit to Europe during which he attended the Jubilee celebration. He says: My trip in connection with the Jubilee was most interesting. I also explored the battle fields of France and Belgium, the remarkable transformation that has taken place since the war is remarkable. I first visited the Somme area from Albert-Bapaume, Cambrai to Arras and into Lille and later through Messines Ridge, Hill 60-62, Passchendaele, St. Julien, Ypres, Essex Farm and other familiar and historic points. It is interesting to know that the devastated area has been completely restored and is now very beautiful farm lands entirely under cultivation.

The people of the area in most cases are much better off as they have been furnished by their government, with very modern stone and brick farm houses and other buildings. The old cess pool usually found in the centre of the yard has disappeared in the new order of things, and today the farmers surroundings are modernized beyond his fondest dreams.

In the Ypres Salient, there are one hundred and twenty-three British and one hundred and twenty-three German cemeteries, the British cemetery is a monument to the great war, the graves are properly marked, nicely kept and each cemetery has a stone wall surrounding it. The Menin Gate which is a British memorial to the dead of the Salient, is a magnificent piece of architecture, it has 56,000 names of missing men engraved on its surface, it is interesting to note that the British lost one quarter of a million men in the area and it is estimated the German losses were about the same, there are over two hundred thousand graves in this area bearing the inscription "Known only unto God."

The Graves Commission is constantly at work and to this late date is daily locating bodies and removing them to proper burial places. Hill 60 trenches is the only point which has been preserved in its original condition. It has become an interesting sight-seeing point to the tourist, here the original front line trenches may be viewed as well as the tunnels, craters, and dugouts, also the original implements of war found in these trenches at the end of the war. With the exception of Hill 60 all evidence of war has long since disappeared with the possible exception of a few German concrete pill boxes stretching across the Salient, which time alone will obliterate.

It is a most difficult matter for one to visit the front and reconstruct the war time picture and it is particularly difficult to locate any one point which may have been dear to one during the hectic war days. It went to considerable trouble to locate Railway Dugouts and Bedford House and only after hours of searching located what I believed to be the spot.

The Canadian Memorial at Hill 62 is very outstanding located immediately on the summit of the Hill overlooking miles of country is one of the most artistic memorials on the entire front. Its greatness is symbolical of the death of Canadians who fought in this great Salient and died.

Such cities as Ypres, Albert, Bethune, Bailleu, etc., which were entirely destroyed have been rebuilt under the guidance of architects in the most modern way so that today they have become very beautiful cities, every home equipped with all modern conveniences.

Travel in Europe is quite different to war times, I travelled from Paris to Lille in two and a half hours at a rate of ninety kilo's per hour, a journey which took days during 1917. The French railway cars are very small and the rail ninety pounds bolted to the making a perfect roadbed. It is quite obvious that the reconstruction of railways and trunk highways and cross roads in the old war areas was carried out with a view to further use in case of war, in all cases the highways have been built with a permanent pavement.

The war was quite in evidence in France and Belgium. People are equipped with gas masks, a shovel and pick, these are stored in their cellars for instant use. The feeling exists that it is only a matter of time until the Hun returns.

The Jubilee celebration was the most patriotic affair ever experienced in the British Empire. The decorations in London cost one half million dollars, the viewing stands, poles and other works were of steel construction wrapped with bunting of all kinds and description and required months to erect, giving employment to thousands of men. It is impossible to describe the picture and its grandeur, the streets that were so densely jammed with people that it required hours to travel a few blocks. It was indeed very spectacular to say the least and a sight well worth seeing.

Economic conditions in England under the National Government since 1932 show a tremendous improvement. Unemployment has decreased by 170,000. Four thousand new factories have been erected, bank savings have increased by millions and wages have improved. But while England has balanced her budget and has reduced taxation yet she still has two million unemployed, taxes are high, from my observation the cost of living has risen nearly one hundred per cent since

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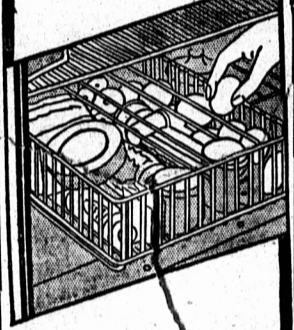
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the war while wages have not increased to any such extent. I judge that the average cost of living in England today is near that of Canada, the people however are facing the situation squarely, fully realizing that personal sacrifice is necessary to restore prosperity, and they go on in their daily task knowing that somehow or other, they will muddle through it.

The people of Europe are pre-eminently war minded, possible war is a daily discussion in the home or on the street. If they could forget war entirely they would be better off but every move of each nation is watched and broadcast over the front sheet of every newspaper, in fact, I believe the newspapers are largely responsible for creating the war scare at this time, a sort of propaganda. If people insist on harboring thoughts of war they will eventually overtake it. It strikes me that the memory of the half million graves of the poor fellows lying in the little Salient of Ypres should be sufficient reason to forever forget war—but will it?

PREPAREDNESS
Now, I want Albert to have a thoroughly modern and up-to-date education, said his mother, including Latin.

Yes, of course, said the Headmaster, though Latin is, as you know, a dead language.

Well, all the better, Albert's going to be an undertaker.

Stammers' Club Bars Stammering

MELBOURNE May 28—Believed to be the first of its kind in the world, a stammerers' club has just been formed in Melbourne with 68 members. Its formation was the outcome of the death of a Sydney man who sought relief from the effects of stammering in suicide; the first act of the new club was to send a wreath for his grave.

The one thing prohibited among members is stammering. At the initial meeting members were addressed by stammerers, all of whom, gaining confidence among fellow-sufferers, spoke with fluency.

The main object of the club is mutual help. Most of the members have resolved not to resign until cured of stammering. Another object is to convince the government of the necessity for keeping medical men or psychologists on permanent research work for the benefit of stammerers.

Native Papuans Study Medicine

SYDNEY May 28—Eighteen Papuan (New Guinea) native medical students have just left for home after completing their course at Sydney University. They have been formed into the world's first scout medical troop.

Not only has scout law added greatly to the effectiveness of discipline among Papuan students generally at Sydney, but it is expected also that, as practised by the medical troop, it will demonstrate to Papuan natives the good help the work of colonization for which Australia is responsible under the League of Nations mandate.

The troop will conduct their work in scout uniform over hundreds of miles of wild territory. Besides a medical qualification of "certified native medical assistant" each member of the troops has qualified

as a second class scout with signaling badges.

GIRL'S BRIGHT IDEA LEADS TO LOVELY FLOWER LAMP SHADES

A young woman hated hideous lampshades and on that foundation has created a new art and industry.

This charming German girl designed and made new and different lampshades all by herself. Real flowers and plants, preserved by a special process are fixed between pieces of transparent parchment and bound to make the shades. She does all the work even to picking the flowers.

"It all began when I was studying book-binding in an art school in Munich," she said when interviewed. "The lamps in my room annoyed me so much that I couldn't concentrate on my homework, and I made up my mind then and there to create shades that would do something for a room. I always had loved flowers as much

as I hated those lamps, so it was perfectly natural for me to think in terms of colorful blooms when I finally settled down to decide what to do about the situation.

"There's nothing so very complicated about these," she continued, modestly. "This business—like most other things—was just an idea that happened to click. That's all. However, I will admit that each shade takes weeks of planning and days of actual work.

"Gathering the right flowers is the part of the entire process that I like most to do. I suppose, by next year, that I'll have to employ men and women to do some of the actual labor, but I shall always try to pick the blossoms myself.

"I got some bright red, feathery things that look like poppies on a hillside in Italy two years ago. It had been raining for three days and there hadn't been a flower in sight. Finally, the fourth morning, the sun started to shine. I tramped miles through a beautiful valley and, suddenly, before me was a big patch of them."

A good deal of her success lies, of course, in the fact that she invented a process which preserves the natural color of the petals. Mimosa from a mossy bank in England where she went last summer is just as lovely and yellowish-green as it was the day she picked it.

Dandelions from a neatly clipped field near Leipzig are as fascinating as the ones you split and curled when you were seven. Thistle leaves across the bottom of a shade for a ceiling fixture are so realistic-looking that you have a feeling you'll prick your fingers if you touch it. Arranging leaves and flowers casually and naturally seem to be part of her secret, too.

First of all, the young artist stretches a layer of transparent paper around a plain wire frame and covers the parchment with a thin coat of muscilage. Then, following a carefully planned design, she arranges the sprays of pressed flowers on the sticky surface. Before the muscilage has a chance to dry, another layer of parchment is placed flat on top and smoothed

down to eliminate wrinkles and creases.

When the layers have dried together, she laces the edges with narrow strings of real leather.

GOING TO BRUSSELS

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