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FORMERLY THE MORRRISSEY MENTION

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WORD PICTURE OF WAR WOMEN

"There is a natural antagonism between woman and war," writes Hall Caine in his recent studies of women war workers in the Motherland. "Battle is in the blood of man, and perhaps it is natural that he should settle his disputes with his fellow-man by the barbaric expedient of seeing which of them cankillmostmen. . . . But woman is the life-giver, not the life-destroyer. . . . What, then, brings her into the munition factories?

"To find an answer to that question I must ask you to spend an hour with me in the office of a lady superintendent when she is taking on hands. Here they come to "sign on," a various and talkative queue. Rose and Alice, and Annie and Mabel, the young woman who has left a home of comfort and luxury, the daughter of the mechanic, the girl out of domestic service and perhaps the girl out of the slums. What are their homes? Where do they live? Are they married? If so, have they any children? And why do they want to work at munitions.

First to reach the superintendent's table is a Girton girl with a grave face, who thinks it her duty to her country to work in the factories.

The next is a laughing young chit, whose "fella" has gone to the front, so she thinks she would like "to be doin' a bit o' what 'e does."

The next is a young bride, who married to a soldier, wishes to "keep 'er mind from worritin'."

And the next is the woman with a mouth like a scar, who has lost her husband in the war, and "wants a chance to pay them back a bit."

Tommy's sister in the munitions factories, like Tommy in the trenches, lives in the last moment, now joking, teasing, laughing and wriggling, and then fuming and flaming and weeping over her troubles as if the world were coming to an end.

The Cockney girl has often very beautiful hair, generally of a dark brown color, with a glint of gold in it, and it goes grievously against her grain that to protect it from the clutches of pulleys and belts it has to be hidden under her cap.

When the lady superintendent has turned her back down it comes in an instant, and her kiss-curls are twiddling over her temples.

As courageous as Tommy himself, when she gets her finger squeezed or cut in the lathe she likes her chum to sympathize with her and carry her off to the factory infirmary—often a fresh, sweet place, presided over by trained nurses, who dress slight wounds all day long and provide easy chairs and rest rooms for girls who are faint from charcoal fumes.

Though Alice and Annie and Rose are usually brave enough on the nights of air raids, they sometimes mave bouts of hysteria which have to be put down with an iron hand.

One such operation was delightfully ludicrous. A forewoman, having received notice of the coming of Zeppelins, removed her girls to the washroom, where some of them began to cry.

"Stop that," she cried.

But the hysterical girls would not or could not stop. So she picked them up, one by one, and put them to sit in the wash basins that lined two sides of the room, and then called in a number of the men to look at them. Lights were switched on for a moment; the weeping ones were seen leaning their back against the walls and dangling their legs above the floor; there was a general peal of laughter; and then the girls were lifted down and the hysteria was gone.

Then there's Tommy's sister who has sometimes got a heart like Hetty Sorrell's, as bright as a cherry and as hard as its stone. But far oftener she is a girl with a heart of gold. It frequently happens that she is the sole support of her family, an invalid mother, and perhaps two or three young children, and not rarely, when on the day shift, she cleans up the house before starting out for the factory at six o'clock in the morning.

If, instead of five hundred thousand, there were a million of them at work in the factories, the British race would be the better for the next hundred years.—Montreal Star.

PROVINCIAL PREFACES

Rev. Father Lacombe, one of the pioneer missionaries of Western Canada, beloved by all, is dead. He was born in 1828 and came to the West 67 years ago.

Kaslo has formed a Junior Red Cross Society to be known as the Kaslo Junior War Workers.

The Hon. Duff Pattullo, of Prince Rupert is the Beau Brummell of the new B.C. cabinet.

Dr. Lee Smith, of Phoenix, was married to Miss Jewel Segsworth, of Hartington, Ont., last week.

P. H. McCurrach is the new president of the Greenwood Curling Club. G. B. Taylor is secretary-treasurer.

Phoenix curlers have organized a club with R. K. McKammon as president; R. Lindsay, vice-president, and W. X. Perkins, secretary.

The Very Rev. Charles de Veber Schofield, D.D., Dean of Columbia, has been consecrated Bishop of Columbia, at Christ Church cathedral, Victoria, B.C. He is the 5th Bishop of the oldest diocese of Western British North America.

Sir Robert Borden is touring Canada in the interests of National Service. He will speak in Victoria, Dec. 16. He is accompanied by R. B. Bennett, M.P., director of National Service.

J. McCallum Grant, a prominent broker of Halifax, has been appointed Lt. Gov. of Nova Scotia in the place of the late David MacKeen.

The C.P.R. trains from Fernie to Vancouver over the Kettle Valley route, connect with boat for Victoria. This is a great convenience to those going to the Capital.

Robt. Kerr, late C.P.R. traffic manager, died in Toronto last Saturday. He was 71 years of age and had been with the C.P.R. since 1884.

The Ormond Copper Mines, Limited, has been formed to acquire and operate promising copper property on Flores Island at the entrance to Clayoquot Sound.

Don't forget the concert on Friday and Saturday at the Grand theatre in aid of Canadian Prisoners of War in Germany.

An explosion destroyed the plant of the Quaker Oats Co., at Peterboro, Ont., yesterday morning. Casualties: Four killed, twelve missing; five seriously and ten less seriously injured.

Iowa State college has instituted a course in janitorship. Imagine the arrogance of a janitor with a diploma!

"RULE BRITANNIA"

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CURRENT COMMENT

It is expected that Washington, D. C., will once more hold an inaugural ball next March, although it is understood that President Wilson does not entirely approve of the same. Washington society is urging Mrs. Wilson to use her influence with the President.

Chauncey M. Depew, the American sage and nonogenarian, says, "A man can live to be 100 years old who lives a simple, healthful life." He advises all to sleep out who can. Too many sleep in.

If King Constantine turns out to be double crossing the Allies it seems time they wiped out the Greece spot whilst they are pressing the Central powers.

Lord Curzon, Lord President of the British war council, is about to marry Mrs. Grace Elvina Duggan, a widow of Beunos Aires.

Prince Oyama, who was a Japanese field marshal in the Russo-Japanese war, is dead.

At the Waldorf

D. Stedding, Winnipeg; E. Rydal, Crow's Nest; G. A. Millett, Elko; W. Graham, Coleman; Mrs. Hinchcliffe, Vancouver; W. Grant, Cranbrook; H. Erickson, Natal; Joe Clemens, Baynes; J. Sunkwist, Cranbrook; C. Johnson, Cranbrook.

A SAD WRECK

Mail Clerk E. E. Parker, of Creston, was killed at Chin on Saturday morning, when the eastbound train was run into by the westbound train. Several others were injured. Amongst the passengers were the "Peg o' My Heart" company, who showed at the Grand theatre the night before. They were on their way to Lethbridge. Many of them were badly shaken and bruised but they were the most cheerful people on the train. One lady stubbed her nose on the frame of the opposite seat but is suffering cheerfully, sustained by the thought of damages. Poor Michael, Peg's dog, an Irish terrier well known to the Calgary Kennel Club as Swansee Zepp, had a narrow escape, getting just clear of a falling trunk with a slightly damaged toe. An appeal was made to a colored porter to make tea for the waiting passengers. He said, "No, Sah! You make tea and I'll drink it." A sad mixture of death and humor around the blazing fires by the side of the wreck.

Proof Positive

Eleanor—Men are not any brainier than women; they have only beguiled us into believing that they are.

Herbert—Well, doesn't that show that they are?

EUROPEAN EVENTS

Lieut. Gen. von Heinrich has been appointed Governor of Bucharest by the German authorities.

Sweden is rapidly absorbing republican intentions.

Important air raids have been made by the Entente Allies over various parts of Belgium. A dozen air planes reached Zeebrugge. British air planes also attacked the military works at Brussels, Oudenard and Louvain. Train traffic was badly impeded as a result.

The British steamer Strathalbyor, 4331 tons, has been sunk by a mine. She went down in eight minutes. All on board were saved.

The British steamer Strathalbyon, Lloyd George, Lord Milner and Mr. Arthur Henderson, is a strong combination and should be as famous as the first triumvirate in 60 A.D.

Harry Lauder is to be knighted for his generous war service.

It is proposed to hold special services in the parish churches and cathedrals of England on Dec. 31 in thankful recognition of the devotion which has been shown by British manhood. Collections will be given to the Britishh Red Cross and Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg has transmitted a note to the Entente Allies through neutral representatives in the respective capitals proposing peace negotiations.

Arthur Henderson, Minister of Pensions, in the first public speech to be made by any of the new ministers warned the country against a premature peace.

Amsterdam—Sixteen people were killed and several mortally wounded in a riot at Tourcoing, Belgium, on the occasion of the deportation of 300 civilians by the Germans. The riot started when a man was struck on the head by a German rifle butt because he did not walk fast enough.

Premier Briand, of France, has completed his new cabinet.

CORPL. ALEX. F. SHAW KILLED IN ACTION

Morrissey, Dec. 10.—Corp. Alexander Flesher Shaw, eldest son of Major and Mrs. C. AE. Shaw, of Morrissey internment camp, was killed in action somewhere in France on Nov. 19.

Corpl. Shaw was born in Victoria in 1896 and lived in Greenwood for a number of years. He attended high school in Victoria. He joined a Kootenay battalion in August, 1915, enlisting from Greenwood.

He came of a line of soldiers. His Shaw, of Oak Hill, Toronto. His grandfather was Major Alexander great-grandfather, Capt. Alex. Shaw, fought through the whole of the Peninsular war and at Waterloo, while his great great grandfather, Major-General Eneas Shaw was one of the founders of the Empire, being in command of the troops in Upper Canada at the time of his death.

His only brother, Norman A. E. Shaw, is with the 196th battalion, now in England.—Nelson News.

Considering what most people are willing to do for money it is a wonder that more people are not millionaires.

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Fast driving on public streets is a menace to life. Some one is sooner or later going to be badly hurt. Only this week a lady was injured and a doctor had to be called in because the fascination of fast driving proved too great a temptation for the driver. Surely there is some regulation covering this form of public nuisance. The pedestrian has his rights and rights that must be respected.

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KEEP WARM

One of McEwan's meat pies and a cup of Ingram's "Good" coffee are excellent warmers-up this cold weather, and to keep warm either get a heater from the Duthie Hardware or Quail's big stove department. Then go to the Orpheum theatre, where it is always warm and where they show the very best of pictures; and after that take the "Mention" home with you to put you to sleep—its dull enough to satisfy any insomnia afflicted reader. One lady takes the Green 'un to bed. She says it's soothing and puts her to sleep. Then next morning read the advertisements and do your Christmas shopping early and the shop girls will love you.

CHANGE

A great change, it is reported, is about to affect the small change of Old England and Canada. Fancy the old Bob disappearing. They never lasted long anyway, but had a morbid habit of disappearing long ago before it was suggested to introduce the decimal system into the Isles of Britain. The higher values were always too seldom for most of us to have any more than a passing acquaintance with them. But the crown to go for a dollar or so is rank republicanism. After all there should only be one crown and that the King's, God bless him. What a time those old country people will have checking up the new values. Will they acquire a new sense of cents? The war bill expressed in greenbacks will make Billiam green with envy. Ladies' votes and decimal coinage in England are surely a prelude to phonetic spelling of English as she should not be spoken, but is—and the millenium draws nearer than ever; only seamless unmentionables are necessary to make life one long scream, a seeming impossibility..

And now comes Prof. Leacock, of McGill, that sound philosopher of genuine humor based on concrete fact, with the suggestion that Canada call in all silver coinage and replace it with nickel. Well! if a nickel quarter will buy as much as a silver quarter and if the erstwhile silver quarter can be utilized by the government to better advantage in some other way than as legal tender, what's the diff? It's a tender question in this coin age, and up to the Ottawa custodians of the country's exchequer. However, whatever happens, we venture to state that the new coins will be just as hard to keep as the old 'uns and will still ascend in smoke—and other things. Still will they be the root of all evil and a menace to rich and poor alike. And Australia! will she follow suit?

If a quid becomes a five spot and the old familiar tanner adopts the western cognomen of a dime, it's good bye to the coins of old England, and a further proof of the adoption by the Motherland of her daughters' up to date fashions. All change is not advisable even if some changes are sometimes for the best.

Mentioner.

THE TRAIL NEWS

The Trail News is now in its 22nd year and was established in the early days of the mining boom in Rossland camp by W. F. Thompson, who later went to Dawson. Those were the times of huge fortunes won and lost in the great copper camp, when the late Augustus Heinze built the original Trail smelter and the narrow gauge railway from Trail to the rich mines in Rossland. Now Trail is a city, with one of the finest equipped smelters and refineries in the world. The narrow guage is standard and a part of the C.P.R. transcontinental system, and the News with its contemporaries has expanded and grown to its present size. It is under the most able managership of Mr. W. B. Wilcox, who took over the Trail News and its responsibilities just a year ago. It is his intention to increase the size of the paper to eight pages if the coal situation does not close the smelter down. Mr. Wilcox is one of the livest and most awake newspaper men in the Interior. He was for many years editor of the Phoenix Pioneer, in the copperopolis of the Boundary District, and has earned the good will of every mining man in the copper districts in which he has the good fortune to live.

USUAL NOVELTY AT ORPHEUM NEXT WEEK

Picturization of Service's Great Poem

"The Shooting of Dan McGrew" is a poem that has probably created more favorable comment than any other rhyme of the Alaskan wilds, powerfully vivid, and written in red blood style, it is conceded to be the best work of "The Canadian Kipling," Robt. W. Service.

Edmund Breese, the powerful dramatic actor, who has delighted audiences all over the world by his gripping character portrayals, stars in this production and makes the most of the big situations and the most critical of audiences will find this production as big, vital and entertaining as the poem itself.

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MILITARY MENTION

Dr. Ira A. Nelson, a Spokane doctor, is a captain in the R. A. M. C. known as the American Legion, was at Shorncliffe Camp, Eng.

The 211th Batt. of Calgary, better reviewed by the Duke of Devonshire at Ottawa last Saturday. They were under the command of Lieut.-Col. Sage. Sir Sam Hughes was present. The regiment has a splendid band.

Privates George Crowe and Frank Campbell, of Fort Steele, have been recommended for the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery at the Regina trench.

Pte. Joseph Wilson, one of the first white boys born in Nelson, has received the Victoria Cross. He is a son of Mr. Blake Wilson, of P. Burns & Co.

Be sure to attend the Children's Concert on Friday and Saturday in aid of Canadian Prisoners of War in Germany .

Lt. Goldie Fraser Anderson, of Granby, B.C., reported missing, is now believed to have been killed.

The British army veterinary corps in France comprises 10,000 men and 1200 officers who take care of sick, wounded and debilitated horses back from the front. The British army has one million horses in France.

Lieut. E. T. Toole, who was for four years on the engineering staff of the Western Canada Power Co. at Stave Lake, has been killed in action.

The Shooting of Dan McGrew

A bunch of boys were whooping it up
in the Malamute saloon;
The kid that handles the music box
was hitting a jag-time tune;
Back of the bar, in a solo game, sat
Dangerous Dan McGrew,
And watching his luck was his light-
o'-love, the lady that's known as
Lou.

That is the first verse of the famous poem of the Yukon by R. W. Service. The whole story of the shooting of Dan McGrew is to be seen at the Orpheum theatre next Tuesday. It is a typical story of life in the far North.

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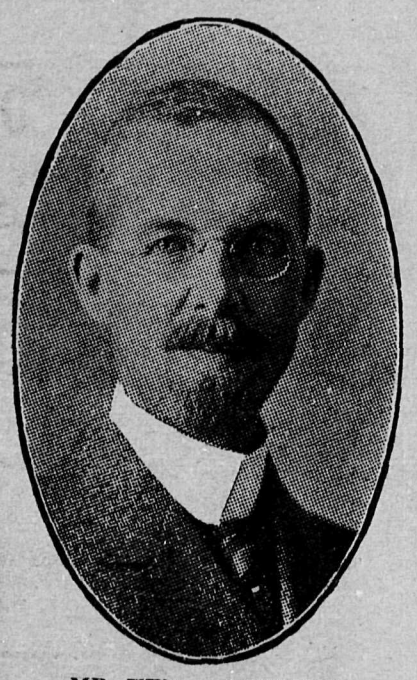

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A compact little company played at the Grand Theatre last Friday evening and the play was most entertaining and instructive, "The Girl He Couldn't Buy." Hope Nelson, a most captivating young lady, was most charmingly portrayed by Miss Julienne Talbott. We can quite understand the heavy villain, David Burnham (in every day life, Mr. Frank Adams) who had become a Wall St. millionaire, wanting to secure so sweet a companion but he had to deal not only with Hope herself but with her very fascinating chum and roommate Kitty Burns (Grace Whitcher), who was the life of the rather dreary apartment on 10th Ave., New York, also her friend and ally, Jim Edwards whose principal faculty for getting along in the world was a gift of the gab and the "only razor in the world" —indestructible and indispensible, for 10c." He himself had a close shave of being pinched by New York's cleverest detective, Jim Clancey, another enemy of the wily Burnham. Add to this a reformed crook, Joe Maynard, who saves Hope from the villain, restores her to her lost fortune and later falls in love and wins her love, and you see what chance the villain had against such odds. In short there was no Hope for him and he made a fine and final exit with his hands inconveniently attached en route for "up the River."

The audience was small. Both the play and the players deserved a full house, as do all of W. B. Sherman's productions.

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The aAssociation has already accomplished great things and is now pressing for uniformity in provincial legislation, with the assistance of the Canadian Bar Association; amongst other important changes and improvements in the Dominion legal proceedings.

The official organ of this Association is published monthly at Winnipeg and contains excellent matter of vital interest to all business men, besides being entertaining and enlightening on questions that should be the concern of all business concerns throughout Canada. The aim and object of both the Association and its capital journal is to "produce something better."

FACTS FROM FERNIE

Pte. W. H. Minton, who is in France with the 1st Canadian division, writes to a friend in Fernie that he is not with the 54th any more having been transferred last June to the 2nd battalion. He states that "Peter Bratton is not dead but as lively as ever. I see him most every day. Louie Beale is back in England wounded. He will soon be well again.

J. V. Rewers, who has been M. A. Kastner's valued assistant in his insurance and real estate office for a considerable time has accepted a position as accountant with the Fernie-Fort Steele Brewing Co. James Linn will take his place in Mr. Kastner's office.

A change of management at the Fernie-Fort Steele Brewery will not necessarily alter the extreme delicacy of two per cent beer, at the same time it cannot improve it.

Remember Wednesday, Dec. 27th, when a new series of card parties and dances will begin at the Catholic church hall. Nice refreshments, good music. Admission 25c.

Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Wallace, of Morrissey, were visitors to Fernie this week.

Pte. J. Small and Corpl. J. Cooper paid a flying visit to the city from Morrissey Camp this week.

Father Christmas is coming. Look at Trites-Wood Co.'s central window.

The Lady All Stars wish to challenge any other feminine aggregation of puck chasers in this or any other burg for a special trophy.

"The Shooting of Dan McGrew," one of Service's best poems of Yukon life, is to be seen at the Orpheum on Tuesday next.

IT IS MENTIONED IN MORRISSEY

That Pte. Nicholas is on the mend.

That everyone is glad to hear that Bugler Edwards is so much better.

That a player is needed now for the new piano.

That Mrs. Whalley and family were in Fernie for a few days this week.

That venison looked good to the fortunate recipients.

That Pte. Hollingshead spent a day in Fernie this week.

That as the tent has disappeared there will be no tenant necessary.

That those who were wise wear felt shoes. They haven't felt the cold.

That Paymaster Sergt. Crowe paid a flying visit to Morrissey Camp this week.

That Mr. W. Dicken's fine team is now doing duty hauling wood to camp with Pte. Boardman as Jehu.

That Q. M. S. Ed. Brown and family visited old friends in Fernie over Sunday.

That several "Mentions" duly addressed did not arrive at their destinations.

That Dr. Bonnell is taking duty in Camp owing to Dr. Corsan's absence on furlough.

That the post office is once more to be moved. It has been moved before and doesn't seem to mind.

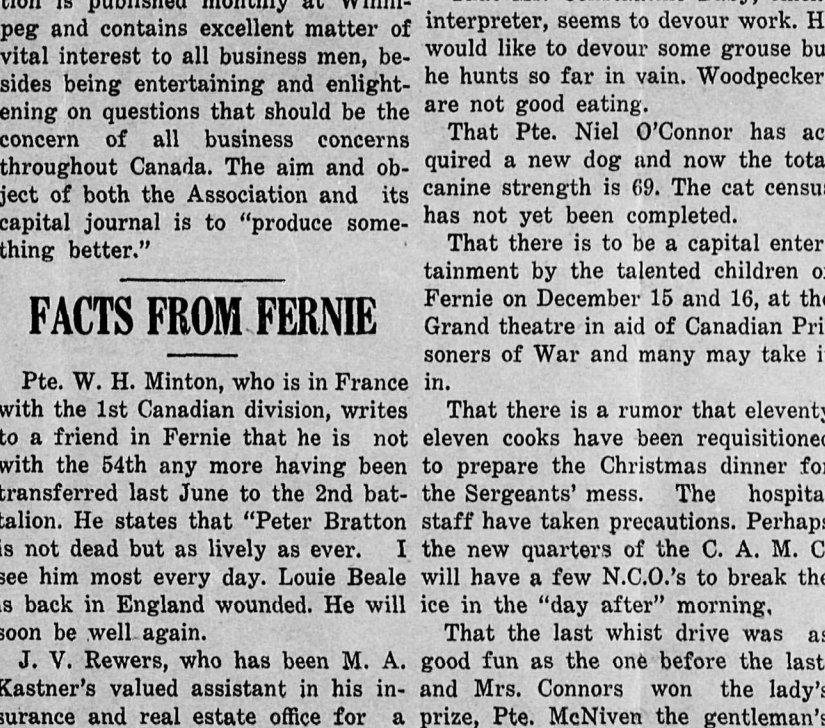
That Mr. Constantine Baby, official interpreter, seems to devour work. He would like to devour some grouse but he hunts so far in vain. Woodpeckers are not good eating.

That Pte. Niel O'Connor has acquired a new dog and now the total canine strength is 69. The cat census has not yet been completed.

That there is to be a capital entertainment by the talented children of Fernie on December 15 and 16, at the Grand theatre in aid of Canadian Prisoners of War and many may take it in.

That there is a rumor that eleventy eleven cooks have been requisitioned to prepare the Christmas dinner for the Sergeants' mess. The hospital staff have taken precautions. Perhaps the new quarters of the C. A. M. C. will have a few N.C.O.'s to break the ice in the "day after" morning.

That the last whist drive was as good fun as the one before the last, and Mrs. Connors won the lady's prize, Pte. McNiven the gentleman's prize. The booby prize was tied for by Sergt. Major Minton and Sergt. E. H. Lane. These two had to cut the cards for it and the Sergt. Major won the coveted honor.



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PARIS PARAGRAPHS

(By Our Special Correspondent)

We have had this week a meeting at Paris of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George and Signor Carcano, the Italian minister.

The war seems about to enter an acute stage. The Allies on all fronts have had successes but only after desperate fighting.

The Germans are compelling the whole population to support the war.

The submarine warfare is spreading from the Gulf of Mexico to the White Sea, ten vessels, French, Nordegian, Spanish, Portuguese, English, Dutch, and Swedish being sent to the bottom in one day.

The Germans are enrolling the Poles to fight for them and are forcing the Belgians to hard labor. In fact, half of Europe is condemned to worse than slavery. It is frightful to think of and we can only hope that the old adage is true that when things get to their worst they begin to mend.

At Ghent 5000 inhabitants, on Oct. 22, were driven to the railway station like a band of oxen, by the German troops, followed by their weeping wives and children. All protestations were brutally punished. Each man had to have a blanket and two pair of shoes with him and all disobedience was met with chastisement. At least 15000 more are put down to go to forced labor in Germany.

No less than 1200 men from Courtray and 1500 from Bruges have been transported. Those who tried to pass the Dutch border were driven to the rivers, with the water to their necks, and were shot down with tugs armed with maxim guns.

In Termonde the population of women and children are starving, it being the object of the Germans to stamp out the race. J. H. G.

Few men are able to keep within hailing distance of their good intentions—politicians never.

ECHOES FROM ELKO

(Remarks by Jim Thistlebeak)

Report from Corbin says they have a songster who is everlastingly singing: "There's a land that is fairer than this." He must be the man that was visiting Elko some time ago. If it is some other place, Jim Thistlebeak says it don't show on the map.

Since the sad shooting accident up the South Fork of the Elk River all the Kootenay Indians left. They say there are too many white men that don't kumtuks and it's dangerous to be safe.

During the whole of last week the weather has been so mild that most of the motorists have been running their cars with the mufflers thrown wide open.

Lou Foisy got three fine black-tailed deer below Castle Mountain, North Star Park, Thursday. The Kennedy boys got two on the government road near the Sheridan ranch.

The Western Home Monthly, a Winnipeg farm journal, says that cows give more and better milk if music is played to them at milking time. Of course, says Jim Thistlebeak, you must be careful not to play "The tune the old cow died on."

Mrs. Jack Webster and family left Elko this week to join her husband who is with the 225th at New Westminster.

There's a girl down at Flagstone that can dance happily all night in a pair of shoes that almost kills her when she is standding washing the dishes.

McMillan and Canning are putting in a sawmill west of the town, and every little bit added to what you've got makes it a little bit more.

The Gorrie boys came in from the Morrissey Meadows, where they had been hunting, and left for the Roosville valley.

The young lady in Waldo who has already hung up the mistletoe must want him to do the popping early.

The Burton mine people shipped another car of ore this week to the Granby Smelter. Mine Manager Caldwell has completed the new ore chute and put up several new buildings. Doing this work delayed mine operations. The men are all back at the mine now and cars of ore will be moving regular from now on and more men will be put to work just as soon as room is made for them. The ore in sight at this mine is making the nerves of the Elko people tingle with new hope, and making several men in the old historic burg anxious to win heaven, although some of their wives have already given them the other place.

It's all right, says Jim Thistlebeak, and commendable for a man to brag on his wife's cooking but don't mention her piano playing.

M. McInnes, lumberman of Crow's Nest, was in Elko this week and to Kootenay river points looking over his timber limits, which are located near the mouth of the Elk river.

A Calgary traveller who is visiting the coast for the first time, writes Jim Thistlebeak and says that he is spending considerable time watching the fishermen catch deviled crab.

Mr. Wheeler, of Fernie, is camped on Rabbit Mountain hunting deer.

Dr. Lailey, of Fernie, was in Elko this week looking for a suitable site for a convalescent hospital.

Jimmy Logan, mining engineer, of Coal Creek, who has been studying geology and the ways of the deer when the snow is deep up the South Fork for the last two weeks, returned to Fernie on Saturday.

Several collar button drummers visited Elko this week for the first time and qualified for positions in the painkiller almanac.

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No Wonder

Mrs. Knewzee: Dear, dear, I didn't know she was ill.

Mr. Knewzee: She wasn't until she saw the write-up of the Swinton musicale in which she was mentioned as the guest of horror!

What She Said

"You must take care of that cold, Mrs. Green. Yer want to git a pennorth of ukerliptus from the chemist, put it in a jug of boling water, 'old yer 'ead over it, and ignore it."

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