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EDITORIALS

There is a feeling in a great many quarters that the present war, with its impoverishing effect, will make impossible the luxury of the last few decades. The standard of living as well as the cost has been going up for a great many years; but it is the misuse of wealth that is most to be condemned. Many people, even in matters of dress, do not seem to appreciate the difference between being "well dressed" and "over dressed." The amount of money that is annually wasted on needless and hideous adornment would almost be enough to pay the cost of the war. If the economy forced by the struggle will cause the sobering of the minds of the present generation it will to some extent compensate for the awful slaughter of human lives that is now taking place.

The worst aspect of this mad rush for display, however, is not the immediate effect, bad as that may be; it is the influence it has on future generations. The boy or girl who is brought up in a home where frivolity of dress is the chief topic of conversation cannot have the wholesome outlook upon life that would otherwise be possible. Carlyle's philosophy of clothes would lead one to indicate that it would give a very superficial point of view. His attention is diverted from what he is to what he appears to be. Perhaps, indeed, this is the reason why the world's great men are mostly recruited from among the sons of toil. Under their conditions men retain more of their normal characteristics. They become men instead of fops and when they go out into the world it does not require even the lantern of Diogenes to discover them.

Notwithstanding the fact that great men and great wom-

en are the ones who are closest to nature, it is surprising how many crave the artificial. When Robert Burns was introduced into society he became lionized, not because of his finished manners, but because he was a man fresh from the heart of nature and throbbing with her strength and tenderness. Great people all the world over are never "snobs." That is left for the little "ape" who in some sides of his nature has not evolved much further than his fallen antetype. True greatness never exists without being tempered with humility, although sometimes the sham gets a very good run for his money.

The Good Book says that, "To him that hath shall be given and from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he seemeth to have." That may require a puzzling bit of interpretation under some circumstances, but if it is applied to the qualities of the mind there can be no dispute. Nature is not only just, but severe. If a man does not make use of the qualities of mind with which he is gifted they will soon become dwarfed and disappear. Nature will not stand for imitation. It will not do to pretend that you have such a sweet voice or gentle disposition unless that conviction comes from the depth of the soul. You cannot hide the secret from nature and soon it will be written on your countenance. The reverse is true, on the other hand, of the man or the woman who would seek elevation of character with an honest purpose. The very music of the spheres is working with the man or the woman who is genuine and in whose heart there is no room for hypocrisy or sham. "An honest man's the noblest work of God."

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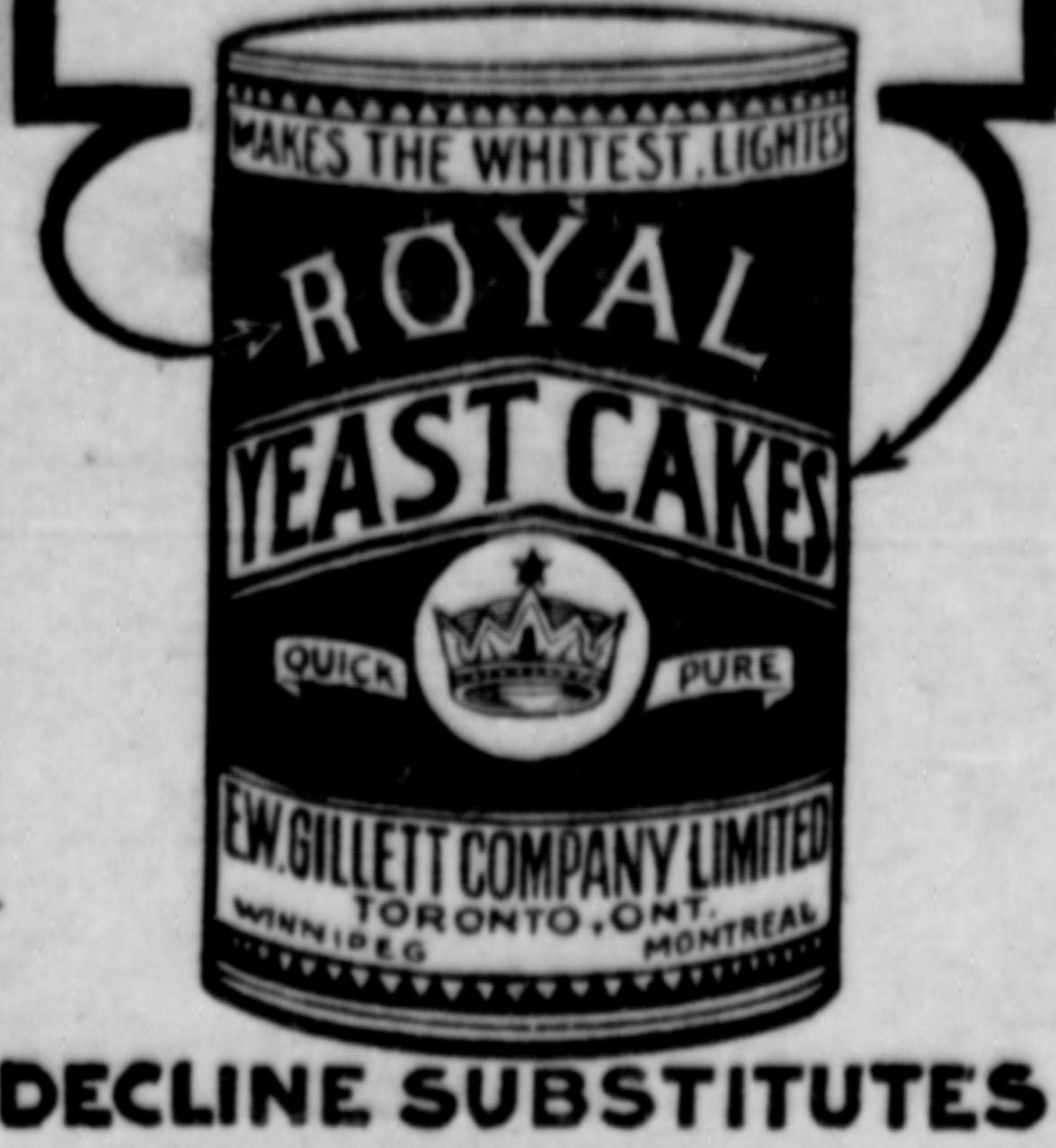
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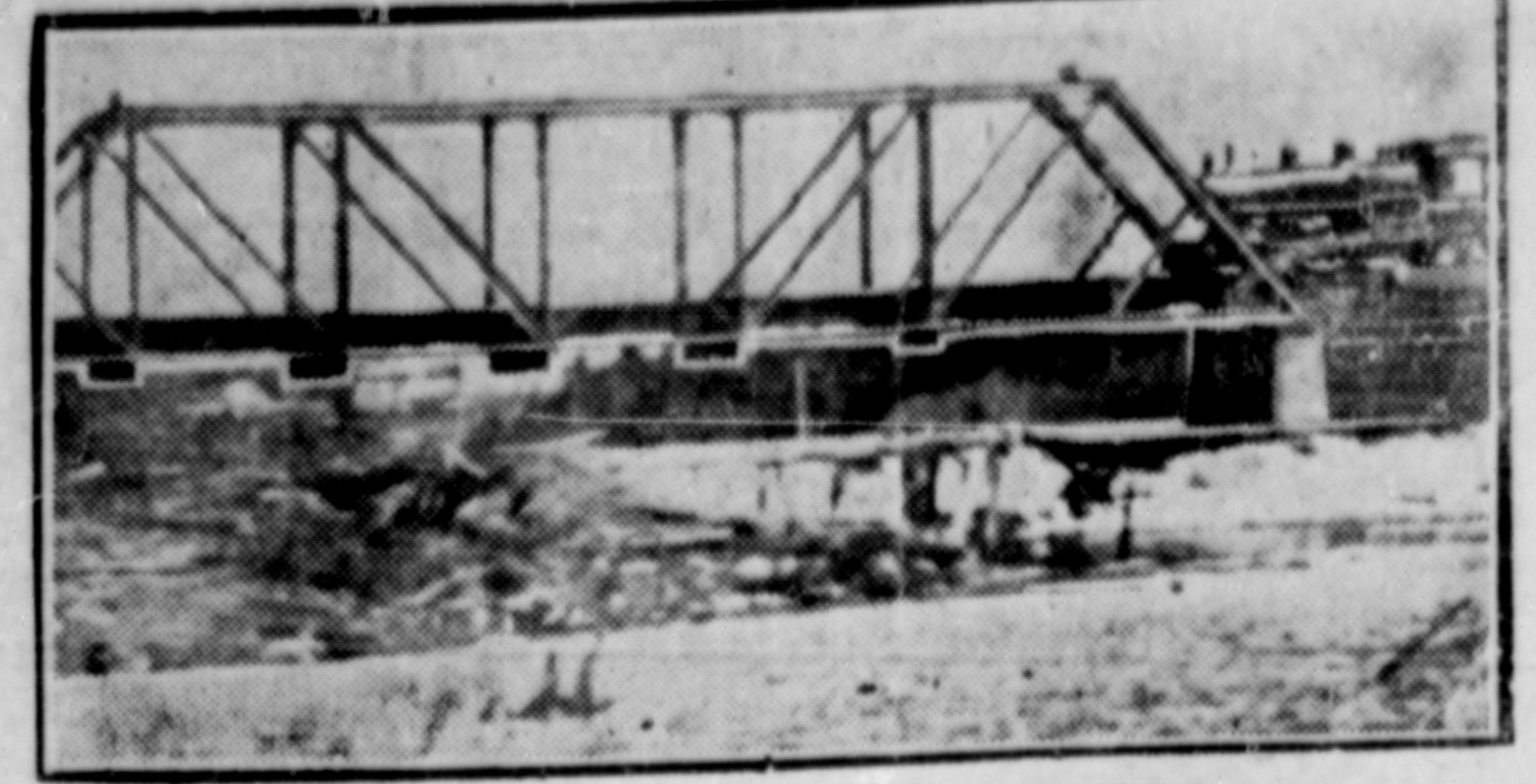
Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The tremendous importance of shell industry to Canadian manufacturers, and to the Dominion generally may be gathered from the fact that over 100 firms will shortly be working upon a big order for 18-pounder shrapnel for the Imperial government. This order, the value of which approximates thirty million dollars, calls for the turning out of several million shells, and not only will the steel companies, whose plants have been more or less running half time, be benefited, but nearly every manufacturing firm in the country can do something in the turning out of one or more of the parts required. This new industry, which has just sprung up within the past two months or so, is probably one of the most important which war conditions have engendered, and there appears to be scarcely any limit, while the war shall last, to the demands which will be made upon Canadian firms to turn out the products for the Allies' armies.

In fact, Great Britain and the Allies are finding out every day some new thing which the Dominion can supply, and it is expected that further new industries will find birth during the coming season to ensure a certain degree of prosperity at least to Canadian manufacturing, and to the country in general.

One of the latest firms to receive a contract for shells is the Canadian Bed Company, of Chesley, which will endeavor to find compensation for the decreased demand for its normal product by manufacturing 25,000 shrapnel shells, valued at least at \$100,000, and calling for the installation of \$12,000 worth of new plant. This is only an instance showing the wide range of firms which may embark in this enterprise. It is expected that later orders will be placed for the larger calibre projectile.

To such an extent does the industry promise to grow that the government, it is understood, contemplates the establishment of a shell testing and inspection plant in the Dominion.

The Atholl Highlanders, a force of men drawn from the Atholl country, and commanded by the Duke himself, is the only private regiment which still exists in Great Britain.



C. P. R. BRIDGE DYNAMITED BY GERMAN.

The bridge on the C. P. R. at Vanceboro, Maine, marks the boundary between Maine and Canada where the C. P. R. crosses. Werner Von Horn, a self-styled German officer, dynamited a section of the bridge recently. He claimed his act was a "political" one and therefore not extraditable. He is now serving sentence for damage to surrounding property caused by the explosion.

EMPRESS OF INDIA HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED

Victoria, Feb. 11.—With a red band painted around her hull and two red crosses on her funnels the Indian hospital ship Loyalty, formerly the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of India, is now running between Mombasa, British East Africa, and Bombay, India. This news was brought to Victoria yesterday by A. McIntosh and G. J. Trapp, who sailed from here on the white steamship last August and who remained with her until a month ago. They arrived in Victoria from Bombay on board the Nippon liner Aki Maru, which docked yesterday afternoon.

The former members of the Loyalty's crew say that the outward appearance of the crack ship has not been changed to any marked degree, but that it is difficult to recognize the interior. For nine weeks the vessel lay at Bombay while mechanics assailed her elaborate fittings with crow-bars, axes, hammers and other tools. The interior was completely gutted, and then the work of equipping her as a hospital ship started. Space was reserved for 450 swinging cots and 100 stationary berths. Operating and X-ray rooms were provided, and the ship carries one of the most complete sets of surgical instruments ever placed on board a hospital ship. Many European doctors and nurses are included in the ship's complement.

When McIntosh and Trapp left the Loyalty she was operating between Mombasa and Bombay, taking home to the Indian empire the brave native fighters who are too seriously wounded to return to the struggle between the British and German forces in Africa. There is a report that the ship will be sent to Marseilles at a later date to carry to India the men who have sustained serious wounds in the mighty conflict now raging in Flanders and Northern France.

The Loyalty was purchased from the C. P. R. by the Gaekwar of Baroda, one of the most prominent princes of the great Indian empire. Capt. Hailey, R. N. R., who was master of the vessel for about one year before she was taken over by the Gaekwar, is still in command of her, and most of her other officers are sailing on her.

NO MARKET NOW FOR SEAL SKINS AND OIL

Huntsmen Take Year's Holiday and Let the Supply Increase During Depression.

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 13.—Unless some plan can be devised within a month whereby the skins and oil of the hair seal can be utilized by the British government for war supplies there is a strong possibility that the seal hunt, which has been an important factor in the commerce of Newfoundland for many years, will be abandoned for the coming season. Because of industrial depression and the war, none of last year's catch of 372,000 skins in 1913 remains in the hands of brokers in London and New York. The war has prevented the transport of seal oil to Germany, formerly one of the principal markets for the commodity.

Some time ago negotiations were started which it was hoped would result in an arrangement for the British government to take over the entire catch for the coming spring, for use in making winter garments for soldiers. Word has been received, however, that the manufacturers of clothing for the army find the material unsuitable, and that no practicable method of using seal oil in connection with military operations has been found.

In addition, owners of the ten steel steamers ordinarily sent to the sealing grounds in March say that there is a brisk demand for the chartering of their vessels for transatlantic service. It is argued by many persons, who believe that restrictive measures are necessary to protect the seals, that present conditions present a favorable opportunity for omitting the hunt this year and thus permitting the animals to increase, probably by about half a million.

RUTHERGLEN ORE CREATING SENSATION

North Bay, Ont., Feb. 13.—Prospectors are still pouring in from the Rutherford region, returning to North Bay with marvelous samples of mineral ore in silver, gold, molybdenum, platinum and zinc. There is no doubt that Rutherford will be one of the biggest mining camps in this country, as the samples brought in by Mr. James T. Lindsay are creating a big sensation among people who understand minerals. It seems to be a refractory ore.

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