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ANOTHER APOLOGIST

Mr. A. Lucas, M. L. A., is the latest disciple of Bowserism to attempt to deal with the statements in "The Crisis." Like the others, he sticks to delightfully vague generalities, and makes no attempt to take the statements in detail, and say that any particular statement in regard to the land held by speculators is false. Mr. Lucas deals at length with the per capita production of British Columbia, and talks in real McBride fashion of the vast increase to be expected in the future, but he does not attempt to say that such-and-such a syndicate does not own a certain huge acreage which should be in the hands of farmers. He states that the government "wants to give everyone a chance," but he carefully passes over the hundred chances to one which the speculator has been given, in preference to the genuine producer.

The figures quoted in "The Crisis" are not Moses Cotsworth's, but official figures taken from the records at Victoria, and these records show clearly that huge tracts of the most fertile land in the province have been handed over to capitalists, in order that these gentlemen may reap a rich harvest from the land-seeker. Mr. Lucas states that 58 per cent. of the 22,618,000 acres of agricultural land in the province is available for settlers, but he carefully omits to mention that "in answer to questions sent by the Agricultural Commission to the Provincial Assessors, asking how much agricultural land is still available within twenty miles of a railroad, or wagon road, no less than twenty out of twenty-nine Provincial Assessors replied that there was none left."

Mr. Lucas forgot to mention that "these answers were entirely suppressed in the report of the Agricultural Com-

mission, and though Mr. Parker Williams, M. L. A., secured an order of the house on February 19, 1915, for a return showing the complete answers, the return was never made. McBride stated that it could not be got ready in the fifteen days intervening. But Mr. Cotsworth found the original answers in the office of the commission and, later, compiled the full return in half a day."

The official records speak much more clearly than the party politician on the platform, whose sole aim is to cover up "mistakes."

MY SOLDIERS

"I send you my congratulations and the admiration of my soldiers, who have carried the badge of Canada into the battlefields of Flanders for liberty." This striking message was cabled to Hon. Louis Botha by Major-General Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, who fifteen years ago met the South African Premier as a foe, says The Mail and Empire's London correspondent in a cable dated July 12th. The Globe has refused to take part in recent attacks on General Hughes, believing that the Minister of Militia had a great work to do and that his attention ought not to be distracted by the necessity of defending himself from the assaults of his enemies. Criticism of the Militia Department in the raising, equipping, and sending forward of men to the front is legitimate and has proved salutary, but personalities should be avoided if at all possible.

General Hughes, however, goes too far in his cable to General Botha, and his colleagues in the government should tell him so plainly. He has a perfect right to send his congratulations to the great South African, but he offends against good taste when he



speaks of Canada's army as "my soldiers." There are too many budding Napoleons abroad in the world today who regard themselves as heaven-inspired leaders of men, entitled to command by reason of their superior mental endowment. General Hughes may think he belongs to this superior order of humanity, and that Canada's soldiers are really his. But they are not. They fight for freedom, not for General Hughes. It is an impertinence on the part of the Minister of Militia, in a message to the Premier of South Africa, to speak of the Canadian troops in Britain as "my soldiers." The King himself, who alone has the right to use the phrase, does so very rarely. Let General Hughes cultivate modesty; he will thus possess himself of at least one of the attributes of true greatness.—Toronto Globe.

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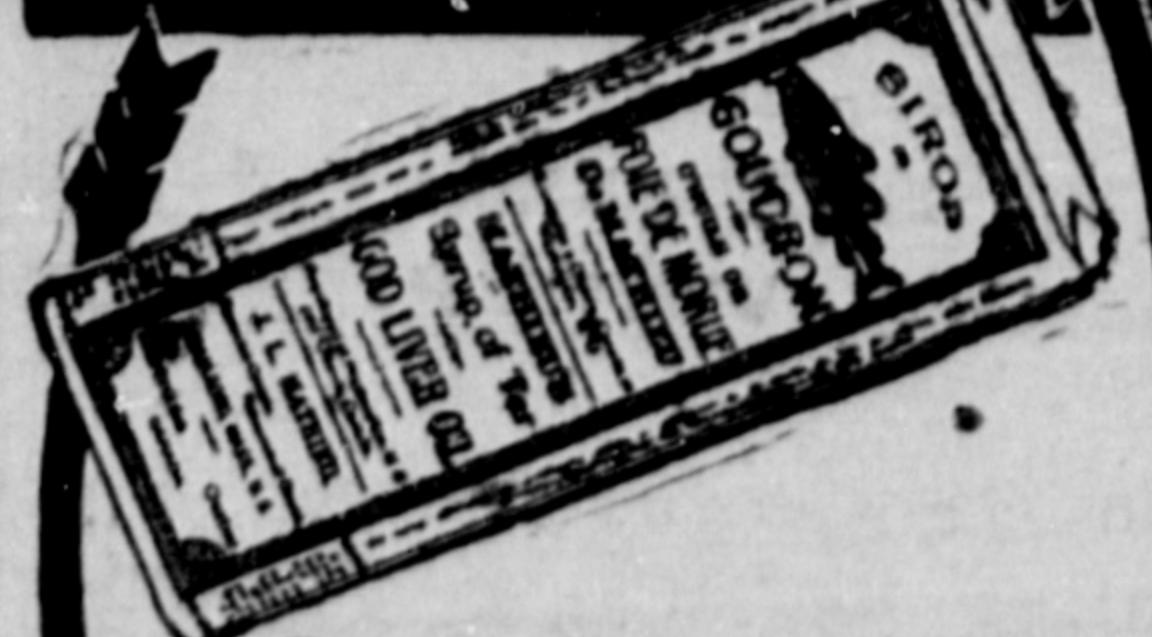
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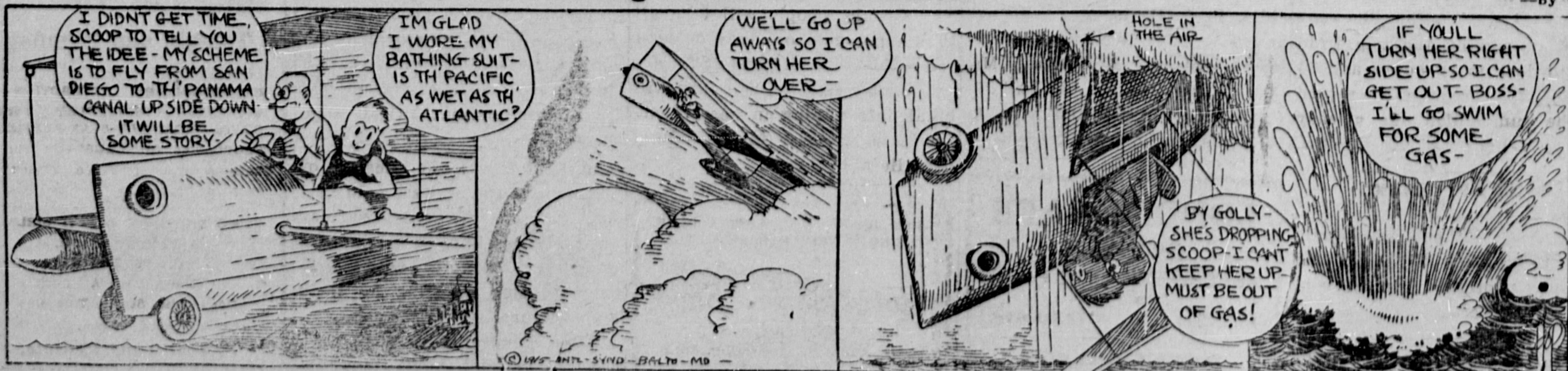
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