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It is very much to be regretted that the Canadian troops have not got an earlier start for the front. The first stages of the war are the critical ones and Canada should have been represented. A great deal of time seems to have been spent at Valcartier in perfecting the marching of the troops, and cleaning up their brass buttons. They should have taken the advice of Lord Kitchener when he said, "Teach them how to shoot," and the rest will take care of itself. It is safe to say that the class of men who go from Canada are already crack shots and would be very valuable at the front even without brass buttons.

One of the things most noticeable as the war goes on is that business in general keeps up in a very satisfactory manner. True it is that it does not boom as it did in the early days but it keeps a good average. People will always have to eat and wear clothes and undergo the usual expense connected with business and living. In any line which is not already overcrowded it will be well able to take care of itself. Business, therefore, being much better than was anticipated, everybody should take the clue and become optimistic.

Vancouver is agitating for a special moratorium for Canada covering all mortgages and agreements for sale. There is no doubt but that some precautionary measures should be taken to protect people who are likely to be ruined because of the war. It must be remembered, however, that a moratorium covering all mortgages and realty payments would only help one class by hurting the other. It would be much better if it were done as The News suggested some time ago, to put the whole thing in the hands of the courts and apply it only in cases where there is an absolute need.

## COST OF WAR TO GREAT BRITAIN

London, Sept. 22.—Calculations based on official returns show the cost to Great Britain of 43 days of warfare, counting from August 1, when disbursements began, has been about \$166,500,000.

Authentic information about football games, either scheduled or postponed, can be had by calling up Fitz Cigar Store.

Have you heard it? The latest war song, "On to Victory," by Madame Loeser, of Vancouver. A patriotic song by a Canadian lady. At Mrs. Carpenter's Music Store. 218-19

## IS FLOATING MENACE TO SHIPS IN THE PACIFIC

British Vessel Is Sighted in Dis-mantled Condition on Way to Australia.

After a trip in which she completely circled the globe, the American five-masted schooner Inca is at port Townsend. The Inca left Vancouver a year ago with lumber for East London, South Africa.

With the crew of this vessel were two young men of Seattle, H. K. Sander and L. Y. Kittinger, who signed on at Victoria, and they tell interesting tales of their experiences.

The voyage was uneventful until February 4 at 6 a. m., in latitude 26 degrees 33 minutes south, longitude 122 degrees 41 minutes west, when the Inca sighted the dismantled British ship Dalgona, lying on her beam ends. The Inca went within about 200 yards of the wreck. A small boat was lowered and Sander, the most adventurous of the entire crew, went aboard the floating derelict. The big sailing craft was deserted and there was every evidence that the men aboard her had left in great haste.

## Souvenirs of Wreck.

All of the ship's stores were in their place, the larder was well supplied and two small boats were hanging to the davits. Sander went to the captain's room, where he found a number of navigating instruments, which he brought with him to Seattle as Souvenirs.

"The position of the Dalgona, as far as I could determine, was about half way between the South American and South Australian coasts," said Sander.

"She is riding high in the water and a great menace to navigation. The wreck would be extremely dangerous at night, but fortunately it is out of the path of steamers."

The Dalgona sailed from Callao, Peru, for Taital, Chile, in ballast. She was sighted by the French bark Marie in longitude 95 degrees 7 minutes west, latitude 27 degrees south, dismantled and deserted. The Marie put into San Francisco with the news of the disaster.

## Crew Picked Up.

All who were aboard the Dalgona were believed to be lost until the French ship Loire, bound for Dover, was spoken at sea and reported that she had picked up 27 members of the crew on October 28, 1913, about 1,200 miles off the coast of Chile. The Loire's master stated that Capt. J. Bester and three members of the crew of the Dalgona had lost their lives. The survivors of the wreck were landed at Dover and sent to their homes.

The explained to the master of the Loire that the Dalgona's ballast had shifted and that she had turned over on her side and all her masts carried away.

## MUST CRUSH GERMANY.

Then Allies Will Talk Peace With President Wilson.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—There is at present no prospect of peace in Europe through the efforts of diplomacy. President Wilson himself set at rest the rumors that peace measures were in the making by revealing that no intimation had been conveyed to him officially from any quarter of a readiness on the part of one or more of the belligerents to talk peace.

The day's developments emphasized that Great Britain, France and Russia were grimly determined to make no peace until they had decisively beaten Germany and Austria. Great Britain's position was explained in detail at London by Sir Edward Grey to Ambassador Page, who made a long report to President Wilson. The British foreign secretary declared Britain had not sought war, but since it was forced on her, she was irrevocably bent on crushing forever the dangers of German militarism to the world.

## JUST TEACH THEM HOW TO SHOOT

Lord Kitchener says: "Never mind whether the volunteers know anything about drill. It does not matter if they don't know their right foot from their left. Teach them how to shoot, and do it quick."

A large percentage of the British volunteers come right in the scope of this advice. In a free country like England and Canada no man is expected to learn how to use a rifle in times of peace unless he feels like it. If he wants to go hunting he gets familiar with a gun. Or he may join a rifle association for the fun of aiming at bull's eyes.

But in England there are millions of men who have never handled a gun. London swarms with derelicts who have never smelt gunpowder. In the 300,000 men recently enlisted there are probably 100,000 whose chief knowledge of a gun is that it goes off when you pull the trigger and hits something if it happens to be in the way.

But these men can be taught to shoot a great deal quicker than they can be made to drill. In the opinion of a Canadian military officer a gun-ignoramus can become a good shot in three months with an hour's practice every day. A few weeks on the ranges should make the British volunteer who doesn't understand a gun as good a marksman as many of the German reservists. A man will learn to shoot much more rapidly when he feels that in a few weeks or months he may have something to hit that will be of great use to his country after he has hit it.

## TWENTY NEW TOWNS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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