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THE WAR NEWS

Today's cables feature the fact that the French advance continues, and that their losses are comparatively small, while the Germans lose heavily in their counter attacks and are forced to yield position after position. It is, however, show work, and the German lines bend back, but do not break. The continuous and deadly pressure by both British and French, is slowly attaining its object, but does not give any real indication of an early end of the war.

Today's cables revive the story of a probable German drive against Petrograd, but it is mere speculation. Russia gives assurances of her determination to fight to a finish, and there does not seem to be any greater hope of German success in that direction than on the western front.

There is increasing liveliness on the Macedonian front, but without any real test of strength, and we are entirely in the dark as to the Allied plans in that quarter, or the magnitude of the forces available for an offensive movement.

The United States government is losing no time in the work of preparation. The American navy is taking over the patrol of the Atlantic coast. A war conference will be held in Washington next week, and Ottawa announces that Canada as well as Britain and France will be represented.

The latest reports add thrilling chapters to the story of the Canadian valor at Vimy Ridge, but the casualty list warns us that if we are to do our duty in Canada we must take more vigorous action to all the thinning ranks.

Rumors of unrest in Germany grow from day to day, but there is still no evidence of a peace movement having any prospect of success.

THE SCHOOL AGE LIMIT.

The Moncton Transcript quotes a paragraph from the Times urging that the age limit for pupils in the public schools should be raised to sixteen years, and while it approves of the change expresses doubt whether it would be wise at the present time to attempt to raise the limit above fifteen years. We quote the Transcript's article:

"It may be interesting to remark that in the original Compulsory Education Bill it was provided that the limit of the compulsory school age should be sixteen, but it was found that in experience as a start the age was somewhat too high. The time will possibly come when under improved social circumstances the age might better be sixteen than any other. In the meantime, however, those who are hostile to compulsory education succeeded in inducing the recent government to reduce the age from sixteen to fourteen. A very strong underhand movement was worked in the City of Moncton to that effect and it was done in the interests of the cotton factory, which is no longer existent. It was a case wherein the politicians sacrificed the welfare of the child to satisfy the greed of the capitalists. From observation based upon experience, however, it is possible that the outset of compulsory education, sixteen years as the limit was too high, but certainly fourteen years is too low. A happy medium would have been fifteen years, and if the new government makes a change at all, it should adopt the medium of fifteen years instead of continuing the present limit of fourteen years or adopting the old drastic one of sixteen. It is hoped the time will come when sixteen years will be preferable, but there is much to be done in the way of the uplift of general social conditions before sixteen years could be successful without being burdensome to certain classes of people, who are not well off. It is unwise to push a reform too far or too rapidly."

COMPULSORY SCHOOLING

Continuation schools and their place in our educational system are ably discussed by a writer in the March number of The American City. He sets out to discuss universal military training, and is disposed to agree with Sydney Webb, who, in the Contemporary Review, suggests that if all men must be trained to arms, the young men be kept in continuation schools until twenty-one years of age, and that the last three be devoted in large part to the necessary instruction in "military drill and marching, and in trench-digging and rifle shooting."

Setting this aside, however, the writer in The American City would have all young people instructed in continuation school up to their eighteenth year, the schools to be financed largely by the national government. His reasons for advocating such a course are thus stated: "The majority of our boys and girls leave school soon after reaching the legal age, with only a smattering of education and no business, trade or profession. They drift into casual work, blind alley jobs, which lead nowhere. From the school our young people too often graduate to the streets, the pool rooms, the dance hall—a cruel wastage of health, virtue and power. The period of adolescence is the most important of all the most formative. Yet we turn our boys and girls out into the world with little control, guidance or inspiration. A wise people, seeking ability to cope with other nations in peace or war, will first stop the wastage in youth. No boy or

girl should be permitted to leave school before reaching eighteen; and, as our cities and rural communities can ill afford to further extend education, financial aid must come from the national government. The cheapest and most practical way to meet the situation is by the compulsory continuation school. The equivalent of at least one full day's schooling a week should be demanded, but the time can be arranged so as to cause the least possible interference with employment."

This writer goes on to show that continuation instruction has proved of great value in many English cities, and that the educational authorities of both England and Germany have reached the conclusion that to be effective the continuation school must be compulsory both upon employer and student; and of course the continuation class should be so conducted as to further the general education and proficiency of the student in the chosen trade or business. Continuation schools would be of great benefit in Canada, but as yet we in New Brunswick have not properly enforced a compulsory attendance law in connection with the period during which the children are required by law to be in the public schools. This, therefore, should be our first objective, along with such changes as may be necessary to make the education received in the public schools more practical, and better suited to form a basis for the work of the continuation schools which will doubtless be made part of the system at a not distant date.

Nothing quite so realistic, in relation to the actual incidents of the war, as the simple, illustrated story of Baroness Huard's personal experiences, presented to a St. John audience last evening. Had previously been seen and heard here. Every listener came away from the crowded Opera House with a keener appreciation of what the Belgians and the French have suffered, and with a feeling of deeper bitterness toward the German savages who were guilty of such crimes against decency and humanity as Baroness Huard described. It is a pity the pictures and the story could not be presented to the people in every hall and school house in the land, to stir the people to greater efforts in the war that is being waged against a nation of savages who threaten the very fabric of our civilization. Baroness Huard is American by birth and French by education and marriage. She is therefore doubly an ally of the people of Canada.

The Times has received a communication from Brigadier-General Mason, who takes exception to a recent New York despatch to the effect that a London cable had reported 82,000 American citizens fighting in Canadian units at the front. Senator Mason claims that a year ago, of some 800,000 enlistments, the foreign-born numbered only 10,000, and these included some Russians, French, Greeks, Italians and others who were not Americans. He therefore doubts if there are today as many as 10,000 Americans in the Canadian army at home and abroad. No doubt there are some Americans in the British army, and there certainly are in the French. It is extremely doubtful, however, if there are in all the armies as many as suggested in the New York despatch, to which Brigadier-General Mason refers. But there soon will be—and more.

A Conservative newspaper quotes with great approval a remark made by Mr. Elihu Root, to the effect that they needed no coalition government in the United States to make them loyal, as the Republicans would make a coalition themselves with every Democrat in the country. The Conservative newspaper thinks this should interest the Liberals in Canada. Should it not also interest the Conservatives? Why did they not abolish the patronage committee, make a coalition with the Liberals, and kick the grafters out when Sir Wilfrid Laurier pledged the Borden government the support of the Liberal party? If they had done so there would be no talk now of the Dominion elections or of a lack of leadership in Canada.

If the people would not get into a panic over food prices there would not be nearly as great an advance in those prices. The consumer rushes to the retailer, the latter to the wholesaler, and the wholesaler to the manufacturer or producer—and up go the prices. Why not be sensible? There is no justification for panic. The tendency of the people to lose their heads has a serious effect on their pockets in times like these. And we have a do-nothing government that would never think of fixing a maximum price for anything.

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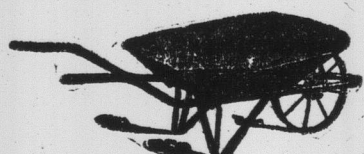
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