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THE CALL FOR MEN.

Gen. Mewburn says he feels it his duty to send twenty thousand men overseas by the first of January. The minister would not make this statement without grave reason.

tion should also be directed to the stocks of butter and potatoes in dealers and producers' hands.

HONOR OR BOURASSA?

The Canadian casualties in the battle of Passchendaele were about eleven thousand. This means another large draft upon the fast thinning reserves in England.

What would the men in the trenches say, knowing as they do that Germany is rushing large additional forces from the Russian to the Flanders front, if they were told there was a possibility of their being deserted by Canada, and no further assistance given them?

"Of what good would it be to the men at the front when they were going over the top to tell them that in Canada in May next they were holding a referendum?"

There is heavy fighting on the western front. The daily casualty lists tell the story of the thinning Canadian ranks. Grief reigns in homes in St. John and throughout the province because of loved ones lost. Are we to desert those who still live and are bravely fighting our battles? If not, we must support the Military Service Act, the only measure that can produce the needed help and produce it in time to be of any service.

THE BRITISH VICTORY.

Today's more extended account of the brilliant success of the British in the Cambrai sector shows that a really great victory has been won, whether Sir Douglas Haig is able to follow it up and whether he must rest for the present on the laurels already won. It must be a source of the keenest satisfaction to the soldiers to be out of the trenches and meeting the enemy on open ground.

The full extent of the victory is not yet known, but joy-bells rang in England today. The effect of the victory will more than offset the German gains in Italy, for it is on the western front the issue will finally be decided. We shall await with the deepest interest the news of the next few days. If Cambrai falls to the British it will be one of the greatest triumphs of the war.

THE EGG PROFITTEERS.

Millions of dozens of eggs have been stored by profiteers who now find they cannot export them, and they have had the nerve to ask the food-control department to help them advertise these eggs and urge the people to eat eggs instead of bacon. That is to say, being unable to reap the enormous profits they anticipated by exporting eggs, they now want to write those profits out of the people of Canada, and they ask the government to help them do it. They know perfectly well they have only to reduce the price to a reasonable figure and throw the eggs on the market and they will be snapped up in a twinkling by the consumers; but to do that would be to relinquish some of the profits.

Of course the food control department will give them no comfort. Indeed it will be serving them right if it fixed a reasonable maximum price and invited them to sell. It is time an example was made of some of the gentry who are still trying to fatten themselves on the war.

The seriousness of the food situation is indicated by the fact that New Brunswick is asked to produce its own supply of wheat next year. We must not for a moment forget that the food supply is vital, and upon it may turn the fortunes of the war.

Hon. F. B. Carvell and Hon. A. K. MacLean do not minimize the strength of the opposition in the maritime provinces. In other words, the friends of Union government must put forth every effort until polling day.

The Canadian divisions in England now numbers less than 10,000 men, and these are needed in France. Is Canada to desert her sons and sneak out of the war?

There are nearly 20,000 Canadian soldiers in hospitals in the United Kingdom. How would you vote if you were one of them or one of the men in the trenches? The death of Mr. H. Hanington, K. C., removes a familiar figure, and a man who through a long life took an active part in public affairs.

"Almost a miracle"

That is what Rabbi M. Shallit of Edenbridge, Sask., says regarding a cure by Zam-Buk, of which he gives the following particulars: "A short time ago," said the Rabbi, "a man brought his little son to me and asked if I knew of anything that would cure the child of a terrible skin disease, with which he had suffered for three years. The child's forehead, eyes and ears were covered with sores. The sight was shocking, and the child had not been able to see for two years. As he was an only child, the father said he would give anything to have him cured, but as he had already been treated by many doctors, each of whom had given up the case as incurable, he had about despaired of ever finding a cure. Having great faith in Zam-Buk, I recommended it, and to cut a long story short, perseverance with Zam-Buk has now completely cured the child."

THE FATHER'S ACCOUNT

The following letter from the father of the boy expresses his gratitude: "The Zam-Buk Company, Toronto Dear Sir, I beg to testify that my boy suffered for three years with a severe skin disease, which doctors tried to cure, but in vain. The sores on his eyes were so terrible that for two years he was quite unable to see. Zam-Buk, however, has worked a complete and permanent cure. The Zam-Buk treatment was recommended to me by Mr. M. Shallit, Rabbi of Edenbridge, for which I shall be grateful to him forever. With hearty thanks to you, I remain, Yours faithfully, (Signed) E. ROMANUK."



Suspension of 30 Days For Captain Sullivan

Gump Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 23.—The findings of the general court which a month ago tried Captain Howard E. Sullivan, Battery D, 10th Field Artillery, on a charge of having supervised the beating of Private Otto Gottschalk on Oct. 13, are announced. The court found Sullivan guilty and sentenced him to suspension of command for one month, confinement to the reservation for the period of suspension, and directed that he be reprimanded.

As Captain Sullivan had been placed on trial charged with violation of the 95th article of war, covering the conduct of an officer and a gentleman, the nature of the sentence aroused considerable comment. Regulations provide but one penalty for conviction of violation of article 95—dishonorable discharge or cashiering.

Inquiries established that the court had exercised its power and changed the sentence to a more severe one. But from violation of article 95 to violation of article 98. This latter section of military law concerns acts prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the army or severity of penalties is left entirely to the discretion of the court.

It was asserted that the court turned in its verdict more than two weeks ago for review by the judge advocate and for the approval of the Gen. Phillips as commanding officer. It was said that when General Phillips learned of the sentence he promptly returned the verdict as unsatisfactory. The court was thereupon directed to reconvene apparently for the purpose of returning a more severe verdict. But at its second session the court again agreed on its original findings. This gave General Phillips no recourse but to approve the verdict, because his failure to do so would have permitted Captain Sullivan to go free.

Some Plain Talk By Minister of Militia

In a recent speech at Hamilton, Ont., General Mewburn, minister of militia in the Union government, is reported to have said: "I know of the abuses that have been going on whereby officers and men have been allowed to remain in Canada for months and years."

"I received a very bad legacy when I took over the department of militia and defence. New Brunswick was the area tree to be kept in Canada, and now it has been created into a new military district. Previously thirty-two officers held positions there returned men were overseas, while six hundred and fifty were in charge of the district and the others have been discharged."

"I might mention a case of two western battalions which were brought to an eastern point. I found in one of these battalions 22 officers, 22 bandmen, 18 corporals and 110 men. I at once on learning this amalgamated the two battalions and discharged thirty four officers."

"This was no fault of the officers, but of rotten system. Within a few days I had more than 100 letters from cabinet members, members of both sides of parliament and other people, protesting. My answer was that the Canadian militia was no charitable institution."

What Britain Does. (Southern Lumberman.) Many changes and improvements have been made in Bagdad and vicinity since the capture of that city by the British forces last March. The river banks have been repaired; the River Euphrates has been made navigable and floods prevented for the first time in centuries; two railroads have been built from the mouth of the Tigris River and are being extended far north of Bagdad. A swamp of forty-eight square miles has been reclaimed and converted into wheat fields, gardens and dairy and poultry farms by farmers from India who supply to British forces and who are preparing to export food to England.

Both Fight and Pay. (Christian Science Monitor.) Some knowledge of the quality and temper of the men composing the expedition under General Pershing may be obtained from the fact that they subscribed \$250,000 to the second Liberty Loan. It is a pretty good proof of their willingness to stake everything they possess on the cause in which they are enlisted.

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The Master's Voice. On a tract of land in Oklahoma, allotted to Jackson Barnett, a Creek Indian, and on which it is not recorded that he ever did a stroke of work, oil was, some time ago, discovered. Jackson's income is now said to be \$800,000 a month from oil royalties. He has a cabin, erected for him by the superintendent of the Five Tribes, but he prefers to live in the open. At night he wraps himself in a blanket and sleeps on the porch. His property is now said to be worth \$800,000. He does nothing through the living day but sit around. Yet, he is not entirely worthless. He bought a block of Liberty bonds, two weeks ago, and single taxers are using him as a terrible example.

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