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THE RECRUITING MEETINGS

The recruiting meetings now being held in St. John cannot but bear good fruit. It may take some time to get results, but the educational value of the meetings is very great, and as the campaign proceeds a cumulative influence will be developed which will bring results later. One cannot believe that the very able and stirring addresses heard by so many people who are manifestly interested will be quickly forgotten. Attention is being centred upon the great fact that the chief business of Canada today, if Canada is to remain a free country and a part of the British Empire, is to do all in her power to aid in crushing Germany so completely that such acts as have been perpetrated in Belgium, in France, on the high seas, and wherever German ambition and German hate could accomplish their deadly and devilish purpose, can never be repeated in European history. The men and women who attend the recruiting meetings in such large numbers know that this is Canada's war, and that their own people are calling to them from the trenches to send more help. The men who are fighting our battles deserve that help, and we cannot withhold it and preserve our self-respect. There is a growing consciousness of duty, and these meetings will bring many men to the point of decision, or so influence them that they cannot long resist the call and be at peace with their own souls.

GERMANY AND PEACE.

A semi-official denial has come from Germany of the rumor that she has anything to do with proposals for peace. It would be quite like her to set peace negotiations afloat secretly, and openly to repudiate them. There can be no reasonable doubt that Germany would be glad to make peace if it could be done without restitution. The German leaders know they cannot win. The against them are too great. What they were not able to accomplish in the first year of the war, when their strength was at its maximum and their enemies were unprepared cannot be done now when their own strength is beginning to wane and that of their foes is steadily growing greater. It is true that the Balkan states have not joined the Allies, but the latter have been immensely strengthened by the addition of Italy, and are adding steadily to their own resources in men and munitions. There can be no talk of peace. till Germany is crushed. She must be driven out of Belgium, out of France and out of Russia, and the terms of peace dictated on German soil. It is in the interest of the German people themselves that this be done, for only when they are rid of the Prussian philosophy and the curse of Prussian militarism, with all its burdens, will they be free to exercise their genius along right lines of national development. This war will free Germany as well as lift a grievous burden from the other nations of Europe. But before that can be accomplished the German armies must be crushed and the country brought to its knees.

THE TALK OF PEACE.

What Sir Edward Grey said last March concerning peace terms remains true today. He said: "In due time the terms of peace will be put forward by our allies in common with us in accordance with the alliances that now exist between us and are public to the world. But one essential condition must be the restoration of Belgium to her independent national life, and the free possession of her territory; and reparation to her, as far as reparation is possible, for the cruel wrong done to her."

Sir Edward Grey said further that the wish of the Allies was that "the nations of Europe be free to live their independent lives, working out their own national development, whether they be great states or small states, in perfect liberty." And further he said: "We and the other nations of Europe must be free to live, not menaced by talk of supreme war lords and shining armor and the sword continually rattled in the scabbard, and heaven continually invoked as an accomplice to German arms, and not having our policy dictated and our national destinies and activities controlled by the military caste of Prussia."

The Allies did not seek this war, but they will dictate such terms of peace as will ensure the result outlined by Sir Edward Grey. Upon Germany must rest the burden of guilt and of restitution. For, as the Toronto World well says: "Germany alone desired war. When the car proposed his peace measures years ago, it was Germany who blocked the movement. When Great Britain offered to curtail her naval expenditure Germany refused to meet her overtures. When Serbia offered any reparation possible short of national suicide, Germany interfered and secured the rejection of her good will. It has been shown that Germany refused to consider Sir Edward Grey's proposals for a conference on July 27, on the ground that Russia was mobilizing her troops, although Russian mobilization was not ordered till four days later. It was Germany, and Germany alone, after the preparation of a generation, who desired war and insisted on it."

THAT GLOUCESTER DEAL.

Hon. Mr. Murray, in reply to a question, told the legislature last year that the Farm Settlement Board had purchased from the Royal Bank the Knowles farm in Gloucester county, and that it contained 800 acres. Before Commissioner Chandler yesterday it was shown that the farm contained but 200 acres, and that it was not purchased from the Royal Bank, but from Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, a member of the legislature, and that while the Farm Settlement Board paid \$1,500 only \$1,200 reached the original owner of the farm, the balance being placed to the credit of Mr. Stewart.

Mr. James Gilchrist as well as Hon. Mr. Murray had said that the farm was bought from the Royal Bank, although Mr. Gilchrist said it was recommended by Mr. Stewart. Manager Eaton of the Royal Bank declared on oath yesterday that the bank had no dealings with the Farm Settlement Board, and knew nobody but Mr. Stewart in the transaction. It was further shown in evidence yesterday that the check for \$1,500, which was taken by Mr. Stewart to the Royal Bank and placed to his credit, was received by him from the Farm Settlement Board before he had possession of the farm; and, as already stated, \$800 of the amount remained to his credit at the bank after the farm had been handed over to the Farm Settlement Board. The bank manager said he was authorized to sell the farm for \$1,000, but it cost Mr. Stewart \$1,200, and the Farm Settlement Board \$1,500.

That is to say, the Farm Settlement Board could have bought for \$1,000 a farm for which it paid \$1,500, and of the latter amount \$800 went to the credit of a member of the legislature.

This may be regarded as good business by the Farm Settlement Board, and Mr. Stewart's connection with the matter may be entirely satisfactory to the Clarke government and the St. John Standard, but what do the taxpayers of the province think about the whole transaction?

RUSSIA'S MILLIONS.

The Petrograd correspondent of the London Times wrote a letter a month ago which is worth recalling at the present time, when the German armies are advancing steadily Russian territory. We talk of the immense resources in men which Germany possesses, but when Russia is able to equip properly all the men she is able to put in the field there will be another story to tell. The correspondent of the London Times says:—

"It is no longer a secret that Russia has armed, equipped and put into the field since the war began between six and seven million men, and that as many more are available for training. The mobilization was carried out in a manner that surpassed the hopes of her best informed Allies. Those who witnessed the transport of troops from the interior to the frontier will never forget the sight. Along the double track of the Moscow-Brest railway moved an endless procession of trains, two abreast, travelling uninterruptedly day and night. The mobilization was completed on the 10th day—a great achievement in a country of such huge distances. The output of arms and munitions has already attained a high figure and is rapidly rising. When the supplies provided by home and allied industries give the army all it requires, the Russians will give decisive battle to the invader."

It is worthy of note in this connection that the various conflicting interests, racial and religious, represented in the Russian Duma, were never so much in accord as at the present time. The government has given its pledge that "the internal policy of the Empire shall be based on the principles of impartial and benevolent regard for the interests of all the faithful subjects of Russia without distinction of nationality, language or religion." As a result of this pledge all parties are united in the task of speeding up the supply of war munitions and raising and equipping enormous armies.

There was another air raid by the Germans on the east coast of England early today. No doubt some women and children were killed, as that is a favorite German pastime.

The Standard still appears to be lost in admiration of the Clarke government, but does not urge it to order an enquiry into the hold up of the liquor men or the affair of the patriotic potatoes. Why?

There is another suggestion that the great British and French drive may soon begin, but it is purely a guess. When that drive actually begins there will not be as many troops in England as there are at the present time. The German drive against Russia appears, however, to have lost much of its force.

There are unpaid bills amounting to over \$7,000 for repair work done on one and one-half miles of road in Gloucester county, which was authorized by Martin Robichaud, who is also said by witnesses at the Chandler enquiry to have fixed the rate of pay, made out the accounts and swore to their correctness, although the same witnesses testified that in many cases the accounts were not correct. Mr. Robichaud is a member of the legislature and an enthusiastic supporter of the Clarke government.

WHEN BUYING YEAST INSIST ON HAVING THIS PACKAGE



DECLINE SUBSTITUTES

LIGHTER VEIN.

What He Sees
"Is Dr. Bings looking for any particular chair in the university?"
"No, any one will suit him if only it's an easy chair."

The Artless Maid

"Fifi, how dare you wear one of my gowns on the boardwalk?"
"Why, you were ill that day, madame. I thought you came to the seashore to display your gowns."

Til for Tat

"Dear Clara, wrote the young man, 'pardon me, but I'm getting so forgetful. I proposed to you last night but really forgot whether you said yes or no.'"

"Dear Will," she replied by note; "so glad to hear from you. I know I said yes to some one last night, but I had forgotten just who it was."

The Diplomatic Way

"My neighbor, in the most urbane way, has notified me to keep my chickens out of his garden."

And you.

"With the utmost courtesy I have informed him that my chickens may go where they please."

"Yes, it all illustrates current progress. A year ago, over the same episode, we would have been scrapping."

Cause of the Delay

Sergeant—"Ere, Brown, what are you knocking your 'ores about for?"
Brown—"Please Sergeant, they're always 'angin' back. If it wasn't for them two 'bloomin' 'orses we'd a' bin in Berlin months ago."

His Milder Request

"My dear," he began mildly, "I don't mind your borrowing my Panama hat. But when you return it, please remove the veil and the hatpins. The province think about the whole downtown again."

Cheap Doctoring

Anxious Mama—Little Dick is upstairs, crying with the toothache.
Practical Papa—Take him around to the dentist's.

"I haven't any money."

"You won't need any money. The toothache will stop before you get there."

THE KAISER AND GOD.

Lines Written in London When German Lines Were Published in "The Kaiser and God."

To the Editor of The Tribune:
Sir—This was published in "The London Times," and I thought it so good that I brought it over with me and am sending it to you in the hope that you will publish it in your paper.

Francis I. Wellman.
New York, Sept. 28, 1914.

The Kaiser and God.

(By Harry Paul.)
"I rejoice with you in Wilhelm's first victory. How magnificently God supported him!"—Telegram from the Kaiser to the Crown Princess.

Led by Wilhelm, as you tell, God has done extremely well; you with patronizing nod Show that you approve of God. Kaiser, face a question now—This—does God approve of you?

Broken pledges, treaties torn, Your first page of war was born, We on foster things must look Who read further in that book, Where you did in time of war And that you in peace foreswore.

Where you, barbarously wise, Bade your soldiers terrorize, Where you made the deed was fine—Women screen your firing line, Villages burned down to dust, Torture, murder, bestial lust, Filth too foul for printer's ink, Crimes from which the ages would shrink—

Strange the offerings that you press On the God of Righteousness!

Kaiser, when you'd decorate Sons or friends you serve your State,

Not that Iron Cross bestow But a Cross of Wood, and so— So remind the world that you Have made Calvary anew.

Kaiser, when you'd kneel in prayer Look upon your hands, and there Let that deep and awful stain From the blood of children slain Send it to you in the hope that you will publish it in your paper.

Francis I. Wellman.
New York, Sept. 28, 1914.

Impious braggart, you forget! God is not your conscript yet! You shall learn in dumb amazement That His ways are not your ways. That the mine through which you trod Is not the high white road of God.

To Whom, whichever way the combat rolls, We, faithful to the end, commend our souls—

THIS CHAP MADE GOOD
Came from New York and joined the Heavy Battery

(Halifax Record)
An incident which is worth relating comes from the Provincial Charities' Department in this city. About six or seven years ago, a boy made application to the department here for help, either in the form of employment or to assist him to get to his uncle in New York. The boy was about thirteen years old at the time, bright and attractive, and told his story in a straightforward manner. He had longed to see the world and reached this side of the water as a stowaway.

The boy's uncle was located in New York and agreed to take the boy and look after him. Accordingly the department sent him to New York and later received a letter from the boy announcing his arrival there and thanking the department.

This closed the incident, until yesterday afternoon, when a fine-looking chap presented himself to the department and asked if there was anybody there that recognized him. After some time staring up the chap he was recognized as the little boy, that seven years previously, had been sent to his uncle in New York, but who was now a member of the heavy battery, having come from New York to Montreal some weeks ago to join the colors and proceed to the front.

His home is in London, England, and he is of English and French parentage and is looking forward to reaching London and seeing his mother before he goes to the front.

RESCUER HIS BROTHER BY THROWING HIM OVERBOARD
Eastport, Sept. 7.—The gasoline boat Doctor, Capt. Wm. E. Flander, of Boxboro, N. B., caught fire from an explosion while moored in the harbor on Saturday night and burned to the water's edge. The captain's brother, Randall Flander, was quite badly burned, but not seriously. About 7 o'clock the captain and his brother were on board and about

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to get under way. Randall went below to start the engine when an explosion took place and his clothing was set afire by the blazing gasoline. Capt. Flander went to the rescue and threw his brother overboard, ducking him several times to extinguish the flames, and then cast off the tender and picked him up. He was taken to the home of relatives, and his burns, although painful, will not be serious.

The Doctor was moored alongside a large gasoline supply boat, but was cut adrift in time to prevent any spread. The flames lit up the harbor and attracted a great crowd to the water front. The Doctor was later towed across the harbor and will be a total loss of about \$1,000, insured.

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