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MORE HOPEFUL DAYS.

The French and American success of the last two days gives rise to the hope that at last the tide of war has turned, and that fears of a German occupation of Paris or of the Channel ports may be dismissed. A profound sense of relief was expressed when news of the successful counter stroke was received. The weeks and months of waiting have been long and filled with anxiety. There was no doubt of ultimate victory, but again and again hope has turned to disappointment and grave suspense. The German preparations were so complete, and the success of their efforts in the east so pronounced, that when an advance on the western front seemed possible new difficulties arose and the Allies were outnumbered and baffled. There is no Russian collapse to release fresh divisions to aid the enemy now on the western front. Austria-Hungary has no divisions to spare. The whole eastern situation has been improving for the Allies since March last, and the million or more of American troops in France has restored the balance there. There are still great German armies to be overcome, but they have had a taste of defeat that will take some of the fight out of them. On the other hand the pulse of victory beats stronger in the ranks of the Allies, and every attempt of the enemy to retrieve his fortunes in the field will meet with a resistance such as will break down the morale of his stoutest divisions. His "storm of peace" may actually achieve that result, but not a German peace.

It is suggested from Washington that the great Allied offensive may occur later this year. If plans were really being held for such a movement the brilliant success of the last few days should hasten them. We may be well content, however, if the enemy is held for the present, and prevented from making a further advance. Just to hold him now is to defeat him; for he is becoming steadily weaker while the Allied strength is growing.

The news of last night and today, telling of the capture by the French and Americans of 15,000 prisoners and more than 800 guns in two days, is accompanied by the further cheering intelligence that they are still making gains despite the rushing up of German reserves. It is really now an Allied offensive, and the question is not where they will be able to stop the Allies. Indeed we may be on the eve of a great German defeat.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

The little meeting held in the city hall, West End, last evening was doubtless the beginning of a movement that will be of great benefit to that portion of the city. It was decided to ask the pastor of each church to name twenty-five delegates to a meeting to be held next week, to complete the organization of an Improvement League, to get behind the new playground and for other work of benefit to the boys and girls. The organization will be along the lines of the South End Improvement League, which will perfect its organization at another meeting in the King Edward school, and it is hoped similar Leagues will be formed for the east and north ends of the city. Hundreds of people saw a fine game of ball on the west end diamond last evening. A diamond quite as large and quite as good will be ready for south end teams within ten days. Commissioner Hilyard says the north end will have the best diamond of the three. These playgrounds cannot be of the most service without an organization behind them that will make them of use for more than senior base ball and to guarantee that there is proper leadership of the play activities. This is the psychological moment. Let every section of the city organize and put St. John on the map again as a good base ball town and a town where every boy has at least a good chance to become a trained athlete and a shaver in clean and healthy sport.

THE FUEL SITUATION.

Mayor Hayes warns the citizens that it will be wise to put in a supply of soft coal and hard wood, as at the best we shall not get more than seventy per cent of the normal consumption of hard coal. Whether that percentage will really come depends upon transportation, which is uncertain. The warning, therefore, should be heeded. The city cannot buy a pound of coal, as brokers and producers decline to sell to the corporation. As a matter of fact, the citizens did not fall over each other to buy what the city got last year, although there was a considerable saving in price. More soft coal and hard wood must be burned next winter. The sooner a supply is laid in the greater the assurance that the hard coal shortage will not be severely felt. The war conditions have interfered with the ordinary supply, and we must make the best of the situation. There is no occasion for panic, but there is the soundest reason for anticipating winter conditions by purchasing a certain amount of soft coal or hard wood—or both.

WHERE GERMANY LIVES.

The electrical trades committee of the British Board of Trade joins with those already quoted in the Times in advocating action hostile to Germany after the war. The report says: "They take the view that the import of enemy goods should be prohibited for three years after the coming of peace, subject to licensed importation after twelve months; and that import duties should be imposed sufficiently high for the effective protection of the electrical industry. Efforts should be made to prevent the sale of imported electrical goods at prices lower than those current in the country of origin, and of transport discriminations operating to the detriment of British manufacturers. Any concern engaged in the electrical or allied manufacturing industries, if controlled directly or indirectly by enemy capital, should, say the committee, be prevented from continuing to trade within the Empire unless it is specially authorized and its constitution made public, while legislation should provide that not more than 25 per cent. of the capital in any other electrical or allied undertaking shall be held by enemy subscribers. All goods produced in foreign countries by concerns controlled by enemy capital or under enemy direction should be treated as enemy products."

This committee also urges that the government regard the distribution of electrical energy, as a national question of urgent importance, and bring about a concentration of generating plant, with a resulting economy in cost of the charges estimated at not less than £100,000,000 per year.

The report of the textile trades committee is also emphatic. We quote:

"As to enemy trade after the war, the committee recommends that for not less than one year after the conclusion of peace the import and export of textiles and the raw and partly manufactured materials of textiles between the British Empire and enemy states should be prohibited except under license. Imports from Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the enemy states should be prohibited except under license. Imports from Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the enemy states should be prohibited except under license. Imports from Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the enemy states should be prohibited except under license."

With a view to developing the Empire's own resources in raw material this committee makes strong recommendations:

"Every possible effort should be made to secure a more extended growth of cotton within the British Empire, and an Advisory Committee should be established for this purpose. A conference should be convened of the representatives of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa to formulate a workable scheme for controlling the distribution of wool from these countries, to meet the serious shortage of wool for clothing purposes, and the production of flax should be encouraged in Ireland, India and Canada, and of silk in India. Having regard to the exceptional and powerful position which the British Empire holds in the production of textile raw materials, and in particular of wool, jute, and the flax of cotton (Egyptian and Sudanese), it is recommended to make an agreement with the governments concerned for the effective control of the distribution of all textile raw materials, with a view to (a) The complete safeguarding of the industrial requirements of the British Empire; (b) The fulfillment of the pledges to the Allies, as laid down in the Paris Resolutions; (c) The utilization of the resources of the Empire in textile raw materials for purposes of negotiation with other countries."

This committee also declares that anti-dumping legislation should be enacted on American lines; and if duties are levied on goods entering the United Kingdom preference should be given to those from the overseas dominions.

In a recent publication on housing in the United States it is pointed out that the same policy which has given free homesteads and free schools should involve government aid in solving the housing problem. We quote: "If we come down to basic realities, if it is a question between the mental, moral, and physical development of the people, which ought to take precedence? Are not health and morals more fundamental than formal education can ever be? And if a community has not the energy and resourcefulness to do both, should it not make sure that its children are properly housed before it troubles about their book-learning?"

If a soldiers' hospital is to be provided in St. John it might very well be provided as a large wing to the General Public Hospital, reverting to the municipality when no longer needed for its original purpose. This would obviate the necessity of creating an entire new hospital staff for the new institution, as the present staff could be enlarged to meet the requirements. This view of the subject should receive serious consideration. It is not so much a new hospital that is needed, as an enlargement of present hospital facilities and accommodation. This can be brought about by co-operation.

The planting of community forests by villages and towns in New York is urged by the state conservation department. Cheap and unprofitable land, it is claimed, might be set out to trees. For this purpose the department will furnish the trees for fifty cents a thousand.

LIGHTER VEIN

Rather Different. Bill Boshem was not a safe person to deal with. On the contrary, he dealt with safety; out the lady visitor to the slums was not to know this. "So," she said to Bill's little son, "they've put your father away for safe keeping?" "Nah! Per safe-breakin!" replied the grubby one, with a wink.

One Round Only. DeWitt Chronicle—"Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Crabbs entertained a lot of neighbors last evening, but were soon separated."

Financially. Valet—"Shall I tell the collector you are not in, sir?" De Broke—"No; tell him I'm all in."

FIRE IN THE MUNITION PLANT

Moncton, N. B., July 19.—Fire broke out here at 6:30 o'clock tonight in the munition factory, Poirand street, causing damage to the extent of about \$6,000. The fire originated in the engine room around the exhaust pipe. The flames spread very quickly along the cables and up inside of the roof, blazing at the top through the ventilators. The roof of the building was ruined.

The munition machinery on the bottom floor was only damaged by water, while the tin shop overhead was completely destroyed. The building is owned by the Record Foundry and Machine Co., Ltd. The loss is covered by insurance. The plant was only recently enlarged when a curfew of new machinery was installed. It is fortunate the fire was extinguished before the roof collapsed, to which fate it seemed at first doomed. The engine of westbound Ocean Limited, which left here at 2:15 this afternoon, left the rails near Adamsville. Auxiliary crews were sent to the scene of the accident. No serious damage was done. The east-bound Ocean Limited was two hours and a half late in arriving here in consequence of the wreck.

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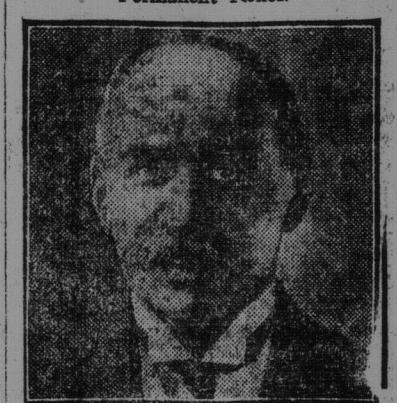
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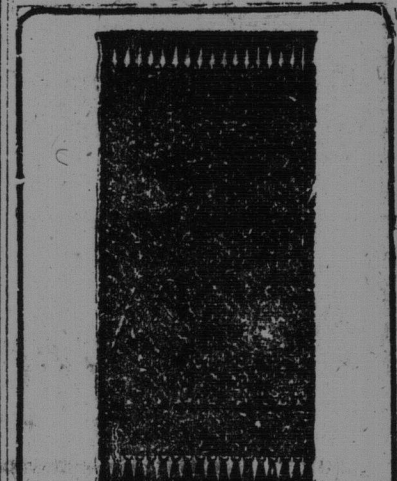
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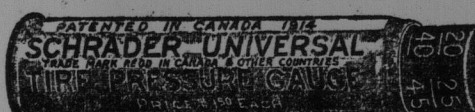
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HON. F. B. CARVELL AT CAMP SUSSEX

Camp Sussex, July 18.—Hon. F. B. Carvell, K.C., M.P., minister of public works, arrived on the Quebec express tonight. The train was more than forty minutes late but notwithstanding the threatened thunderstorm the station was crowded. A platoon from the 1st Depot Battalion was thrown around the depot building and a guard of honor under the command of Lieutenant J. M. Humphrey was present. When the train pulled in the Depot Battalion Band played "Oh Canada" and when the minister alighted from the train he was met by Captain G. E. Logan, his adjutant of the camp, and escorted to the centre of the guard. The guard presented arms and Mr. Carvell was formally met by Colonel McAvity, Mayor McKenna and Dr. D. H. McAllister. After the inspection of the guard by the minister, Mr. Carvell drove to the camp.
An impromptu reception was held in the commandant's tent. Mrs. Carvell and the minister's daughter, Mrs. Fisher, and other ladies of the party were present. Hon. Mr. Carvell inspected the lines of the camp and expressed himself as highly delighted. He also inspected and carefully examined the interior economy of the unit. This was the first official visit of the minister to Sussex and the first time he had been in the province. Mr. Carvell and party left on the Halifax train at 4 a.m.

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