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Incompetent Generals.

be discussed in Parliament it becomes in a sense portant factor in relieving the pressure on Russia. public property.

This war has been responsible for the shattering many military reputations. Men regarded as competent officers, masters of strategy and able training and military theories. tions which confronted them in the present war. evident.

Germany's Von Hindenberg, who a few months necessary to repeat them. ago was heralded as a great warrior and the saviour often contradict each other flatly makes no differ hero of the day, being the man who drove the Rus- opposing categories with ease. Another German to suffer eclipse was Field Marshal to say: Von Moltke, whose failure to capture Paris cost him his position as commander in chief of the German

France has gotten rid of her inefficient generals drive to Paris was largely due to the incompetence Mons, and dismissed forty-three others. Official Gazette for September contained the names where the French and British won a signal victory over the Germans, was won by men that Joffre had promoted to command his various army divisions. Only recently General D'Amade, who was in comname for himself in the Argonne, was sent to take his place. Russia has had several prominent generals recalled as a result of their failure to achieve results. General Soukhomlinow, Minister of War, allowances will be made for fares in such cases. has been forced to give up his post, while General Paul Von Rennenkampf, one of the successful leaders in the Russian-Japanese War, has also been recalled. Austria has recalled in disgrace General Von Potiorek and General Von Auffenburg, as well as others of lesser account.

result that the fruits of that victory were lost to the British, and many lives needlessly sacrificed. It have been rumors to the effect that Kitchener would shortly succeed French as Commander-in-Chief of has raised and equipped sufficient armies to overcome the Germans. In other words, as soon as he street, all right! organizes the forces, he will take command and personally superintend the "big drive." Doubtless it is hard on generals who have already made reputations deprived of their commands, but the safety of to be deprived of their commands, but the bases, the Empire is at stake, and nothing can be left to few communities this year, because the watersoaked

The "Forcing" of Canada.

That the German Government, with all their worldwide organization for the obtaining of information should have known so little about the sentiments of the people of the various sections of the British Empire, was one of the surprising things in connection with the war. But if there was any excuse for lack of knowledge of Canada on the part of the German officials far removed from the Dominion, what can be thought of the stupidity of German residents of the United States on the Canadian boundary line? At the meeting of German Americans in Detroit, a correspondent of the Toronto Globe talked with a number of those most prominently interested in the gathering, and was informed by them that they had no ill-feeling towards Cancause they knew that Canadians were "forced" into participation in the war. This was gravely asserted by men within gunshot of Canadian Again, it may be said with truth that these German folks know everything, yet under-

Vancouver's Wisdom.

One of the signs of the times, and a healthy one, is the refusal of the citizens of Vancouver to con-firm a proposed large expenditure for local improvets. No doubt the improvements are desirable.

may be sure that their advocates used We may be sure that their advocates used with some effect the argument that the works would give needed employment to the people. There are times and circumstances in which that argument should have much weight. There are other times when a community should be willing to wait for better conditions before committing itself to new expenditures even for purposes admittedly good.

"rake" and "drunkard." Easy there, brothers.

WHERE IT GOES.

A married man's energy is divided 60-40, says Doc wiley. Sixty in providing food and 40 in providing mother's raiment. However, we have yet to hear from mother on this question.—Seattle Post-Intelligence.

That is the state of affairs with most of our munic ouverites applying the brakes.

Holland, which is struggling to keep her place as neutral nation, has a population of 6,336,000, a gain of nearly 500,000 in the past five years. population totals 3,145,000. Amsterdam, the largest city, has a population of 612,000.

California, with a population of 2,667,000, spends \$2.99 per head for the support of her schools, makest of any state in the union. Her total annual outlay is \$7,760,000. Quebec might copy from Cali- dier?" fornia in her support of education.

Less than half a century ago cotton seed and its products were thrown away as refuse. Later on cot ton seed commenced to be utilized, and twenty-five years ago was worth twenty million dollars a year to American planters. To-day cotton seed products are worth one hundred and thirty-six million dollars per annum. This by-product is worth at least one-tenth of the total cotton crop and shows how important it is to utilize by products.

The uncertainty regarding the Balkans is un to the Teutonic powers. Evidence is accumulating to its restoration when the spoils reappear. to show that if Roumania and Bulgaria go into the The British Government is to be asked on the floor of the House what truth there is in the rumored means easy to satisfy. Their desire to remain neulisagreements between Earl Kitchener and Sir John tral is probably increased by the success of the Ger-

THE GERMAN WILL TO BELIEVE.

(New York Evening Post.)

We have had far too many say-so German facts in tacticians, have failed to make good, and have been this war. Germans have developed the will to believe recalled or reduced in rank. In a measure this was in an even more extraordinary way than they have order to fly over two fences, dodge six autor to be expected. New methods of warfare have been the will to conquer. It is not simply that they which upset all previous experience, take the official statements of their government as Every nation has truer than Holy Writ. They have worked themsuffered from the incapacity or inability of old gen- selves up into a kind of metaphysical fury which erals to adapt themselves to the changed condi-makes them certain that what they say is self-We have often given examples; it is That the alleged facts of the German race, has apparently disappeared ence to these German enthusiasts. They have not from the scene, and General Von Mackensen is the studied Kant and Hegel in vain; they can swallow We do not know sians back from Galicia. It is reported that Von that anything can be done about this, but we do Hindenberg was sent to the western front and given know that a long debating of the "facts" of a simthe task of breaking through to Calais—a project ple case with such people would be a waste of time nipped in the bud by the Canadians at St. Julien To every proof they would think it a sufficient answer "We know that it cannot be so,

VOLUNTEER MUNITION WORKERS.

The city men labored side by side with their mate, in a wholesale manner. It is now admitted that the the Woolwich working man, for twelve hours, with short intervals for meals. Their sole job at present of French generals. It is said that General Joffre is making cartridges for the service rifle, which, we shot five French generals during the retreat from are told, are of as great importance as the shell. They Mexican imbroglio? The Paris got to work in one of the ordnance sheds under the guidance of a skilled instructor, and those who were American fruits the best.-Judge. of one hundred and twenty generals who had been quite unskilled were given minor work, such as is placed on the retired list. The Battle of the Marne, performed by boys, and they will proceed, as they become proficient, to the actual manufacture of cart-The government will pay a small wage for the work done, but as the work of the brigade is of a voluntary character these wages will be handed over mand of the French at the Dardanelles, was relieved by the arsenal authorities to the brigade funds. Cerof his command, and General Gouraud, who made a tain expenses will be met out of the funds and any have to buy so many votes.—Life. balance is to be devoted to one or other of the war But any member who wants to be paid will receive his wages direct from the arsenal and no

A FEW SCATHING REMARKS TO THE UMPIRE. (From the Kincald, Sask., Leader.)

About the time baseball was started a "rule b was framed up, and ever since has been in use. Now, With the British Army at the front there have authority until you started to umpire at Meyronne. Mr. Umpire, this book has been recognized as an been many and costly blunders. General Sir Henry and we respectfully suggest that you look around a Rawlinson blundered at Neuve Chapelle, with the little and locate one of those books, and see if you cannot get together and make some arrangements is now said that General Smith-Dorrien is back in some of the other local teams, who are used to Spauld-Just what the friction between Kitchener and French the game; and, for the love of Mike, be sure and ing's rules play with you, we all can understand tional Monthly. change the rule of your making a man safe when he's out, and try and fix up some kind of a system so that a "ball" isn't a strike. the British Army on the continent. It is said that down pat, that's about all we expect for a while, but If you get these two things he will take over this command just as soon as he if you get right down to it and study hard, you'll make an umpire before you see taxi-cabs on your

BACK TO THE CRADLE.

(Wall Street Journal.)

dition of the grain fields has made the soft to operate ponderous self-binders. Another reason is in the lodge condition of the grain. Yet within an ordinary life-time the American grain-growing industry has gone from the primitive hand-cradle to the combination of cutting and threshing in a single process. One man swung the cradle; 20 mules draw the combination reaper. But these elephantine machines, which sprawl over a quarter of an acre almost at a sitting, can do nothing in such fields as Southern Kansas now has, after a season of prolonged rains. Lighter farm machinery may again come into vogue, and the machinery companies may well consider whether the limits of big machinery have not been reached, as the big ranches come to be broken up into smaller estates. This year may be a turning point.

IN WILDEST KENTUCKY.

(Ashland, Ky., Journal.) Whitesburg, Ky., June 26.-Judge Samuel Collins and jailer, William Hall, of this city, have bought automobiles-the first ever brought to Whitesburg They can be constantly seen spinning over the streets of the town, and are objects of much interest. Many people in the county have never seen an auto before.

JOURNALISTIC ETHICS. (Ottawa Journal.)

The Winnipeg Telegram calls the Winnipeg Free Press a "black-faced liar," and the F. P. reterts that the Telegram is a "sand-bag," and a journalistic

DEGREES OF UNHAPPINESS.

The least unhappy of the unhappy women of Europe whose soldiers are in the war are those who know their leved ones are prisoners or so badly crippled that future military service is impossible. The merely unhappy are those who are sure their leved ones are no more. The unhappiest of these millions of women are those who do not know what has become of their soldiers, whether they are dead, wound-the order of missing. They have quit thinking about its absolutely unclassing. They have quit thinking about the same and the same are the same and the same are the s ed or missing. They have quit thinking about the causes of the war, have quit asking God why He let ing her expenditure for education one of the high- it come or when it will end. All they want now is the answer to the single question, "Where is my sol

SOLDIERS OF THE STATE.

Profit, in the ordinary sense, should be altogether, in such a way as to convince the men that the employer cannot take advantage of them. In short, their relations should be completely transformed, and that can only be done by taking both under government control. Employers should become managers for the state, and workmen should feel that they are really industrial soldiers in the service of the state for the purposes of the war. The militant side of trade unionism disappears with the doubtedly a source of worry to both the Allies and abolition of spoils to fight over, but without prejudice

COUNTING THE CHICKENS." (Toronto Globe

Isn't it a trifle early to talk of building a refinery for Calgary oil? There will be plenty of money man-Austro drive against Russia. But if Roumania for Caigary oil? There will be plenty of money man-Austro drive against Russia. But if Roumania for Caigary oil? There will be plenty of money available later on for the building of refineries when commented upon them. Now that the matter is to commented upon them. Now that the matter is to has a large supply of oil.

THAT'S THE ANSWER. (Macon News.)

Why is it that a chicken will walk over ground corn, oats, tender grass and table scraps in and walk half a block to scratch a neighbor's lawn? -Macon News.

'A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

"What's worrying you?"

money than brains." "Gee, you'll starve to death if he does that."-Phila-

delphia Ledger.

Teacher-Katherine, what do you know about the orchid family?

Katie-Please, miss, mother has forbidden us to indulge in any family gossip.-Boston Transcript. His Host-By the way, what do you think of th

Mr. Malaprop-To tell the truth, I like old-fashioned Ambrose, the reporter, entered the office of the

city editor, who enjoyed a chat with the bright, if uneducated, negro. "Ambrose, do you favor political economy? "No, sah; Ah certainly do not. It's only a scheme

of de bosses to defeat woman's suffrage so dey won't

Husband-"I really think you might have had that ball dress made a little bit higher in the neck-to say nothing of the back."

Wife—"I'll have it changed if you wish, but this

stuff costs ten dollars a yard." Husband-"H'm-well, never mind."

Two men were talking of hard times "Does your wife ever grieve because she threw over wealthy man in order to marry you?" queried Hall. "Well, she started to once," was the reply, "but ured her of that without delay." "I wish you would tell me how," said Hall.

"I started right in grieving with her," replied the "and I grieved harder than she did."-Na-

A Glasgow hawker was touring the provinces, ofone day, when about to uncork a bottle for his audience to sample, he found to his disgust that his

"Is there any gentleman in this crowd belongs to Glasgow?" he asked, looking over his audience "Yes, I do," came a reply, in an unmistakably Glaszow accent.

"Then lend me your corkscrew," was the quick re-

LOVE THOU THY LAND Love thou thy land, with love far-brough

From out the storied Past, and used Within the Present, but transfused Thro' future time by power of thought

True love turn'd round on fixed poies, Love, that endures not sordid ends. For English natures, freemen, friends Thy brothers and immortal souls.

Nor toil for title, place, or touch Of pension, neither count on praise; It grows to guerdon after-days Nor deal in watch-words overmuch;

Ev'n now we hear with inward strife A motion toiling in the gloom-The Spirit of the years to come Yearning to mix himself with Life,

Oh yet, if Nature's evil star Drive men in manhood, as in youth. To follow flying steps of Truth Across the brazen bridge of war-

If New and Old, disastrous feud, Must ever shock, like armed foes, And this be true, till Time shall close, That Principles are rain'd in blood;

Not yet the wise of heart would cease To hold his hope thro' shame and guilt, But with his hand against the hilt, Would pace the troubled land, like Peace;

To-morrow yet would reap to-day. As we bear blossom of the dead; Earn well the thrifty months, nor wed Raw Haste, half-sister to Delay. -Tennyson.

THE MUNITIONS MEASURE NOW A LAW.

absolutely necessary will never, so far as historisist can carry present-day onlookers, be d cated. No nation, in the light of the penalty yet to be will ever be found so rashly unprincipled as to re-

Fortunately there is no reason to doubt either that the munitions law is in consonance with public opin-ion or that it will accomplish its intended purpose. During the seven days allowed by Mr. Lloyd George workmen willing to perform the necessary handiwork more than forty thousand volunteered to devote themselves to the work of supplying the soldiers on the firing line with the means of breaking down the German defence and preparing the way for an invasion of Germany. Apparently every other preparation has until a determined and concerted effort will be made from every side to close in on thed comed aggresso The British artisans drove a fairly hard bargain be fore the compact with the Government was arranged but they may be trusted to "play the game," see it through to the bitter end, and help to make the expenive interval as brief as possible

THE HEROISMS OF MEN. (Buffalo News.)

The heroisms of men run a wide range. The day's news records them glaringly or sparingly not according to the measure of their sacrifice, but according to the influence of the incidents upon the ninds of men

Yesterday in New York, a street sweeper, the father of seven small children, was struck by an auto-mobile. He staggered back to his post and fell dead as he uttered his last words: "I am too poor to be At Le Bassee recently Lieutenant K. V. F. Win-

field answered a call for volunteers to perform a specially hazardous bit of work that involved almost certain death. With the explanation, "I am too rich not to take the risk," his offer prevailed and his body was found pierced with bullets. Here are two types of courage that shine brightly

in a world that at times seems altogether dark. Hap-"Father says he's going to cut my allowance down penings of our times indicate that our civilization has a point where people won't say that I have more failed, but whatever may be wanting, the courage and fortitude of men have gone steadily on to their highest developemnt

THE BEST INVESTMENT. (Minneapolis Journal.)

Ever since the war began the United States has

been looking for the return of its billions of securities held in Europe. They do not come.

The heavy flow before the war began stopped with

its arrival. Our stock markets were closed to check a rush, but when they opened the accumulations were There is not a soul among you but will work until soon cared for and prices began to rise. The liqui dation has been almost imperceptible.

Turning attention from things anticipated to thing as they are, Americans are beginning to ask why Eur Shells, shells! By the hundred million shells! ropean investors should sell our securities. They want sound investments more than ever, now that all For the lesson must be heeded their own properties are demoralized.

There is no better investment than the selected ecurities of the richest neutral which are held in Europe. Investors there can have no better safeguard against the worst that may happen. So far they cannot sell American securities dear enough and buy European cheap enough to tempt them to the change

GERMAN-AMERICAN INVASION.

Windsor, Ont., is getting unnecessarily excited over the reported threatened invasion of Canadian territory by German sympathizers from the United States. The American government is responsible for any departure of armed forces from any of its ports to take part in the war, and, under international law, will not permit any such expedition on behalf of any of the combatants. The German who is foolish enough to invade Canada will find himself as badly off. should he be able to return to the Unfted States, as though he had been taken prisoner in Canada. In other words, the contemplated invasion would lack a base, and unless the alleged force is made up of luna-A Glasgow market of the form o tacs, it is not at all probable that any attempt to or in the future.

INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH. (Manchester Guardian.)

An heroic deed that occurred during the attack of the Scots Guards at Hill 60, will be for ever remembered in the annals of the regiment. One of the assaulting companies went ahead with such dash and saulting companies went ahead with such dash and impetuosity that it outdistanced the other units and got cut off by the enemy. Nothing more was head make any advancement whatever in anything if he got cut off by the enemy. Nothing more was heard does not take a chance of falling at it; for any sible to send out scouts. In a certain spot they found sibility of failure. If one does not take the chance some eighty dead of that company stretched out in the open. High around them was piled a heap of German corpses. Torn-up grass and blood all around testified to the fierceness of the fight and the desperate struggle the splendid Scotsmen had made in the face of overwhelming odds.

SIR EDWARD GREY. (London Daily Telegraph.)

Britons all over the world must by this time have a very shrewd idea of what they owe to the sterling character of Sir Edward Grey. He was fiercely at tacked year after year from within his own party because he would not countenance a fantastic pacifibecause he cultivated a good understanding with Russia, and because all through the Agadir crisi he was steadfastly faithful to France. He refused to cry peace when there was no peace, though he neve ceased working along the only lines on which there seemed a chance of staving off the great world conflict, that, namely, of persuading Germany to give up her hectoring policy and cease piling up her arma ments by land and sea.

THOSE GUESSES. (Life.)

When a doctor makes a guess about disease he calls it a diagnosis. When a lawyer makes a guess about the law he calls it an opinion. When a stockgambles makes a guess about stock he calls it a speculation. When a preacher makes a guess about the next world he calls it faith or revelation.

NO DIFFERENCE (Hamilton Herald.)

Holt, the man who tried to blow up the capitol at Washington and to assassinate J. P. Morgan, is a consistent disciple of Von Tirpitz and the Kaiser. his methods and the policy of Germa "frightfulness" there is no essential difference.

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GOOD WILL COME.

Much as we deplore the war and the loss of life evidence is coming forth of the creation of a new national spirit in Canada that transcends party bickerings and petty jealousies of a parochial nature.

The war has lifted us into world prominence and has exalted the viewpoint of Canadian life and ideals.

WHAT'S IN A NAME. (Mail and Empire.)

The name of the French Director of Munitions is Thomas, and the name of the British Government's representative to look after munition matters on this ontinent is Thomas. And it's Long Toms they are providing for.

SHELLS.

Touchstone, in London Mail. The bugle sounds reveille for a nation to arise A sleepy-headed nation that has slumbered for too

time for men and masters to awake and ruh their eyes:

There's a note of sheer compelling in the bugle's lusty song;

Shells, shells, shells! By the hundred million, shells Shells to blast and batter down the Huns! There are voices loudly calling

Where our gallant lads are falling Shells, shells for British guns!

Get up, you horny-handed and the men who own the shops.

For the master and the workman must be toiling hand in hand;

he drops, For now the truth is spoken you may know and un

derstand. Shells to pelt the foeman till he runs;

How the Germans have succeeded-

Shells, shells for British guns was shells that drove the Russians from the land that they had gained;

stand and die, shells by which the strangle-hold on Belgi

maintained. And it's up to us to make the only adequate reply nells, shells, shells! By the hundred million shells!

There's just one job before us If we love the land that bore us-Shells, shells, shells for British guns

That's the ringing call to Britain's sons,

********************* The Day's Best Editorial

Walking is a process of taking a chance of falling and then catching yourself before you do it. speed at which one goes forward, or progresses, de pends on the frequency with which he takes chances the distance to which he walks, depends on the num keep from falling each time he takes a chance. he does not take the chance at all, he stands still

MAKING PROGRESS.

It is a good deal the same way about advancing of dertaking has in it an element of chance, or the pos of falling, he does not succeed in walking; if he does not take the chance of failure involved in an undertaking, he never accomplishes any part of it

The man who never tries-who never takes a chance -never accomplishes anything more than merely ex isting. A man who never takes a chance is a coward rather than a wise man, and who wants to be a coward? To make a parody of an old familiar saying "It is better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all."-The Farming Business.

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es Eased Off From Early M in the Market's Ac

Leased Wire to Jour New York, July 8.—Stock mark e and lower with particular pr ad list. Dealings appeared to be cional origin.

Reading opened a point at 1451 ed 1/2 down at 125; aft st. Paul fell to 79% on second s made a new low record by opening high loss of ½. Steel lost % to The news that the Minnehaha, with large amount of war munitio miles east of Halifax, produced a res perhaps the chief cause for New York, July 8 .- From th

market rallied vigorously and trad on the news that the fire on the M The technical position good, the market having apparentl Recovery in Southern Pacific spirited, the price advancing from Central Leather was strong, ad the movement was attributed Indebaker was another strong fee to a level above 80, causing a recrease of dividend or the de-While there was a continuance

tion in bonds, the opinion was extant quarters that the wave of Lor eks had nearly passed over. New York July 8 -Shorts findi

ot pursued halted in their rush t ce of other buying, stocks b ind the gains made at about 10.15 nst. Towards the end of the firs ieted down but there was weak of places and pronounced strength Louisville and Nashville sold to evel, and although the stock loan was not believed that the selling ount, borrowing was apparently ected to deliver certificates whe

From the fact that among the s very in 20 or 30 days there were n Japan 41/2's bearing German sta red that much of the liquidation of upposed to come from London re Berlin. The financial situation in B

New York, July 8 .- It was a wait econd hour but there was weakness and general tone was a little heav eported some selling for the West ers seemed to have completed their souri, Kansas & Texas sold to

at 71/2, decline was sympathetic wit The Street evinced great interest he Adriatic and seemed to be und hat the boat was already due on the s not the case; officials of the li vessel to reach port before nigh Friday morning nced to a new high record at 131

125 at the close on Wednesday. New York, July 8.—Missouri Paci old at 31/2, a loss of 1% points from nd the lowest price ever. Record

ade September 10th, 1902. Little was done in the early after ing few and small, while prices m orded no indication of a definite te iquidation, however, seemed to ha and the market was apparently in a tould respond to favorable influen Chicago & Northwestern which in down to 118% in sympathy with Paul recovered to a level above 1 lowest at which Northwest ha There was a little selli

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on sold at 14 and preferred at 30. BIG TEXAS GRAIN CE stimates on the Texas wheat cro here are running as high as 2 nst 15,000,000 last year, but con put close around 20,000,000 bus ng and threshing conditions have the last ten days. Excellent rain efited the growing corn, while do grain in the fields, as most of it h

ENGLISH COPPER VIS Visible supply of copper in England thereto increased by 2,694 to f of June, following increase of at half of last month, a total Jun ons, following May increase of ase of 2,431 tons, March decrea uary decrease of 750 tons and J of 307 tons, a total supply July 1 o tons net increase in the first

NEW BUSINESS CONTIN New York, July 8.-The steel com report the improvement in operation n, there has been slight change for steel and improved earnings for ucers to the belief that railroad re in evidence in the near future. Steel Corporation continues to recess at the rate of about 5,000 tons a

AMERICAN CLEARING

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