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MONTREAL THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1915.

Incompetent Generals.

The British Government is to be asked on the floor of the House what truth there is in the rumored disagreements between Earl Kitchener and Sir John French.

This war has been responsible for the shattering of many military reputations. Men regarded as competent officers, masters of strategy and able tacticians, have failed to make good, and have been recalled or reduced in rank.

France has gotten rid of her inefficient generals in a wholesale manner. It is now admitted that the drive to Paris was largely due to the incompetence of French generals.

With the British Army at the front there have been many and costly blunders. General Sir Henry Rawlinson blundered at Neuve Chapelle, with the result that the fruits of that victory were lost to the British.

The "Forcing" of Canada.

That the German Government, with all their world-wide 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.

Vancouver's Wisdom.

One of the signs of the times, and a healthy one, is the refusal of the citizens of Vancouver to confirm a proposed large expenditure for local improvements.

That in the state of affairs with most of our munition-paltries to-day, it is satisfactory to find the Van-coverites applying the brakes.

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

California, with a population of 2,867,000, spends \$299 per head for the support of her schools, making her expenditure for education one of the highest of any state in the union.

Less than half a century ago cotton seed and its products were thrown away as refuse. Later on cotton seed commenced to be utilized, and twenty-five years ago was worth twenty million dollars a year to American planters.

The uncertainty regarding the Balkans is undoubtedly a source of worry to both the Allies and to the Teutonic powers. Evidence is accumulating to show that if Roumania and Bulgaria go into the fight it will be on the side of the Allies.

THE GERMAN WILL TO BELIEVE.

We have had far too many say-so German facts in this war. Germans have developed the will to believe in an even more extraordinary way than they have the will to conquer.

VOLUNTEER MUNITION WORKERS.

The city men labored side by side with their mate, the Woolwich working man, for twelve hours, with short intervals for meals. Their sole job at present is making cartridges for the service rifle, which, we are told, are of as great importance as the shell.

A FEW SCATHING REMARKS TO THE UMPIRE.

About the time baseball was started a "rule book" was framed up, and ever since has been in use. Now, Mr. Umpire, this book has been recognized as an authority until you started to umpire at Meyronne.

BACK TO THE CRADLE.

Cradling wheat will be a new experience to not a few communities this year, because the waterlogged condition of the grain fields has made the ground too soft to operate ponderous self-binders.

IN WILDEST KENTUCKY.

Whitesburg, Ky., June 26.—Judge Samuel Collins and jailer, William Hall, of this city, have bought automobiles—the first ever brought to Whitesburg.

JOURNALISTIC ETHICS.

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

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-Intelligencer.

DEGREES OF UNHAPPINESS.

The least unhappy of the unhappy women of Europe whose soldiers are in the war are those who know their loved ones are prisoners or so badly crippled that future military service is impossible.

SOLDIERS OF THE STATE.

Profit, in the ordinary sense, should be eliminated altogether, in such a way as to convince the men that the employer cannot take advantage of them.

COUNTING THE CHICKENS.

Isn't it a trifle early to talk of building a refinery for Calgary oil? There will be plenty of money available later on for the building of refineries when it is conclusively demonstrated that the Calgary field has a large supply of oil.

THAT'S THE ANSWER.

Why is it that a chicken will walk over ground meat, corn, oats, tender grass and table scraps in order to fly over two fences, dodge six automobiles and walk half a block to scratch a neighbor's lawn?

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

"What's worrying you?" "Father says he's going to cut my allowance down to a point where people won't say that I have more money than brains."

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 the Mexican imbroglio? "Mr. Malaprop—To tell the truth, I like old-fashioned American fruits the best.—Judge.

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 have to buy so many votes.—Life.

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."

Two men were talking of hard times.

"Does your wife ever gripe because she threw over a wealthy man in order to marry you?" queried Hall.

"Well, she started to once," was the reply, "but I cured her of that without delay."

"I wish you would tell me how," said Hall.

"I started right in grieving with her," replied the other, "and I grieved harder than she did.—National Monthly.

A Glasgow hawk was touring the provinces, offering for sale his marvellous cure-all mixture, and one day, when about to uncork a bottle for his audience to sample, he found to his disgust that his corkscrew was missing.

"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 Glasgow accent.

"Then lend me your corkscrew," was the quick rejoinder.

LOVE THOU THY LAND.

Love thou thy land, with love far-brought 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 poles, 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 querdon after-days; Nor dead in watch-words overmuch;

Ev'n now we hear with inward strife A motion tolling 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 hill, 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 Hate, half-sister to Delay. —Tennyson.

THE MUNITIONS MEASURE NOW A LAW.

The bill introduced a few days ago into the House of Commons by Mr. Lloyd George, and passed by that Chamber rapidly and unanimously, was passed with equal unanimity and still greater speed by the House of Lords.

Fortunately there is no reason to doubt either that the munitions law is in consonance with public opinion or that it will accomplish its intended purpose.

THE HEROISMS OF MEN.

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 minds of men.

At Le Bassee recently Lieutenant K. V. F. Winfield answered a call for volunteers to perform a specially hazardous bit of work that involved almost certain death.

Here are two types of courage that shine brightly in a world that at times seems altogether dark.

THE BEST INVESTMENT.

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.

Turning attention from things anticipated to things as they are, Americans are beginning to ask why European investors should sell our securities.

There is no better investment than the selected securities of the richest neutral which are held in Europe.

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.

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Imperial Bank OF CANADA HEAD OFFICE TORONTO Capital Paid up \$7,000,000 Reserve Fund \$7,000,000

GOOD WILL COME. (Windsor Record.) 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.

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 continent is Thomas.

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

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