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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

UNCLE SAM'S WAR EFFORT.

Much has been said and written regarding the part the United States is playing and will play in the great war. The consensus of opinion being that decisive victory cannot come to the Allies except through the aid of the American soldiers. That this aid will be forthcoming without stint and as long as the need exists, is evidenced by the recent action of the United States Congress, which has removed the limit on the number of men to be sent overseas, and will provide for the calling up and training of all that may be required. In other words, Uncle Sam has taken off the lid and is in the war game to the finish.

The action of Congress was forecasted by President Wilson in a recent speech, when he declared that there could be no thought of withholding any effort necessary to bring about the complete defeat of Germany. In that, the President voices the opinion of the American people, of a nation of more than one hundred millions population, the raw material of an army of ten millions, and a nation determined to bend every resource to the accomplishment of the task in hand.

Canadian newspapers have so often referred in terms of commendation to the American war effort that the real extent of that effort has been lost sight of. The resources of the United States are so vast that they cannot be easily realized. Now they are being mobilized and moulded into a great war machine to be operated with one single purpose, and that, the crushing of Prussian militarism and the liberation of the world from the menace of future conflict similar to the present.

Into the perfection of that machine our neighbors are pouring their men and their money. As leaders in the world of war financing, a loan of four billions of dollars has just been made to the American government by American citizens, and this comes on top of a revenue from income taxation mounting well up into other billions. The most recent loan is the third the American people have made and it is noteworthy that each has been at a smaller rate of interest than its predecessor.

As to the American effort in men, there are in the great republic more than fifty training camps for soldiers and each represents the last word in efficiency. Some of them are of sufficient size to accommodate 75,000 men and all are in active use. President Wilson says unless it carries men or supplies for the armies overseas, while U. S. Secretary of War Baker has already pointed out that more than 500,000 of these men are on the western front, or in camps in France, ready to proceed to the battle lines.

The whole American nation has risen to arms with a businesslike determination that bodes ill for the foe. And the effort is not being put forth too late. The American assistance comes at a moment when the older combatants, unreinforced, may have been ready to recognize a drawn battle. It comes fresh, strong and filled with enthusiastic understanding of the part reserved for it to play. Also, it comes with the knowledge that, if the British and Italian nations, through somewhat war worn and weary, they have, by that fighting, placed upon the shoulders of their newer, stronger ally an obligation to carry on that must and will be recognized.

Uncle Sam's war effort is likely to prove the factor that, after four years of fighting, will bring unquestioned victory to the Allied arms.

ENGLAND WINS HER WAY.

President Wilson has said that the war will knit the nations together. After the fierce trial through which they are passing, it is certain that the qualities of the nations will appear in their true character, and that those that may be fit to sit down together will do so in mutual trust and understanding. Marvelous changes already have been wrought and none more than that witnessed in the United States, where prejudice has held sway against Great Britain because the nation could not be permitted to forget the estrangement of a century ago through circumstances that were not within the control of the British people as a whole. How effectual has been the revolution in sentiment toward Great Britain, immediately consequent upon the war, though not by any means due altogether thereto, may be gathered from the following editorial reference in the Chicago Evening Post:

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Trust the battle line of England, the Indomitable! Of all the peoples of history none more than the English have shown the strength that comes in the light with back to the wall. The last ditch is where England fights best, and there she will fight best today if forced to it by the most tremendous military pressure the world has ever known. Thank God our boys are fighting at her side, even if it be but a few of them. May they carry to her the assurance of our faith and glory in her. May they sweep aside the ancient prejudices that have made us grudge England her fair deed of trust and honor.

At length prejudices are set aside and the American people are permitted through their newspapers to a better appreciation of the real character of the great English nation, whose unselfishness and readiness for sacrifice brought it into the war in defense of a little nation, and who has shown herself capable of the most marvelous endurance in support of truth and righteousness. The war, in bringing to great Anglo-Saxon families, has wrought a mighty deed for the future of civilization.

VICTORIA THE GOOD.

Today the people of the British Empire will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Victoria the Good, Britain's best beloved queen, who, for more than sixty-three years, from June 20th, 1837, to January 22nd, 1901, exercised her benign sway over the mightiest dominion the world has ever known.

On this, the ninety-ninth anniversary of her birth, the Empire she loved so well, and whose welfare was ever her first thought, is engaged in a struggle for its very existence against a powerful foe and faces the most serious crisis in its history. During the reign of Victoria Britain was free from major wars. The affair in the Crimea, the Indian mutiny, the almost continuous campaigns against uncivilized tribes in some portion of the globe, the first and second Boer conflicts, were but mere skirmishes compared with the present struggle, and consequently the Empire had an opportunity to develop the greatness in commerce and industry, and create the wealth that provided the sinews of war when the present crisis loomed upon the horizon.

The influence of Queen Victoria was ever for peace. She lacked the ambition of Elizabeth, but that deficiency was more than offset by her gentleness and great love for her people. No monarch who ever occupied the British throne will live longer in the affection of the people of the Empire, and the observance of her natal anniversary in perpetuity is a tribute paid to no other British sovereign. As long as the flag flies the life and memory of Victoria the Good will be a subject for the grateful and willing homage of the British people.

AN EXCELLENT PLAN.

Residents of St. John and vicinity, who are interested in Greater Production, might well follow the example set by a number of Newcastle business men, who have decided to apply up-to-date methods to the business of producing more food. They have organized what is termed the Greater Production Company, Limited, with a capital of \$10,000, divided into 1,000 shares of ten dollars each. The company proposes to rent farms for a term of years, and have them properly cultivated by expert farmers who will either be paid weekly wages or will receive a percentage of the crop, at their option. The company will also engage in other means seek to stimulate interest in all branches of agriculture. It is the intention to purchase eventually a large farm and develop it into a model farm where scientific methods of crop production will be practised. Reports from Newcastle are to the effect that the majority of the stock has already been sold and the promoters anticipate no difficulty in disposing of all of it.

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health legislation passed by the Legislature at the last session is of such outstanding importance that it should be supported by every New Brunswick resident, irrespective of politics. The prohibition act passed by the Murray Government was every bit as beneficial as the health legislation can be, yet it did not prevent Dr. Roberts from doing his utmost to defeat the Government that put it on the statute books.

J. C. Watters, of the Dominion Trades Congress, expresses the opinion that Premier Lloyd George is "the trickiest politician who ever masqueraded as a statesman." No one will ever accuse Mr. Watters of trickery for to be tricky requires a certain amount of intelligence.

Good Morning! How is your arm?

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

(Woodstock Press, May 21.)

At a meeting of the public accounts committee and again during his budget speech, Hon. B. Frank Smith, of Carleton county made charges that public monies were squandered on the roads in the parish of Shippegan. The investigation was made by the member for Carleton county being Hon. P. J. Veniot, minister of public works, and Hon. G. Robichaud, the legislative hon. Mr. Veniot said that he did not think that there was anything in the charges, but he promised to hold an investigation. Later Mr. Robichaud had a letter in the newspapers supporting the government, emphatically denying the truth of the charges.

The investigation was held by Hon. Mr. Veniot in Shippegan last week. Hon. Mr. Smith and his counsel R. B. Hanson, K. C., were present. The investigation was made by the member for Carleton county being Hon. P. J. Veniot, minister of public works, and Hon. G. Robichaud, the legislative hon. Mr. Veniot said that he did not think that there was anything in the charges, but he promised to hold an investigation. Later Mr. Robichaud had a letter in the newspapers supporting the government, emphatically denying the truth of the charges.

When questioned upon his return, Hon. Mr. Smith said that the allegations made by the member for Carleton were fully sustained, and especially so in the case against Supervisor McNally, who seemed to be in close touch with the working in connection with John G. Robichaud, the member for Gloucester, living in Shippegan. In the opinion of Mr. Smith, the investigation was most timely in the interests of the province, as it revealed irregularities more startling than had been anticipated. When the report has been published before the government he is satisfied the evidence will warrant the punishment of some of those responsible for such misconduct of provincial affairs.

On his mind the position of John G. Robichaud is a most unenviable one. He was brought out in evidence that he used the government machinery and had work done for his own benefit by the government employees of the department. It was also shown that he received checks, in many cases, from those who work on the road, some of which were never seen by the department. In some mysterious way, were endorsed by him, and found their way back to the department signed by parties who had never seen them.

COL. BOB MAX PAYS TRIBUTE TO WATER

Col. Bob was at the annual meeting of the bar association of North Arkansas and some of his friends thought it would be a merry jest to propose that he respond to the toast "Water." But the Colonel was equal to the occasion. Said he: "Toastmaster, ladies and gentlemen, you have asked me to respond to the toast 'Water,' the purest and best of all the things ever created. I want to say to you that I have seen it glisten in tiny drops on the sleeping lids of infancy; I have seen it trickle down the mountain sides in tiny rivulets with the music of liquid silver striking on beds of polished diamonds. I have seen it in the rushing river rippling over pebbly bottoms, purpling over precipitous cliffs, mad rush to join the father of waters; and in the mighty father of waters I have seen it go in slow and majestic sweep to join the ocean. And I have seen it in the mighty ocean on whose broad bosom float the battle fleets of all nations and the commerce of the world, but, ladies and gentlemen, I want to say to you now, that as a beverage it is a D— Failure."

HOARDING A CRIME

(Toronto News) Some grumblers will have a new subject when they learn that a food hoarder of Niagara Falls has been sent to jail for a food term. Yet it is worth while to consider that in a time of scarcity excessive "self-help" is more than a misdemeanor. It is a crime. Criminal law deals wholly with offenses against the person and against property. Hoarding endangers the well-being of other people who may be hungry because of the hoarding of one man. It also endangers property, since if the rich bought all the food, prices would make serious inroads on the incomes of the poor. Most Canadians have lived in plenty all their lives, and find it difficult to adjust their thinking to a new condition of affairs. Before banking paper was invented there was no harm in imitating the signature of another man. Food, therefore, is not a commodity. There is no harm in buying flour. There is criminal selfishness in buying more than one's share.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Pop came home wearing a new hat today, being one of those little cloth check hats without any particular shape, and pop looked at himself with it on in front of the hall rack mirror as if he didn't know whether he thought it looked all right or not, and he came down stairs and saw him, saying, Goodness, Willyum. Meaning wat? sed pop. I mean, I see you got a new hat, sed ma. Well, is there anything in that to goodness about? sed pop, these swaggar little cloth hats are all the rage in London. Well, goodness, we're not in London sed ma. There goes another goodness wats rong with this hat? sed pop. Goodness Willyum I didn't say anything was rong with it sed ma. It was a bad pop, Hildebrand never told the jantish he didn't like them either, he only sent them little gifts of poison gas, well I don't care, I'm going to give you a chance to get use to this hat, I'm going to wear it in to supper. With he did, setting down and pulling the hat away over on one side and making it look even funnier, and I sed, G. pop, you awt to get a job in a circus. Speaking of jobs, I'll place you in a subordinate position across my knee if I hear another peep out of you, sed pop. With he didn't hear it, and pritty soon our cook Nora came in carrying the meet, and wen she saw pop she pritty near dropped it, saying, My goodness. Ah, reinforcements, wat, seems to be the trouble, Nora, do you see anything funny about me? sed pop. Sir? No Sir, sed Nora. Being a story, and she quick put the meet down and went out agen. And I sed, its got a hole in it, and pop sed, Then pop a beggar begging, saying, Little boy, go in and ask your mother will she please help a poor man, I got discharged from the hospital. 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