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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. Already they are taking rank 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 no ship will sail east from American ports, 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, French and Italian nations, through long fighting, have become 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 effective 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:

"The Newcastle plan is a most practical one that could be followed to advantage by citizens of other communities. With food prices at the level they are likely to reach during the coming fall and winter the venture should be most profitable. And, aside from the profit, those interested in the undertaking will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing war service of a most valuable character by increasing the stock of food supplies in the country."

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 fight 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 meed 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 pass this close trust between two 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.

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 the raising of pigs and poultry, and by 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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Dr. W. F. Roberts, the almost Minister of Public Health, has said that the

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 that 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. Gloucester county, two of the county's representatives in the provincial legislature being Hon. P. J. Veniot, minister of public works, and Hon. Robichaud, in the legislature 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 allegations made by the member for Carleton were fully sustained. Road Supervisors McNally and Hebert were the principal witnesses. Under oath they admitted that men whose names appear on the pay rolls in a good many cases had not worked at all, the former stating that he did not even keep the time of some of the men whose names appeared on his pay roll. Mr. Robichaud said that nearly all the men who worked on the Shippegan Barron road traded at his store.

When questioned upon his return, Hon. Mr. Smith said that the allegations against the road supervisors had been fully sustained, and especially so in the case against Supervisor McNally. He seemed to be in a touch and working in collusion 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 that anticipated. When the report has been placed before the government he is satisfied the evidence will warrant the punishment of some of the men who were guilty of misconduct of provincial affairs.

To his mind the position of John G. Robichaud is a most unenviable one. He is a man who is in evidence against the government, and he has 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 parties to whom they were issued by 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 he would be a merry jest to propose that he respond to the toast "Water." But the Colonel was equal to the occasion. Said he: "Mr. 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 tear drops on the sleeping lids of infancy; I have seen it trickle down the blushing cheeks of youth and go in rushing torrents down the wrinkled cheek of age. I have seen it in tiny dewdrops on the blades of grass and leaves of trees, flashing like polished diamonds when the morning sun bursts in resplendent o'er the eastern hills. I have seen it trickle down over pebbly bottoms, purpling over precipitous cliffs, in its mad rush to join the father of waters; and 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 long term. Yet it is worth while to consider that in a time of scarcity a "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 are hungry because of the scarcity 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. Indeed there is no harm in that action today. But if the imitator be found on a cheque the law assumes that the forger has an intent to defraud, therefore, the law is a criminal. There is no harm in buying food. 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 loved at him as with it on in front of the hall rack mirror as if he didn't know whether or not it looked all the or not, and ma came down stairs and saw him, saying, Goodness, Willyum.

Meaning what? sed pop.

I mean, I see you've got a new hat, sed ma.

Well, I see anything in that to goodness about? sed pop, these swaggy 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 beggar, Hindenburg never told the English 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 meat, and he gave her a peep over his shoulder, saying, Little boy, go in and ask your mother will she please help a poor man get discharged from the hospital. He thinking he couldn't get bin much good in the hospital or he wouldn't of bin discharged, and I went back and told ma, and pop sed, Wats does his hat look like? and I sed, It's got a hole in it, and pop sed, Then give me this hat and he took off his new hat and handed it to me, and I took it out and handed it to the beggar, and the beggar took it, saying, It's the first time anybody ever gave me a boys hat. And I went back again, and pop sed, Benny, let that be a lesson to you to always help the poor and needy, even if you haff to sacrifice something that is very becoming to you.

And the girls they blow you kisses and the mothers bring you beer, On the road to Onoesware.

Ah, it ain't all skittles there, But I'm somevow glad I'm always on the road to Onoesware.

Not Looking It.

He draws a salary of \$10,000 a year. Think of it. And he doesn't look as if he had sense enough to come in out of the rain.

True. But it helps considerably sometimes for a man to look that way and be quite the opposite. He can fool a lot of people.

Disappointed.

A good many ladies were disappointed this afternoon.

"How was that?"

"The guest was spoken of as a bridge expert and he turned out to be nothing but a famous engineer."

Tactics.

Mr. Bacon—Did you make these biscuits, wife?

Mrs. Bacon—I did.

Mr. Bacon—They're smaller than usual, aren't they?

Mrs. Bacon—They are. That's so you'll have less to fault with.

His Mistake.

Nephew—I tried to get a raise today, but the boss refused it.

Mrs. Blunderbly—Too bad, Dicky! Perhaps you monkeyed too long and didn't approach him at the zoological moment.

The Brute.

"Ten years elapse between Acts I and II," said Mrs. Flubdub, bitterly.

"And I see the brute's wife is still wearing the same hat."

We walks along and wonder what on earth it's all about.

We "opt" that someone arrives, but at times we are our doubt.

When the Adjutant looks worried and the Colonel seems in pain.

And we whisper in our sorrow, "Ah, this is ever so dread."

Oh, he's lost us all again; can't we take the blooming train?

The estimables is shutting and it's coming on to rain—

On the road to Onoesware.

Course it isn't our affair.

But I wish some gent would tell 'em 'ow to get to Onoesware.

We 'alls at level-crossings and 'as a lovely view.

Of 'igh-clas trains a-shunting, but they ain't for me an you;

We only go on railways when there's dirty work ahead.

And when we ride in motors it means we're nearly dead—

Yes, it means you're nearly dead, with your body full of lead.

And a ticket you sunny says, "This man must not be fed!"

But the Colonel sits 'is mare, And it don't seem 'ardly fair

That we 'avent all got 'orses on the road to Onoesware.

And when our backs is breaking and death seems very near

We march at attention and inspect the Brigadier!

E sees our tin 'ats polished and our 'ipes got up to please,

But if 'e saw our blisters we should all be O. B. E's.

Blooming blisters O. B. E's all a-wobbling at the knees.

And first we sweat like rivers and then we sit, and freeze,

On the road to Onoesware.

Ah, ker voolay, c'est 'is gair.

Only this 'ere step they're setting is enough to make you swear.

But the old man comes up sometimes and the poplar climb the 'ill

Like a lot of silly soldiers at extended order drill;

And there's little bits of scenery and the 'ins don't seem so slow

When the band plays through the village and the kids come out to cheer—

All the kids comes out to cheer and a man feels kind of queer.

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