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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until the 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.

"WIN THE WAR."

On Tuesday next a meeting will be held in this city at which delegates will be appointed to attend a general "Win The War" conference to be held in Montreal, at which all the Canadian provinces will be represented. The purpose of the conference is to bring the best minds in Canada to bear upon the problem of united effort to ward the one important goal to be attained—the winning of the war.

It is recognized that Canadians have responded to every appeal made, that the Canadian government has done and is doing everything that any government of any Dominion could do to achieve this desired result, but up to the present there has been no great concerted movement on the part of the people themselves toward this end. Hitherto the activities of many Canadians have been confined to criticizing Government measures and protesting their own business in the usual before-the-war style. It is admitted that a great deal of work of a patriotic character has been well and cheerfully done but it is held that the time has arrived when the leaders in business, in social life, in fraternal organizations, in the professions and in the church should come together in a mighty volunteer organization to further the cause of Canada and the Empire.

The movement is not a new one, neither has it any political significance. There is every reason to believe that those behind it have in their minds only the one object and that no attempt will be made to exploit the plan for partisan purposes. Winning the war is certainly everyone's business and those who have already made sacrifices in this, the greatest of all causes will not be inclined to go on bearing the burden while others equally capable have not shared it.

To win the war may mean the sacrifice of time, money and luxuries, may mean the abandonment of settled habits and practices, but if the crusade succeeds to unite all Canada without regard to class, creed or party in one grand effort to achieve victory then it will not have been undertaken in vain and whatever it may impose in the way of sacrifice or temporary hardship will, in the end, be found well worth while. It is the duty of every man in St. John to aid in this movement by every means in his power.

UNCLE SAM'S MAN POWER.

English newspapers are convinced that the United States must eventually declare war against Germany and are already discussing the available military and naval force our southern neighbors could bring to bear in such an event. The Daily Chronicle, one of the best informed of the London newspapers, makes this estimate:

The regular forces of the United States army are all volunteers who enlist for seven years, of which the first four are spent with the colors and the last three in reserve, "on furlough." There are a certain number of native colonial troops enlisted for service in Porto Rico, the Philippines, and Panama, and the total strength of the Federal army is made up thus:

Infantry, cavalry, artillery, and engineers, 80,125
Staff and departments, 20,734
Native colonial troops, 5,915

Total all ranks, 106,774
Behind this regular army there stands the National Guard, which is only supposed to be called out by the President for service within the borders of the United States. Its strength is approximately:

Officers, 8,705
Men, 120,295
Finally there is the National Guard Reserve, which comprises, with certain exceptions, the whole manhood of the nation between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five, all legally liable to serve in a "national emergency" for a period of two years.

The numerical strength of the United States navy is shown in the following table:

Dreadnaughts, 14
Other battleships, 22
Coast defence vessels and monitors, 7
Armored cruisers, 13
Light cruisers, 14
Destroyers, 53
Torpedo-boats, 13
Submarines, 36

MR. FOSTER.

An old rhyme in the nursery books told in graphic language of the adventures and misadventures of a certain Mr. Foster who went to Gloucester but who, owing to unfortunate meteorological conditions, regretted his journey and vowed that he would not repeat it—a vow which, we have been led to believe, was faithfully observed.

Mr. Foster of the opposition party, it is reported on excellent authority, is due for a similar journey, but it is hinted that his destination is to be Restigouche instead of Gloucester, and that he goes in quest of a legislative seat. Mr. Le Blanc of the latter constituency having agreed to make way in order that the susceptibilities of the egotistical political amateur from St. John may be further played upon. If the report be true that the opposition leader has Restigouche in his mind's eye then the voters of that constituency should be vigilant. The Acadians particularly have been once misled by false opposition canvasses, they should be more wary in the future and should it develop that Restigouche is to be opened by the cabinet makers in an effort to provide their seatless leader with official status in the legislature they should make it certain that Mr. Foster of modern times will find the travelling quite as disagreeable as did his nursery-book namesake. Mr. Foster should get in Restigouche the same sort of trouncing that awaits him in any English-speaking constituency in this province in which the opposition may summon sufficient courage to try their luck.

MR. STEWART AND THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

Mr. J. L. Stewart, who was a Government candidate in Northumberland county, makes some remarks in his newspaper, the Chatham World, concerning the prohibitionists. Just for the benefit of our friends in Canterbury street, who have shown a tendency to quote "The Commodore" on more than one occasion, but who have studiously refrained from publishing his opinion of prohibitionists who did not support the Government, we quote the World of Wednesday:

"The one thing that is the most noticeable about the election returns is the failure of the prohibitionists to vote for the party and the men who proposed the prohibition act on the statute books. It seems safe to say, after studying the returns, and from personal knowledge of the facts in this county, that the Government was not rewarded by ten prohibition votes. Men who professed to be heart and soul against the liquor traffic, clergymen who had preached and pleaded for prohibition, worked and voted for candidates who were notoriously opposed, in theory and practice, to prohibition. If the Government accepted and passed the Dominion Alliance prohibition bill, with the expectation that it would get a vote by so doing, it has been gold-bricked. The law should be enforced, should be given a fair trial without regard to the conduct of the men who led the agitation for it; but governments would be far readier to do so if they could see any support at the polls as the result of enforcing the law. The prohibition preacher who, after persuading a Government to adopt prohibition, turns around and votes, for sectarian or party reasons, for opposition candidates with rum blossoms on their noses and flasks in their pockets, is not a prohibitionist on principle. The political leaders on both sides now have their measure, and will take very little stock in their professions in future."

New Marjorie Rambeau Play

Marjorie Rambeau has started work at the Frank Powell studios on the third of her series of features for the Mutual Film Corporation, having finished "Motherhood," the strong war drama which she has been working on under the direction of Mr. Powell. "The Debt," an adaptation of the great European success, will be Miss Rambeau's next subject. "The Debt" is entirely different in plot and locale from Miss Rambeau's first two pictures—"The Greater Woman" and "Motherhood"—and will present the star in a widely different role. Frank Powell is directing the production and has chosen an excellent cast to support Miss Rambeau. This includes Robert Elliott, Paul Everton, Anne Sutherland, T. Jerome Lawlor, Arnes Eyre and Nadia Gary, a child actress of unusual ability.

ST. VITUS DANCE AFFECTS MANY CHILDREN

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STILL MORE SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM

Dutch Steamer Rescues 172 Men, Women and Children in Bay of Biscay.

New York, Mar. 2.—News of the torpedoing of more vessels—the steamship Famiglia, Italian, and the Sandoz, a Norwegian bark, not listed in the maritime register—was brought here today by the Dutch steamer Samarinda, from Rotterdam, by way of Norfolk.

Capt. Visser, of the Samarinda, told of rescuing 172 men, women and children in the Bay of Biscay on the day and night of Feb. 3. They were officers, crews and passengers of five ships, and said the vessels had been sunk by German submarines. The Samarinda landed them at Vigo, Spain.

Cable despatches have told of the destruction of three of these vessels—the British ship Port Adelaide, the Norwegian bark Vasdale and the Norwegian steamer Rigel. The Port Adelaide was sunk without warning on Feb. 3, and her captain taken prisoner, according to the despatches and the two Norwegian ships were reported on Feb. 6 as having been sunk. Captain Visser told today that seven persons from the Port Adelaide were passengers, including four women.

WHEN DUTY CALLS.

(Montreal Star)
This stirring summons to the young men and the rich men of Canada, is an extract from a recent letter received from Canon Scott by a friend in Montreal:

"It is a cold, cold day in France. The ground is frozen hard and the men so by with pinched noses and cold hands. The window panes of my office rattle with the sound of big guns, and before me lies a Canadian news-

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

The Park Ave. News.
Weather. Not so dark after supper. Sports. The Park Ave. Athletic Club had a meeting last Thursday afternoon on Pads Simkinses front steps, and decided nobody can play on next seasons baseball team unless they have lived in the neighborhood at least 2 months, unless they are especially wondrously player. Percy Weaver challenges anybody to a game of checkers. Intriguing Packs about Intriguing People. Mary Watkins sees if she know the driver she wouldn't be afraid to go up in a aeroplane. Proving she is as brave as wat she is bewittill.

The Reason Why. Short Story.
Hay, mister, theres a wide dawg with black spots following you. Sure there is, hes my dawg.

The End.
Military News. Kumpiny B of Park Ave, had thare first drill last Saturday, the Kumpiny consisting of General Martin, Kapin Potta, Loomant Wernick, Kernel Simkins, Sargent Hunt and Private Weaver. The drill bustud up in a game of leap frog as soon as Kumpiny B got tired of rite shouldering arms, left shouldering arms and presenting arms, them teing the only movements General Martin coud think of.

Sleazy Notes. Miss Maude Jonsen created quite a excitement in sleazety last Toonday wen she dropped a bag of eggs on her way home from the newspaper is to me like a red rag to a bull, when I think of what our men are doing here. We are going to smash the Huns, but we are a long way from doing it yet. It will take the supreme effort of our whole empire. Every man must put his shoulder to the wheel, even if it be a chariot of fire.

fought. If Canada ever forgets these men, my prayer is that they may go to the dogs. You will forgive this strong language. It has the merit of being sincere. The sporting page of a newspaper is to me like a red rag to a bull, when I think of what our men are doing here. We are going to smash the Huns, but we are a long way from doing it yet. It will take the supreme effort of our whole empire. Every man must put his shoulder to the wheel, even if it be a chariot of fire.

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