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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.

ANOTHER DRIVE ON.

What is said to be the biggest—and what may be the last—general offensive of the German armies on the western front was started Monday and is now underway, the enemy having succeeded in crossing the Marne at several points. Beyond crossing the river, however, the Germans appear to have made little progress against the Allied lines. At no point have the lines been broken, and it is the opinion of experts that they will not be broken but that this drive will be more speedily checked than any of its predecessors.

As it is not yet established how many divisions the Germans have available for the effort to get through to Paris it follows that opinions expressed at this time can be but conjectures. We may, however, use past events upon which to base conclusions as to what is likely to come and it is a significant fact that in preceding drives, while giving ground freely in order to conserve their men, the Allies seemed to have no difficulty in stopping the enemy when vital points were threatened, or, in other words, when it became absolutely necessary to stop them or sustain serious losses. This naturally leads to the opinion that the Allied armies possess the power to stop the enemy when ordered to do so and if this view is correct it follows that Paris is in less danger now than on any former occasion on which the enemy attempted a trial of strength.

The drive that started on Monday followed many weeks of comparative inactivity so far as actual fighting is concerned. But these weeks were not idle time for the Allies. The influx of American soldiers continued at a greater rate than formerly and as a result there must be an appreciable difference in the numerical force of the army the Germans now face and the army that opposed them in the May operation. The balance is swinging toward the Allies. Germany's task now is more formidable than ever and unless she has received reinforcements beyond anything the Allies have reason to expect her effort will cost her more than before while she will obtain smaller gains of terrain.

The battle line is now within forty-five or fifty miles of Paris and it is obvious that the tactics of retirement cannot be pursued to the same extent as formerly. Consequently the fighting this time is likely to be more desperate than before, and the sum total of the enemy advance correspondingly smaller. Also there will probably be heavier casualty lists on both sides and a definite result may be expected more quickly than formerly. It is already established by observers and correspondents actually at the front that Germany is using seasoned troops—the very flower of her army—the loss of which will be impossible for her to replace from the comparatively raw levies now being called to the colors. Yet she is reported to be wasting her men as prodigally as ever.

All indications, therefore, point to this as practically the last of the German offensives. If Germany fails to win she will be forced to continue defensive tactics which may continue for months. If she not only fails to gain her objective but is signally defeated, as many experts believe she will be, the end of the war may be much nearer than most of us imagine.

SHOULD BE NO STRIKE.

Unless the government intervenes it is possible that today will see a general strike of telegraphers on the G. N. W. and Western Union systems in Canada. If the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company does not reinstate two employees dismissed for alleged violation of company rules, it is also reported that C. P. R. telegraphers will go out in sympathy if the demands of the men are not acceded to.

The dismissal of two men seems to be a very trivial cause for which to subject the whole Dominion of Canada to serious inconvenience. A strike of telegraphers at this time, when there is practically an unprecedented demand for the rapid transmission of information, might have a grave effect. It is to be sincerely hoped that if an amicable arrangement cannot be reached that will prevent such a general stoppage of the Canadian telegraph systems the Government will step in and back the result of its authority.

Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, is authority for the statement that the men whose dismissal lies at the bottom of the whole trouble shall be reinstated with pay for lost time. No matter which party has the right side of the dispute the ground taken by Mr. Crothers would seem to be the wisest course. Such a comparatively trivial grievance should furnish no excuse for a complication that will affect thousands of men and seriously interfere with much of the general business of the country. This is a time when men and corporations should be guided by common sense rather than precedent. Canada is engaged in a real war in Europe and there should be industrial peace at home.

THE FOOD SITUATION.

The real seriousness of the food situation is emphasized by the Toronto Mail and Empire of Saturday in an editorial dealing with the crop outlook in Canada and the United States. That newspaper points out that notwithstanding an increase of 1,300,000 acres in Canada's wheat area this country will not have more than an average crop—about 235,000,000 bushels, and that the United States crop will not be more than 875,000,000 bushels, which may still be reduced by unfavorable weather. The Mail and Empire then continues:

"The meaning of this is that the people of the United States and Canada must be prepared to continue on short wheat flour rations. To ensure a sufficiency to carry Britain, France and Italy through the next crop year, our supplies will have to be carefully husbanded. It may be that by the time the pinch comes next Spring and Summer, the additional shipping the Allies will have, as a result of their mastery of the U-boat, will enable them to draw more supplies from South America, India and Australia. All of these large producers have surpluses. But the hope is dim—for the army of two million men or more that the United States will have in France by that time will keep an enormously increased tonnage busy. This tonnage can come only through fresh building. Probably the whole available Allied surplus of shipping may have to be put on the Atlantic ferry of troops and supplies. We cannot hope for material respite in food saving until the end of the war, and, under present prospects, even then our surplus may be required to prevent actual starvation among the nations of Europe."

MAY IT COME SOON.

The Moncton Times quoting the Frederick Gleason on the report that Mr. Dugal of Madawaska is not entirely satisfied with the government of which he is a member, says:

"There have been rumors for some time concerning several supporters and members of the Provincial Government and Legislature, including Hon. Mr. Ventor, Speaker Currie, Mr. Robichaud, of Gloucester, and Mr. Dugal of Madawaska. Speaker Currie's case is now under investigation. It is even suggested that a general election is not improbable, in which case some of the Premier's Government supporters might not offer again while others would not do so except as independents. In regard to Mr. Dugal the Frederick Gleason says:

"The absence of Mr. Dugal as a member of the Provincial Government was quite marked at this session of the Executive. There have been various rumors of late, but it was thought that Mr. Dugal would decide not to press his demands to the limit. Apparently there is yet something to be done before Mr. Dugal is placated."

As to the precise nature of the relations between Mr. Dugal and his colleagues the electors of New Brunswick, possibly excepting Madawaska County voters, are not generally interested. But the electors of this province are generally and genuinely concerned in anything that is likely to give them an opportunity to express their opinion of the incompetents who, by a political ruse, gained temporary control at Fredericton. If there is any ground at all for the suggestion that there may be a general provincial election there is but one comment to be made and that is: May it come soon.

An idea of what Germany faces in the present drive is supplied by the estimate that the British army at the front numbers 2,000,000 men while the French have at least an equal number, the American 1,000,000, and the Italians, Portuguese and Belgians, 500,000. This gives, in round numbers, approximately 5,500,000 men. Can Germany muster that many? It is very doubtful.

The American soldiers are again in the limelight. On their section of the western front they drove the Germans back yesterday and captured more than 1,000 prisoners. And as yet the American army forms but a small proportion of the Allied line. The contempt with which Berlin baffled the entry of Uncle Sam to the war has changed.

Owing to the lack of substitutes for standard wheat flour the coming into force of the latest regulation of the Canada Food Board has been postponed. Apparently it will be necessary to produce more substitutes, if the flour is to be saved.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL

A DISRAELI BUST IN ST. JOHN. July 15, 1918. To the Editor of The Standard: Sir,—Re article on Benl. Disraeli in today's issue.

Passing a store on Main street a few months ago I noticed a bust amongst other goods in the window. If my memory serves me right it was amongst a pile of old goods, and bust was in a delapidated state. It seemed familiar and I recognized the striking features of the man of whom we were singing in 1854 as "the finest statesman England ever had—Benjamin Disraeli." Bust is now, I find (last Thursday) in an optician's window near the depot with a sample of the latest in "specs" on its face, cleaner than when seen last, but requires artistic treatment, either as a bust of Disraeli or an advertising medium.

Yours truly, T. H. P. S.—Benl. Disraeli was Jewish, and perhaps that accounts for constitution and position of the bust.—T. H.

A BIT OF VERSE

THERE'S A REASON

There's a tremor in the trenches, there's a tension in the air; There's a hurry and a scurry and a worry everywhere; There's a nervousness apparent, there's a sort of last despair, As the Huns observe the Yankees lining up just over there!

There's a tumult at headquarters, there's a hurrying long the Rhine; There's a hunting and a shunting and a grunting of the swine; There's a hounded look upon them, there's a sort of baffled whim, As the Huns observe the Yankees stretching out the battlement!

There's a twitching tokens trouble, there's a trembling onens ill; There's a shaking and a quaking and a breaking of the will; There's a panic of the spirit, there's a sort of death-like chill, As the Huns observe the Yankees coming over dressed to kill!

There's a hand to hand encounter, there's a storm of shot and shell; There's a grabbing and a jabbing and a stabbing with a yell; There's a poniard in the wards, there's a slaughter grim and fell, As the Huns are yanked by Yankee into hand-to-hand hell! —Oliver Opatyke, in New York Times.

A BIT OF FUN

Curriculum Wanted.

He—Could you not learn to love me? She—I don't know. What is your particular system of instruction?

The Measure.

"How fast is your new car, Jimson?" asked his business competitor. "Oh, about two hours a day ahead of my schedule before I had one."

Paradise.

Sunday-school Teacher—"Johnny, which is your favorite parable?" Johnny—"The one where somebody loafs and fishes."

Letter Perfect.

Employer—"Do you understand the duties of an office boy?" Applicant—"Yes, sir. You wake up the bookkeeper when you hear the boss coming."

Popular Philosophy.

"I don't at all object," said Uncle Eben, "to a man who tells all he knows, provided he knows all he tells."

Agreed.

Eminent Scientist—"I didn't marry beauty, my boy; I didn't marry wealth or position; I married for sympathy." Friend—"Well, you have mine!"

HON. P. E. BLONDIN GOES TO SENATE

Postmaster-General Will Be Able To Continue in Cabinet.

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Ottawa, July 15.—Hon. P. E. Blondin, postmaster general, will occupy the senate vacancy created by the death of Senator Sheehan, of Quebec. Mr. Blondin arrived in Ottawa tonight.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

SPORTS. Skinny Martin challenges the world to a one foot skating contest and is willing to give the other fellow the choice of feet. Intriguing Facts about Intriguing People. Ever since Sam Cross got his new pen nife he keeps his pencil points so sharp that they make holes in the paper every time Sam Cross dots his eyes, which he always does.

Sisley. Mr. Benny Potts was saw walking on Broad Street with a flower in his top button hole, winking past bravely under the attack as if nothing was the matter. When other members of Sisley yelled, "Hay, Benny, did your father open a flower store?" and different things at him, Sisley yelled "Give us a smile, Benny," and "O joy, look at whose got a flower." Among those yelling was Mr. Artie Alexander, Mr. Charles (Pud) Simkins, Mr. Leroy Shooter and Mr. Ed Wernick.

Pome by Skinny Martin. "What are you looking so happy about?" "I almost got a dollar." "I got 10 cents of it in my pocket." "And I'm waiting for 80 to follow."

Military News. Kernel Pud Simkins is going around with a fierce bump on the top of his head as a result of pretending he was a submariner while he was taking a bath on Saturday night.

LADY BORDEN NOW VISITING ENGLAND



al von Hinis, the new German foreign secretary. Herr von Rosenberg, one of the German emissaries at the Brest-Litovsk peace conference, has been appointed to succeed the late Count von Mirbach.

3,500 SHIP BOILERMEN GO OUT ON STRIKE

Dissatisfaction With Scale of Wages Cause of Serious Strike in San Francisco Bay.

Oakland, Calif., July 15.—Approximately 3,500 boiler makers employed in shipyards on this side of San Francisco Bay, engaged in filling government contracts, were ordered last night not to return to work today because of the alleged failure of the shipbuilding companies to adhere to the scale of wages established by the Macey wage adjustment commission.

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