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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.

## THE END AT HAND.

Austria has accepted the terms offered by Italy for an armistice, and hostilities have ceased on the Austrian fronts, while Austrian soldiers have also been removed from the German lines in France. The Italians have taken possession of the Austrian city of Trieste, and the Italian flag now flies over the official residence there. The Serbian army has retaken a part of Belgrade, Serbia's original capital, which the Austrians captured during the first few weeks of the war.

The conditions decided upon by the Versailles council upon which Germany can obtain an armistice, have been completed and will be forwarded to Berlin today or Tuesday. They include the withdrawal of the German forces to a point thirty miles beyond the Rhine, the surrender of the naval base of Heligoland, as well as the entire German fleet, including all submarines, and it is the opinion of London, Paris and Washington that Germany can do nothing but accept it.

It is assumed that the country to the Rhine will be at once occupied by the Allied troops and that the naval base at Heligoland and the German fleet will be held by the Allies as hostages for Germany's good faith.

Of course the terms of armistice are but preliminary measures looking to a cessation of hostilities. The actual peace terms will be settled later, and assuredly they will be severe, as they should be, for Germany must pay a heavy penalty for the grievous wrongs inflicted upon the world since August 1914.

Momentous developments are expected within the next few days, but the consensus of opinion of reviewers and officials well qualified to judge is that the end of the war is at hand, no matter how Berlin may feel on the matter of accepting the Allied terms, the collapse of Austria renders the strategic position of Germany intolerable.

This was admitted several days ago by the Berlin Vorwaerts and the Frankfort Zeitung which, anticipating Austria's withdrawal, said Germany would be crippled by it. The Vorwaerts said:

"The world war will probably be over in a few days. There are many indications that, with the capitulation of Austria, she would present to the Allies a new front against Germany, in the case of the Bavarian, Saxon and Silesian fronts, as well as the cities of Munich, Dresden and Breslau would be no longer safe. Austrian capitulation means the cutting off of important raw material with which prolonged warfare is no longer possible for Germany. It means that not only our last ally leaves us, and enters the role of a neutral, but the country is made a war instrument in the hands of our opponents. Let us admit freely that it means the end of resistance."

The fact that a German newspaper waers the influence of the Vorwaerts would dare to publish such a plain statement, is a most significant indication of the situation in the Kaiser's dominions. Last night's cables brought the news confirming Austria's worst fears. Austria has collapsed and withdrawn from the war. Germany cannot continue alone. Berlin must now accept whatever terms the Allies see fit to impose, or a revolution in Germany will complete the wreck. The war is about over.

## A GERMAN FAILURE.

According to the London Morning Post the ninth German war loan which was announced early in September is a flat failure. From the announcement of the issue up to the present time the amount of money subscribed is \$477,000,000 and an extension of time has been decided upon in the hope that the subscription will be increased. The record of the ninth loan, compared with that of its predecessors, shows that the German people realize that they are fighting a lost cause. In March last, when the Kaiser's armies were marching on Paris, the eighth loan was organized, and the subscriptions to it reached the sum of \$2,750,000,000, while all other loans averaged from \$2,500,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000. The ninth loan did not realize more than Canada will raise in the present Victory Loan campaign. Germany is practically bankrupt, ruined by four and one quarter years of war. It is stated that frightened depositors are making runs on German banks, that great firms have gone to pieces in the stock exchanges, and that private citizens are hoarding wealth in every form against the approaching day of collapse. It is estimated that the war debt of Germany is in round numbers, about thirty

billions, and that the interest requirements upon such a sum are more than the total pre-war revenue of the German government. The raising of \$600,000,000 of added war revenue last year exhausted the resources of taxation, and no more money can be obtained in that way. At the same time Germany's productive power to apply to industry has diminished almost to the vanishing point. The losses in men have been enormous, the foreign markets are gone, there is a shortage of raw materials in spite of the huge quantities stolen from France and Russia and Belgium. Germany mortgaged everything on the success of the war, and now that it is established that the war is lost, there is no available source from which additional funds can be procured. A beaten bankrupt, the "home front" has crumbled, even as the military fronts are being beaten down. For the great masses of the German people the worst is yet to come.

## JOIN THE VICTORY LOANERS.

Every grown-up person in this country is supposed to be the bearer of a certificate showing him to be duly registered for the national purposes of Canada. Each should desire to hold another certificate, one showing that he has helped to forward the national purposes of Canada either as a defender or lender. For those who help by lending, the Victory Loan is the proper testimonial. Every person should aim to qualify to become a holder of this national scrip. If the where-withal to buy one is not in hand, there are few cases in which arrangements for getting it cannot yet be made.

In these times of high wages an industrial man might save the price of a \$50 bond in the time that remains before the subscription lists are closed. Employees can in many cases have their payments looked after by their employers, who, if the subscriber finds the first 10 per cent. of the amount, will agree to carry the loan upon the employer's undertaking to apply 5 per cent. out of his pay every week until it is cleared off. Banks will accommodate their customers by finding 90 per cent. of the money and giving time to pay off the rest in monthly instalments, the rate of interest for the first year being the same as that for the bond. A Victory Bond is a document that every patriotic Canadian ought to have, no matter what social class has to be practiced in order to save money for buying one.

Reports have reached this newspaper of the need existing for a temporary liquor vendor in the Parish of Lancaster, and we are told that on Friday it was necessary to send to the city to secure a small quantity of brandy for which a physician had written a prescription. If a vendor in Fairville would assist in the fight against Spanish influenza in that locality, there appears to be no good reason why the Chief Inspector should not make the appointment at once.

A report comes from Winnipeg that the advent of colder weather has caused a reduction in the number of cases of Spanish influenza. If cold weather will cause the epidemic to abate in this province, then all should hope for a drop in the mercury. It is easier to buy coal than pay funeral expenses.

Mayor Hayes has requested that citizens should fly their flags today to celebrate the withdrawal of Austria-Hungary from the war. That is all right as far as it goes, but why not make the celebration a real one, with a half holiday and a display of old-time patriotism? A second "Ladsmith" might not be a bad idea.

Many trunks marked with the imperial crest of the Hohenzollerns are said to have arrived at Geneva, Switzerland. Perhaps the Kaiser is preparing to flee from the wrath to come.

The Victory Loan campaign starts on its second week today. It should be the aim of every citizen to make this week a record one.

## A BIT OF FUN

**Very Old Family.**  
Maguire—Family tree, is it? Shurr war av me ancestors controlled the entire timber privilege of the Garden av Aqon.

**Raised Them Himself.**  
Food Commissioner Hoover told at a meatless-wheatless banquet a story about a poultry professor.  
"A woman entered his shop," said Mr. Hoover, "and asked the price of a chicken.  
"Them birds in the winder" said thirty

the professor, "Waal, they're very fine quality stock. I can't let 'em go for less than 34 cents a pound."  
"Indeed," said the woman, "did you raise 'em, yourself?"  
"Yep," said the professor, absent ly, "they were 70 cents yesterday."

**Sounded Like That.**  
This is how a little girl who had been to church reported the text to her mother who had: "The Lord is my chaufeur, I shall not walk."

**Strictly Practical.**  
The flowers fade, bare grow the trees, Yet why this loss deplore? We've taters, corn and beans, and We need a great deal more!

**Considerate Arthur.**  
Father was talking to Ethel, only daughter, "I sometimes shudder, dear," he said, "when I think that you are almost a young lady and that I shall some time have to give you up."  
"Give me up?"  
"Yes, to some upstart of a young man who will claim you for his own."  
"I have thought of that, too."  
"Have you?"  
"Yes, Arthur and I were speaking of it the other evening."  
"Arthur?"  
"Who is Arthur?"  
"He is my sweetheart."  
"Frlieve Mike. And what did he say?"  
"He said he would stay right here and live with the old folks."  
—Youngstown Telegram.

## A BIT OF VERSE

**THE APPLE BARREL.**  
It stood in the cellar low and dim,  
Where the cobwebs swept and swayed  
Holding the store from bough and limb  
At the feet of autumn laid.  
And oft, when the days were short  
And drear,  
And the north wind shrieked and roared,  
We children sought in the corner here  
And drew on the toothsome hoard.  
For thus through the long, long winter time,  
It answered our every call,  
With wine of the summer's golden prime,  
Sealed by the hand of fall.  
The best there was of the earth and air,  
Of rain and sun, and breeze,  
Changed to a pippin, sweet and rare  
By the art of the faithful trees.

A wonderful barrel was this, had we  
His message but rightly heard—  
Filled with tales of wind and bee,  
Of cricket, and moth, and bird,  
Rife with the bliss of the fragrant June,  
When the roses were soft and blue,  
Throned with the dreams of a harvest moon,  
O'er fields drenched deep with dew.  
A homely barrel! I'd fain essay  
Your marvellous skill again,  
Take me back to the past, I pray,  
As willingly now as then—  
Back to the time when the dew and eyes,  
The noontides warm and still,  
The fleecy clouds and the straggled leaves  
Of the orchard over the hill.  
—E.L.Sabin.

## GEN. GRANT'S COURAGE.

His Message to American People in Battle Field.  
(William E. Lambert, of the Congregationalist.)  
It was a very recent night which I spent in the company of the great civil war general, who died as I happen to remember, on July 23, 1885, for that was the day on which at high noon I was married. I never met the general while he lived; but I have just been following him on several of his battlefields, and I had an interesting interview with him at one of them where I was able to identify the precise spot where he stood; and I understood quite well what he said to me.

Fort Henry is now overgrown with trees half a century old, but the well-drawn plan of its earthen walls is still cleared to be traced. I follow its salients and approved its plan of construction, with one or two exceptions, made in the light of what happened at the time of the battle. Forts Henry and Donelson were well located. They were 12 miles apart, one on the Tennessee and the other on the Cumberland, and they backed up to each other, so that either fort could have sent reinforcements to the other without crossing a river. They were well planned by Confederate officers who were West Point graduates, and there is not much to criticize, except the minor matters which I note.

The first of these is that the strong fort was built on the less important stream Fort Donelson, on the Cumberland, was erected to withstand a strong attack by land or river; Fort Henry on the Tennessee was built near the state line, while Kentucky was holding her tight rope balance of armed neutrality, and had respect rather to the skin of the cat than to the strategy position. One of the things the war did was to obliterate state lines more or less and the gunboats did not notice the line when they sailed over it.

And now notice this, that while Fort Henry was built almost wholly with reference to resisting attacks by water, it fell before the gunboats, and while Fort Donelson was built more largely with reference to the possibility of land attacks, the gunboats did it hardly any harm, and were greatly damaged by its fires, and it capitulated to an attack in which the whole effective fighting was done by land.

But it was at Shiloh that I had my conversation with Gen. Grant. I had visited Shiloh before and had been all over the battle field, but I went there again. Here, also, I was indebted to the courtesy of the captain of the steamboat. For we reached Pittsburg landing after the sun had gone down, and the boat had little cargo to discharge there, but Capt. Crane said, "Stay as long as you can see anything," and I stayed that long and a little longer.

It was too late to go over the battle-field again, but I sought out the place where Gen. Grant stood on an April day in 1862, and that was where I

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.

**THE PARK AVE. NEWS.**  
Pat's Report, Sid Hunt, who was saw walking down the street with a snotcase last Saturday, denied he was going away, saying he was just taking it to the hardware place to get the lock fixed for his father, and that he don't expect to go away anywars indefinitely.

Military News. Comptrolly B found a dead grass hopper last Wednesday and gave it a military funeral in Kernel Puds Simkinses back yard, carrying it around the block first on a stretcher made out of 2 clothes props and a blanket, the pall bearers being Lieutenant Benny Potts, Genrel Skiny Maryn, Capin Sam Cross and Kerrel Puds Simkins.

Intresting Facts About Intresting People. Every time Leroy Shooster eats a apple he saves the core to give to some horse, ony he genrally eats the core so small that he has to hold it under the horses teeth on a board in self defents.

Pome by Skiny Martin—"In Agen Out Agen"—  
I gave myself mouth organ lessons  
And practiced regular and carefull,  
I blio the sounds in sweet and pure  
But they all came out agen orfl.

Sisatety. Mr. Sam Cross is wearing flatter lether shoes nowadays, saying they are more drossier but people seem to tread on them more.

had my visit with him. The old oak stump was still standing when I was there before, but a tornado uprooted it some long ago, and the spot is marked now by three cannon standing upright, and marked with a tablet containing a quotation from his "Memoirs."  
I stood there in the mild April night with the long white rows of little stones around me, and the lights of the steamboat streaking the river with long cones of undulating light that alternated with deepening shadows, the night grew blacker above me; the stars disappeared; the heavy clouds dropped rain in pitiless torrents; the steamboat gave place to gunboats, and the comfortable brick lodge of the superintendent became a log house transformed into a hospital.

Twice during the long night the rain and the general and me inside for brief shelter, but what we saw there was harder to face than the storm, and we went back again and stood under the tree.  
The general could not keep his cigar lighted by reason of the rain and his leg was paining him where his horse had fallen on him. His army was lying about him in the mud; their tents were in the hands of the Confederates; thousands of his soldiers were huddled under the shelter of the river, from which Buell proposed to drive them by fire from the gunboats to inspire them with courage to fight again next morning.

I had re-read Gen. Grant's own story of the battle before I left home, and on the boat I read Gen. Cox's history of the campaign and out of the general's own writings, as I recalled them, and the field as it lay around me, I heard Gen. Grant talking to me in short, sharp sentences between the gusts of rain. This is what he said:

"We are pretty badly beaten thus far, but the battle is not over. In every severe battle there comes a time when both sides realize the extent of their losses. That is the moment when victory belongs to the side that has the stouter heart. We shall begin to fight as soon as daylight comes and we shall whip them. Strategists will say that my army was on the wrong side of the river. So it was for defense, but it is on the right side of the river for attack and my policy is attack. Buell came up this afternoon from the rear and saw those poor scared fellows who never had been under fire below, and he cursed them and threatened to have the gunboats open fire on them. I know there are just as badly scared men in the Confederate rear as in our rear. Whenever I get scared I remember that the other man is scared too, and I use my fear as a measure for the fear I know he has. A cup of hot coffee tomorrow morning will put more fight into those men of ours than can be inspired by fear of the fire of the gunboats. Tomorrow morning we begin to fight anew and we shall press the battle to victory."

"Lew Wallace failed me today, but he shall not fail me tomorrow. Buell thinks I am defeated and he shall have a chance to show how well his men can fight. Halleck hates me and is probably on his way to the minute to give me my command, but the battle will be won before he gets here. Victory belongs to the side that in the hour of discouragement keeps the stouter heart."

That is what I heard Gen. Grant say as we stood together in the rain under the old oak tree. He was drenched to the skin, his leg was swelling and hurting him more every minute; he was thinking uncomplimentary thoughts of Lew Wallace and Buell and Halleck, but he utilized every suggestion of discouragement by remembering that the other side was just as badly frightened as his own, and he determined to fight it out.  
I have never met Gen. Grant in the

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## MANY BELIEVE IN THE ABOLITION OF THE MONARCHY

Delbruck, Chief of Education Document at General Headquarters, Revolution in Germany's All

(By Arthur S. Special cable to the N. and St. John Sta.

London, Nov. 2.—The may bring news of the the Kaiser, Delbruck, German civil cabinet the abdication document Kaiser will sign at the quarters. The Bosnian N. cil has proclaimed the of Bosnia and Herzegovia. The Versailles treaty that the representation Balkan states.

A Revolution Out of the swelter of reports comes the follow war will end in a tremen more stolid German, an example of the Russian an and resort to blood means to an end is h forecast. The "Vossische" that the Hohenzollern bered, and it is plain th is finished. Another th that the new German is permitting the press counts of a revolution in the dual monarchy. Tasehake predicting th us a republic without t within a few days.

Even the Vossische Ze an uprising in Budapest the disarmament of the mot stormed the milita released the soldiers the former cheering the Archduke Joseph's atta such a military dictators pact failure.

To Oust Kaiser The German independe have begun a wholesale the immediate abdicat Kaiser, the dismissal of the withdrawal of the an. Hipprecht of Bav the German governmen with the armistice term the disarmament of the the occupation of Germ soldiers. This would in ernment against attack ple themselves, who th become serious foes to leaders.

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