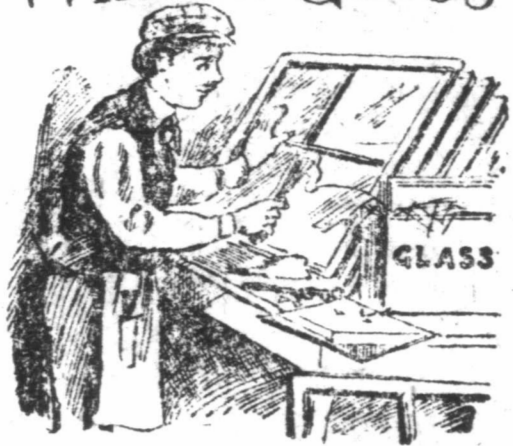


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### Over Five Thousand Unwounded Prisoners Are Taken by French

PARIS, July 2.—North of the Somme the battle continued today to our advantage in the region of Hardecourt and Curlu. East of this latter village we have carried a quarry which had been powerfully organized by the enemy. South of the Somme we have obtained a footing in the second line of German trenches at numerous places. Between the river and Asserville the village of Frize has fallen into our hands and also Meretucourt Wood, farther east.

The number of unwounded prisoners captured by French soldiers during the two days fighting who have been counted, is more than 6,000, of which at least 150 are officers. Some cannon and much other material has also fallen into our hands. Thanks to very complete and very efficacious artillery preparation, and thanks, also, to the plan of our infantry, our loss has been very small.

### British Troops in Excellent Spirits

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, July 2.—Since last evening the situation on the British front appears to have undergone no change. Strong German counter attacks in the course of the night on Montauban, five miles east of Albert, were repulsed with heavy loss to the attackers. The British troops are in excellent spirits.

### THEIR USUAL KINDNESS

Mr. H. D. Reid of the Reid Newfoundland Company is very generously giving free transportation to the ROYAL BELGIAN CONCERT COMPANY from Sydney here and return.

The Reid Newfoundland Company are our foremost contributors to all worthy objects, all requests meeting with a ready response.

### Wounded Arriving

LONDON, July 2.—The first batch of wounded from the British front in France arrived at Charing Cross Station this evening. Enormous crowds assembled at the station. The police had considerable difficulty in securing passage for the Red Cross vehicles through the cheering and flag-waving crowds.

### British Capture Town of Fricourt

LONDON, July 2.—Fricourt, a town three miles east of Albert, the scene of desperate fighting between the British and Germans, since the Entente Allies' offensive began yesterday morning, has been captured by the British according to an official statement issued this evening.

### "THE DEBT WE OWE"

Everybody should subscribe to the Belgian Relief Fund by purchasing Subscription Tickets to the Royal Belgian Concerts, to be given in the Methodist College Hall the 11th, 12th and 13th inst. by so doing, we can show our sympathy, and give practical help to the brave Belgians, who sacrificed themselves and their homes to prevent the mad German rush to Paris. Their sacrifices saved Paris, and probably is having more effect to-day on the safety of the British Empire than we imagine. We owe the Belgians a great debt of gratitude.

### BROUGHT IN DESERTER

Const. Bishop arrived here by the express Saturday with a resident of Colliers who deserted the fishery service of P. Stack, Petty Hr. He agreed to go back and was handed over to his employer.

### BRITISH SOLDIERS MARRY FRENCH GIRLS

A correspondent in Paris of the New York Times states that army officers along the British front say that many hundreds of British soldiers have married French girls in France, and hundreds of others have become engaged, a fact not generally known even in London. Some of the Tommies plan to take their wives back to England, but the majority have declared their intention of settling in France when the war is over. "The love affairs of Tommy cause his superiors considerable amusement," remarks this correspondent, "for he knows no French, excepting the little that he has picked up since he came to France, and his sweetheart knows no English, save what he has taught her."

## MONDAY AND TUESDAY AT THE NICKEL.

### "THE MARK"

Edina Mayo and Henry Walthall in the Fourth Episode of

### "THE STRANGE CASE OF MARY PAGE."

"IS CHRISTMAS A BORE." A Sidney Drew Comedy.

"LEVY'S SEVEN DAUGHTERS." A Vitagraph Comedy.

### "A MAN'S SACRIFICE."

A Broadway Star three-act feature—a powerful melo-drama of the West, presenting Edith Storey, Evert Overton, Ned Finley and an all-star cast.

FARE WELL TO THE POPULAR RAGTIME SINGER, HOWARD C. STANLEY.

Wednesday—BELAINE;—Coming—"THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY"—our new serial story by Roy L. McCardell.

## "GREATER CANADA" BY UNION WITH THE WEST INDIES.

That is the Vision of Mr. Harry J. Crowe, Who Urges the Trade and Imperial Advantages of Adding a Vast Tropical Empire to the Dominion.

Mr. Harry J. Crowe arrived in Halifax yesterday on the steamer Stephano en route to Newfoundland, in which island he is greatly interested. He has shown extraordinary energy with success in large undertakings and has been a keen supporter in favor of uniting the Ancient Colony with Canada. He is now looking forward with strong hopes for a "Greater Canada," the Confederation of the British West Indies.

The Morning Chronicle, having noticed very flattering and extensive articles in several Canadian newspapers, referring to Mr. Crowe's ideas to establish a political and commercial union between Canada and the British West Indies, secured an interview. When asked his views on this subject he said: "Every intelligent man, that is taking any thought of the future, knows that a new map of the world is about to be made, with a revolution of all trade relations. What is Canada doing in the matter? We find Australia and New Zealand have won tropical islands from the Germans, and when peace comes they will develop these possessions. South Africa also is adding German colonies to her territory and after the war will devote itself to the development of what amounts, in reality to a tropical empire. Canada has won no territory, nor will she as far as this war is concerned, although she certainly is paying her full share of the price. There is an opportunity now for her acquiring a rich tropical territory, the British West Indies, larger than the Dominion of New Zealand and with double its population, without the expenditure of millions of the shedding of blood."

Mr. Crowe points out that we are becoming large consumers of tropical products. During the last nine years this consumption has increased from sixteen million in 1906 to thirty million in 1915. "Apart from the sugar, three-fourths of these imports come to Canada from the United States. At the same rate our consumption of tropical products in ten years will exceed fifty million having regard to our future expansion. This should impress all Canadians with the importance of possessing tropical territory."

The geographical position of Jamaica will be of great importance to Canada in the future, lying as it does in such close proximity to the Panama canal, and is in the pathway of the future expansion of trade with South America for the United States as well as for Canada. In as much as the future development of British Columbia will probably be through the Panama canal, having this British island a part of Canada, may be of great strategic value.

"By rounding off our Dominion with the B. W. I., including British Honduras and British Guinea we would add one hundred and ten thousand square miles of rich tropical territory which we now lack, thus giving us every variety of climate and resources placing us on a superior footing with our neighbour to the south of us in this respect."

"If Jamaica became a part of the Dominion, the island would always be a source of tropical products to us."

Mr. Crowe replied with enthusiasm: "The day for dreaming has passed and we Canadians must be up and doing. Jamaica declined our overtures because they feared the United States would retaliate and penalize them in her large banana trade, should she give any preference to Canada. Confederation and better trade relations are vastly different propositions."

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LONDON, July 3.—The hearing of the appeal of Sir Roger Casement, who on June 29 was found guilty of high treason and sentenced to death for complicity in the Irish rebellion, has been fixed for July 17.

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## Germans Demand Goods from Swiss

Export of Cotton and Foodstuffs to Germany Must Start Now

BOYCOTT IS ALTERNATIVE

Swiss Industries Would Suffer—Advice of Allies is Sought

BERNE, June 23.—Councillor Schultens announced in Parliament yesterday that Germany had made a demand that the Swiss Government permit the exportation of cotton and foodstuffs collected in this country by German agents. If the demand is not complied with Germany will prohibit the exportation to Switzerland of coal, iron and other materials, which would mean that Swiss industries would be brought to a standstill.

The Swiss Federal authorities have asked for time to reply and are sending a delegation to Paris to confer with representatives of the entente allies in regard to the situation.

The key note of the discussion that took place in the Manufacturer's Association Convention held a few days ago in Hamilton, was for an expansion of our trade, securing new markets for our manufactured and agricultural products, having regard to severe competition we will meet from European countries after the war, where they will work overtime at a low rate of wages for their existence.

"During this reconstructing period we are bound to face a serious labor problem. Our three to four hundred of munition factories will cease operations, throwing thousands out of employment. Over two hundred thousand of our brave boys beyond the sea will be seeking labor on their return home. Following them will come hundreds of thousands of other boys and men of other nations, hastening to turn their backs on war-cursed Europe. How are we going to take care of them all? They must be placed on the soil and in our factories. Hence the importance of enlarging our markets."

"If the British West Indies," continued Mr. Crowe, "were united with Canada, Newfoundland might be further stimulated to enter the Confederation. She would see a free market of two million consumers, where she could dispose of enormous quantities of fish; and, like us, import direct from the planter, sugar, molasses, and all kinds of tropical fruits."

Canada a Big Brother

"As far matters of sentiment," said Mr. Crowe, "why should not all the inhabitants of the British West Indies have Canada for a big brother. We should be glad to assist in the development of her colored population; a population that will never invade Canada on account of our climate. This population, gentle, with kindly feeling and craving further enlightenment would eagerly grasp the friendly hand of a big brother of the same Imperial family."

"We are all, black or white, proud children of the greatest Empire in the world. The Mother Country would probably look with favor upon such a union," continued this ardent Imperialist thoughtfully. "Let us have a greater Canada, a Canada comprising the beloved ancient colony of Newfoundland whose inhabitants have been so strangely shy, and unaccountably reluctant about entering into partnership with our rich young nation. There is one way we can strengthen the Mother Country than by using our best endeavors to bring our road is "Safety First."—L.L.C.

political and commercial relations between her outlying, scattered colonies.

"Let us not be non-expansionists or little Canadian, and above all let us not look upon this as a party question. We are all patriots whether Liberals or Conservatives. When a question of national importance arises we are first Canadians and then afterward politicians."

"Let us join hands with our sister colonies, for a union that will be a very tower of strength and protecting bulwark of our beloved Mother Country in the day of peace as well as during such a time of stress and warfare through which she is passing at the present day. We love her, we honor her, and to her we would give the strength of loyalty and support that will follow such a Confederation as British West Indies, Newfoundland and Canada."—Halifax Morning Chronicle, July 1.

Government Investigator—What made you burn your books?

Railroad President—The motto of our road is "Safety First."—L.L.C.