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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 WAR MAP OF EUROPE.

Bethmann-Hollweg issued a defiant note to the allies a few months since in which he affirmed that the "war map of Europe" would stand. Here was the map. The Germans had overrun Belgium, Poland, Serbia, Northern France—and the allies could make the most of it. As for Germany, there she stood, immovable.

But the war map of Europe is undergoing some serious changes. The German chancellor to the contrary, notwithstanding. The lines are being steadily pushed back on the west front and the Russians have materially altered conditions in the east, where they have captured the whole of the Austro-Hungarian Province of Bukovina and have likewise laid military claim to a large part of Galicia.

Map changes that are on the eve of being made in the Balkans are, however, the really important changes that the chancellor failed to foresee, and that he is powerless to prevent, says an exchange.

The Russians already have crossed the Danube at the Serbian-Roumanian frontier, and they are making straight for the Berlin-to-Badrad Railway. Before winter sets in the allies will be astride this road; they will be in Sofia and in Constantinople.

Then will Germany be faced with the loss of her fondest and most cherished dream, that of a central tier of European states. Bulgaria and Turkey cut off from her, her economic future, which she had carefully planned to make her independent of the British control of the seas, and to afford to her an outlet on the Mediterranean and an opening toward the Far East, will have come to nothing. With her eastern allies in the hands of her enemies, will Bethmann-Hollweg still defiantly point to "the war map of Europe?"

A DISCOURAGING SHOWING.

Col. L. H. Beer, officer commanding the 140th Battalion, which has already shown such form at Valenciennes, is to be counted as one of the very finest units Canada has contributed to the cause of Empire, has been in this province since Monday attempting to recruit seventy-five men needed to replace those who failed to pass the strict final medical examinations preparatory to leaving for overseas. He has been unsuccessful, not more than fifteen men having been secured to date. Of these, ten came from York county, where they had previously enlisted in another unit, but agreed to be transferred in the hope of getting more quickly to the scene of action. Two were transferred from a unit in this city yesterday, and at last evening's meeting in the Imperial theatre one man displayed sufficient courage to volunteer for service. It is stated that the solitary "man" in last night's audience was an Englishman who has already done his bit at the front but is willing to go back and try it again.

This is indeed a sorry showing and one in which St. John can take no pride. It is true that this city has already contributed heavily to the 140th and the other battalions, but surely the limit has not been reached. A walk through the streets of the city any fine evening, or a visit to the theatres will reveal a large number of young men who, as far as one may judge from appearances, should be in khaki instead of civilian's clothes. Those who have already volunteered are deserving of all honor and credit. Those who remain, content to play the shirker in the country's hour of need, merit equal blame.

It will be an everlasting disgrace to this democratic country if it is found necessary to adopt a form of conscription, yet, if that extreme measure comes, the young men who have remained deaf to all pleadings are alone responsible.

Col. Beer merited a better reception and a greater measure of success than he received. When the 140th goes into action and their achievements are told of, as those of the "fighting 26th," and the gallant first contingent have already been told of, it will be the young men who prefer the billiard room and the theatre who will feel the shame. They are missing an opportunity to prove their manhood, which, if they are, they are certain to receive.

MORE "BOMBHELLS."

Mr. Harry M. Blair, the dismissed and discredited secretary of the provincial department of public works, is to the fore with another "disclosure" which, the Telegraph assures its readers, is most damaging. Mr. Blair has presented no details, but claims to be able to do so and his statement is supported by such an eminent follower of the simple truth as Mr. Edward S. Carter.

It is characteristic of Mr. Blair and the crew with which he is working that his "charges" are made on the eve of a bye-election in the hope that the vote in Carleton county can be influenced to some extent before their falsity can be established. In the absence of anything like a definite statement of the "charges" it is impossible to discuss them fully, but if they have no more material foundation than the other "bombshells" which that gentleman and Mr. Carter have already exploded, it will probably be found that they are nothing but "gas bombs."

Mr. Blair and Mr. Carter have been unfortunate in their previous "disclosures." The dismissed and discredited secretary had some things to say concerning Mr. J. B. Daggett, secretary for agriculture. Mr. Daggett gave the stories some attention yesterday and his address, published elsewhere requires no comment.

Mr. Carter, too, has been under an unlucky star. He made certain allegations concerning Mr. Leslie Slipp, to which that gentleman, over his own signature, has given an unqualified denial. On a question of veracity Mr. Slipp's word will be preferred to that of Mr. Carter's by those who know both men, as well as those who know only the Twice Horsewhipped. As for Mr. Blair, the standard of his veracity was well fixed by Commissioner Teed who, in his finding in the inquiry which established that the dismissed and discredited official had been guilty of corrupt practices, intimated that Mr. Blair's sworn testimony was not worthy of credence.

The only effect of the Carter and Blair charges will be to illustrate to the electors of Carleton and the province generally the desperate plight in which the opposition party finds itself, when it has to rely on such men as these for its chief ammunition in the present campaign. The Clarke Government cannot be successfully assailed on its record or its integrity. That is why the opposition party has discarded the usual methods of political warfare and entrusted the conduct of affairs to the poison gas squad—Carter, Veniot, Carvell and Blair.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT LOAN.

The announcement of the new war loan of the Dominion Government has been freely advertised in the newspapers for the past few days. Its launching has been foreshadowed for some time and probably many possible investors have been saving their money in preparation for it. As will be seen the terms of the new offering are very attractive, while the security is undoubted. In this connection it is interesting to note that Canadian issues have been used in New York as collateral for British debentures, ample evidence of the accepted solidity of the Canadian securities.

The rate of interest for the new loan is as high as offered by many industrialists not so indubitably sound. These considerations make for a good investment and to these may be added two others. First, that the investment of one's spare funds in the war loans is a patriotic duty, and secondly, that the money so invested remains in large part in the country and is disbursed almost immediately to pay for munitions of war for which Great Britain will eventually foot the bills. The money realized from the war loan will be kept in circulation and will help to swell the sum total of Canadian prosperity. These considerations added to the absolute soundness of the offering and the attractive rate of interest paid should make the new war loan decidedly popular. It is reasonable to expect that it will be taken up almost as quickly and as easily as the former ones. There is no scarcity of money in Canada for legitimate investment and what offering can combine more

attractive features than that which the Dominion Government is now putting on the market?

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The elections in British Columbia were held yesterday. Owing to the difference in time between Vancouver and St. John this morning's papers are unable to present detailed results of the contests. At 2 o'clock this morning the returns to hand indicated that the contest had been a very close one with the fate of the government in doubt. The contest in British Columbia was not a straight fight between Conservatives and Liberals, many strong Conservatives, among them Sir Hibbert Tupper, being arrayed in direct opposition to the Bowser government. Many side issues and local questions were introduced, and three-cornered fights were numerous. The Socialist party being represented by candidates in a number of constituencies. A feature of the campaign was that the franchise was extended to the British Columbian soldiers serving at the front, so it may be some days before the exact result is known.

WILL THE WAR END THIS YEAR?

Daily Express Correspondent.
New York, Sept. 9.—General Sir O'Moore Creagh, V.C., who accurately predicted four months ago in the "World" the present conditions on the various fronts, offers another forecast—on the approximate date of the end of the war—in a striking three-column signed article written for the "World."

The general, after reviewing the growing impotence of the Germans and their depleted reserves; the Austrians' loss of men and heart; the "holding" of the Turks and Bulgars, and the rapidly declining morale of the civil populations of all the enemy countries, continues:—

To secure peace quickly the Germans must be defeated on the western front and the war carried into Germany—then alone will the German people learn the true state of affairs and how they have been deceived by their Government.

When will that time come? We have indications. One is that the Germans in their offensives are trying to do the greater part of the work with artillery and quick-firing guns, with strict economy of men, which indicates a shortness of the latter.

Another is that the French and English flying men and I believe those of all the Entente Allies, have completely mastered their enemies, and now, with little loss are working "close touch" with the firing line, and thus preventing the enemy artillery from doing it much damage by indicating the direction where their own artillery fire must be directed.

Most people imagined that the labyrinth of German trenches extended a long way to the rear. I have never been of this opinion, because I knew that the German field service regulations direct that this shall not be so. The people who drew up their own soldiers and they were quite aware of the fact that if they had a defensive line close behind the one they were occupying, on the first symptoms of stress they would bolt to the rear, abandoning the former. It is this knowledge that, to their great loss, has caused the German generals always to attack in dense masses, for they well know that their men would not advance in any other.

Cavalry's Chance.

The fact that a small body of English and Indian cavalry got into the enemy when the labyrinth of first-line trenches had been left behind convinces me that the German trench system does not extend deeply in the rear of the first-line system. In my belief, the British cavalry, mounted on the best horses in the world, which made such "hay" of the uhlans, will have plenty of opportunity later.

We have thus, I think, clear evidence that, having mastered the first-line trenches as easily as has been recently done on the Somme, there will be no great difficulty in "regulating" those in their rear. It must be recollected that these took nearly two years to perfect, and there will not be time for them to make others of such a complicated nature.

The next indication we shall receive and this probably before very long, will be the "straightening" of the German line on the west, necessitating the abandonment of territory in Belgium and France.

Germany is the head of the enemy alliance. When the head falls, the rest will go, and therefore the centre of gravity of the war is on the west front, as defeat there will most rapidly affect Germany. The indication of the beginning of the end of this, the second phase of the war, will be when Germany is forced to "straighten her line" there and abandon territory in doing so.

My own belief is that the Central Alliance Powers will not fight through another winter. This depends, however, on when the "straightening" of their line on the western front takes place and on the amount of territory abandoned in the operation.

Fish Market.

Fish of all kinds is again scarce and there was but a very small supply in the market yesterday. Halibut and fresh cod were obtainable. It is expected that there will be a fair supply of fresh haddock today, retailing at 8c. per pound. Of fresh fish to be bought yesterday there was smelt at 15c. per pound, swordfish at 18c. and in small quantity haddock at the price named. Mackerel will be for sale today at from 20c. to 25c. each. No changes have taken place in the prices of dried and salt fish, kippers, flannan haddies, herring and cod being on hand in moderate quantity.

Little Benny's Note Book

Me and pop and ma was in the setting room, and pop started to look all around for sumthing, saying, Mother, do you happen to have any cognisants of the whereabouts of my 6 dollar tobacco jar?
O, I hawt. And I started to move towards the door, slow.
The last time I saw it it was in its usual place on the table there, sed ma.

Its allimitey funny it has to disappear jest wen I want to smook my pipe for a change, sed pop. And he kepp on looking around for it and ma started to help him and I kepp moving towards the door slow, hoping neether of them wood ask me about it before I got out, and jest as I was almost to the door pop sed, Benny.

Sir? I sed.
Did you see anything of my tobacco jar? sed pop.
Sir? I sed.

Are you deff, or in a trance, I asked you if you saw anything of my tobacco jar, sed pop.

Not sinta yestidday, I sed. And I kepp on moving out, and pop sed, Halt. Wich I did, and pop sed, Ware yestidday?

Down in the yard, I sed.
Ah, the plot thickens, but the mistery begins to clear, sed pop, wood you take it amiss if I made so bold as to ask you wat you were doing with my 6 dollar tobacco jar down in the yard.

The fellows was doing stunts down there, and I took it down for sumthing, I sed.

Be more explicit, please, sed pop.
To balents it on my hed, I sed, and pop sed, Ah, and did it stay on, by chance?

No sir, I sed. Wich it didnt, and pop sed, And wat did you do with the peeces? and sed, I throo them out, there was about a hundred of them.

Follo me, sed pop.
Wich I did.

PERSONAL.

Miss Eleanor Boyce, Chesley street, left last evening for Antigonish, N. S., where she will attend Mount St. Bernard's Ladies' College and Academy. Daniel Connolly, Jr., Ray Kelly, Richard Sullivan, Charles O'Regan, Frank Kane, Richmond Grannan and Austin McGuire of this city, and John Riordan of Brooklyn, N. Y., left last night for Antigonish, N. S., to resume their studies at St. Francis Xavier University.

S. C. Hurley left yesterday for Halifax to confer with the moving picture men of the sister city and to make arrangements for the convention of those interested in the business to be held there tomorrow.

Rev. H. Goring Alder, who has been supplying in St. Paul's Valley church in place of Rev. E. B. Hooper, left on Wednesday for Theford Mines, Que., where he is to take charge of St. John's church.

Miss Margaret Hannington, of Newton, Mass., who has been spending a few weeks in Granville Ferry, N. S., is staying at Miss Armstrong's, 47 Sydney street.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Beattie announce the engagement of their daughter, Willa M., to Francis E. Long. The wedding will take place in the last week of September.

P. E. I. Car Ferry Model.

The car ferry "Prince Edward Island," in miniature, on exhibition at the Government Railways ticket office, King street, yesterday drew crowds of people. The model is complete in every detail. The vessel is said to be the only one of its kind, combining accommodation for two strings of cars and constructed for ice-breaking purposes. It runs between Pictou and Charlottetown, and was built in England.

Goes to Norton.

Rev. Michael O'Brien will leave soon to take up his duties in the parish of Norton, he having been appointed to succeed the late Father Byrne there. Father O'Brien is a native of Johnville, Carleton county, and after a brilliant record became attached to the Cathedral staff here. He is receiving congratulations from his friends on his promotion.

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Entertainment at Industrial Home.

It is expected that the boys of the Industrial Home will be given quite an entertainment tonight, as the members of the Jolly Kindness League, a city organization of young ladies intend holding a concert at the Home. Among those who hope to take part are the following: The Misses Katherine Williams, Jessa Hoyt, Dorothy Causton, Edna Scott, Freda Hoyt, Bertha Thorne, Laura Ivory, Ethel Causton, Bessie Tyner and Florence Trentowsky. They will be under the care of Mrs. Seymour and the Misses Myrtle and Estella Fox.

Hair Oten Ruined By Careless Washing

If you want to keep your hair looking its best, be careful what you wash it with. Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else, that contains too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it. The best thing for steady use is just ordinary mulsified coconut oil (which is pure and greaseless), and is better than anything else you can use.

One or two teaspoonsful will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage.

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