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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.

WHEN LAURIER INJURED CANADA

Dealing with tangible benefits to American manufacturing firms as the result of the European war, a writer in an American magazine estimates that shoe manufacturers alone have received orders for more than seven million pairs of shoes from the Allied governments, and that this business will aggregate \$20,000,000. Canada has secured comparatively little of this shoe business. If we could have obtained one-third of it our manufacturers would have increased the value of their output by \$7,000,000. It may well be assumed that, under ordinary circumstances the manufacturers in Canada would have secured a good portion of these contracts. This country is wrapped up in the success of the Allies and has made large contributions of men and money to their cause. Canada has been praised on all sides for her part in the war and, bearing this in mind, the question may well be asked, why we have not received a greater share of the business which our European friends are placing with American concerns?

In the matter of boots it is not difficult to find the answer. Our relations with the Allies, intimate as they are, have not sufficed to dispel the cloud of suspicion with which the Liberal slanders concerning Canadian boots surrounded the industry. Irresponsible unwarranted insinuations, fostered by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and enlarged upon and exaggerated by the Grit press, have destroyed all hope of Canada participating in this remunerative business, and, consequently, have robbed Canadian workmen of the extra employment such contracts would have involved.

And what have the Liberals to show as a rain to the country to offset this loss? If there is one Liberal newspaper that can show where the boot charges accomplished any good object for the country at large now is the time to produce such evidence. All charges were most thoroughly probed, and after the investigation was completed not one had been established, no evidence of fraud had been adduced, no condemnation of the Canadian boots were proven, nor, at the close of the enquiry, even suggested.

On the other hand there is the evidence, plentifully furnished by Canadian soldiers now serving at the front, that the Canadian boot is superior to that issued by the British war office, that it has stood the test and is far better for the work it has to do than the clumsy heavy footwear of the European armies. And even the Liberals, in fairness, must admit that the men who wear the boots are best qualified to judge them.

WILL HISTORY REPEAT?

Will the story of the German dash to Paris be repeated in the case of the Austro-German drive through Galicia? The Austro-German armies are now as close to Lemberg as the Germans were to Paris when they were checked, and it is just possible that Grand Duke Nicholas may be able to hold the enemy as General Joffre did on the occasion of the first onslaught into France.

Despatches from the Italian front and the western area, where the British and French are hammering away at the German entrenchments, are favorable in tone. The Italians are vigorously pushing toward Trieste, the capture of which would have an immense influence on the future Austrian campaign; the British and French are making gains and successfully consolidating the positions taken. At any time the pressure from the west and south may reach the point where Germany will be forced to give the Russians a respite, just as the Russian advance, earlier in the war, caused the Germans to send troops to the eastern front and helped to check the Kaiser's march on Paris.

Certain it is that the struggle cannot much longer continue without some important shifting of the German lines. The armies facing the Germans must by now be superior to them in numbers and equipment and, at some point, the enemy's lines must weaken. When the weak spot is found, events are likely to move more rapidly.

The campaign in the Dardanelles pales into secondary importance beside the gigantic movements in Galicia, but still the Allied forces are progressing toward the goal; still the enemy is being driven nearer to the turrets and minarets of ancient Byzantium. When the operation there is finished it will have a mighty effect upon the future of the campaign; it will take the heart out of the Turkish forces and open for Russia a most important waterway. Until that task is accomplished the most important happenings of the war will continue to be reported from the long line where the soldiers of the Czar are putting up such a magnificent fight against the serried might of Prussian militarism.

1915-1877.

Thirty-eight years ago yesterday was a calamitous day for the people of St. John. On June 20th, 1877, one of the most destructive fires of modern times occurred in this city, when, in the incredibly short space of nine hours fully two-fifths of the entire city was laid in ashes, one thousand, six hundred and twelve houses destroyed and thirteen thousand people rendered homeless. The area swept by the fire is estimated, in George Stewart's "Story of the Great Fire in St. John, N. B.," at 200 acres and nine and six-tenths miles of streets were burned over. The same authority figured the property loss at \$27,000,000, while the insurance was estimated at \$7,000,000. The fire of '77 originated in a building owned by the late Joseph Fairweather, at York Point, at 2:30 in the afternoon of Wednesday, June 20th, 1877. Shortly after midnight the flames had completed their work of destruction. The magnitude of the fire can be judged from the fact that the burned area was bounded by a line following both sides of Union street to Mill street, Mill to Dock street, northern and eastern sides of Market Square, centre of King street to Pitt street and Pitt street to its junction with the water; thence around by the harbor line to the starting point.

Looking back to the day after the fire it is apparent that the citizens must have been heartily discouraged as they gazed upon the rack wrought by the flames. But they did not content themselves with regrets; many, it is true, who had lost all their worldly possessions, journeyed to other cities to commence life anew, but the great majority remained to build again the city they had lost. The older generation of business men today who were among those builders are to be congratulated on their work. The first was a sad blow but from the ashes of the old St. John there arose phoenix-like the fairer, better, busier, more prosperous city of today. The losses of the past have been regained. Lemberg or, with the help of reinforcements, actually drive them back. The Italian inroads on Austrian territory may compel the enemy to make vast diversions of troops to meet the new foe, thus reducing the strength of the lines facing the Russians; or the French and British aggressive in the western front may result in a victory so signal that the Germans will be forced to concentrate greater forces there to prevent an actual invasion of their own territory.

that day the young man of today can say with St. Paul that he is a citizen of "no mean city."

Of Belgium Desolate

Men see thee stricken with a brutal blow,
 Yet hear no reason for the dastard deed—
 This savagery whereby the Belgians bleed,
 This desolation, fraught with want and woe,
 Fell war's red ruin, towns laid waste and low,
 Dire spoliation wrought of grasping greed,
 Wait, and the world in history shall read
 The spiteful vengeance of a thwarted foe!

Go, hide thy face, Germania, for shame!
 Shrink from the finger scorn shall point at thee!
 Nations will flinch and shudder at thy name;
 They now they execute; thine infamy
 Slinks, cur-like, at thy heels to bark at blame,
 Lo what thou art! Look, and in Belgium see!
 —William T. James.
 Toronto, Canada.

Favorite Quotations of Public Men

(Back's Weekly.)

Bourassa: "It ain't wot 'e sez, but the nawsy w'y 'e sez it."
 Lloyd-George: "Arms and the Man."
 Asquith: "Let 'em all come."
 The Crown Prince: "There ain't no other daddie in the world like mine."
 Bernstein: "Oh, Willie, we shall miss you."
 W. J. Bryan: "Blessed are the Peace-fakers."
 Sir Richard McBride: "Go West, young man, go West."
 Pres. Wilson: "I shall really have to give you a good hard smack." (The Private Secretary.)
 Winston Churchill: "I want to go back to the farm."
 Admiral Jellicoe: "A life on the ocean wave."
 The Kaiser: "What shall I profit a man to win the whole world and lose his own soul?"
 Francis Joseph: "Had I but served my God with half the zeal that I have served the Kaiser, He would not, in mine age, have left me naked to my enemies."

MEN FROM FRONT FOR CANADIAN TRAINING CAMPS

Gen. Hughes asks War Office to send Colonels Currie and Meighan home for time to give men in training benefit of their experience.

Ottawa, June 20.—General Hughes has sent a special request to the War Office to have Col. John A. Currie of the 15th Battalion, and Col. Frank S. Meighan, of the 14th Battalion, sent home on furlough to Canada in order to have the benefit of their advice and experience at the training camps in this country for a time. Both commanders have done splendid work and are now in need of a short rest.

JEWISH PAPER BARRED FROM CANADA BECAUSE OF ANTI-BRITISH SENTIMENT

Special to The Standard.
 Ottawa, June 19.—The Postmaster General announces that "Forward," a Jewish daily paper published in New York, has been refused entry into Canada; this paper is anti-British in sympathies.



Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

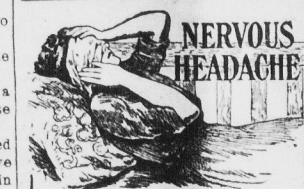
Pop never goes to the movies unless there's a Charlie Chaplin picture on, and last night after supper he sed, Benny, do you happen to no of any yung man in the house who wood like to go see a Charlie Chaplin picture with me tonite.
 Yes, air, me, I sed.
 Awl rite, I no ware thares wun, sed pop. And we went to movie place were thare was a big sign outside saying, Tonite Charlie Chaplin in the Bib Spree.
 Ha, I bet that's a funy wun, sed pop. And he went up to the ticket place and gave the man a dime and sed, 2 piece.
 Not for that, sed the man, thare a dime apiece.
 Awl rite, Jessie James, sed pop. And he gave the man anuthir dime and we went in jest wen they was starting a pickture called, Travels in Central Asia.
 Who the doose wunts to travel in Central Asia, sed pop. O well, I gess we will have to sit throo it, bettir times are kuming. The Big Spree, that awt to be a good wun, awl rite.
 And we sat down in 2 seats and the Travels in Central Asia kep on going, seeing nothing but rivers and trees and things, and after a wile pop sed, in the naim of infinnity, is this thing never going to end, wat have I dun to have evvry bush in Asia wished awn me.
 And the Travels in Central Asia kep on going, and awl of a suddin it stoped.
 Hah, hah, at last, sed pop. Wich jest then sum printing calm on the screen, saying, Travels in Central Asia, 3d reel.
 Good nite, Ill wait 5 moar minits for this Asiatick nitmare to get itself ovir, and not a seeking moar, sed pop.
 Wich we sat thare about 5 minits moar and the Travels in Central Asia still looked as if it was jest beginning, and pop got up, saying, Come awn, this is wun of those times wen even payshetts ceases to be a virtue. And we staid to wait out slow, to give the Travels in Central Asia a chance to stop if they wunt to, wich they didnt, and we went out awl the way wich just as we had waked past the man at the door we looked back and heer thare was printing awn the screen and wat did it say but Charlie Chaplin in The Big Spree.
 This way back, sed pop. And he staid to wawk back again, and the man at the door hold out his arm, saying, Nothing doing, you cant wawk in and out of heer any way you feel like, youll haff to buy 2 moar tickets if you want to go in agin.
 O, go to Central Asia, sed pop. And him and me went hoam.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF HON. MR. CODERRE'S RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT.

Special to The Standard.
 Ottawa, June 20.—It was fully expected that after yesterday's cabinet meeting there would be an announcement regarding the retirement of Hon. Louis Coderre from the portfolio of state but there was none. It is anticipated that J. N. Teller, leader of the

Quebec Conservatives, will be his successor.

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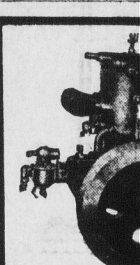
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OBITUARY

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