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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."—M. M. The King.
 TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

PEACE AND WAR.

"Stop fighting and get out of France and Belgium before you start to talk." This, in effect, is the substance of the brief note returned by the President of the United States to the request of the German government for an armistice and conversations on the subject of peace. Mr. Wilson insists that the German armies must retire to their own territory before they can expect that any consideration will be given to their request and in this attitude he has the support and co-operation of the other members of the Entente Alliance. Germany must first show that she is willing to lay down her arms before she asks for favors.

Meanwhile the Allied armies are pressing their victories on all fronts. A great offensive, launched yesterday morning by the British, French and Americans, between St. Quentin and Cambrai has shattered the last line of the Hindenburg defenses and made substantial gains of territory as well as inflicting heavy casualties and taking many prisoners. As conditions are at present it matters comparatively little to the Allies whether the Germans voluntarily evacuate France and Belgium or hold on until they are ejected with force. But it may make a great difference to Germany.

It is not regarded as at all probable that the German request will receive a reply other than a more powerful Allied blow than formerly. It is a recognized principle of the Allied programme that Germany must be punished sufficiently to show her the folly of attempting to continue the struggle. It is evident that she has not yet reached that frame of mind. So the lesson must continue. It is gratifying, though not surprising, to learn that there is no indication in the President's note that the course of instruction is to be at all curtailed.

THE POTATO ENQUIRY.

The potato enquiry, being conducted by Commissioner McQueen which is now nearing its close, is, in some respects, unique in the history of political enquiries not only in New Brunswick but in any part of Canada. Most enquiries have their genesis in an allegation that certain monies involved in the transaction it is proposed to investigate have been diverted or misappropriated from the service of the state. There is no such allegation in the present case and the evidence, as it is unfolded, does not indicate that there will be anything of the sort.

Evidence so far adduced has developed that the potato transaction did not realize for the province anything like sufficient money to pay the cost of handling and shipping the tubers. The year 1915 was a bad year for the potato business. Private dealers sustained losses and the case of the New Brunswick Government was, therefore, not an isolated one. While it was a weak policy to attempt to conceal the loss legitimately sustained by the province, yet it was not criminal and, as revealed by the evidence, money was deposited in the provincial treasury and credited to the sale of potatoes when no such money was received from that source.

It is safe to say that this is not what the promoters of the enquiry hoped to discover when they started the investigation, and even though they have been materially assisted by the circumstance that made it necessary for the counsel for Hon. J. A. Murray to withdraw from the case it is known that Mr. Hughes or the Commissioner will be unable to point to one penny of the small sum actually received from the sale of potatoes in Cuba that was diverted from its proper channel.

It has already been established that when the potatoes were purchased they were in good condition, that special care was exercised to see that the shipments went forward to their destination in the best possible shape and it was not the fault of the Government. Mr. Oving to uncontrollable circumstances, the cargoes were worthless when received by the consignees, and a heavy loss was actually sustained in a transaction which it was believed with confidence would yield a profit to the province and to the potato growers and shippers.

Many circumstances combined to bring about this condition. It was difficult to obtain steam tonnage to ship potatoes even to Britain and many of the tubers originally intended for that destination were held so long that they spoiled before shipment. Again, the vessels engaged in the transport of potatoes to the Cuban market had poor fortune. One sustained a leak as the result of which a portion of the cargo was spoiled by sea-water. In another case a shipment sent via a United Fruit steamer from an American port was held up pending the arrival of necessary papers and when it could finally

showing as their symptoms chill, headache, backache and general bad feeling, just as in grippe, with redness of the face, running of the eyes, sore throat, and decided prostration. The pulse is slow and the fever runs from 101 degrees to 104 degrees Fahrenheit, there often a harsh cough with very little expectoration, and there may be complications in the form of a more or less severe bronchitis or a more or less severe broncho-pneumonia.

There has been very considerable percentage of deaths from this disease, particularly among those cases which have been complicated by pneumonia. Mild cases last two or three days, after which there is rapid recovery; severe ones are quickly fatal. If there is high fever there may be a crop of blisters on the lips, as in other fevers, but there are no disturbances of the digestive apparatus. When one is attacked he should go to bed at once and send for his physician. If the fever is intense, the condition is to be regarded as serious until the temperature becomes normal again, and this may take place quite suddenly.

The convalescent period is very important, for it is then that carelessness and neglect may be followed by the development of fatal pneumonia. Right precautions about coughing, sneezing, and blowing the nose are extremely important, for nobody can tell how many bacilli may thus be blown into the air and inhaled by anybody who comes along.

Fresh air, sunlight, fully open bowels, simple and moderate diet and a daily warm bath to keep the skin in good condition are general precautions which should be observed by everybody, and it is also desirable to keep away from crowds and crowded places as much as possible.

As tonics for the general condition there are three drugs which may be used freely—cod liver oil, quinine, and strychnine.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE SONG OF THE CAMP.

By Bayard Taylor.

"Give us a song," the soldier cried.
 The outer trenches guarding.
 When the heated guns of the camps
 Grew weary of bombarding.

The dark Redan, in silent soot,
 Lay low and the tawny mound of the Malakoff;
 No longer belched its thunder.

There was a pause. A guardsman said:
 "We storm the forts tomorrow:
 Sing while we may, another day,
 Will bring enough of sorrow."

They lay along the battery's side,
 Below the smoking cannon;
 Brave men from Severn and from Clyde,
 And from the banks of Shannon.

They sang of love, and not of fame,
 Forgetting Britain's glory;
 Each heart recalled a different name,
 But all sang "Annie Laurie."

Voice after voice caught up the song,
 Until its tender passion
 Rose like an anthem, rich and strong,
 Their battle-eve confession.

Dear girl, her name he dared not speak,
 But as the song grew louder,
 Something upon the soldier's cheek,
 Washed off the stains of powder.

Beyond the darkening camp burned
 The bloody sunset's embers,
 While the Cimmerian valleys learned
 How English love remembers.

And once again a fire of hell
 Rained on the Russian quarters,
 With screams of shot and burst of shell
 And howling of mortars!

And Irish Nora's eyes are dim
 For a singer dumb and coy;
 And English Mary mourns for him
 Who sang of Annie Laurie.

Sleep, soldiers! still in honored rest,
 Your truth and valor wearing;
 The bravest are the tenderest,
 The loving are the daring.

A BIT OF FUN

The Waiter Sympathized.

Charles Belmont Davis was talking at the Philadelphia Club about his recent official visit to England.

"England isn't starving," he said, "but she is pretty hard pressed. The food shortage over there is measure, very measure."

"One of my companions on our arrival in London, entered a restaurant, and without noticing the tiny portions of dried fish and liquid Chinese eggs and salt porridge and surlike substances that were being served all around him, my companion rubbed his hands gleefully and said to the waiter:

"Waiter, I'd like to have a large, juicy sirloin off the grill, three inches thick, underdone, and with a lump of fresh butter on the top."

"Ha, ha, ha! I don't blame you, sir," he said.

A Pessimist on Husbands.

Senator Lodge was talking about an outrageous profiteer.

"The man is not typical," he said. "If he were typical, then I'd despair of growing as pessimistic as the middle-aged lady."

"A salesman was selling a bedroom clock to a pretty girl."

"I recommend this clock with its illuminating attachment to switch on he said. 'It's a very good thing to tell what time your husband comes home you know.'"

"Oh, but you will have some day," said the salesman.

"Yes, but not that kind of a husband," said the girl.

"Then it was that the middle-aged lady stepped forward."

"My dear child, they're all that kind," she said. "Young man, I'll take that clock."

Ring Out, Wild Bells.

Ship's officer—"There goes eight bells. Excuse me, it's my watch below."

Lady—"Gracious! Fancy your watch striking as loud as that."

Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

This afternoon I had a sent, not knowing whether to buy something to eat or something to keep, and I decided to buy something to eat, on account of you can get more to eat with a sent than what you can to keep, and I went into Mommy Simmines store and started to wawk up and down in front of the candy counter making up my mind and Mommy Simmines kepp wawking up and down with me, on her side of the counter, saying, These yellow taffies are good, 3 for a sent.

They use to be 4, I sed.

Well everything's gone up, but I can't be wawking up and down heer with you all afternoon, I'll give you 4 for a sent, sed Mommy Simmines. Wich she started to do, and I sed, No, never mind they're too much alike.

And I kepp on wawking up and down looking, and she kepp on wawking up and down waiting, saying, Well how about a nice taffy on a stick?

Have you got any lemmen ones. I sed.

Yes, do you want one? sed Mommy Simmines, and I sed No.

Well for goodness sake make up your mind, sed Mommy Simmines.

I am, I sed, wich I was, and pritty soon Mommy Simmines sed, I declare, Im axually getting a pane in the legs wawking up and down like this, this yellow jack is nice.

Do you give samples? I sed.

O, I suppose so, anything to get done with you, sed Mommy Simmines. And she gave me a little peece to taste, saying, Well, is that good anuff for you?

Yes, but I dont feel like yellow jack today, I sed.

And I wawked up and down some more, and so did Mommy Simmines, and after I had made up my mind and chanced it agen about 10 times more I sed, Well, I guess I'll take 4 yellow taffies after all.

At last, sed Mommy Simmines. And she started to give them to me, and I felt in my pants pocket for the sent, saying, G, good nite.

Wat now? sed Mommy Simmines.

I lost the sent, it fell throo a hole in my pocket, I sed, do you want me to show you the hole?

I want you to get out of here before I come around after you, thats wat I want, sed Mommy Simmines.

Wich I did.

LORD ROBSON OF JESMOND DEAD

Formerly Solicitor General, Attorney General and Lord of Appeal in Ordinary of Great Britain.

London papers announce the death of Lord Robson of Jesmond, at his home at Telham Court, Sussex. He was successively solicitor-general, attorney-general and lord of appeal in ordinary.

He was born in 1852 at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Times says: The most interesting event of Lord Robson's forensic career was his trial by his peers of Lord Russell for bigamy committed in the United States.

Halbury, then Lord Chancellor, presided as Lord High Steward, and there were present about 160 peers and also all the Law Lords and about a dozen of His Majesty's Judges. It was not competent for the noble earl to divest himself of his privilege of being tried by his peers on a charge of felony.

Ordinary offences committed abroad a man cannot be tried in this country, but by the Offences Against the Person Act, 1861, a man may be tried here for murder or bigamy, wherever committed.

Mr. Robson's defence, that "wherever committed" must be interpreted as "wherever in the King's dominions," though it seemed to be fortified by decisions of the Judicial Committee, was rejected by the court, and the noble lord was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the first division.

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EVENING ENJOYED AT TRIANGLE CLUB

Young Ladies of Y. W. P. A. Gave Programme—About 150 Soldiers and Sailors Present.

The young ladies of the Y. W. P. A. with Miss Ross as convenor, gave a delightful entertainment for the soldiers and sailors in the city at the Red Triangle Club Rooms last night. A. O. Skinner presided, and the programme consisted of musical selections by Miss Sarwell, Sgt. Noakes and Corporal Howlett; duet, Miss Grant and Miss Baynton; reading, Miss Ross; solo, Sgt. Noakes; recitation, Mr. Sinclair; solo, Miss Grant.

After the programme refreshments were served, and this was followed by a social hour, and the 150 men present fully enjoyed themselves. This is the first Triangle entertainment for the season, and is only one of a great many that will be given to make the soldier and sailor boys happy while in the city.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation, poison, sour bile, and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

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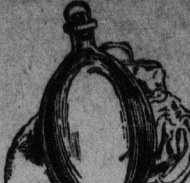
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