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THE WAR NEWS

The most cheering news that comes from the seat of war today confirms the previous report of the defeat of the German army in East Prussia with very heavy loss, making it possible for the Russians to advance again into that territory. Another gratifying item tells us that the Russians have not only marched through the Carpathian Mountains into Hungary, but have captured the capital of one of the Hungarian provinces. There is still a scarcity of news concerning the movements of the Russian armies advancing through Poland and northern Galicia. There is still no decisive news from France or Belgium, but confidence is expressed both in London and Paris that the allied armies will be able to repulse the German attacks upon their left, and that it is only a question of time when General Von Kluck, who has been greatly reinforced, will be compelled to retire. There is still some doubt as to the extent of the German operations against Antwerp, but the fall of that city is not anticipated.

CANADA'S DUTY.

Has Canada offered the Mother Country another contingent? Col. Hughes is quoted as saying that 200,000 men are now drilling in Canada. The great need in France at this moment is more men. It is only because the allied armies are not sufficiently strong in numbers that the Germans have been able to maintain their footing in France and Belgium. We may as well dismiss once and for all the belief that this will be a short war. Winter is approaching, and war cannot be conducted with much vigor in the German climate during the winter months. The allied armies must be strengthened by large reinforcements. It is the duty of Canada to make preparation at once for a second contingent. We are told that Col. Hughes will go to England shortly, but it may be hoped that this will not interfere in any way with preparations for sending forward additional troops as fast as they can be made ready for active service. If the allied armies should experience defeat because they were outnumbered at any point there would immediately be a universal demand for more men, and the authorities would be censured for failure to send them forward at an earlier date. Let us not forget that there are probably 4,000,000 fighting Germans fully equipped for the defence of their country. This is no child's play. Canada has made a splendid beginning, but much more is required of her, and the needed help should be sent as speedily as possible.

COUNT VON MOLTKE.

It is reported that Count Von Moltke has been superseded as chief of the German general staff. The military expert of the London Standard is justified in saying that if the statement is true it is evidence of serious panic in high places. It has been said that the Kaiser was anxious to have a Von Moltke at the head of the army, because the name would strike terror to the hearts of the French, who were thrown by another general of that name in 1870. The present Count Von Moltke must be credited with having developed a very formidable war machine, and if now he has been superseded in office by a comparatively unknown general it would seem a poor reward for his devotion to the cause of German militarism for forty years. The new chief of the general staff, if a new one has really been appointed, must attempt the impossible. With the allied forces holding his armies in check in France, and gradually forcing them backward, and with the victorious Russians bearing down on them from the east, no skill in generalship can do more than postpone the inevitable.

TAX REFORM.

The question of tax reform was referred to by one of the speakers at a meeting of the board of trade last evening, but does not appear to have attracted much attention.

The Toronto World sees in the reorganization of the provincial government of Ontario some hope for the long deferred and earnestly sought reform of the taxation system in that province. The late Premier Whitney was an uncompromising opponent of anything approaching the single tax and gave no encouragement whatever to even to the advocates of the principle of home rule in taxation. He was able to oppose successfully the vigorous efforts of the Tax Reform League, and remained unmoved by resolutions adopted by municipal councils and the vigorous agitation encouraged and supported by quite a number of influential newspapers, including several which in other matters supported his government. Now that the influence of Sir James Whitney has been withdrawn the World calls upon Premier Hearst to adopt a policy of genuine tax reform. The World says:

"Tax reform has been confused with and condemned for its association with single tax. Single tax is another proposal altogether, and while it may be true that many single taxers approve of tax reform, very few of the out-and-out single taxers are willing to accept as

final tax reform in the shape in which it is usually broached. However, tax reform is essential, and the public opinion of the province has been prepared for a movement in this direction for a considerable time. The time has come for something to be done, and we are free to say that the first thing to be done is to try and forget everything that has occurred in the past in this connection. There is no reason in the world why tax reform should be made a party question. Both parties recognize the necessity for action. A new start can be made, and no effort that might embarrass the government should be encouraged. The practical men of the tax reformers proper should get together and formulate a reasonable scheme in accordance with public feeling. This would help the government in the perhaps to crystallize the floating ideas on all sides. But let it be approached without prejudice, and let the cranks of 'St. Agnes,' by J. B. Dykes, is as follows:

There is no reason why action should not be taken in New Brunswick to secure home rule in taxation. Here, as in Ontario, the question has been agitated for a considerable time, and there appears to be a universal feeling that there should be a gradual reduction of taxation on improvements. If the people of the different municipalities were given the power, some of them would promptly take advantage of it and test the new system. They have a perfect right to ask for this authority and it should be granted to them.

Every citizen of New Brunswick owes a debt to the Belgians. There is now an opportunity to cancel a portion of the obligation by contributing something, however small the amount, to the fund for Belgian relief, or to the supply of clothing or other foodstuffs as may be transported to that country. The response to the appeal should be universal.

The Times prints today the appeal of the Canadian War Contingent Association of London, which will prevail and maintain what is known as "The Queen's Canadian Military Hospital," and labor for the well-being of the Canadian contingent that has gone to the front. It is hoped the appeal for funds, and for such clothing as is required in hospitals and convalescent homes, will meet with a generous response in Canada.

SOMEBODY'S DARLING.

Into the ward of the whitewash'd halls,
Where the dead and the dying lay,
Wounded by bayonets, shells and balls,
Somebody's darling was borne one day—
Somebody's darling so young and so brave,
Wearing yet on his pale, sweet face,
Soon to be hid by the dust of the grave,
The lingering light of his boyhood's grace.

Matted and damp are the curls of gold,
Kissing the snow of that fair young brow,
Pale are the lips of delicate mould—
Somebody's darling is dying now.

Brush all the wandering waves of gold,
Cross his hands on his bosom now,
Somebody's darling is still and cold.
Kiss him once for somebody's sake
Murmur a prayer soft and low,
One bright curl from his fair mate take,
They were somebody's pride, you know.

Somebody's hand had rested there,
Was it mother's soft and white,
And have the lips of a sister fair
Been baptised in the waves of light?

God knows best. He has somebody's love,
Somebody's heart enshrined him there;
Somebody waited his name above,
Night and morn on the wings of prayer.

Somebody wept when he marched away,
Looking so handsome, brave and grand;
Somebody's kiss on his forehead lay,
Somebody clung to his parting hand.

Somebody's waiting and watching for him,
Yearning to hold him again to their heart,
And there he lies with his blue eyes dim
And the smiling, childlike lips apart.

Tenderly bury the fair young dead,
Pausing to drop on his grave a tear,
Carve on the wooden slab at his head,
"Somebody's darling slumbers here."

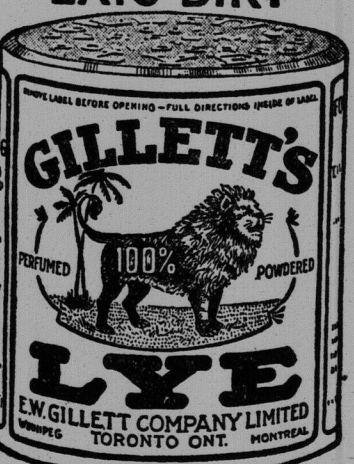
—By Marie R. Lacoste

MARTIAL TOYS ARE IN GREAT DEMAND
Grown-Ups as Well as Juveniles Playing the War Game at Home.

Toys of a martial kind have sprung into strong demand since the first of August, and although so many New York people are still out of town, the sale of them has already reached the proportions of the usual pre-Christmas stocking-up by families which have small children, says the New York Times. Some toy dealers say that not only are the very young taking up soldiers and battlefields that will really move when put in water, but grown-up men have acquired a passion for the ownership of tin or leaden armies and in the secrecy of their studies or "dens" are battling with German and French and British and Russian soldiers, and even Belgian soldiers—which look strangely like American troops—fighting campaigns on table tops or military maps, against Paris and Berlin.

If the demand for toy soldiers keeps up hereabout, there is likely to be a famine in the long long before the Germans get into Paris or the Russians into Berlin; or at least until some German ship brings more. In the meantime, however, local dealers believe that American manufacturers will go into the soldier-making business in order to capture the trade which in the main has been supplied from Germany.

GILLETTE'S LYE EATS DIRT



THE PEACE HYMN.

The Federal Council of Churches and the Church Peace Union of the United States recommended that "The Peace Hymn," by the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, New York, be sung in all the churches of the United States on the occasion of the day of prayer for peace on Sunday, October 4, designated in the proclamation of President Wilson.

The hymn which is sung to the tune of "St. Agnes," by J. B. Dykes, is as follows:

God of the nations, near and far,
Rule of all mankind,
Bless Thou Thy people as they strive
The paths of peace to find.

The clash of arms still shakes the sky,
King battles still with king his foe,
Wild through the frightened air of night
The bloody tocsin rings.

But clearer far the friendly speech
Of scientists and seers,
The wise debate of statesmen and
The shout of pioneers.

And stronger far the clasped hands
Of labor's teeming throngs—
Who in a hundred tongues repeat
The common creed and songs.

O Father! From the curse of war
We pray Thy grace release
And speed, O speed, the blessed day
Of justice, love and peace!

LIGHTER VEIN.
"You're the Only Girl I Ever Loved"
Oh, what a happy woman.
Was dear old Mother Eve!
For when Adam sang this old song,
At least she could believe.

"What a funny-looking house!"
The man who built it must have been crazy.
"Oh, no!" The woman said,
"I'll give you a good lesson in house-keeping."
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Mother—"Johnny, did you take your cough medicine regularly in school, as I told you?"
Johnny—"No, Tommy Dodd liked it an' he gimme an apple for it."

Dobbins—"I say, old fellow, you are getting thin since you retired from business."
Tobbins (ex-phosphor) — "That's right. You see, I don't weigh as much as I did."

When a young man thinks a girl's piano practice is music—that is love, woman is unpopular. With her neighbors if she never does anything that they can gossip about. "Ah, sir, did Lady (to new cavalier) — "We do enjoy your sermons. They are so instructive. We never knew what sin was until you came to the parish."

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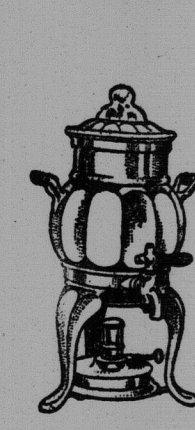
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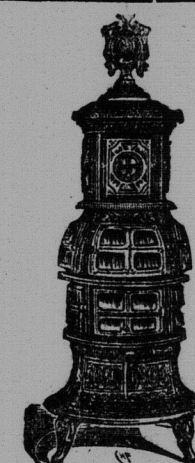
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Queen's Canadian Military Hospital in London — A Call From Headquarters

Editor Times:
Sir—I am directed to send you copies of the paper The Canadian War Contingent Association, explaining the objects for which it was formed.

The association has made an arrangement with the Army Council, through the Queen's Committee of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (of which H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught is grand prior), to provide and maintain a hospital of fifty beds, with power to increase it to 100 beds or more, for the general use of His Majesty's forces.

By special permission of Her Majesty the hospital is to be known as "The Queen's Canadian Military Hospital." Sir William Osler and Donald Armour have kindly undertaken the organization of the surgical, medical and nursing arrangements.

The Canada Lodge of Freemasons in London are co-operating with the association in the establishment and maintenance of this hospital, and are represented on the executive committee. They have promised to assist in raising the necessary funds, and are issuing an appeal to their own members and to the Masonic fraternity in the dominion.

The association will be in communication with the troops as they arrive, and its efforts will be devoted to the well-being of the contingent, and to assisting in any general relief or other useful work in relation to the war which may commend itself to the executive committee.

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