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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.*

### ROUMANIA COMING IN?

Reports regarding the prospect of Roumania entering the war on the side of the Entente Allies have been repeated so often that now they are not generally believed. When Italy came in, it was pointed out by military experts and newspaper writers all over the world that her racial affinity with, and deep sympathy for, France and Italy were certain to bring her to their side in a very short time. Italy has now been in the war for eight months or more and still Roumania's position has not changed. It is difficult to understand why she longer hesitates, whether her Hohenzollern monarch has succeeded in bringing the government to the view that their country's interest would best be served by maintaining a strict neutrality under all circumstances until the end of the war, or whether the time is not regarded as auspicious for her entry.

Conditions are better for Roumania now than when the former reports were in circulation. Then the Germans had manifested activity on the eastern front and had driven the Slavic remnants of the Czar well back into their own country. Now, however, Russia has gained her "second wind" and is making most satisfactory progress. Especially is this the case in that section of the line nearest to the Roumanian border. Conditions elsewhere have so materially improved that it must be pointed out to the Roumanian authorities that if they are to have the advantage of the men and money of the Allies they must quickly take up the battle against Prussian militarism. That Britain, France, Russia and Italy have the men, the money, the resources and the determination to prosecute this war to a victorious conclusion is now generally recognized, and it would seem that if Roumania intends to come in at all, she must do so within the next few months. The Allies can get along very nicely without her, but after the war she will be a material loser if she has not proved her title to any concessions which may be awarded to those who have assisted in this struggle.

### "THE AMERICAN LEGION"

That the sympathy of the great mass of the American people is with Great Britain in this world war is evidenced by the formation in Canada of what is known as the "American Legion," which the Boston Transcript says is "a partial recompense for a similar service to the United States by the Dominion of Canada more than half a century ago." The Transcript continues: "The part which Canadians played in our Civil War is not as fully and accurately remembered as it should be. There are those who think of nothing but the refuge which was then given to Confederates and the Confederate plot which there were formed against the Union. These were not pleasant for us to contemplate, but it must be confessed that they were within the limits of neutrality, so that we had no valid reason for complaint or protest. "The fact is, however, that Canada or Canadians save us much very practical aid in that war. Nearly 50,000 Canadians entered the Federal army and served loyally and efficiently under the Stars and Stripes. How well they served is testified by the number who were killed or wounded. It is true that these Canadian levies were not generally recognized, and that they have been so much forgotten that comparatively few Americans now remember that they were in our army at all. That is largely because they did not form regiments of their own, but were incorporated as individuals in our own United States regiments; but that fact makes their devotion to our cause the more noteworthy and admirable. They were not seeking distinction and glory, but simply the preservation of the American Union, and they were willing to do their work in obscurity and unname.

"The Americans who have enlisted in the British army in Canada differ from these in that they have formed a regiment of their own, which is known as the American Regiment. It has grown to such numbers that it will presently be reorganized as a brigade, and it is not unlikely that a second brigade will before long be formed. It is interesting, too, to observe the composition of this body in its ranks as yet to be found university graduates, men of large fortunes and men of social distinction, all of whom have become 'boobies' and 'bummers' for their devotion to the

cause of the Allies against Kultur. "It would doubtless be a breach of neutrality to enlist recruits for that legion in this country. But there is no law forbidding Americans to visit Canada and while there to enroll themselves in the American Legion. To what extent it is legally permissible for citizens of this country to send to that legion contributions toward its equipment is an interesting question. But doubtless those who, while not able to enlist themselves, would like to feel that they have in some way added to the efficiency or to the comfort and safety of those troops will find a method of doing it which will not involve them in trouble with the Department of Justice. Certainly the career of the legion will be watched with interest by multitudes in this country who have no personal interest in or relationship to any of its members, but who instinctively sympathize with the spirit which led Kosciuszko and Pulaski hither from Poland, and Lafayette and De Kalb and Steuben hither from France, for the last-named, though a German, came from France and under French patronage. The soldiers of this legion are not mercenaries nor soldiers of fortune, but, rather, knights errant, offering their lives, without hope of distinction or emolument, for a cause which they believe to be the cause of America as well as of Great Britain, and in a super-national sense the cause of humanity and righteousness."

### THE TIMES AND MR. HEIDMANN.

The Times last evening said: "Now if Mr. Hazen's German secretary had been a Briton, her heroic fortitude and endurance. And the party of Swedish politicians and publicists that has just returned from a visit to the French and British front is no exception to the rule. "We were overwhelmingly impressed by the unanimous spirit of decision and resolution we found everywhere," said Mr. Heiberg, a distinguished member of the party, to a "Daily Chronicle" representative yesterday. "From the leaders of the French nation to the least French soldier," he continued, "we found the same spirit. 'We must go through with it, through to the end,' was the phrase we most commonly heard on everybody's lips. And General Foch, whom we had the honor to meet, gave us the explanation. "We do not want our children to have to begin it all over again," he told us, and we could understand. Every body is quietly sure of the ultimate victory. The French seemed to us to be like a people newly awakened and free after a long nightmare of oppression."

Let us carry the case referred to the other extreme. Suppose it had been Mr. Pugsley's secretary in the position of Mr. Heidmann. Would not the Times denounce any question of his honesty or loyalty as dirty partisanship undertaken only in the hope of hitting his employer over his shoulder? Mr. Heidmann has been in Canada since he was an infant in arms. He has been thoroughly schooled in Canadian and British liberty, the liberty for which his parents left the fatherland. That he should be at all under suspicion is an absurd reflection upon him as well as on Hon. Mr. Hazen. It is admitted that at this time the first duty of the Canadian authorities is to insure the safety of the people even at the risk of bringing distress upon innocent persons. But have we not good reason to trust to the Government which for eighteen months has handled the situation carefully and with good results. In the case of the Times and Mr. Heidmann it appears that the secretary must be made to suffer because of that newspaper's hatred for Hon. Mr. Hazen. The Times' treatment of this question will strike most people as rather dirty even for a newspaper that long ago lost all sense of fair play and decency.

The amateur contest at the Opera House last night in connection with the production of The Black Flag by Young Adams Company, was very entertaining and so evenly were the various contestants the judges were rather at a loss as to how to award the prizes. The first prize went to "Mysterious Billy Smith, a comic singer and acrobatic dancer, who said he hailed from Boston; second to Louis Doherty, the sweet singer from Union street; and the third to a Salome dancer, who especially requested that his real name be kept out of the paper. Salome should have done better, as "her" costumes were gorgeous, "she" also received an elegant floral tribute from friends in the audience. There were two entries in the Charlie Chaplin contest, both clever as to make-up and costumes, even to the shoes.

Sumner E. Corlies.

Sumner E. Corlies of Oakfield, Me., died at Houston Thursday, Mrs. Corlies was formerly Miss Sophie Cameron of Shediac and Moncton.

## HOW NEUTRAL WAS IMPRESSED BY VISIT TO FRANCE AND LONDON

A distinguished party of Swedish politicians, journalists, and statesmen arrived in London recently. They come entirely in an unofficial capacity, and are inquiring into the state of public feeling in the country and to the efforts we are making both as regards men and munitions. The party has just spent over ten days in France, where they received a very cordial welcome from Parliamentary Committees and others, and were greatly impressed by the strength of France in a military sense, and in the resolute spirit of the people.

The party includes four members of the Swedish Parliament—Baron Adelsvard, late Minister of Finance, of the Second Chamber; Baron Palmstierna, another member of the Second Chamber and an ex-commander of the Swedish navy; Professor Backstrom, member of the First Chamber, and Mr. M. Heiberg, who, besides being editor of the "Karlstads Tidningen," is also a member of the First Chamber. The foregoing belong to the committee of the Inter-Parliamentary group of the Swedish Riksdag. There are three representatives of the Swedish Press in the party—Mr. Alkman, editor of the "Goteborgs Posten," Mr. Rahm, and Mr. von Koch. There are five representatives of the Swedish army, namely—Major Liljeholm, Captain von Ardin, Dr. Erhardt, Dr. Hill, and Count Wachtmeister. Professor Sjogren, of the Swedish State Museum, is also among our visitors.

The visitors were entertained by the Swedish Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night. Yesterday they visited some munition works, and were entertained privately at lunch, one party at the Savoy Hotel and the other by Mr. Hugo Valentin, a well-known Swedish author and journalist. Today the party will have an opportunity of visiting other munition works and be shown something of the which they will remain in this country for some days. The representatives of Sweden will everywhere receive a very cordial welcome, none the less because they are here in an official capacity but on a mission of inquiry.

### Impressions of France.

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Shell Interrupts Meal The party got a good glimpse of the actual firing line. On several occasions they were dangerously close. One day, half an hour before they arrived at a place for dinner, a shell wrecked half the building and one side of their dining-room. And in the course of the meal another shell came, shattered the dishes on the table and killed one and wounded another of the soldiers who accompanied them. Another day they had a vivid impression of the amazing contracts that have become commonplace in France. They were standing among the desolation of devastated Arras, when suddenly they heard the low sounds of a piano, and they were expressly surprised to hear the voice of a young girl in song. "It was wonderful to us," Mr. Heiberg said, "to see how men and women could accommodate themselves to any situation, however terrible." In another district, he related, coal miners were quietly engaged in their normal tasks within a mile of the firing line.

### The Daily Fashion Hint.



An odd feature of this hat of black horsehair is its brim of uneven width, very wide in front and short and turned up at the back. The crown is decorated with a wide black satin ribbon with two loops in front and an odd steel ornament.

## Little Benny's Note Book

THE PARK AVE NEWS Published by Allsander and Potts, Printers. The Weather. Cool if not warmer. Mysterious Disappearances. According to Mr. Sid Hunt, 8 commons and 2 alleys disappeared from his coat pocket while his coat was hanging on the door knob in Puds Simkins' vesterday during a game of football last Toodyay. The matter has not yet been reported to the police, but Mr. Hunt declares that if the police do not give them back, he will be persecuted to the full extent of the law. Why is Skinny Martin like a graveyard? On account of all the bones. Joak.

Editorial. Every wants in a wife 'we shoed stop and reflect wat a bewtiffil and useffil thing the different seasons is. If it wasent for summer we wood get so ut to enod that we woodent even be surprized, and if it wasent for winter we woodent no the differents. Therefore, no attemp wassent for winter we woodent no the differents. Therefore, no attemp shoed be made to change the seasons by science or discovery as nature nos best.

Sports. Puds Simkins and Sam Craws bet each uther a sent they wood throw a ball the ferrest, Sam Craws winning by throwing it so far nobody coodent find it, it being Mr. Artie Allsanders ball, so Mr. Craws had to give Mr. Allsander the sent he won and the sent he wood have lost if he hadent of won. Mr. Allsander thus being the winner of the contest, on account of it being a odd ball he had found enyway.

Poem by Skinny Martin O can that be the hokey pokey mans ball? And is spritstime beer agen? No, brother, keep your abert on! Its only 2 seasons grinder men. Our goat had its noze cut off. How does it smell? It dont. Double Joak.

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### YESTERDAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS

115th. The 115th spent yesterday in the ordinary routine work. Today Lieut. Davidson will be the officer of the day, and the parades will be at the usual hours.

140th. Yesterday the 140th spent the morning in the usual drill and instruction classes. In the afternoon they had a