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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.

GREECE AND ROUMANIA.

While the failure of the Allies to bring Greece and Roumania to their side may have a serious effect upon the campaign in the Balkans, at least the governments of the powers opposing Germany have nothing with which to reproach themselves. Their negotiations with the Balkan States have been absolutely honorable and there has been no attempt to browbeat or terrorize. Had Britain, France, Russia and Italy been disposed to follow the example shown by Germany in Belgium they could, when the Russian soldiers were in East Prussia and the Carpathians, have incited such a reign of terror in those countries that Roumania and Greece would have been forced, through fear, to openly declare themselves. But they did not. In their dealings with the Balkan neutrals they stood on treaty and national rights; they appealed to Greek honor to support Serbia; they made legitimate inducements to Roumania to throw her armies to their side. These honorable methods have failed. Apparently, Germany, though weakened, has succeeded in bringing the Roumanians and Greeks to the point where they believe that although the Central Powers may not win, they will, at least, emerge from the struggle possessed of sufficient strength to visit dire punishment upon the smaller nations which oppose their iron will.

On no other ground can the continued hesitancy of Athens and Bucharest be reasonably explained. Those in authority in Greece and Roumania must plainly realize the advantages they will gain if, by participating in the conflict on the side of the Entente Powers, they can assist in the defeat of Germany. It is logical to assume that these questions have been thoroughly discussed and the reasonable conclusion to be drawn from the continued reluctance to take the step is they are not yet assured that Germany will not win.

Meanwhile, time is passing and if the assistance of the two neutral nations is to be of the greatest service it must be secured quickly. Every day adds to the seriousness of the Balkan situation and if the Allies are called upon to send to that area sufficiently large forces to win against all probable opposition, nothing can be gained by an eleventh hour conversion either in Athens or Bucharest.

That this is in the mind of the representatives of the Entente Powers is evident from the demand made yesterday that Greece at once take steps to define her position. Instead of a "benevolent neutrality" she must satisfy London, Paris, Petrograd and Rome that she is prepared to provide additional facilities for the landing of troops and munitions and that she will take no measures against soldiers of the Allies who, by stress of battle, may be forced over her borders. Her reply cannot be longer delayed and if it is not favorable then the necessary action should be at once taken to ensure absolute immunity from possible Greek treachery.

It is not forgotten that King Constantine is pro-Entente in his sympathies and he alone can move the Greek nation to action. Venezuela apparently is not to be counted upon. Either he cannot or will not successfully oppose the will of his king so it is likely that Constantine, himself, will decide the issue. If the Allies are to count Greece as with their foe it may as well be understood at once and she can then be dealt with as the emergency of the case dictate.

The time has passed when empty professions of friendship can be held to discharge the whole duty of nations, which, though at present neutral, are in reality vitally concerned in the result of this war, and may take advantage of temporary reverses to throw their swords into the scale with the enemy. It is not likely that the Entente Powers will permit a continuance of the Balkan policy of delay, nor is it right that they should. The issues at stake in this war are of such vital importance to the world that the ambitions of Athens or Bucharest must be subordinated to the successful prosecution of the main issue, no matter how disagreeable the resultant action may be.

ENGLAND'S ANSWER.

There is an inspiration for every Canadian in the fact that while rumors alleging willingness to consider peace proposals continue to emanate from German sources, Great Britain has experienced the greatest recruiting boom in her history. Despatches from London say that yesterday saw men flocking to the recruiting offices, not in dozens or scores, but literally in hundreds. Possibly some of this revival of interest is due to Lord Derby's announcement that unless a sufficient number of volunteers came forward before the end of the month a species of compulsion will be introduced. But that does not detract at all from the significance of the fact that men for the Empire's army are being secured now at a faster rate than for months.

An American newspaper correspondent recently sent from Berlin a report of an interview with General Von Kluck in which that officer was asked, "How long will the war last," and replied, "As long as England is able to fight, and as long as America sends ammunition the war will continue." The statement of the German general is important, for the fact that it expresses the German belief that England will not give in until she is utterly exhausted.

In those words Germany spells defeat for herself, for, on every hand, there is abundant evidence that England will be able to continue fighting until the war has been carried to a successful issue. Following fast upon the Von Kluck statement comes a revival of recruiting interest in Britain, in itself a complete and significant reply to the rumors of German peace proposals.

There can be no cessation of the present war until conditions which make the war necessary have been so thoroughly amended that they can never again become a source of trouble. Germany's aggressive tendencies must be curbed and the world safeguarded against a further outbreak of the war-fever which has already cost so dearly in blood and money. There may be, and doubtless will be, temporary reverses, but they cannot affect the result. Victory for the Allies becomes more certain as the days pass.

WHAT DOES IT PROFIT?

The toll of ships taken by German submarines or mines has been added to during the past few days. Several merchant vessels, unarmed, peacefully plying their vocation, have been sent to the bottom and there has been some loss of life. The Germans have also succeeded in sinking a British hospital ship, and in that case, also, lives were lost. Summing up the past week's activities of German underwater craft will show that perhaps eight or ten vessels have been disposed of with an aggregate loss of life of less than 100 at the outside. And what does it profit Germany?

Despite the fact that German submarines are able to score an occasional success over unarmed vessels, the German high fleet is still in the Kiel Canal while the German flag has been swept from the seven seas. In direct contrast to that condition the British navy is stronger now than before the outbreak of war, the merchant ships of Britain and her Allies can plough the sea in comparative safety, and the few that fall victims to the enemy form but a very small proportion of the whole. The German submarine war was undertaken for the express purpose of starving England and that goal is today more remote than ever. What, therefore, does it profit Germany to launch torpedoes or sew mines against unarmed vessels whose loss can in no way affect the result of the conflict in which half the world is engaged? The idea that success can be won by waging war on non-combatant men and women is an error which may in the end prove disastrous for the nation making it. Germany's underwater war is a profitless and vain undertaking which, from the standpoint of practical result, will never justify the expenditure made upon it.

THE NEW BATTALIONS

New Brunswick now has an opportunity to recruit as never before. Authority has been given for the enlistment of three new battalions from this province and the campaign in their behalf will start at once. It will be a province-wide movement, systematically organized and with every effort exerted in the direction of its successful accomplishment.

The enlistment of more than 3,000 men from this province, in addition to those already enrolled, is an undertaking worthy of the best concerted effort and when the desired end has been attained, and the new battalions go forward to the battle lines of the Empire, New Brunswick will have made a record with which few provinces can compare. Its proportion to population, and considering conditions of settled employment this province has already done remarkably well. With the interest in recruiting stimulated by the splendid record made in the enrollment of the 104th there is every reason to believe that the appeal for additional men will meet with a gratifying response.

The new battalions will be the 115th, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Wedderburn, the 132nd, under command of Lieut.-Col. Mercereau, and the 140th, under command of Lieut.-Col. Fowler and affiliated with the 104th. An interesting feature that should prove especially attractive to St. John men is that two of the battalions, the 115th and the 140th will be mobilized and spend the winter in this city. The 132nd will be recruited and based on the North Shore.

Kings county, seventy-one years ago, was a Conservative in politics and an Anglican in religion. He is survived by his wife and eight children. John, George, Andrew and Eugene, his sons, and daughters, Mrs. Edwin Ogden, Mrs. Harry Lacey, Alice and Edna; Abraham and Joseph Kuphe of Andover, Victoria county, are brothers of the deceased.

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SEASONABLE HINTS.

"The real test of the farmer is, perhaps, in his ability to make the most profitable use of the various products of his farm, and his foresight in getting ready in every way practicable between harvest and seed time for the productive operations of the next season." Thus states J. H. Grisdale, Director Dominion Experimental Farms, in presenting Seasonable Hints, for November, December, January and February, to the farming public of Canada. A careful perusal of its sixteen pages will amply reward the stockman, the agriculturist, the horticulturist, the poultryman, the tobacco grower and those who are generally interested in bees. A feature of this third issue is the advice under the caption "Shelter the Implements." The enormity of the vast sum of money spent annually on farm machinery is impossible of realization. To equip an average farm with machinery costs about \$1,000, which under ordinary conditions of treatment will do good work for more than five years. To counteract this waste, for unsheltered implements means waste, shelters should be built. A working plan of a shed 25 by 47 feet outside measurements is given, with directions necessary for its construction. A careful study of this plan, which, as stated, is capable of many modifications, will be helpful to those intending to build. To those, therefore, who would have a compendium of information, which outlines many necessary fall and winter duties pertaining to agriculture in all its phases, Seasonable Hints, is available on application to The Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ontario.

OBITUARY.

George W. Kuphe, One of the elderly and respected residents of Gaspeaux Station, Queens county, died at his home on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst. (October, 1915) in the person of George W. Kuphe, Esq. For over fifteen years Mr. Kuphe has been a resident of Gaspeaux, conducting a blacksmith and general repair business. He was born in Kingston,

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Ma went down town shopping today and she took me with her own account of wanting to buy me a pair of shoes, my cousin Artie going, to own account of asking if he could, and after ma had bawled me the shoes she said, Now, I want to do a little more shopping and I don't want to half to drag you after me, suppose you and Artie go three that revolving door and meet me out there and the pavement.

With me and Artie went over to the revolving door, being a big wun with 4 lethr places in it and I sed, Lets both get in wun place and pretend we are the British army marching and go around about 6 times without getting out.

G, awl rite, sed Artie. And we both got in the same lethr thing in the revolving dor and started to push it around, saying, Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, heeds up for the British army.

W, G, wats that, sed Artie after we had went around about 5 times. W, I sed, Sumboddy saying something, sed Artie. Wich sumbody was, being a voice in the next lethr thing in back of us saying, Wat the devils the matir with this confounded thing wy wont it stop.

G, he wants to set out, I sed. And the next time our lethr thing passed the nextest me and Artie jumped out and ran around the corral and peeked back and a fat man looking as if he was as mad as he looked was standing outside the revolving door looking up and down the street as if he was looking for watevvr he was mad at.

How did we no he was in there, sed Artie. Wich how did we, and we was standing there peeking around at him and who came out but ma, and I sed, G, thares ma, we got to go back, lets wawk back as if it was the first time we was ever thare.

Wich we did, comin out frum in back of around the corral and wawking up to ma looking inmerent, and the fat man looked at us feadree and we looked back at him as if he didnt know what we was doin, and we wawked away with ma and the fat man keep staring after us, ma saying, For merseys sakes, is that man krazy. Me and Artie not saying watevvr he was of no.

The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, the 15th inst., a large procession of friends attending. Rev. J. S. Gregg of Welsford conducted the funeral services at the home of the deceased as also at Clarendon Hall of public worship, where Mrs. (Rev.) J. S. Gregg sang "There Will Be No Shadow."

Funeral services were the sons, John, George and Andrew, and son-in-law, Edwin W. Ogden of Clarendon Station. Andrew, Mr. Kuphe's third son, who was present at his father's funeral, is one of the 104th Battalion now in training at Sussex.

FUNERALS.

The body of Miss Lillian M., second daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Gordon, arrived on the noon train from Moncton. The remains were taken to the Mission Church, Paradise Row, where special services were conducted. Interment took place afterwards in the cemetery of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Family relatives acted as pallbearers. Many floral tributes were received.

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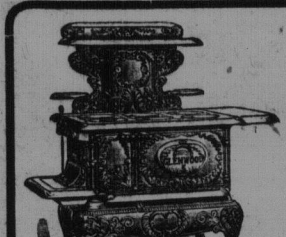
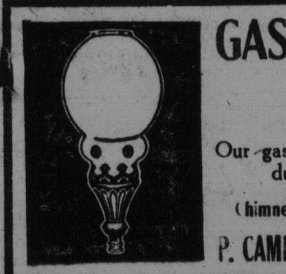
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