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VIVE LA FRANCE

The courage, the endurance and the resourcefulness of the French people are beyond praise. If there were any who dreamed before the war that the nation was given over to frivolity and a reckless dissipation of energy, they have their answer in the gallantry and sustained heroism of these three years of war. Nothing daunts the soul of France. Having, with the aid of the British, checked the advance on Paris early in the war, and flung back the invaders to the line of trenches they have since held so long, the French armies foiled the Germans at Verdun, held them at every other point of attack, gathered their forces, accepted with grim stoicism the losses inflicted; and now, with the coming of the third summer of the titanic struggle, they are hurrying themselves against the foe with a fiery courage that knows no such word as defeat. It is now the turn of the invader to look to his defenses, and the battles of the Somme and of this week have shed fresh lustre on the arms of France. Her women have been even more wonderful than her men. They have endured every privation and sacrifice, worked in the fields and wherever their hands could perform a useful task, and thus inspired the soldiers to fight the more gloriously for the honor of the French name, and to drive the invader from the soil of France. The British could ask no more faithful and resourceful ally than France has proved to be, and the two nations have in the furnace heat of war forged a bond of union that will never cease to hold them together for the peace of Europe and the welfare of humanity. Each rejoices today in the victories won by the other, and shoulder to shoulder they stand in the vanguard of the defenders of their common civilization.

THE JOY OF GIVING

The response to the appeal in behalf of the Military Y. M. C. A. once more demonstrates the generosity of the men of means in this city. The response a year ago was splendid, but that has been eclipsed. Nor was it necessary to argue the case. One of the business men who was engaged in the canvass told this paper yesterday that it was only necessary to say that he appeared in behalf of the men overseas and the check-book was forthwith produced. This citizen went out one morning and in forty minutes was back in his office with fifteen hundred dollars. Others may have done even better. Of course, the cause is one that appeals directly to the man who cannot himself go to the front, and there is the wonderful example of this appeal that meets with a generous response. It will be to the lasting credit of the people of St. John that they have not rejected the opportunity to know the joy of giving, and as custom becomes habit we may anticipate that in the years to come there will be far more generous support of all worthy causes than ever in the past. In this respect the war has wrought a change that will be fruitful in community welfare work when the conflict is ended and the task of reconstruction must be undertaken.

THE TARIFF BURDEN

A correspondent of the Montreal Herald expresses the view that the high prices prevailing in Canada will not tend to encourage settlers to come to this country. He says:

"Take the advertisement of the well-known Ford car, appearing in every paper and magazine in the United States—\$800 f. o. b. Detroit—\$405 f. o. b. Ford Ontario (right across the river). Does it cost \$185 more to make this car in Canada? And if not, who gets the difference? Will this 'ad' bring people to Canada? And there are any number of 'ads' daily drawing the attention of the world to these price comparisons, notwithstanding that all conditions and the cost of production in the two countries is practically the same. United States prices already represent cost of production plus a good, stiff tariff, and yet Canada adds another tariff on top of that."

In its comment on this letter the Herald makes some observations which are worth quoting in full:

"If the present shocking disparity between prices outside of Canada and inside of Canada continues, we might as well prepare ourselves for disappointment as regards all our hopes of attracting population and expanding in an industrial and commercial way after the war. All our advertising, and all our natural advantages, will not be sufficient to offset the withering influence of a reputation for being the dearest country in the wide world to live in. And nothing that we can say about the opportunities here offered for workers will have any weight with those workers who are confronted with countless advertisements all over the United States for all kinds of merchandise to the same effect as the one our correspondent quotes, namely that a certain article which can be purchased in the United States at the rate of \$800 costs \$405 in Canada, although identically the same article, and

although made in Canada, and therefore not having to pay a customs duty.

"There is no gainsaying the fact that the conditions and cost of production in Canada and the United States are practically the same. If they are not, what chance has Canada in the export trade? What raises the prices here is the fact, as stated by our correspondent, that 'While United States prices already represent cost of production plus a good, stiff tariff, yet Canada adds another tariff on top of that.' We believe Canadians generally have no adequate conception of the staggering proportion of the cost of every commodity represented by prices artificially boosted by a sky-high tariff. For instance, in the returns of the Department of Trade and Commerce for 1916, we find that the total dutiable goods imported into Canada amounted to \$310,138,014. On this a total customs duty was collected of no less a sum than \$108,940,100.86. But that is not all. The goods that were not imported, and that did not have to pay a customs duty, were sold at the same price as those that were imported, and the difference in the price was taken out of the pockets of Canadian consumers. This problem of artificially boosted prices has now reached the point where it is an actual menace to our national well-being."

The opponents of daylight-saving may not be numerous, but they are very active. Those who favor the change must bestir themselves or they will lose it. It is an interesting fact that while some of the opponents are opposed to any change, either now or at any future time, the chief spokesmen only object because the change is not national. That is to say, if it were made national they would welcome it. The best way to ensure its being made national is to have it adopted in as many parts of the country as possible. That is the way to get nation-wide reforms. It ought to be quite clear to everybody that no man, woman or child is asked to lose any sleep because of the change. If they get up earlier they can also go earlier to bed. The time for decision is short. Both sides will get a fair hearing, but let both sides be heard.

Universal sympathy goes out to Lieut. Col. George W. Fowler and Mrs. Fowler, whose only daughter has just died of pneumonia in London, England, whether she had gone to be with her parents. There was a report not long since that Lieut. Col. Fowler would go to France, but that has not been confirmed.

The Paris report of yesterday that the French had accounted for nearly 100,000 Germans, killed, wounded and prisoners, was not substantiated by the official statement. While this is a source of great disappointment, there is nevertheless great cause for satisfaction in the undoubted advance and the capture of at least 18,000 prisoners.

Britain is not to be disturbed by an election campaign before next November. The decision is a wise one, since there is no question of adequate leadership in the war.

The fact that over \$2,000 was collected in small contributions on Self-Denial Day is another illustration of public generosity, although the amount might have been trebled and nobody would be the worse for it.

Labor troubles in Berlin, following a reduction in the bread ration, may be settled for the present, but they will break out again. The agitation in favor of peace will also have an effect upon the minds of the suffering masses, despite the efforts of the government to control the situation.

The Germans will be very foolish to attempt to blockade any American port. Any damage they might be able to do to shipping would be so slight as to make it not worth the risk to their submarines, operating so far from their base.

Victory is not without its sorrows. The casualty lists must have a sobering effect upon the people of these provinces, reminding them again of the terrible seriousness of life in this trying period.

The Germans are still offering a stubborn defence of Lens, St. Quentin and Cambrai, but the British continue to advance, and one report says that the two first named, along with La Fere, may fall at any moment.

It may be hoped that out of many rumors St. John will presently get a shipyard. We had one chance to get a great shipbuilding plant, but a change of government at Ottawa destroyed it.

Some citizens do not hold that the thrift campaign should go the length of saving daylight.

The British continue to advance along the Tigris valley, driving the Turks before them.

LIGHTER VEIN

Playing for Bigger Stakes

"Why didn't you accept the Browns' offer to take us in their car to the party?"

"I thought I'd wait. They have just an ordinary auto and the Watsons have a limousine. They might offer to pick us up."

Trials of a Mother

"Mary, I shall take one of the children to church with me this morning," announced Mrs. Fashionet.

"Yes," replied the maid.

"Which one do you think will go best with my lavender gown?"

Temptation in His Way

Mrs. Nurox (to friend)—Yes, the clerk at the store suggested my getting a pair of opy glasses for Jake, but I said that I didn't want my man going out between the acts to fill 'em.

Explained

"When I was once in danger from a lion," said the old African explorer, "I tried sitting down and staring at him, as I had no weapons."

"How did it work?" asked his companion.

"Perfectly. The lion didn't even offer to touch me."

"Yes, miss; how do you account for it?"

"Well, sometimes I've thought it was because I sat down on the branch of a very tall tree."

A Man of Wealth

Dr. J. Lewengood at the Friars' Club last night, was heard telling of a friend of his who went to a bank to borrow \$5,000.

"The cashier took him to the president in order that the head of the bank might quiz him about his financial responsibility," said Dr. Lewengood. "Fifteen minutes later the president went to the cashier and said: 'Let him have the money. He's all right.'"

"How do you know he is?" asked the cashier.

"He's got an onion breath," replied the president.

"Are you going to make a flower bed here, Judkins?" asked a young lady of the gardener.

"Yes, miss; them's the orders," answered the gardener.

"Can't help it, miss; them's the orders. He says he'll have it laid out for horticulture, not for husbandry."

"Why, it'll quite spoil the croquet ground."

"Can't help it, miss; them's the orders. He says he'll have it laid out for horticulture, not for husbandry."

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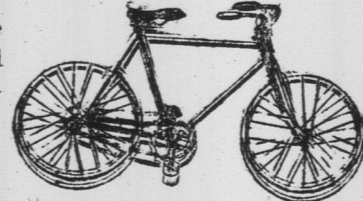
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N.B. Men in the Casualty List

Though no official figures are available, it is understood that officers' casualties already received, dating back to April 8, number more than 400. These include over 200 lieutenants wounded. Most of these casualties occurred in the first few days of the Canadian drive. The total to date is probably very much greater.

Ottawa, April 17—The 10.30 a.m. list follows:

INFANTRY.

Killed in Action.

Major G. R. Heron, Halifax (N. S.)

Died of Wounds.

J. Lawson, Chatham (N. B.)

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RATIONS FOR THE V.A.D.; PLAN NEW UNIFORMS

Only active members of the V. A. D. Society will be kept on the strength of the organization, according to a decision arrived at last night at a meeting held in St. John's (Stone) church. It was pointed out that there was a possibility that a very heavy demand may be coming upon the members of the society during the coming summer and for this reason it is desirable that each individual enrolled be ready at a moment's notice to give service where and when required. Those who are not willing to actively identify themselves with the V. A. D.'s will necessarily have to withdraw from the society.

At last night's meeting the treasurer, Miss Madeline DeGore, made a report as did the assistant commandant, Miss Stella Payson, the latter on the nursing work being carried on at the military hospital. A request was made for new workers to enter this branch of the service and those who have passed in the two classes conducted by the St. John Ambulance Association are specially asked to come forward.

The matter of uniforms was discussed and it was decided to change the uniform to that adopted by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which is iron gray in color. The khaki colored uniform now worn will be abandoned.

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Life of British House Extended

London, April 17—All possibility of the country being disturbed in the near future by a general election was removed tonight when, by a vote of 298 to 52, the house of commons passed on second reading the bill for the extension of the life of the parliament until November.

The Nationalists were the chief opponents of the bill, on the ground elaborated by John Dillon, member of East Mayo, that no solution of home rule for Ireland had yet been announced.

POLICEMAN'S ASSAULT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Policeman James Gosline, who was badly beaten while making an arrest at a late hour Saturday night, was able to attend court yesterday afternoon and there tell what had happened. The policeman showed the effects of ill treatment. He bore several patches on the top of his head where stitches had been inserted by Dr. Kenney. His face was considerably swollen and both eyes puffed out in an unnatural manner. He was able to tell his story, however, although suffering as the result of the treatment he had undergone. After hearing the statement of Policeman Gosline, Judge Ritchie committed for trial Roy Clark, charged with drunkenness, using obscene language and attacking and doing bodily harm to Policeman Gosline, and refused to admit the prisoner to bail. Clark told the court that he was drunk at the time and could not remember anything of the affair.

The prisoner was represented by E. S. Ritchie.

Ford Waives Right

Detroit, April 17—Henry Ford, at the request of the British government, has waived all patent rights on his farm tractor, and has cabled the specifications to England so Great Britain can manufacture tractors for use in the British Isles and in France.

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A substantial sum was added to Major Birks' Y. M. C. A. fund through the informal dancing party given in Masonic hall last evening by Loyalist Chapter, I. O. O. F. The hall was crowded to its capacity, with a throng of young people, including a large number of officers and privates, who enjoyed a programme of sixteen dances to the music furnished by the 217th Battalion Band. It was made a decided informal affair, and was served a shirtwaist dance by the ladies in charge. The informality and general atmosphere of congeniality that was evident added materially to the enjoyment of the occasion, which differed from the average dance with its formalities. A committee of which Miss Edith Schofield was convenor was in charge of the general arrangements and included Miss Catherine McAvity, Miss Dorothy Fitzgerald, Miss Kathleen Goater, and Misses Sturges. The refreshments served by the chapter were prepared by Mrs. W. A. Lockhart, Jr., Mrs. W. Vassie, Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Frank Young. Mrs. T. E. Ryder, Mrs. L. W. Barker and Mrs. F. Norman Sanclon had general oversight of the floor and made it their duty to see that all were supplied with partners.

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