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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1917.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until the 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.

THE WAR GROWS IN INTENSITY.

The news from the western front establishes that the projected big drive of the Entente forces is now well under way. British and French troops have made good progress against the enemy and are gradually driving the Germans from their positions on the so-called Hindenburg line. The whole military powers of the Anglo-French armies are being hurled against the foe. Men, guns and munitions, gathered particularly for the purpose, are at last in action and the "dogs of war" unleashed in all their fury. Nothing comparable with the attack now under way has been attempted since this war commenced.

The portent of this united movement against the enemy cannot be overestimated. Germany is unable to concentrate her forces against so tremendous an onslaught of the foe. Her railroad system that permitted her to swing her forces back and forth as the demand occurred is rendered valueless as the enemy strikes all along the line.

Except Germany is prepared to hold her front everywhere she cannot shortly hold it anywhere. She is now called upon to resist the full weight of the allied armies. Britain's splendid new forces are on the scene, and they go into this mortal struggle with the confidence of victory won on the Arras front and with the knowledge that Hindenburg had been compelled to withdraw on the Somme.

The blow that is now being struck may carry the allied armies far into the territory held by Germany through three years of war. It is but the beginning of the desperate effort to wrest French and Belgian terrain from the enemy. Britain is summoning every man to his place, and doubtless has her reserves ready.

Canadians who have been training in England through the winter will go forward probably at once. Canadians yet in Canada are likely to be called across the seas with little delay.

Germany is feverishly seeking to be released from the necessity of fighting against Russia, by a separate peace. This movement will almost certainly fail, through the successes that will wait upon the allied movement in France and the financial help that the United States is ready to offer to the Russian Government.

Italy may be expected to unite with her allies in the south and west, and to begin at once an attack upon the Austrians.

We shall shortly know what is the extent of the boasted German staying power. We do not believe that, when the enemy is compelled to suffer as he will suffer under this blow now launched, he will have the courage long to stand up against it. He has never shown himself to be the plucky fighter, the "never-know-when-you-are-licked" sort of soldier that the British Tommy and the French Poulh have proved. If he has the metal in him he must show it now.

Under the strain of the vital days and weeks that are at hand the Canadian people will stand shoulder to shoulder. It is our least service that we engage in the most emphatic way to produce every ounce of foodstuffs of which we are capable. There must be no laggards among us. By bending to these duties we shall better nerve ourselves against the exacting influences of the news from Europe. To keep busily employed in some work that will back up the brave men who are battling in our name and in our behalf in blood-stained France and Flanders is the best possible antidote to nervous tension.

AN INDUSTRIAL CENSUS.

The taking of a comprehensive and up to date census of industries, has been decided upon by Sir George Foster, and arrangements for putting the decision into effect are being made by the census and statistics branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

This a work which should be of

great value, particularly in connection with the industrial re-organization which will come after the war, a re-organization upon which whatever Imperial trade plan is decided upon, will exercise an important influence. Any broad system of trade reconstruction must carry with it such an industrial re-organization as will make it practicable. It is necessary, if this is to be done, that there be available reasonably exact data upon existing industries, their present development and the possibilities of expansion which they present. This is doubtless what Sir George Foster has in mind, in the step which he is now taking. Industrial statistics have been collected in times past as a part of the decennial census.

The obvious objection to this is that the enumerators capable of conducting a per capita count—the main business of the census—are not, as a rule, equipped with the qualifications necessary for the efficient performance of the more technical work called for in the collection of industrial data. It is intended that hereafter the two branches of the census shall be separated, the census of manufactures being taken in a different year from that of the decennial census of population and agriculture, the department making use of more complex forms and employing more skilled collectors. In the periods between the industrial censuses, an effort will be made to keep the figures up to date by means of limited inquiries covering certain basic features. In all this work the federal bureau will co-operate, as far as possible, with the various provincial departments engaged in the compilation of similar data. It is intimated also that the census and statistics office plans simultaneously to inaugurate, in conjunction with the provinces, a new system for estimating crop acreages, yields, the number of farm livestock, and so on, between censuses. This is all good business, and is being undertaken in good time. The industrial returns from the census of 1911 were added to in 1915 by a postal census of manufactures, and the results of these inquiries constitute the latest information now available. The new census will be launched toward the end of this year and the information obtained will be in the possession of the Government and of the public for the year 1918.

AMERICAN PREACHERS AND THE WAR.

Last Sunday, in at least a dozen churches in the city of New York, representative divines practically turned their pulpits into recruiting platforms.

Dr. Charles A. Eaton was one of the first of the more prominent leaders of the Church forces in that city to bring down the mighty hammer of his logic upon the rim of liberty bell, and the sound that ensued was heard far and wide throughout the nation.

Another Baptist preacher, Rev. George R. Baker, whose home, by the way is in St. John, not long since preaching in the city of Ithaca, delivered a discourse of more than ordinary power to a large and influential congregation. This sermon was immediately printed by members of the congregation and has been widely circulated.

"Did not the Chancellor know," questions this fearless preacher with fine discernment, "that to remain within our borders at the behest of a foreign government, is to make America a vassal state. It is true of countries as of persons, 'His servants ye are whom ye obey.'"

The argument of this sermon was irresistible and, St. John, indeed, is proud and grateful to think that one of her sons stands in a great pulpit, within hearing of the professors and students of Cornell with the discrimination and daring to deliver so timely and necessary a message. He concludes with these striking words:

"Let the Church declare that might is not right, for the individual nor for the State. This whole horror that for more than two years has agonized the world, grew out of a belief in the heart of the dominant class in Germany, that for the state there was no moral code, that the law of tooth and claw was supreme; that the weak had no rights which the strong were bound to respect. The theory was that humanity advanced by the strong asserting their strength, that the level of humanity was raised by the crushing out of the weak. Was there ever a time to preach the Gospel of Christ that ye that are strong ought to bear the iniquity of the weak and not to please your-

selves? Was there ever a time to proclaim Christ like this time? Lift Him up before the eyes of men. 'He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and give His life a ransom for many.' The damnable doctrine that necessity knows no law has found a believer in the army and navy of Germany."

Surely no greater service has been rendered to the cause of the Empire and of humanity as represented by it at the present time than that which has been so freely given by these splendid sons of Canadian parents, graduates of our Universities, who standing within the many influential pulpits of the United States as well as Canada, have been among the first to sound the alarm and to tear off the masks from the Kaiser and his fellow conspirators against the liberties as well as the peace of the world.

MARRIAGES.

Brown Betts.
Dedicated April 17.—A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Betts on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when their daughter, Elsie, was united in marriage to Calvin Brown, of Grand Manan, Rev. S. W. Stackhouse performing the ceremony.

The bride looked charming in a gown of white silk crepe de chene and allover net with pearl trimmings and a conventional wedding veil and orange blossoms, and carried a large bouquet of white carnations and roses.

As the Lohengrin wedding march was rendered by Mrs. J. C. Wilson the bride entered the room, leaning on the arm of her father. Shortly after the ceremony a luncheon was served to about forty guests. The bride received many gifts testifying to her popularity both here and surrounding towns. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome wrist watch, to the pianist a brooch. The bride's bouquet was presented by her father and brother Alfred.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown left by I. C. R. for Newcastle en route to Cape Tormentine where they have spent the summer, the bride travelling in a very becoming suit of navy serge with hat to match.

PATENTS DEVICE TO SAVE SUBMARINES.

Demonstrating a device for raising submarines to the surface, the other day, Mr. Muscroft, of No. 278 Fulton street, Brooklyn, yesterday illustrated the workings of a patent which he asserts will revolutionize the navigation of "hundreds" of craft. The demonstration took place in the basement of the inventor's office in the presence of a group of scientific men and newspaper reporters. A large tank of water, Mr. Muscroft showed how a quantity of acetylene gas, generated in a tiny tank on the model, automatically inflated the ballast tanks, causing the miniature submarine to rise to the surface with perfect buoyancy.

The device consists of a tank on the deck of the submarine containing two compartments. In one is stored water and in the other lumps of calcium carbide. Running from the tank to a series of bags in the ballast tanks is the lead of the craft. A pipe which conveys the acetylene gas to the bags, causing them to inflate, thereby forcing out the water from the tanks and effecting the raising of the submarine. Mr. Muscroft said that he had been studying the problem of the submarine for some time, and that he had been successful in his efforts to solve it.

Mr. Muscroft is an electrical engineer and a graduate of the University of Messina, Italy. He came to this country fifteen years ago and began to study submarines. He has patented the device and the United States navy is to make formal tests of it. The same principle can be employed in aeroplanes, he says, the motor of the craft being the same process when he feels there is danger of falling. The bags would offer resistance to the air and prevent too rapid descent and should the engine stop and on water the bags would keep it afloat.—N. Y.

BANK CLEARINGS

St. John.
Bank clearings for the week were \$3,082,503, compared with \$1,721,566 for the corresponding week last year.

Montreal, April 19.—Montreal bank clearings climbed to a new record with the week ended today, the total of \$102,897,713, comparing with \$73,141,702 for the corresponding week last year, and \$49,550,538 in 1915.

Toronto, April 19.—Bank clearings here for the week ended today were the largest in the history of the clearing house. The comparative figures follow:—This week \$85,120,996; last week \$44,830,470; a year ago \$27,871,733.

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By LEE PAPE

The Park Ave. News.
Weather. Sprinkles caused by watter in the clouds. Reaches Age of 10. Law Davis was 10 years old last Saturday. When asked by a reporter how he happened to live so long without dying, he stated that he never worries and has always ate between meals as much as possible.

Big Smash Up. A push cart belonging to Smith meat store, which was being pushed by Sleepy Miller, crashed into Sam Cross at the corner of Park Ave. and Berks street last Thursday on account of Sleepy Miller not looking where he was going. When Sam Cross got over his surprise, it was found that nobody was hurt.

Sisley Notes. Miss Mary Watkins and Miss Lily Levy, 2 well known members of sisley, have decided to go into the fly swatting business, charging 6 cents for every 50 dead flies killed in a house and promising not to bring any dead ones in from outside. Mr. Sid Hunt is being congratulated on another new baby brother, Mr. Hunt acting very modest about it and saying he wished it had been a bicycle.

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Lost and Found Department. Lost by Puda Simkins—A birthday present handkerchief with a blue border erround it. Finder can keep it. Found—Nothing.

DAYLIGHT SAVING AND THE SQUARE DEAL

Last night's meeting in the Board of Trade Rooms brought to the surface many of the really serious objections to Daylight Saving. There were those opposed to it for all time, others who felt that a National Wide law would obviate many of the difficulties. The rooms were packed with serious-minded breadwinners. Some of the parties favorable to the plan spoke in its behalf but their arguments appeared idealistic and selfish as against the indisputable testimony of hard-headed working men in all trades and some whose business suffers in many ways from the isolated position of St. John. Several suggested that firms espousing the Daylight scheme simply give their employees the extra hour out of whole cloth and let the rest of the town do business in its own way until the Plan in dispute is made general. When reports on petitions were asked for many stated that they had secured hundreds of voters' signatures readily. Very few serious folks opposed the spirit of the petition. Scores of additional papers were requested and phone calls kept coming in for others. In fact it was a surprising demonstration of the discontent existing over this by-law, under present conditions at any rate. It went to show that the adoption of the Plan was a blind move, a hasty one done in blisful ignorance of what it might do—and did do—to some people. One of the prime movers in the matter last year is opposed to it this year and wants to see the scheme nationalized or dropped locally.

IF IT IS NATIONALIZED IT IS LAW FOR EVERYBODY

But in St. John alone it is Pleasure vs. Havoc.

SIGN THE PETITION AGAINST IT!

ago \$47,730,976; two years ago \$36,964,769.

London, Ont.
London, Ont., April 19.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$2,970,385, corresponding week last year \$1,965,741.

Winnipeg.
Winnipeg, April 19.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$71,518,849, corresponding week last year \$57,871,733 and in 1915, \$35,722,195.

EAST FLORENCEVILLE.

East Florenceville, April 19.—Mrs. E. C. Jenkins is spending a week at the home of Hon. B. F. Smith and wife, at Fredericton, N. B. Miss M. F. Carle who has been attending the millinery openings at St. John, N. B., returned home last week and intends to open a department in connection with her store.

Miss Jennie Paget of Hartland, N. B., teacher, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Simonsen on Sunday. Hon. B. F. Smith spent the week-end at Grand Falls, N. B. On his way north he stopped at Arcootook Jct. to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. R. D. White. Raymond Power, who has been acting asst. agent at C. P. R. Station, has been transferred to Woodstock freight office for an indefinite period, due to the illness of one of the staff in that office, he is being relieved by Jas. Bolger of Benton, N. B.

Two of the staff of the Florenceville Consolidated School spent the Easter holidays at the respective homes, Miss Mercereau and Miss Perley.

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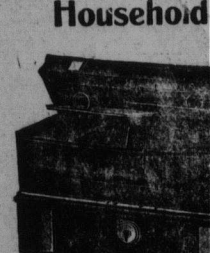
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