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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1918.

"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.

THE VICTORY LOAN.

Well done New Brunswick! And well done St. John! The wonderful success attending the Victory Loan is a matter for congratulation on all sides. Not only in the total contributions, but in the numbers of subscribers, have we reason to be pleased with what has been accomplished. In a province and in a city poor in comparison with some other districts in Canada, we have far exceeded the heavy quota apportioned, and have subscribed to this very necessary cause far more generously than many at the beginning of the campaign believed would be possible. It is no harm now to say that three weeks ago there were many, even closely connected with the provincial and local organizations, who doubted very much whether this community could reach the figure to which we aspired. But our Province has done its share, and more than its share, and for this very excellent result a great deal of credit must go to those forming the various committees, who have given so devotedly of their time and their energies to the organization of effective working forces, and to the thousand and one details which had to receive attention.

And congratulations to the subscribers themselves in that they have so widely and so generously realized the value of the investment which they were making, and have put their money into a fund which will bring them satisfactory returns, and which at the same time will develop in them a realization that they have done something at least towards winning the war and making safe the coming years of reconstruction.

FEED THE GERMANS.

This is a good one. Down in New York a very sympathetic and Christian-like gentleman deplores the prevailing attitude of dislike towards the Germans. He thinks it is very unkind for any person to refuse to extend whatever aid may be necessary in the matter of foodstuffs, and regrets the seeming hesitation of some people in the matter of providing the Hun with the proper form of sustenance. "Certainly feed them," he says. "I have no patience with people who would refuse to listen to the plea of the Germans to be fed by their enemies." And then he goes on to outline just how they should be fed. The Germans should get from the Allies just what they themselves consider proper food, nourishment and sufficient, and the best plan is to ascertain how much and what it is that they themselves believe to be sufficient rationing for men. Filled with kindness and with the desire to take the very best care of their prisoners of war, the Germans gave them food nearly every day. There were numerous exceptions, of course, but as a rule the prisoners were fed once a day, and it is only fair that we should now give the Germans that same very generous treatment. Now what the Germans fed to the prisoners, who were human beings like themselves, and in need of the same kind of nourishment, must be regarded as the food that they themselves desire, and here is what we in this country will gladly permit to be exported for the purpose of feeding the hungry Hun. They can take all the acorns we grow, which when dried and ground make excellent coffee, as is evidenced by the fact that this is what the Germans gave our prisoners. They may have the sawdust from our mills, which they have used in the helping out in the making of bread for our own boys in their prison camps. They can have any amount of water that they may desire, for it is found in the official reports of the treatment of war prisoners published by the British Government in 1918, that in certain camps British, Canadians, Americans and French who happened to be made prisoners were fed on bread and boiled water. In the prison at Salome, where 1,500 British and 800 Portuguese were confined, the diet consisted of horse flesh, a black kind of fish full of ammonia and salt, and occasionally, though rarely, a small teaspoonful of apple jelly. Now here is our chance. We must be just and we must be generous. Let us give the Germans with our heartiest good wishes all our dead horses, and all our spoiled fish. This is an excellent diet on their own showing, and while there may be some of us who would feel a tinge of regret in parting with such quantities of these food stuffs as will be required, the majority in this country will manage to struggle along without them. By all means feed the Germans.

CENSORSHIP.

The United States Press Censor, who, by the way, did not exist, has discharged himself. There was no such animal in the United States, but publishers all over the country assumed at the expressed wish of the Government a voluntary censorship of their news columns, and in accordance with suggestions offered from time to time, they willingly and unanimously excluded from their publications, any articles or any information which could be regarded as of value to the enemy. In Canada we have had a Press Censor who has acted on the whole with moderation and with fairness to all, whose rulings have at times seemed unnecessary, but who has had, generally speaking, very few occasions on which to make complaints of violations of his requests by Canadian publishers.

All early accounts seem to indicate that the Y.W.P.A. won out against the Travelers in the Victory Loan campaign. From reports now received these girls have taken in something like \$300,000.00. There were in all six teams of twenty workers, of whom many found it impossible to get on the job at all, while the majority of others were able to devote only a little while at meal hours or in the evenings to the duty before them. Under these circumstances the results which they have achieved are really remarkable, and the greatest credit is due the Y.W.P.A. for the splendid effort they have made. They and the commercial travellers together were given the hardest job of all, namely to clean up the town after all the cream had been taken off by the regular canvassers, and the fact that these two groups between them have taken more than a half million dollars in applications, is merely an indication of what persistence and energy will accomplish.

The story of the Irishman who gathered in a bunch of the enemy and reported to his colonel that he had surrounded them, has become true in the case of Lieutenant Rutherford, of Quebec, now awarded the Victoria Cross. This officer, without going to the trouble of spreading himself all over the country, managed to impress the enemy with the belief that they were surrounded, working on their feelings to such an extent that forty-seven Germans with three machine guns surrendered.

Wish you had a picture of the man who said girls couldn't sell bonds. The trouble is that in a newspaper such as this he would be so small as to be unrecognizable.

As the World Goes.

Los Angeles Times—Prince of Denmark visits Charlie Chaplin; Jess Willard promises to put on a pair of gloves and box someone; American women fry 10,000 doughnuts on battle front for American soldiers; eminent doctors say to wear influenza gas masks, while doctors just as eminent say cheesecloth masks are no good; one court holds session under trees, while another judge sits indoors; a peep at a few items in the daily paper. An interesting world, my countrymen!

Religion and War.

Atlantic Monthly—No one can tell yet whether there will be a shrinkage or an enlargement of the content of faith as a result of the war, but there are certain to be many sharp reactions against ecclesiasticism. No foe of our intricate social structure has been hit harder than sectarianism; wherever the frightful drama which is to reshape the race is being played out, such things as Presbyterianism, Methodism, Episcopalianism, yes, even Protestantism and Catholicism—seem to be an irrelevance and an impertinence.

Estimate of Casualties.

An estimate of the total casualties of the war places them at the enormous figure of 27,875,000, while the dead are figured at 10,000,000. Of the belligerents Russia is estimated to have had casualties of 7,000,000, with Germany next with 6,900,000, and Austria-Hungary third with 4,500,000. The casualties of France are set at 4,000,000; of Britain, 2,900,000; of Italy, 1,000,000; of Turkey, 750,000; of Belgium, 350,000; of Rumania, 200,000; of Bulgaria, 200,000, and of the United States, 75,000. Serbia is not mentioned in the list, but the Serbs met with very large losses in proportion to their population.

Order is Heaven's First Law.

Did you ever make a note on a piece of paper and then spend more time trying to read it, than it would have taken to have thought it up?—Portland Press.

We decline to incriminate ourselves.—Globe.

Isn't that parallel to the manner in which a Maine Judge describes a blotter as a thing you hunt for while your ink is drying.—Portland Press.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL

At It Again.

Nov. 16, 1918, Queens Co.
Dear Sirs:—On my travels down river from Fredericton, I have seen a number of dandelions, also buttercups, daisies, clovers, pansies, strawberry blossoms, etc. this month. These dandelions open in honor of His Majesty George the Fifth, who is indeed our Dandy Lion. I have picked ripe October raspberries enough for three persons at supper. Yours truly, F. J. SOAL, Missionary.

Our Sermons.

Dear Editor: I am writing this letter to thank you and also those very kind ministers for sending us (by the way of your paper) those highly appreciated sermons at a time when we could not attend public service. I hope they will continue to do so.

There are many people who cannot get to public service, or, if they do, they are so tired and afflicted, and many live too far from churches to attend, and many do not want to go when it is at their doors, because it is not their church, and perhaps there are many who would read your papers on Sunday that would not read a chapter in the Bible. Therefore I think it would be like casting God's bread upon the waters, if the ministers of all denominations would kindly send us sermons through your valuable paper. And it will teach us all a good lesson, that all ministers of any church can teach us how to come to Christ and be saved, and how to live faithfully for God. If they, the ministers, have themselves been baptized with the Holy Ghost and the fire of God's love, I rejoice with you all and give my heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for victory to our nation.

P. S.—Please do not insert my name in the paper, and please look over all mistakes for I am 83 years old and do not feel like writing.

Rockwood Park and Dogs.

To the Editor of The Standard:—Naturally the life of an animal is limited, whether in captivity or at large, and so it must be expected that losses will occasionally occur even in the well looked after Rockwood Park Zoo. These losses are inevitable but when they are increased through violence and presumably avoidable causes, the difficulty of keeping up the live stock collection is greatly increased. Visitors to the Park have no doubt often admired on the waters of Lily Lake the majestic white swans spreading their great sail-like wings to catch the favouring or other wing breeze, the native Canada geese, Branta Canadensis and the ever graceful ducks with their variegated plumage including the more sombre black duck, Anas Olor, also wild and native. These native birds require special care that they do not follow their natural instincts and join the migrating flocks that pass overhead, especially the wild geese with their honk, honk, harbiners of spring and harbiners of winter each in its appointed season.

One of the winging of each bird is carefully clipped from time to time, but this while preventing its flight renders it a prey to other animals. This autumn no less than four of the dimpling flocks of wild geese were found on one of the roads near Lily Lake not much mutilated but killed by a downward thrust, back of the neck, a vulnerable spot, followed by a shake given by a wandering dog during the previous night, just in dog no doubt, and then left there to die.

Very recently a canine was caught red handed in the act of chasing to its death a beautifully marked duck. Had he been undetected perhaps the whole flock on Lily Lake would have been destroyed. Fortunately the animal was caught and held for ransom. Think you it was a low mongrel, an ill bred cur? Not by any means. It was one of the kind for the encouragement of the breeding of which dog shows are held, and prizes given, a beautiful looking cocker spaniel which had taken first and special prizes at the recent dog show, owned by a gentleman in business, whose home in the city proper is where he keeps the animal is a mile or more distant from the Park. The owner in due course claimed his property and paid a fine of eight dollars—but his recognition is a wild bird is difficult to procure alive and unharmed. Probably this well bred but untamed dog will some day repeat his visit accompanied perhaps by other canines to be educated in Kultur.

Does not the experience of the Park convey a lesson to the whole province? What sweeter lamb, what better favored mutt can be found anywhere than that raised in New Brunswick? It is said that the climate and soil of the province are in many places well adapted to sheep raising and to the raising of other animals, but it does not flourish and the reason is the dog, dogs of all kind, cocker spaniels and other sporting dogs, fox terriers and other ornamental dogs, even collies and curs are the sheep's enemy if untrained. If this is doubted ask the many farmers whose flocks have been destroyed, within a very short time, tallowed rain and several valuable sheep were mangled to death at night time on a well known and well appointed farm near Apohaqui whose owner is overseas, by an unknown dog. What is the remedy? The Local Government is to be greatly commended for its efforts to encourage sheep raising, but the dog menace should first be done away with. I am a lover of dogs. I have owned more than half a dozen at various times. Some were first and special prize winners. The affection of a dog to its owner is remarkable. Its devotion and companionship are admitted but the solution of the sheep question can only be reached when every dog in the province off its owner's premises and not under leash or accompanied by its master, is put out of harm's way.

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Treasurer St. John Horticultural Assn.

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"I'm afraid so."

"But when he married his wife he called her his 'jewel'."

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Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

The Park Ave. News.

Military News. At a meeting of Company B last Saturday afternoon Capt. Benny Potts said it would be a good idea to start up an Officers Training School, and General Skinny Martin said it was a good idea all right, but what was the use, on account of them all being officers already. With Sargent Percy Weaver and he was a regular officer and we couldn't they start up an Officers Training School for him, but everybody except Sargent Weaver voted No.

Intirrating Facts about Intirrating People. Pads Simkins says he wished he had of took up the violin instead of the piano, on account of more accidents being liable to happen to a violin without using much force, but a piano is such a healthy instrument its always ready to be practiced on.

Pome by Skinny Martin.

APPEARANCES IS DECEITFUL.

I spilled some ink on my brand new pants,
The ink bottle was being half filled,
But by the looks of the pants you wouldn't of thought
A half a bottle was all that I spilled.

Society. Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Leroy Shooster announced that he expects to give a party on his birthday next month, only he hasn't told his mother yet, so he ain't sure. Among those present were the nouncement was made Mr. Benny Potts, Miss Mary Watkins, Mr. Sid Hunt and Mr. Ed Wernick. We hope to see a lot of coal in their cellar telling people without any how many tons they got.

A BIT OF VERSE

The Kaiser and God.

(By Barry Pain)

"I rejoice with you in Wilhelm's first victory. How magnificently God supported him!"—Telegram from the Kaiser to the Crown Princess.

Led by Wilhelm as you tell,
God has done extremely well;
You with patronizing nod
Show that you approve of God.
Kaiser, face a question now—
This: Does God approve of you?

Broken pledges, treaties torn,
Your first page of war adorn.
We on fouler things must look,
Where you did in time of war
All that you in peace foreswore.
Where you, barbarously wise,
Bade your soldiers terrorize.

Where you made—the deed was fine—
Women scream your firing line.
Villages burned down to dust,
Torture, murder, bestial lust,
Filth too foul for printer's ink,
Crimes from which the apes would shrink.

Strange the offerings that you press,
On the God of Righteousness!
Kaiser, when you'd decorate
Sons or friends who serve your State,
Not that Iron Cross bestow,
But a Cross of Wood, and so—
So remind the world that you
Have made Calvary anew.

Kaiser, when you'd kneel in prayer
Look upon your hands, and there,
Let that deep and awful stain
From the blood of children slain
Burn your very soul with shame,
Till you dare not breathe that Name
That you gleefully advertise—
God as one of your allies.

Impious braggart, you forget,
God is not your conscript yet,
You shall learn in dumb amazement
That His ways are not your ways.
That the mire through which you trod
Is not the high, white road of God.
To Whom, whichever way the combat rolls,
We, fighting to the end, commend our souls.

—London Times.

Feminine Finance.

Grammar—I don't see how I'll be able to escape the income tax.
Mrs. Grammar—It's your own fault. You should have given me all the money I asked you for, dear.

MILBURN'S LAXA-LIVER PILLS.

Act as a stimulant to the sluggish liver, clean the clogged tongue, sweeten the foul, obnoxious breath, and where he keeps the animal is a mile or more distant from the Park. The owner in due course claimed his property and paid a fine of eight dollars—but his recognition is a wild bird is difficult to procure alive and unharmed. Probably this well bred but untamed dog will some day repeat his visit accompanied perhaps by other canines to be educated in Kultur.

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