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WELCOME HOME.

St. John rejoices today that the men of the siege batteries are home again and that the 26th Battalion is following close behind. This morning's welcome will be repeated when the infantry unit arrives. While the soldiers welcome committee has been constantly busy since men began to arrive from overseas, and all the citizens rejoiced to know that the war was over and our loved ones returning, there has been no general welcome as that of this morning, when the city made holiday to greet the first large detachment of local men to arrive in a body. Perhaps those who were most demonstrative in welcoming the battery men were those who had shared the same dangers and knew as we can never know what they endured in the winter of war. Those who had already felt the first glad thrill of seeing the bronzed and eager faces of their own loved ones who had previously returned felt a quick sympathy with the emotion of relatives this morning when they realized that at least the long vigil was over and past. Even they who long for "the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still," could "rejoice with them that do rejoice," that these others had not been called upon to yield the last supreme measure of devotion. We shall not soon forget the scene. It has become a part of our history, and is a token of that which is deep down in all hearts in relation to the sufferings and sacrifices and worthy deeds of all our young men who did a noble part in the service not alone of Canada and the Empire but of civilization. We bid them thrice welcome home again, to scenes they loved and so often longed to see again when Death stalked forth in fields of dreadful strife beyond the sea.

THE SCOUT MOVEMENT.

We will undoubtedly hear more about boy scouts and sea scouts as a result of the visit of Sir Robert Baden-Powell to St. John. He told the Canadian Club yesterday that when he spoke in this city some years ago it was on a theory, but since then the theory has been subjected to the most severe of all tests and has justified itself. The war tested and proved the boy scouts, and Sir Robert points out that if we are to mobilize our manhood and fit the rising generation for its great task we need the healthy training given by the scout movement.

St. John will be especially interested in sea scouts. This is a newer development which proved of such immense benefit to the British navy that Admiral Beatty is now chief sea scout, and Admiral Jellicoe is giving special attention to the movement in his tour of the Empire. As a seaport with a great and growing trade, St. John is a natural centre for sea scout training. It does not supplant but supplements the boy scout movement.

Sir Robert declares that St. John is exceptionally well suited for scout training, which is done chiefly out of doors and under such conditions as are readily available here. The difficulty, as he points out, is in the scarcity of scout leaders. No doubt the large and very representative audience which heard him yesterday will take steps to remedy this deficiency. It is not hard to popularize such a movement if men of influence are willing to give it some of their leisure time.

That was a very significant remark, the chief scout made when he said that the boy with a hobby is not likely to get into serious mischief. If by making him a boy scout a boy may be so aroused and interested that he will have a hobby he is already provided with a suit of armor against many temptations. The Times-Star yesterday referred to the need of developing in the young a love of art and of the beautiful in nature. Sir Robert Baden-Powell dwelt upon the same thought yesterday and upon the importance of getting the boy to realize himself the charms of nature and of art.

Not only the Empire but the world owes much to this modest soldier, artist and author, who has devoted himself so earnestly and with such an understanding sympathy to the cause of a right development of boy life. His simple and direct method of appeal is very effective, and when next he comes this way there should be a splendidly organized boy scout and sea scout training system in full operation in St. John.

The American flyers are off on the first stage of their trans-Atlantic journey in hydro-aeroplanes. It will be a great feat if successfully accomplished.

The Irish-Americans in Dublin who are demanding an Irish republic would be better advised if they left that kind of talk to the Sinn Féin.

All interested in the boys and girls of the east end of the city should unite to make the Improvement League about to be organized a thoroughly live organization.

Now for the welcome to the 26th Battalion.

GIRL GUIDES.

Lady Baden-Powell should not be discouraged by any apparent lack of interest in the girl guides movement in St. John. There is the same reason to interest girls in this as to interest boys in scouting. Whoever walks about the streets of the city in the evening meets hundreds of young girls who apart from work, have no special interest in life beyond the attractions of the street. There is danger in this condition of girl life, and numbers of these girls would welcome the opportunity to link up with the guides. The time for organization has arrived. Women's war work has ceased and their after-war work begun. They owe it to the girls as the men owe it to the boys to introduce new interests into their lives and help to make them strong, resourceful, self-reliant and purposeful members of society. There are hundreds of women in St. John today who have both the time and the ability to do good work for the benefit of the young girls. If they will but seize the opportunity they can make the girl guides movement as great a success as that of the boy scouts. It is not a fad but an aid to intelligent and self-reliant young womanhood. It points a way to be useful and helpful. Perhaps St. John has too many organizations of men and women. It certainly has not enough of boys and girls.

Writing of the need of play space for children a correspondent of the Montreal Star says:—"Why not open up the school grounds all over the city? wondered why these grounds were not used, as they are really public property, and only found out a few days ago. Probably a good many will be as much surprised as I was when I found that there is a rule (on the Protestant School Board's book at least) by which the principal of the school may prohibit the children from using the grounds after hours. This rule was made at least thirty years ago, I was informed and apparently the school board and principals are still that far behind the times."

Speaking in Montreal recently, Major the Rev. Canon Shafford said "it was the duty of the church to lead its people in a way that would prevent a revival of autocratic ideas that could foster such another calamity as had befallen humanity during the past few years." The report of his remarks says further:—"Unity of religion in operation at the front had shown that church unity was not a Utopian idea. The splendid spirit of co-operation which existed in the army was one of the most magnificent features of the war. Canon Shafford said his opinion of humanity had been elevated by the manner in which he had seen sacrifices made and dangers undergone by the men overseas."

If the people of the West Side do not rally to the support of the West End Improvement League they will fall out of step with the rest of the city. The South End is organized, the East End will organize next week. It is a movement in the interests of the boys and girls, the young men and women, and the development of clean, amateur athletics. The West End will want to be represented in meets to be held from time to time to show what the young athletes of St. John can do in competitions between themselves and with representatives of other places. Boost the West End League.

The death of Mr. James Jack will be especially regretted in business circles in St. John. A very quiet and unassuming gentleman, he possessed excellent business ability, and his personal qualities gained for him many friends. He was interested in the city's progress and enjoyed the respect of all. Business men relied on his judgment, ripened by long experience in financial affairs. The city has lost a worthy citizen.

Mr. Cramer's jocular query: "Where do we go from here?" prompted by Mr. D. D. Mackenzie's apparent advocacy of protection for Nova Scotia industries, indicates the interesting state of affairs at Ottawa in relation to the tariff. There is certain to be a keen debate and sharp cleavage when the budget is brought down. The west is out for low tariff, and will not be without vigorous eastern support.

President Ebert's proclamation to the people of Germany is another move in the game of bluff. He wants a modification of the peace terms and still hopes to be able to frighten somebody. The Allies are not asking too much. They will not leave Germany in a position to prepare for another war against them.

St. John has certainly waked up. This morning's demonstration was good to see, as was the expression of appreciation on the faces of the returning soldiers.

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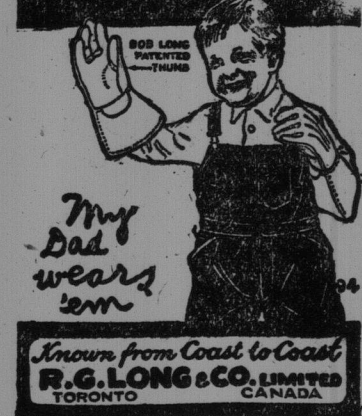
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form self-supporting bodies in every

Canadian city, mutually to make known French and Canadian products of field and factory, and to form groups of manufacturers and agents for trade purposes. He hopes to improve the opportunities for study of Canadian students in France, particularly those who desire to take up advanced commercial subjects. M. Balbaud is making a tour of the dominion as far as the coast.

DR. ROBERTSON DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLY EXPORTS.

Ottawa, May 8.—The appointment of Dr. J. W. Robertson, as Canadian director of food supplies, a position which

has been created at the request of the supreme economic council of the allied governments, was announced tonight. Dr. Robertson's duties will relate only to the sale of Canadian agricultural products in Europe.

TWENTY-ONE DEAD IN TORNADO

Brownville, Texas, May 9.—Reports today from the stormwreck area of the lower Rio Grande valley increased the death list in Wednesday night's storm to twenty-one persons. Hundreds of small buildings were demolished.

SMOKE MACDONALD'S INDEX

Drawing a Steel Ring Around Bolshevik Russia

Revolutionary France, assailed on every side in 1792, sprang to arms and threw the invaders across the border in a few weeks and then gathered her strength for the great campaigns that planted the tricolor on half the palaces of Europe. Bolshevik Russia is now in a similar situation, but any dreams of a Soviet invasion of Germany, Poland, Hungary, and Roumania with 3,000,000 soldiers, seem nonsensical to American editors. While the Bolshevik forces under Lenin and Trotsky hold the inside position and can strike in any direction, at least five of the peoples of Europe are actively engaged in military preparations for defense. Of 850,000 Allied troops in Northeastern Europe "the English and French alone number nearly 300,000," says the New York Evening Post, and "with the Czechoslovaks and Poles in the North, a cordon of easily more than a million men can be stretched from the Baltic to the Black Sea."

Read THE LITERARY DIGEST this week—May 10th—if you would obtain a real knowledge of the present military situation in Russia. The article is illustrated by a half-tone picture of Kolchak, who heads the strongest anti-Bolshevik Government, and also by a map showing how Soviet Russia is hemmed in.

Other articles of more than usual interest in this number of "The Digest" are:

President Wilson's "Shirt-Sleeve Diplomacy"

A Translation of Articles From the Italian Press Showing the State of Public Opinion in Italy on President Wilson and His Action Regarding Fiume

Burleson Dropping the Wires
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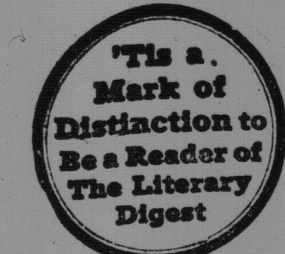
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The Surest Remedy for Bolshevism

The study of the new social disease, Bolshevism, whose menace is today overshadowing the greater part of Europe, reveals the outstanding fact that it is most prevalent where ignorance is most strongly entrenched. This ignorance and its attendants, poverty and want, create ideal conditions for the fostering of this dread disease. The surest way to combat these is by education, by enlarging the viewpoint, by substituting facts for fancies, reality for revolution. No perversion of the truth can long endure under the pitiless light of publicity and

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