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Is Recruiting Needed?

There is need of some authoritative statement from the Militia Department at Ottawa as to the state of the recruiting movement—as to what is actually being done, and what is necessary to be done.

In England nobody is left in doubt in these matters. The need frankly declared is for "more men," as well as for "more munitions," and there is a well organized system of recruiting.

Here, there seems to be some confusion. The occasional speeches of the Minister of Militia seem to convey the impression that he has all the men required, and that there is no need for any recruiting movement.

A general and comprehensive statement on this subject from Ottawa seems to be very desirable. The matter must, of course, be one for communication with the Imperial Government. Whatever is the conclusion of the authorities should be made known more clearly than it is now.

Italy's Foreign Trade

Italy, the latest country to join in the grand melee in Europe, has a total foreign trade of \$1,200,000,000, of which \$500,000,000 are exports, and \$700,000,000 imports.

Despite the fact that Italy is a large producer of wheat she imported in 1913, \$80,000,000 worth of wheat, almost an equal amount of coal, \$60,000,000 worth of cotton, and \$25,000,000 worth of hides.

The following shows Italy's imports and exports for the past three years in Lire (a Lire is equivalent to about 20c):

Table with columns for Imports and Exports in Lire for the years 1914, 1913, and 1912. Includes sub-sections for Italy's Exports of Merchandise and Italy's Imports of Merchandise.

The Tramways Proposal

The proposed new Tramways franchise which is to be laid before the City Council next Monday is too drastic a measure to be acceptable to the citizens of Montreal.

Practically every member of the present City Council pledged himself to refer any tramways proposals to a plebiscite. It is necessary that this be done.

taken before any agreement with the Tramways Company be entered into. The Journal of Commerce has repeatedly urged that an independent board of thoroughly qualified men be appointed to make a first-hand study of transportation matters in so far as they relate to Montreal and present a report which should then be used as a basis for the negotiations between the City Council and the Tramways Company.

It is now stated that both Roumania and Bulgaria will come into the fight. Here's hoping that they get in! The Teutons are the enemies of mankind and the world should combine against them.

Italy, our latest Ally in the struggle, did a total trade with Canada last year of \$2,802,000. Our imports from Italy amounted to \$2,147,000, and our exports to \$655,000.

The response from college men both in Canada and in Great Britain has been larger than from any other class. As an example, there are 395 graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto who have enlisted for overseas service and hundreds more are in training and will eventually enlist.

The frontier between Italy and Austria extends for 484 miles, but owing to the extremely mountainous nature of the borderland there are but three or four possible ways by which Italy can invade Austria or Austria invade Italy.

The heavy list of casualties comes in from a great modern battle, but we take as a matter of course the long unbroken series of industrial accidents. Last year in the United States 35,000 workers were killed and 2,000,000 injured by accidents, many of which could have been averted.

Letters coming through from officers and men tell a wonderful story of the work performed by the Canadians at Langemarck. Apparently all was not well there as the Canadians were left in an exposed position for three days without food or water, and absolutely unsupported by artillery.

ITALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM?

Italy has from time to time had several popular odes or hymns that did duty—in a restricted sense, however—for a national anthem. The earliest modern version of these is the Pio Nono, the song of Plus IX, which some forty or fifty-five years ago was a well known anthem of singular beauty, and was popular chiefly in northern Italy, and often sung by the Papal Zouaves.

THE DIFFERENCE.

It was the people of Italy who brought the Italian government into war; it was the governments of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey that brought the people of those countries into war.

POPULARITY OF TEA.

"In the tea trade there is much talk of enormous increases in the drinking of tea everywhere since the war began. Russia, already a large consumer of tea, is taking more and more to the beverage now that vodka is banned.

THINGS WORTH IMITATING.

We now realize that there are hundreds of thousands of young men in this country doing women's work. Just look about you, and you will find that there are thousands of young men doing work that should be performed by older men or women.

HIS BEST FRIEND.

Man's best friend on the farm is his faithful horse; the horse's best friend should be his master. We should not forget that the most we can do for the horse in return for his faithful service and loyalty is to give him the best possible care.

Remember the old Scotch legend of the horse who once said to his master: "Push me not down the hills, run me not up the hills, on the level spare me not, and in the stable forget me not, and I will serve thee well."

THAT SCRAP OF PAPER.

To the victors belong the spoils. British, French and Russian diplomats and secret agents made the Italians believe that they would have to fight for Trent either now or after the war.

So there is war. The violation of Belgium's neutrality has brought Italy into this terrible struggle. Italy would never have denounced the Triple Alliance had Great Britain not been behind her, and Great Britain would not have declared war had Belgium's neutrality been respected.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

"What became of that wooden piano-player who was here last summer?" queried the returned summer vacationist. "Oh, he sawed his last chord after you left," said the hotel-keeper.

Vander—I thought your limousine was painted? Asterwall—It was, but it has to be painted again. I ordered it to be finished in neutral colors, and the idiotic workmen painted it red, white and blue.—Life.

Wife (angrily)—Just look at the time! This morning you got home at 2 o'clock and here it is again after midnight.

Husband—Well, you know, m'dear, it's against my rule to come home twice the same day.—Boston Transcript.

Willis—Won't you dine with me? Gillis—Thank you, I just dined. I was home and had my regular meal of apples, apricots and asparagus.

Willis—Isn't that a rather odd combination? Gillis—Well, you see, my wife went to a domestic science school and had to leave after the first week.

A Highlander from Tobermory asked the price of a railway ticket from Oban to Killin of the clerk at the Oban railway station. "So much," replied the clerk. "Hoot awa!" replied Donald; "it's far over dear! I'd rather walk!" and off he started. He had not proceeded far when the train came tearing along, whistling as it neared a station. "Ye needna whistle for me!" said Donald. "I made ye an offer since, and ye wadna tak' it; sae ye can gang on. I'm no comin'."

The advantage of a censorship is that an army can thereby hide its mistakes. Like the case of the French and Aunt Jemima.

An old lady once died at Spa. Her nephew and her young man opened the coffin to have one last look at the remains, he beheld, instead of his beloved Aunt Jemima, the breast covered with military medals.

"Give general quiet funeral. Aunt Jemima buried this morning with full military honors, regimental band, and 21-gun salute."

THE BELLS OF LONDON.

Ships go up and ships go down Upon the way to London town, "Bullseyes and targets," Say the bells of St. Margret's. "Britain gnaws files," Say the bells of St. Giles. "Switchin's an' smartin's," Say the bells of St. Martin's. "Dreadnoughts are lemons," Say the bells of St. Clement's. "The Huns are world beaters," Say the bells of St. Peter's. "Popped like an apple," Say the bells of Whitechapel. "Trimmed at a tall rate," Say the low bells of Aldgate. "It's like plugging melons," Say the bells of St. Helen's. "Pretties and pawns," Say the bells of St. John's. "What are our plans?" Say the bells of St. Ann's. "Torpedoed daily," Say the bells of Old Bailey. "Churchill's a poor pitch," Say the bells of Shoreditch. "When will his end be?" Say the bells of Stepney. "About one more good blow," Says the great bell at Bow.

BRITISH MERCHANT MARINE LOSSES.

Not including warships, 261 English vessels have been lost since the war began and the accompanying loss of life has been 1,555. These figures include merchant vessels, yachts, trawlers and drifters.

A careful estimate has been made recently of the proportion of citizens of foreign birth and descent throughout the United States which proves of especial interest at the present time. According to Professor Albert B. Faust, of Cornell University, who has made a special study of the subject, the country contained in 1910, 33,243,382 people of foreign birth, or 35 per cent. of the entire white population.

According to the statistics a large proportion of the foreign-born population, or at least those of foreign birth, are of German origin. There are 8,282,618 Germans and some 4,504,360 of Irish descent and 2,231,952 classified as English, Scotch and Welsh.

THE USES OF ADVERSITY.

Canada was not at its best until adversity put it to the test. It was leaning too much on its banker. It is now leaning almost entirely on itself. And it has made the discovery that it can do this with perfect confidence and with immeasurable advantage.

SHIFTING.

For more than a century a careful calculation has been made every ten years to fix the exact centre of population. When the census was taken in 1790 the centre of population was found to be near Annapolis, Md., west east of Chesapeake Bay.

WHAT DID HE MEAN?

I suppose it was inevitable. Our Tommies and the Frenchmen are teaching each other the swear words of their respective tongues. But they are not always apposite in the use of them.

BY COMPARISON.

Nero was not such a bad fellow, after all. Attila, too, was kind of half decent. And as for Herod, civilization owes him an apology.—Kincaid's Review.

GREEN DIPLOMACY.

The German uniform is now grass green to match the color of German diplomacy.—Florida Times-Union.

The Day's Best Editorial

Scrap heaps and dumps have become sources of wealth in recent years. The chemical and dye industries of Germany have been founded on the utilization of what was once thrown away. A shrewd American bought a bog into which thousands of tons of tar had been dumped and made a small fortune by recovering it.

BANK OF MONTREAL (Established 1817) INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT CAPITAL paid up - \$16,000,000.00 REST - 16,000,000.00 UNDIVIDED PROFITS - 1252,864.00 Head Office—MONTREAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: H. V. MEREDITH, Esq., President

UNION BANK OF CANADA Established 1865. HEAD OFFICE - WINNIPEG. Paid-up Capital - \$5,000,000 Reserve - 3,400,000 Total Assets - Over 80,000,000

FOLLY OF VON TIRPITZ. (New York Sun). Cable despatches from Berlin represent Admiral von Tirpitz as hostile to the United States. He is said to oppose any concessions by Germany to our demands regarding the outrageous submarine system of war raids.

LASTING INFAMY. No amendment in her conduct, no reparation that she can offer can efface the stain on Germany's record or establish any cordiality of sentiment toward her in American hearts.

BISMARCK TO BUELOW. (Springfield Republic). The latest and completest failure of German statecraft makes Prince Buelow look like Bismarck's unjust but witty description of Lord Salisbury—a fish painted to look like iron.

CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST. Emperor Francis Joseph calls Italy's action "an act of perfidy the like of which has never been known in history."

REPORTING THE WEDDING. The bells ring out. The knot is tied. Excited throngs Behold the BRIDE. Because he owns The beautiful seed A few keen eyes Observe her Dad.

DIVIDEND DECLARED. New York, June 2.—Central States Election has declared the regular quarterly dividend on the preferred stock, payable stock of record June 10th.

WALL ST. READY FOR THE WORST. Von Bernstorff and President Only Ten Minutes Session—of Trading Small PRICE CHANGES F Missouri Pacific Was Up on Announcement Extension Plan Being Operative Expected All Would Soon Advance

NEW YORK, JUNE 2.—The improving trend developed at the opening of the market was maintained to the end of the first half hour. The market was moderately active and advanced.

N. Y. COTTON RANGE. New York, June 2.—Cotton range at close July 9.41, 9.43, 9.33, 9.78, 9.78, 9.66, 9.93, 10.01, 9.99, 10.00, 10.04, 9.92, 10.26, 10.30, 10.20.

GOLD FROM CANADA. New York, June 2.—The four gold consols \$2,500,000 each imported from Canada at last week and to-day were deposited by J. and Company. The metal was sent by the England out of its depository at Ottawa.

REDUCES PRICE OF FLOUR. Chicago, June 2.—Leading Minneapolis mill reduced the price of hard spring patent flour to \$7.50.

BANK OF ENGLAND GOLD. London, June 2.—The Bank of England's 600 foreign gold coin and has released \$270,000,000. It is expected the \$10,000,000 gold coin will come to New York shortly.

TOBACCO COMPANY DIVIDEND. New York, June 2.—P. Lorillard Tobacco has declared the regular quarterly dividend on the common stock and 1 1/2 per cent preferred stock, payable July 1st to stock of record June 15th.

QUINCY MINING DIVIDENDS. New York, June 2.—The Quincy Mining has declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 a share June 23, to stock of record June 5. Increase of \$1 a share.